

# *Church of the Ascension*

*Sudbury Ontario*

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## **News and Announcements**

**March 13, 2016**

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### **In the parish this week**

**Tonight at 6:30pm** Youth Alpha

**Tuesday 15th March** - 9am Wardens meeting

6:30pm - Parish Life meeting

7:30pm Board meeting

**Wednesday 16th March** - 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

7pm - Holy Eucharist and Lenten reflection.

**Thursday 17th March** - 1pm - Palm Cross making on St. Patrick's day. Please wear something green! If you've never made palm crosses this is a wonderful way to learn.

**Saturday 19th March** - Youth Alpha retreat day at the Ascension.

10am - 2pm - VBS Planning meeting

**Sunday 20th March** - 9am and 11am Passion Sunday.

3pm - Service of New Ministry for Bev at St. George's in espanola.

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### **The Bishop's 60th Birthday**

Thank you for your thank offering on the occasion of Bishop Stephen's 60th birthday. With your gifts and a donation from the Rev. Anne Germond Fund we were able to send a cheque for over \$700. In all, from parishes across the Diocese over \$3000 will be sent to the Diocese of Tarime.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation classes will begin with a meeting for parents, youth and Rev. Anne on Saturday 19th March at 3:30pm in the board room. Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 8:30pm. They will begin on Wednesday March 30th.

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### **Muriel Hankinson Turns 95**

Muriel Hankinson turns 95 on March 18th. If you would like to send her a greeting card on her special day please mail it to Room 218 at the Continuing Care Centre; 1140 South Bay Rd. Sudbury, On P33 -0B6

### **Holy Week at the Church of the Ascension**

**Passion Sunday** - March 20th - Procession of Palms (Please gather in the Fellowship Hall before both services for the blessing of Palms) and Passion reading.

**Holy Thursday** - March 24th - 6pm Soup supper prepared by Rev. Anne and Fr. Bob. This is our act of gratitude and service to you for your many acts of kindness to us. The Holy Thursday service will be held right after the soup supper at 7pm.

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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 !

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All night vigil on Holy Thursday - for the last two years a group of people have taken turns 'watching with Christ for one hour' overnight. If you wish to participate in the all night vigil, please sign the sheet prepared by Brent Leigh.

**Good Friday** - March 25th at 10am The Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Brent Leigh preacher.

**Holy Saturday** - Easter Vigil service at 8pm. This is a deanery wide service and

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will be held at St. John the Divine in Copper Cliff. The deanery choir will be meeting on Sunday 13th March in the Afternoon and Monday 21st at 6:30pm.

**Easter Sunday** - 9am and 11am Celebrating the resurrection of the Lord.

An Easter egg hunt will follow the 11am service.

**Rev. Beth Hewson Ordination to the Priesthood**

God willing, Rev. Beth Hewson will be or-

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dained to the Holy Order of Priest in the church on Monday 25th April at Christ Church, North Bay at 7pm.

### **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.

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

### **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. 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,

### **Thought for the Week**

*"Through waves and clouds and storms  
His power will clear your way;  
Wait for his time; the darkest night  
Shall end in brightest day."  
- Paul Gerhardt*

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.

### **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.

### **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.

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## 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 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.

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## 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.

**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 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.



### Kids Do Say the Darndest Things

A priest at a parochial school wanted to point out the proper behavior for church. He was trying to elicit from the youngsters, rules that their parents might give before taking them to a nice restaurant.

"Don't play with your food," one second grader cited.

"Don't be loud," said another, and so on...

"And what rule do your parents give you before you go out to eat?" the priest inquired of one little boy.

Without batting an eye, the child replied, "Order something cheap."

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A grandmother overheard 5-year-old Christy "playing wedding." The wedding vows went like this: "You have the right to remain silent, anything you say may be held against you, you have the right to have an attorney present. You may kiss the bride."

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At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny, a child in the kindergarten class, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

## Sunday Lectionary for March — April

### 20 Mar Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

### 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

### 27 Mar Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians

or

15:19-26

Isaiah 65:17-25

or

Psalm 118

John 20:1-18

1-2, 14-24

or

### 3 Apr 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

Psalm 118:14-29

John 20:19-31

or

Psalm 150

### 10 Apr 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Revelation 5:11-14

Psalm 30

John 21:1-19

### 17 Apr 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 23

John 10:22-30

### 24 Apr 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

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

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**Person 2** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_(John & Mary Smith, Mr. & Mrs J. Smith, The Smiths)

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