

# *Church of the Ascension*

*Sudbury Ontario*

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## **News and Announcements**

**March 20, 2016**

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

**This afternoon at 3pm:** Service of New Ministry for Bev. Vanderjagt at St. George's, Espanola

**This evening at 8pm:** Evening prayer in the BCP tradition.

**Monday 21st March at 6:30pm** - Deanery Choir rehearsal for the Easter Vigil service at St. John the Divine in Copper Cliff.

**Tuesday 22nd March** - Memorial service for Isabel Smith at 11am.

**Wednesday 23rd March:** 9:30am Holy Eucharist

**Thursday 24th March :** 6pm - Soup supper prepared by Rev. Anne and Fr. Bob. All welcome!

7pm: Maundy Thursday liturgy including foot washing and stripping the altar.

There will be an overnight vigil in the church on Maundy Thursday as we "Watch one hour with Christ". Sign up sheet in the entrance to the church. If you would like to know more about the overnight vigil, please speak to Brent Leigh.

**Friday 25th March** - Good Friday - 10am - Service at 10am - Brent Leigh will be preaching at the service.

**Saturday 26th March** - 8pm: Deanery wide Easter Vigil service with the deanery choir of 28 singers. St. John the Divine Church in Copper Cliff.

**Sunday 27th March** - Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist at 9am and 11am.

***If you wish to place flowers in the church this Easter as a thank offering or a memorial offering, please give Anne Trimmer a call by Tuesday 22nd March..***

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### **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. 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.

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

**Easter Vigil Services**

There are two Easter Vigil services this year.....One at 8pm at St. John the Divine

Church, Copper Cliff, and one at 11pm at The Fielding Memorial Chapel of St. Mark at Thorneloe University.

**Easter Letter  
& Offering Envelope**

Easter letter and Easter offering envelope - Please take a copy of the Easter letter home with you, and return your Easter thank offering in the coming weeks. This gift will be used in a way that ensure God's work continues to be done at the Ascension.

## **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Today our singing can best be understood in the context of the Jewish Passover liturgy, which reminds its participants: "It was not only our fathers whom the Holy One, Blessed is He, redeemed from slavery; we, too, were redeemed from slavery; . . . Therefore it is our duty to thank, praise, pay tribute, glorify, exalt, honor, bless, extol and acclaim Him Who performed all these miracles for our fathers and for us." Our Holy Week liturgies are rooted in this strong Jewish sense of the present faith community's being remembered ritually into God's ongoing, liberating action. We mark how the empire of God, whose nearness Jesus came to proclaim and embody, looks to welcome quite "a different kind of king" indeed. (John Rollefson - Feasting on the Word)

## **Water**

For nine months we breathe in it. The sight of water in oceans, rivers, and lakes is soothing to the spirit as almost nothing else. To swim in it is to become as weightless and untrammelled as in dreams. The wake of a ship, the falling of a cataract, and the tumbling of a brook can hold us spellbound for hours, and in times of drought we feel as parched in our being as the lawn that crackles beneath our feet. In baptism we are immersed in it.

Air is our element, but water is our heart's delight. "My flesh faints for thee," the Psalmist sings, "as in a dry and weary land where no water is" (63:1). And among the last things that Jesus ever said, and among the most human, were the words, "I thirst" (John 19:28).

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## **Message from ARK - Community Refugee Steering Committee**

The ARK, Community Syrian Refugee Steering Committee, based at the Church of the Ascension, recently received news that the family we wished to sponsor will not be coming to Canada. We can only imagine the challenges faced by families who must navigate very difficult circumstances.

After we received this news, we were approached by members of the St. Andrews United Church, refugee committee who asked if we would sponsor the extended family of the family that they support. We have agreed to sponsor this family of five and are grateful that the financial and other resources that many of you have generously given and offered allow us to make this commitment.

We continue to plan and take the needed steps with government officials and hope to soon have more news to share with you.

## EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to participate in the ancient Christian tradition of an Easter Vigil service, Saturday, March 26, 2016, 11:00 p.m., at The Fielding Memorial Chapel of St. Mark at Thorneloe University. The service will include music, scripture lessons, a service of light, and the Eucharist. For more information, please contact chaplain@thorneloe.ca or phone (705) 673-1730 x107.

### Rev. Beth Hewson Ordination to the Priesthood

God willing, Rev. Beth Hewson will be ordained 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.

### 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.

### Thought for the Week

*"A living church is one that remembers the past, lives in the present, and works for the future."*

### 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

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

Anne Trimmer or call her at 705.566.2790.

### 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 Sud-

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bury 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 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. It is being held the weekend of April 7th - 10th, 2016.

What is Cursillo? Cursillo is a Spanish word pronounced "Kur-see-yo" which means short course. The full title is Cursillo de Cristiandad, 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**

Our supply clerk at the factory was in a dither. A box had been left on the loading dock with this warning printed on it: "Danger! Do Not Touch!" Management was called, and we were told to stay clear of the box until it could be analyzed. When the foreman arrived, he donned safety goggles and gloves, and then he carefully opened the box.

Inside were 25 signs that read: "Danger! Do Not Touch!"

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I went to my doctor yesterday. After a long wait in the outer office, my name was finally called. When I got into the examining room, the nurse pointed to the scale and said, "I need to get your weight today."

I immediately replied, "One hour and 5 minutes."

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The doctor's office was crowded as usual, but the doctor was moving at his usual snail's pace. After waiting two hours, an old man slowly stood up and started walking toward the door.

"Where are you going?" the receptionist called out.

"Well," he said, "I figured I'd go home and die a natural death."

## **Sunday Lectionary for March — May**

### **27 Mar Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43  
or  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
  
Psalm 118  
1-2, 14-24  
  
1 Corinthians  
15:19-26  
or  
Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18  
or  
Luke 24:1-12

### **3 Apr 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32  
  
Psalm 118:14-29  
or  
Psalm 150  
  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

### **10 Apr 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)  
  
Psalm 30  
  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

### **17 Apr 4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43  
  
Psalm 23  
  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

### **24 Apr 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

### **1 May 6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15  
  
Psalm 67  
  
Revelation 21:10,  
22-22:5  
John 14:23-29  
or  
John 5:1-9

### **8 May. 7th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97  
  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

## 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!

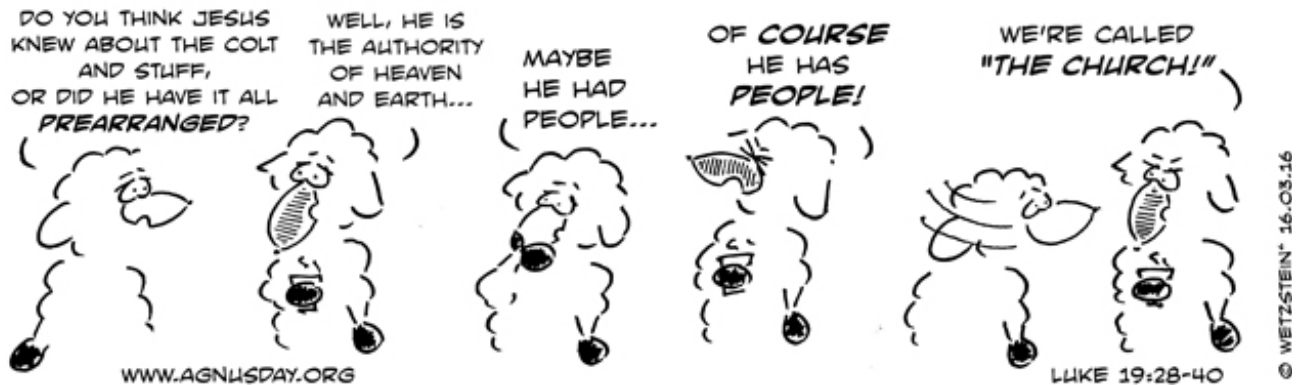
We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

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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