

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

January 31, 2016

In the parish this week...

Thank you to Fr. Bob for leading today's worship. Rev. Anne is at St. George's Espanola and St. James Massey worshipping with them and chairing their Annual Vestry meetings.

Tuesday 2nd February at 11am: Westmount Service

Wednesday 3rd February: 9:30 am - Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

10am: ARK meeting

4:30pm - 6:45 pm: Messy Church "LOVE IS....."

7pm: Choir

Friday 5th February: 9am Morning Prayer (BCP) followed by Layreaders meeting.

10:30am Deanery lay readers meeting

Annual Meeting

48 people from the Ascension attended last Sunday's Annual Vestry meeting. This was one of the largest meetings in years - thank you for your attendance and participation.

At the meeting elections were held and the following people were elected as wardens. Congratulations to Jen Ames who will serve as the People's Warden, and to Brent Leigh who will serve as the Deputy warden.

At the meeting we also discussed places where the Christmas outreach offering could go.

The new board of the Ascension will be installed during the Prayers of the People at the 11am service on February 11th. There are several new members of the board for this year and we welcome you and assure you of our prayers and support.

Magnificent Cities of Central & Eastern Europe

On Wednesday of this week, February 3rd, at 2 pm in the Church of the Epiphany's Algoma Room there will be an information session on Bishop Tom's planned tour Magnificent Cities of Central & Eastern Europe, for any interested persons, (even if you aren't sure you wish to join the tour). Representatives of Collette Vacations and Sudbury's Merit Travel will be available. Information on the tour, set for mid-September, can be obtained by contacting Bishop Tom personally at either tom.corston@sympatico.ca or 705-690-3046 or Peg at Merit Travel, Sudbury. Join us on Wednesday, and bring others with you!

Pancake Supper

Join us on February 9th as we enjoy fellowship and pancakes. It begins at 5pm and the cost is a freewill offering. Proceeds

will go to the Samaritan Centre for the Coldest Night of the Year walk.

Barrydowne College

We've been invited to lunch at Barrydowne College on February 11th at 11:30am. Please let Rev. Anne know if you can attend as soon as possible.

Parish Retreat

February 12th - 13th. There is plenty of room for anyone wishing to attend the Parish Retreat at Villa Loyola. Registration forms will be available for those who wish to sign up. This is a wonderful opportunity

The Ascension is striving to be a nut free and scent free parish, due to the many nut and scent allergies.

to get to know other parishioners, and also to get Lent 2016 off to a great start. If you wish to attend the whole retreat the cost is \$95 (three meals and accommodation). If you just wish to attend Saturday the cost is \$25 which includes lunch. Dinner on Friday evening is \$16.

ELEVATE 2016

You're invited to lunch at KFM Radio on Lasalle Blvd. on Tuesday February 23rd to listen to Lee Beach, author of, "The Church in Exile: Living in Hope after Christendom". At this lunch information will be released about ELEVATE 2016 and each church will receive a media kit and material to help with publicity of this event. A free will offering will be taken to cover lunch costs.

Refugee Fund

We are so grateful for your support of the Refugee family we will be bringing to Sudbury. Thank you for the donations of money and your promise of assistance when they arrive. Please note that the ARK (Refugee group) finances are kept in a

Thought for the Week

"I wish I could write the same letter to everybody: Wait patiently for the Lord. He will turn to you and hear your cry. It is amazing how clear things become when we are still before Him, not complaining, not insisting on quick answers, only seeking to hear His word in the stillness, and to see things in His light."

- Elisabeth Elliot

separate bank account to the church funds. If you are making a donation to ARK please write a dedicated cheque to "Church of the Ascension refugee fund". We cannot separate funds on one cheque.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk

February 20th - The Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Once again Paul Murdock will be participating in this walk in downtown Sudbury. If you wish to support the Samaritan Centre through your financial gift, please speak to Paul. The proceeds, after expenses, from the Pancake Supper on February 9th will go to the Samaritan centre.

Your weekly offering

Gladys Abigail has the 2015 Tax Receipts ready to be handed out. Thank you for your generosity to the Ascension last year in your weekly/monthly/ occasional offering. We give because God first gave to us. Your offering makes full time ministry possible. If you wish to sign on for, or alter your Electronic Offering through the Diocese, please take a copy of the form at the back of the church. Gladys Abigail has served as the Envelope Secretary for 35 years and is now giving up this role as we are going to electronic receipting. Thank you Gladys for your faithfulness in this regard for so many years.

Your 2016 Offering

If you usually give your offering by monthly cheques, this is a gentle reminder that they are now due in the office. If you wish to receive weekly envelopes for your donations, please speak to Gladys Abigail.

There are a number of people who now make their offering through the electronic program set up through the Diocese of Algoma. If you wish to make your donation this way, please speak to Rev. Anne and she will give you the necessary forms.

Thank you for your generosity in 2015. We had a number of new donors and every gift is appreciated. It is what makes ministry possible at the Ascension and God loves cheerful givers.

Happy New Year from Zawadi la Tumaini Children's Home!

