

# Church of the Ascension

*Sudbury Ontario*

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## News and Announcements

**February 28, 2016**

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### In the parish this week

**Tuesday 1st March** - Westmount service at 11am

Clergy Lenten Quiet day - Rev. Anne will not be at the office.

**Wednesday 2nd March** - 9:30am - Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

4:30pm - 6: 45 pm Messy Church - Theme - The Colour Purple

7pm - Holy Eucharist and Lenten Reflection

**Thursday 3rd March** - 1:30pm - ACW Meeting

7pm - Choir

7pm - Volunteer Cultural Orientation for those assisting with the refugee family.

**Friday 4th March** - 2pm World Day of Prayer at Calvin Presbyterian Church

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### Messy Church

It's time for Messy Church again! Join us on Wednesday afternoon, March 2nd at 4:30pm for a time of learning, fun, crafts, worship and a meal in a relaxed setting. Messy Church is for everyone and is also a way to introduce people to faith in a new way. WE have a great team of leaders ready to welcome and engage you. This month's theme is The Colour Purple as we learn about the season of Lent. For more information, speak to Cindy Caines

### World Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March at 2pm: The Annual World Day of Prayer takes place at Calvin Presbyterian Church on Auger Street and will feature the country of Cuba. Everyone is invited to this ecumenical event.

### Fundraiser for Zawadi La Tumaini

Thank you for the donation of \$500 from the Christmas outreach money for Zawadi La Tumaini

9 parishioners attended a fundraiser for Zawadi la Tumaini on Saturday, Feb 20th. Zawadi la Tumaini is a children's home near Nairobi, Kenya founded in 2013 by a young Sudburian woman - Jacqueline Villeneuve. The home currently cares for 22 previously abandoned or orphaned children providing them with proper nutrition, education, health care and a warm family environment. Jackie and staff are truly amazing and inspirational as they tackle life's challenges. Jackie stated emphatically that the home has not, nor will not, give bribes. The Ascension has, and continues to support Zawadi la Tumaini. There are now volunteer and sponsoring opportunities. Please check these out on the bulletin board by the church doors.

### Cursillo Weekend

We are pleased to announce, the Diocese of Algoma's first co-ed Cursillo Weekend - open to both men and women. The Deanery of Temiskaming is hosting this, but the location is Villa Loyola in Sudbury.

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**What is Cursillo?** Cursillo is a Spanish word pronounced "Kur-see-yo" which means short course. The full title is Cursillo de Christiandad, meaning a short course in Christian living. The purpose of Cursillo is to present a method of living which is fundamental for being a Christian in the world, that is, Cursillo presents a way of structuring our Christian lives so as to make a difference in the world. The Cursillo weekend is open to any Baptized adult Christian who is ready for learning and growing experience attained through worship, study, fellowship and personal reflection. (There is also lots of laughter, fun, music and food at a Cursillo weekend)

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

The Cursillo weekend starts on Thursday evening, and ends late Sunday afternoon. It is a live-in weekend, and candidates are expected to remain for the entire weekend. If you are interested in deepening your faith please speak to one of the members of the Cursillo team from the Ascension - Erma, Ralph, Mike or to one of the people who has attended a Cursillo weekend - Kath, Jen, or Bruce Heuft.

### **Barrydowne College Needs**

There is an ongoing need for pasta sauce, sidekicks, peanut butter, cereal, cereal bars, individual snacks, and juice boxes at Barrydowne College. There is a cupboard in the school kitchen that the students can go to during the day for a quick snack. They are also in need of tea towels for the school kitchen.

### **Altar Flowers**

If you would like to place flowers on the

### **Thought for the Week**

*"I hear people talking about how they 'struggle with sin.' To be honest, I'm not sure 'struggle' is the right word for most of us. Most of us are 'surrendering to sin.' It would be nice if we would do a little more 'struggling.'" - unknown*

altar as a thank offering or memorial, please speak to Anne Trimmer. A suggested minimum donation for flowers of \$40 is required. If you would like to place flowers on the Altar for Easter, please speak to Anne Trimmer or call her at 705.566.2790.

### **A Ministry of Care**

Every week we pray for those who aren't able to join us for worship. For the last several years Thelma Smith has been sending these people the weekly bulletin and announcements. Thelma is no longer able to take care of this task and we are in need of someone to take it on. It consists of mailing 8-10 letters a week.

### **Syrian Emergency Relief**

The government of Canada has extended the deadline for matching funds for eligible donations to Canadian agencies working to provide relief to Syrians displaced within Syria and living as refugees in the surrounding countries to February 29, 2016. Funds raised will provide assistance to meet the ongoing humanitarian needs of those affected by the conflict in Syria, including shelter, food security, health care, water and livelihoods. 2.4 million people are in need of shelter in Syria according to the UN 2016 Humanitarian Needs Overview.

