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From the Rector...

Dear Ascension friends,

The last couple of weeks, since the electoral synod have been a very emotional time, and overwhelming to say the least. There is so much to process and work out both personally and in terms of the parish, but I do want to thank you for the many messages and words of encouragement and concern that I have received from you. You are the parish that has been crucial in my formation as a parish priest for the last 16 years. They seem to have sped by and I have loved every moment of being your priest. We have worked together to grow the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world and beyond, and God is doing some pretty wonderful things in your midst. Tremendous change has taken place at the Ascension over the years, both in terms of the physical plant but also in terms of membership. It's been wonderful to see how the new members we have changed us.

I will still be your pastor, just in a different way, and you will always be in my prayers. You are a strong parish and have incredibly gifted leaders to guide you through this transition time and into the next phase of your life together in Christ. Please trust that God is in the middle of this and that you will receive a new priest who will be a faithful pastor, a person of prayer, and someone who will continue to work with you as you move into a new time in the church.

In this edition of the Ascension Witness you will find my first pastoral letter to the people of Algoma as the bishop elect and it will give you some idea of what will happen over the next few months.

What does this mean for the Ascension? I will continue to be your priest during this time of transition and as you see from The Witness all of the usual events and outreach

activities will continue as we approach the Advent and Christmas season. There is the Snowflake tea to look forward to in late November, the Gift of Story and Song evening on December 4th, and the Christmas pageant, a joint effort with L'Arche Sudbury on December 11th. In addition the Out of the Cold dinners are starting up, and we will continue to support the students at Barrydowne College and the less fortunate in this time of giving. For those of you who are wondering about Christmas service times, they will be at 4pm and 8pm on Christmas Eve, with the earlier service being a family oriented service. As Christmas Day is a Sunday there will be one service at the Ascension at 11am.

Joyce Rupp has written a beautiful reflection on "Crossing Over". I leave it with you to ponder.

Crossing over into the unknown,

Crossing over from a secure land to one whose roads I have never walked.

Companion and Guide, you are my transition coach.

You say to me, "Cross over the bridge. Go ahead, come on over.

It's sturdy enough. Don't look down, though, or you might get terrified and never walk across.

Don't look back too long, or you will lose courage and want to stay right where you are.

Hang on. Keep on going. That's what bridges are for, to get you to the other side. Trust me to protect you."

For all of us who have bridges to cross, bless us, God of the journey, gift us with the desire to go ahead.

Help us to trust that the bridge will be strong and the rick will be worth it.

Your friend in Christ,

Anne



Messy Church 2016-10-05 – Theme – Bee-attitudes
(Time of fun outdoors blowing bubbles!)

From the Wardens...

As the month of November marks the end of the Church calendar year (the season of Advent is just a few short weeks away), one's sense of all things Temporal becomes more pronounced, and human perspectives incline towards conclusions, culminations, and finishes. The physical qualities of the Ascension reflect this in several details: the northwest intersection of roof, above the Kitchen, has been repaired; the south wall of the Board Room and Chapel has been repaired and repainted; in one of the Kitchen sinks, a new extension faucet was installed to facilitate the filling of buckets and coffee urns; tenders have been received for winter parking lot ploughing and maintenance; the main sign has been restored to its place near the road. A number of people have played key roles in seeing to these details, and the Wardens extend special thanks to the Property Committee and its members for their collective and individual contributions of talent, time, and energy.

The stained glass window received from St Mark's Church, in Garson, at last has been framed and fitted for lighting, and soon will be hung in the Narthex; a new Memorial Committee has been convened to provide guidance and counsel to the Church and benefactors on areas of special interest—among their new tasks is finding a place for the memorabilia and tokens of respect which previously occupied the north wall of the Narthex.

A note on finances: we approach the end of the year solvent, but circumspect about the extent of our reserves. We are not yet in dire straits, but one or two unforeseen or sudden crises could create problems that prudence and good stewardship might otherwise forestall. The Wardens thank you for your diligence and sacrifice in making your financial contributions to the Ascension, recognising economic uncertainty in difficult times. We do ask, however, as you are able, in the coming weeks and months, to continue to consider your financial contributions to the parish, with an eye towards buffering our reserves, as a matter of due care. As the year draws to a close, perhaps you will be moved to make an Offering in Thanksgiving for something in your life; you may find your present situation allows you to make a modest increase to your regular contributions—even the smallest additions multiply over time; those enrolled in the Ascension's Electronic Offering Program may wish to review their contributions to ensure they are as desired. At this time, the Wardens wish to extend their gratitude and appreciation to Treasurer Cathy Dionne, for her oversight and administration of the Ascension's financial well-being, and to recognise the work done each week by the Envelope Secretary, Ralph Mounter, and Counters (and especially Del Gates and Ken Winfield).