February 20th 2016

The 4th Annual A Night In Africa Gala is the largest fundraiser of the year for Zawadi la Tumaini – Gift of Hope Children's Home, and will feature the flavors, rhythms and culture of Africa. By purchas-

ing a ticket for February 20th's dinner you are helping to raise funds to cover operating expenses throughout 2016 as well as ensuring the children of Zawadi la Tumaini continue to have a home, and a family, to call their own.

Your support is a gift of hope. A gift that means a child who has only known fear, abandonment, severe abuse, hunger and hardship in their young life, can now believe in the possibility of a bright future – one that includes proper nutrition, an education, healthcare and unconditional love. This gala event includes live African entertainment. This year we will be joined by Caramel Latte Dance Crew from Ottawa, ON. To enjoy a sneak peak of their incredible routines you can visit, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBcs8bRdHvU&list=PLMOIQUckbWWvBIGJBiXVh3rv3bL3DQ_kv.

In addition to live entertainment A Night In Africa will feature a silent auction with authentic African items, a message from the founder of Zawadi la Tumaini, and a menu inspired by food from across the African continent.

Bereavement Foundation of Sudbury :Spousal Bereavement

Whether you are feeling alone, drowning under the emotions, or have worked your way through the darkest nights of the soul, this presentation will provide comfort and guidance so as to enable you to move forward and embrace the new life that awaits.

GUEST SPEAKER

John Snow, Educator & Bereaved Spouse

Fran McMillan, RN, Bereaved Spouse, Board Member

DATE

Tuesday February 9, 2016

TIME

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION

Marguerite & Gerry Lougheed
Community Centre
328 Albert Street



From the Helpdesk

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.

Helpdesk: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.

Helpdesk: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

Customer: OK

Helpdesk: Did the keyboard come with you?

Customer: Yes

Helpdesk: That means the keyboard is not plugged in. Is there another keyboard?

Customer: Yes, there's another one here. Ah...that one does work!

Sunday Lectionary for January—March

7 Feb Transfiguration Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-20	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Psalm 99	Luke 9:28-36,

14 Feb 1st Sunday in Lent

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Psalm 51:1-17	Matthew 6 1-6, 16-21

21 Feb 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Psalm 27	Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

28 Feb 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Psalm 63:1-8	Luke 13:1-9

6 Mar 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Psalm 32	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

13 Mar. 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14
Psalm 126	John 12:1-8

20 Mar Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Luke 19:28-40
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20 Mar Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 31:9-16	Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Services of Worship at the Ascension

Sunday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9am and 11am. Sunday school takes place at the 11am service and there is also a nursery for babies and toddlers.

Wednesday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9:30am followed by Bible Study. All welcome!

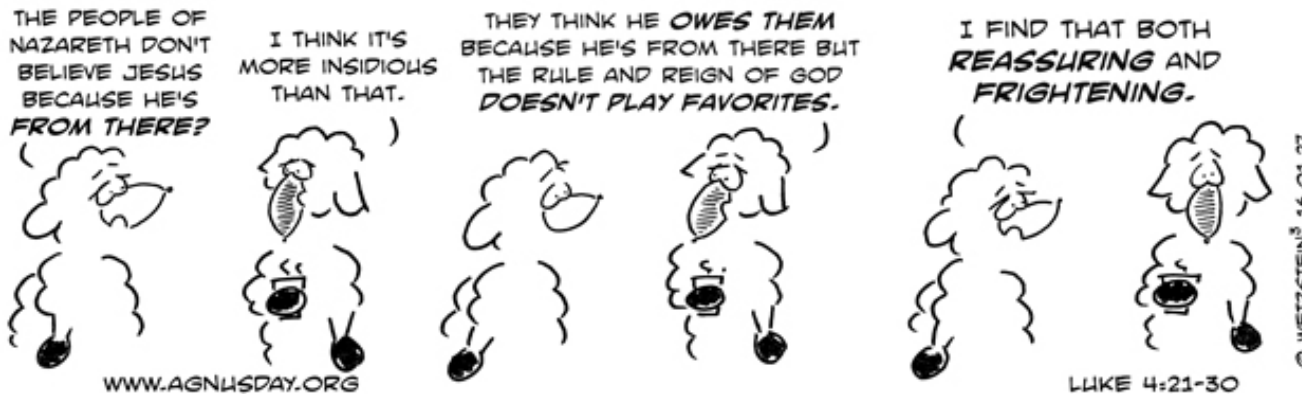
We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

Please call the church office at 705-566-2790 and we will be happy to make arrangements..

Membership at the Ascension

We love it when people say that they are a member of our church, and we want to keep track of our parishioners so that we can send you mailouts, newsletters, and keep you posted on parish events. If you are a new member and wish to be on our parish list, please fill out the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the office, or put it in the offering plate today. If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please fill out the form. Your email address is also important as we have an enews group. We do not give out parishioner's emails to any other group.

Agnus Day



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Your privacy

Every week the church bulletin and news and announcements is posted on the Church of the Ascension's website. Sometimes these items include names of individuals within the parish. If you prefer not to have your name on the website, or photos of yourself posted, please let Rev. Anne know so that she ensures your privacy.

The church website address is www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.ca

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