PWRDF continues to respond to the needs of displaced Syrians through the ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, as well as through its long-time partner

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Refugee Egypt in Cairo. The ACT Alliance appeal for 2016 is a continuation of its 2015 appeal and PWRDF has approved CAD \$300,000 from designated donations for the 2016 appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of Anglicans in Canada, PWRDF has received over \$526,000 for the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis.

**Donations can be made to PWRDF  
OR to Church of the Ascension  
Refugee Fund  
for the family we will be  
supporting as a parish.  
Lent 2016**

You'll notice that we have a new Gathering Rite for Lent. Please leave the sheets in the pews so that we can use them each week. There is a Lenten Handout - 40 things to give up for Lent. Keep it handy and let it speak to your life.

**Youth Ministry Update  
and Confirmation Class**

Rev. Jeff, Cora, Erma and Megan will continue with Youth Alpha on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for the next six weeks. If any youth are interested in confirmation this year, Youth Alpha is a great way to begin a deeper journey of faith. Formal confirmation classes will begin on May 1st after church. If you have a youth 11 and up in your home interested in confirmation, please speak to Rev. Anne.

**Vacation Bible School**

Looking ahead to the summer and Vacation Bible School - "Cave Quest" - SAVE THE DATE

The dates have been set for "Cave Quest" our Summer vacation Bible School. The week will be August 8th - 12th 2016.

Bev has set up a SudburyManitoulin Vacation Bible School page on Facebook and al-

so on Pinterest where you can view the Child and Youth Ministry Deanery Sudbury Manitoulin posts on the Cave Quest Board

There will be a **fundraiser for VBS** held at Boston Pizza on Monday, April 11th from 5 to 8 p.m. If we can get 100 people to attend and to say that they are there as part of our fundraising event we will get 10% of their food and non alcoholic order. It is hoped that this will help pay for the resource material.

**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 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.

**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 month-

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ly 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.

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**Invitation to all  
CHOIR MEMBERS  
of the Anglican Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin**

Dear colleagues in Music Ministry,

You are cordially invited to participate in a collaborative music ministry effort for

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

on Saturday March 26th, 2016, 8 p.m.

at the

Church of St. John the Divine

34 Godfrey Dr, Copper Cliff

**Music Ministry Rehearsal Schedule**

A commitment to both rehearsals is requested.

Sunday March 13th, 2016 (1:30 p.m.)

\*\* CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, Sudbury \*\*

Monday March 21th, 2016 (6:30 p.m.)

\*\* CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, Copper Cliff \*\*

**Music Ministry**

A gathering of individuals who through their musical gifts serve God, the liturgy and the Church. Music helps bring the expression of our faith to a level that words alone cannot.

Please confirm your participation by contacting

Normand Blanchard

Director of Music

Email: [music@epiphanysudbury.org](mailto:music@epiphanysudbury.org)

Phone: 705-675-2279

with the following info:

your name - parish - phone number - vocal range – (instrument you play)

Looking forward to celebrating together!

THANK YOU !



## You Live Where???

A torrential rainstorm was knocking down power lines all over town. That meant, as a customer service rep for the electric company, I was dispatching repairmen right and left.

When one lineman called a customer to get her exact address, he was told, "I'm at Post Office Box 99."

The weary lineman replied, "Ma'am, I'll be coming to you in a truck, not an envelope."

### What Your Computer Is Trying To Tell You:

It says: "Press Any Key"

It means: "Press any key you like but I'm not moving."

It says: "Fatal Error. Please contact technical support quoting error no. 1A4-2546512430E"

It means: "... where you will be kept on hold for 30 minutes, only to be told that it's a hardware problem."

## Sunday Lectionary for February — April

### 6 Mar 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians

### 3 Apr 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

Psalms 32

Luke 15:1-3,

Psalms 118:14-29

John 20:19-31

or

Psalms 150

### 13 Mar. 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

### 10 Apr 3rd Sunday of Easter

Psalms 126

John 12:1-8

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Revelation 5:11-14

### 20 Mar Liturgy of the Palms

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

Psalms 30

John 21:1-19

### 20 Mar Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

### 17 Apr 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 31:9-16

Luke 22:14-23:56

Psalms 23

John 10:22-30

or

Luke 23:1-49

### 24 Apr 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

### 27 Mar Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians

or

15:19-26

Isaiah 65:17-25

or

Psalms 148

John 13:31-35

Psalms 118

John 20:1-18

1-2, 14-24

or

## 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!

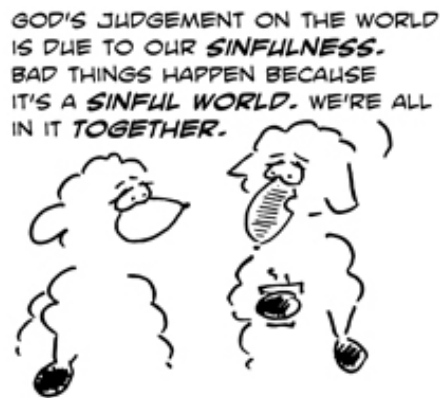
We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

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](http://www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.ca)

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