This has been a momentous month for the Ascension, with October's Diocesan Synod leading to the election of our Rector as Algoma's new Bishop, only one week after being installed as Chancellor of Thorneloe University. In offering our congratulations to Rev Anne for these tremendous recognitions and opportunities to further serve Christ and His Church, the Wardens are also cognisant of the abruptness with which our parish's future has changed. We none of us can ever know the fullness of God's Plans, but as we continue to discern what the election, and inevitable departure, of our Rector

means (as individuals and as a congregation) we may take comfort in remembering that the God Who has afforded us these 16 years of Rev Anne's ministry is not going anywhere, and that His Spirit of wisdom and concern will be evident as the future unfolds, if we remain attentive and mindful of Him and each other, as Christ has taught us. The Wardens wish to assure each of you of our dedication to the good governance of this parish in the coming months, and to invite you to speak to us—collectively or individually—if you need to express concerns, opinions, doubts, or hopes.

The Church necessarily exists in two worlds at once: the Temporal one of this world, as we experience it in our bodily lives, and the Spiritual one of the world to come, of which we catch glimpses through means of Sacrament, Grace, and the Communion of the Saints. It can be a difficult thing to reconcile the two, despite the perfect model of Christ's life lived among us, but the dialogue this tension affords us—with God, with our neighbours, and with ourselves—allows us the opportunity to apply the gifts our Creator has given each of us, and to more fully appreciate how they ought to be applied. As we enter the last of the Church year together, I invite you to reflect on the year that has passed, and with that knowledge, and confidence in God's compassion, boldly face the new one approaching with optimism and faith.

Submitted in faithful service,

Brent Leigh

In the parish...

Stained Glass Window from St. Mark's Garson

In the coming weeks the beautiful stained glass window from St. Mark's Garson will be hung in the entrance to the Ascension. This window was originally given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill and Isabel Rockwood, founding members of St. Mark's Anglican Church. When it is hung at the Ascension it will be rededicated in the Rockwoods memory and in thanksgiving for the ministry of St. Mark's and what their members bring to the Church of the Ascension. The stained glass window depicts Christ standing at a closed door knocking on it. The Scripture verse that goes with the window is Rev. 3.20 "Look I am standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice I will come in to be with them." (CEB)



Gary Bate, Brent and Sophie Leigh welcome the Stained Glass window from St. Mark's.

ARK Refugee Steering Committee news

The ARK Committee, which stands for Acts of Random Kindness is an Ascension/ community organization meeting regularly. ARK hopes to support a Syrian family of 5, to emigrate from Lebanon to Sudbury. We believe there is progress in the lengthy application process at Lebanon's end. However, 'progress' may mean the family is months yet from arriving in Sudbury. Regardless, ARK hopes to speak to the mother/ lady of the household shortly, via an Arabic speaking and generous volunteer. ARK will attend a Lifeline Sudbury meeting Nov 1st. Lifeline Sudbury brings together all sponsoring groups. Lifeline Sudbury is mutually supportive. Please approach Jen Crawley-Caruso, Gwen Bonas or/and Jane Cox for further

ACW Snowflake Tea

The ACW is holding its annual Snowflake Tea on Thursday November 24th from 6:30pm to 8pm. Tickets will soon be on sale for \$6 each and you are encouraged to invite all of your friends and neighbours to join you for this wonderful evening of fellowship, crafts, and tasty treats as we get into the Christmas spirit. There is also a Silent Auction and you are asked to bring in any suitable items (new only please) to the church as soon as possible.

In preparation for the Tea and the gifts of story and song there will be a snowflake making session on Thursday 17th November at 1:30pm in the hall.

The setup for the Tea will be on Wednesday 23rd November at 6pm. We really need help with setting up the tables and chairs in the hall and church. if you can help on the Wednesday evening please speak to Cathy Dionne or call her at 705 5246016.

The monthly meeting of the ACW is held on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30pm. In December the women will be having a Christmas dinner. Venue and time to be arranged.

Morning and Evening Prayer

Join Layreader Brent Leigh for BCP Morning and Evening Prayer during November. Morning Prayer will be held on November 11th and November 25th at 9am in the Chapel. Evening Prayer will be held on November 13th and November 27th at 8pm in the Chapel

2017 Church Calendars

The Church calendars for 2017 have been ordered and will be arriving soon. These are the calendars that had pictures of churches on each page. This year the calendar is different in that it will be featuring Anglicans and Lutherans involved in their missional work. The calendars will be on sale for \$5 each. If you would like to order a calendar please speak to Gladys Abigail.

Remembrance Day service at the Ascension

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

This year the Remembrance Day service will be held on Sunday November 6th at both the 9am and 11 am services. We are looking forward to welcoming a few members of the Legion, along with some of the scouts in the congregation. If you would like to bring a photo of a loved one who served our country in the armed forces, or who are currently serving in the armed forces, or memorabilia, please bring it to church on November 6th.



