

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

March 6, 2016

In the parish this week

Rev. Anne will be out of the office this week attending Bishop's Council and the Executive Committee meeting at Villa Loyola

Tonight - 8pm - BCP Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9th March at 9;30am - Morning Prayer followed by Bible study. Cathy Jewell will lead.

7pm - Evening Prayer and Lenten reflection lead by Dave Fowler and Thelma Smith

Friday 11th March - OOTC dinner at the Epiphany.

Invitation to visit the new All Nations Church

All Nations Church is hosting an event for the faith community of Sudbury to tour their new building and have a short time of formalities, prayer and an opportunity for a brief time of worship together and then fellowship around some calorie free goodies.

It will occur Sunday night March 6th from 7 to 9 pm

Pastor Jeremy Mahood and the people of All Nations Church hope you will be able to come and bring some of your spiritual family with you. They want to extend thanks to so many of you who offered prayers for their building project; your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated.

All Nations Church wants to spend some time together on this journey, and also wants to let people see and experience their new facility without having to leave their own Sunday (Saturday or Friday) place of worship

ARK News

ARK continues to work towards resettling a Syrian refugee family. Unfortunately ARK has received disappointing news that our matched family of 5 will not be coming to Canada. We have no more information than this, but wish and pray that their future is more secure and bright in all respects. As there are thousands upon thousands of desperate refugee Syrians looking for a future for their families, ARK will apply for a new match.

Thank you to all who came out to the Potluck/Volunteer Fair last Thursday night.

Upcoming Sunday School Events

The Sunday teachers are planning a clothing swap and a yard sale during the month of April. Start your spring cleaning early and gathering items from your closets! The clothing swap will be on Saturday April 2nd and the Yard Sale on Saturday April 23rd. The church does not have room to store any items but will gladly receive them when the time is right. We'll keep you posted.

Operation Christmas Child Thanks

We received a phone call this week from the Operation Christmas Child headquarters. They wanted to thank us for the 45 shoeboxes we prepared for children in need at Christmas. We learned that 700,000 shoeboxes were sent from Canada and 11 million worldwide. That's a lot of Christmas joy for kids! Thank you for participating.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk

Thank you for your donation to the Samaritan Centre through the Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Paul Murdock reports that

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

over \$900 was sent from the Ascension through individual donations and from the proceeds of the pancake supper.

Property matters

With the cold weather it is sometimes difficult to lock the front door of the church. Ice is getting in the way at the bottom of the door. If you need help locking the door, please contact one of the wardens who will assist you.

This week we successfully signed a lease with a tenant for the rectory. The family will be moving in on the 1st April. They are delighted with how it looks and look forward to living in it.

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.

Thought for the Week

"Christians don't work in order to go to heaven; they work because they are going to heaven. Arrogance and fear are replaced with gratitude and joy."

- Max L. Lucado

They are also in need of tea towels for the school kitchen.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the 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 Over-

view.

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 Refuge 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 also 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 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.

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

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 !



It all depends on your point of view

The workers in a large office were making secret plans to stage a big office party for the 70-year old cleaning woman who had spent the better part of her life with the company.

Somehow the secret leaked out and the woman got wind of it.

Much perturbed, she rushed to the office manager. "Please sir," she cried, "Do not let them do it! Do not let them do it!"

"Oh, come now, Mrs. Smith, you must not be so modest. After all, they simply want to show how much you are appreciated."

"Appreciated, my foot," exclaimed the woman. "I am not going to clean up after a mess like that!"

Mom and Dad were trying to console the little kid. "You know, it's not your fault that the dog died".

The little kid was having none of it.

Dad said, "You know, he's probably up in heaven right now with God."

The little kid paused a moment, and looking puzzled, said, "What would God want with a dead dog?"

Sunday Lectionary for February – April

13 Mar. 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalms 126

John 12:1-8

20 Mar Liturgy of the Palms

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

20 Mar Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Psalms 31:9-16

Luke 22:14-23:56

or

Luke 23:1-49

27 Mar Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians

or

15:19-26

Isaiah 65:17-25

or

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118

John 20:1-18

1-2, 14-24

or

Luke 24:1-12

3 Apr 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

Psalms 118:14-29

John 20:19-31

or

10 Apr 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Revelation 5:11-14

Psalms 30

John 21:1-19

17 Apr 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 23

John 10:22-30

24 Apr 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

Psalms 148

John 13:31-35

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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