A Message to the Men and Women in the Armed Forces: From Archbishop Derwyn – Primate of Canada (Toronto, 1941)

‘The thought and prayers and love of all the members of our Church of England in Canada go to all of you who are fighting for our cause. We want you to know that every Sunday, and day by day, prayer is going up for you from our churches in city and town, in the forests and the prairies – for your safety in body and soul

and for the hope that you will always know that God is ever with you in life or in death. We want you to know that we honour you and that we are grateful to you for your service. We pray God that the reward of your service and sacrifice will be peace and happiness for all.

Be strong and courageous, filled with the grace of God. Stand steady in your witness to Christ and to His church.

We trust that you will seek out your Church padre in all your difficulties and temptations and ask him for guidance and help. He is ready to be your friend.’

(Derwyn: Toronto) A Book of Instruction and Devotion for use in War Time.

Your Junk is Our Treasure!

Thank you for all the donations of metal, aluminum, brass, copper and other flashy stuff that you have been dropping off at Del's all year. Thank you to Del for sorting through it all and for giving the church the proceeds of your labours. Del wants everyone to know that he is putting his truck away for the winter and is only accepting small items from now until spring. Copper and brass are welcome!

Out of the Cold Dinners

OOTC supper is Dec 9. Volunteer helpers from last year will be sent a reminder in a few weeks. If your name is not on the list and you are interested in helping out please contact Luke Norton at lukedanielnorton@gmail.com or

Marie Vitone at marievitone@persona.ca

We thank you for your past and present generosity! It makes a big difference in many lives! Please do what you can,

A clinic on Oct 19th for OOTC volunteers was well attended. It was very informative.

Preparing for Advent and Christmas 2016

Christmas Outreach at the Ascension

Our hearts and minds will soon be set towards Christmas and the season of giving. Every year the Ascension supports several worthwhile causes and we invite you to participate in one or all of them.

1. Barrydowne College Christmas Stockings - This is the third year we will be making Christmas stockings for the students at Barrydowne College. We are joined in this by St. Stephen's on the Hill United Church and St. John's Catholic Church in Garson. Each church will provide 25 stockings for the students. If you would like to contribute something for the stockings you will find gift tags hanging on the Christmas tree. Please return your gift and tag to the Ascension by the last Sunday in November.
2. For over thirty years we have been providing Christmas hampers for families in need at Christmas. These are families within our congregation, or people who contact the church at Christmas time. We provide a full Christmas dinner for these families as well as sufficient food for two weeks after Christmas. You can help in many ways here - by bringing non perishable food items, grocery store gift cards, or money for the turkeys and fixings. Please speak to Anne Trimmer to let her know where you can assist. We hope you will bring these items on the last week of November and the first two weeks of December so that we can prepare the hampers for the week of December 18th. If you know of a family who might need a Christmas hamper, please speak to Rev. Anne. This is all held in the strictest of confidence.
3. Seniors Cookie drop - Every Sunday we pray for those who are unable to join us for worship. Many of our seniors and shut ins no longer bake for themselves. Every year we provide a basket of homemade baking and sweet treats to our seniors - in years past we have packaged up 25 -30 baskets. As you are preparing your Christmas baking, please remember our seniors. Don't forget that we are trying to be a nut free church so refrain from baking with nuts.
4. The Christmas gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child are now ready to be taken home to be filled. These boxes are filled with items for children of a specific age and these boxes are sent overseas. There is a pamphlet with instructions on how to fill the boxes and with suggestions of small gift items to put in them. Thank you for considering this outreach.

The Process to Get a New Incumbent

Following Rev. Anne's election as a bishop, the Ascension will be starting the process of looking for a new rector. The process involves the election of a 'Concurrence Committee' consisting of 5-6 people. This group will write a parish profile describing who the Ascension is and the kind of priest we would be looking for to lead us into the next chapter of our lives together. Once the parish profile is ready it is sent to the Bishop to

review. Interested clergy will send their resumes to the Bishop and out of those who apply a few names will be sent to the Concurrence Committee to interview. In some parishes the process is a long drawn out one as the parish often wants to do some visioning and thinking about its future before moving into the Concurrence Committee stage. The wardens will be meeting with Rev. Anne in the next week to discuss different options for the Ascension. In the meantime, please pray that a spirit of peace will surround the parish and that we will continue to maintain the bonds of fellowship with one another. Fr. Bob and Rev. Rhonda will be able to assist with Sunday services and Rev. Jeff will be returning in April.

Christmas Pageant 2016

This year the Church of the Ascension and L'Arche Sudbury will be joining forces to present a Christmas pageant on Sunday 11th December at 11am. We hope that all children will come and be part of the pageant - we need shepherds, angels, wise men's helpers, and narrators. In addition to this we need the children to learn a couple of special Christmas songs which they will be presenting during the pageant. These songs are "The Little Drummer Boy" and "The Friendly Beasts". Ralph Mounter will be rehearsing these songs with the children during the month of November. Pageant rehearsals will be at 3pm on Saturday November 26th, December 3rd and December 10th. The L'Arche community will join us for the final dress rehearsal on December 10th.



Sanctuary at Thanksgiving

Come
Get Messy
With Us!



Place: Church of the Ascension

1476 Sparks Street, Sudbury

When: First Wednesday of every month

Next one: November 2nd, 2016

Time: 4:30pm – 6:45pm



What is it? – It is a family friendly time full of fun, games, stories, crafts & food for everyone. A time to explore values together!

Who is it for? ~ It is for everyone in the community...
(especially for those who do not normally go to church)

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Parish Life

For those of you who are not on Facebook, we share with you the congratulatory words posted on our Church's Facebook page when the news from Electoral Synod reached us that our Anne was raised up as our next Bishop of Algoma.

Quote...

"Congratulations to our very own rector The Venerable Anne Germond as Bishop Elect, the 11th Bishop & 1st female Bishop of Algoma. Algoma is truly blessed! God has called; you are his chosen one!

With tears of joy we send prayers of love & support as you accept His calling to serve & make an impact on so many other lives as you have done for us at the Ascension. This was clearly God's call for you to spread your wings as His Shepherd to Pastor His flock farther & beyond serving as our Archdeacon of Sudbury/Manitoulin & as our rector of the Ascension.

You will be dearly missed but may God continue to work through you in bigger & better ways.

This is a memorable day in your life, but a sad day for the Ascension. Beloved Anne, accept our prayers of thanksgiving for your dedication as our Pastor over the last 16 years. Blessings & love from your parishioners." ...Unquote

God our Father,

You have a plan for us at the Ascension,

You have a plan & a purpose for our Anne,

You hold out to us a future full of hope,

We ask you to fill us with the wisdom of Your Spirit

So that we can see the shape of Your plan.

In the gifts You have given us over the past 16 years,

By sending us Anne to shepherd us as we grew in Your love,

Help us to continue the wonderful works she started.

In the next months we seek You with all our hearts,

For guidance & support as we enter into this time of transition;

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 NRSV)

As a church family, we choose Your will above all else,

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Parish Life – continued

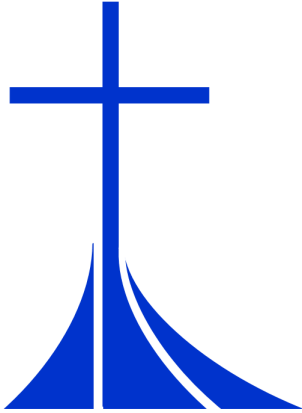
Here are a few wonderful & great things continuing to happen in our Parish...

New Ascension Logo

By now you might have seen our new Ascension cross logo, however to make this official it is included in this issue of the Ascension Witness.

Each one of us at the Ascension walk our own faith journey with Christ in the centre. The logo represents the paths we take to the foot of the cross. 'Our cross' is a symbol of life 'on earth as it is in a Heaven', the direction we walk 'In His Love'!

Remember - *"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:6 (NRSV)*



'Our Cross'

Let 'our cross' be our own to bear,
Let 'our cross' fill us in His light;
May 'our cross' show us His way,
And carry us through each day and night.
For upon the cross He died for us,
That we might be forgiven;
In His love let 'our cross' be the centre,
As we journey to the cross Christ driven.

Name Badges

Thank you to the many of you who have signed up for our 'new' name badges, we have had a great response to this. However if you have not yet signed up please do so as soon as possible. The sheets will continue to be on a table in the foyer until the middle of November before the order will be placed. They are \$7.00. It is our vision that we all have one to wear every Sunday, this way we can get to know each other by name & not just by a face! Any queries speak with Kath Greenidge or Cathy Jewel. Thanks.

Gifts of Story & Song

Save the date - Sunday, December 4th at 7:00pm.

This year will be our 5th annual GSS. If you have not ever joined us for this delightful winter wonderland evening of stories & song, shared talents from within our church community & also from the Greater City of Sudbury community, you should consider coming to be a part of this outreach event. If you have any suggestions where you might like to see the funds collected go, please speak with Rev Anne, Kath Greenidge, Jane Cox or any other PL committee member. Tickets are \$10.00 & will go on sale soon.

White Gift Sunday's

On December 4th & 11th we are reaching out to you for contributions of non-perishable gifts. These can be placed around the altar as they will help fill our food hampers which are delivered to several needy families at Christmas time. If you are interested & might like to donate a turkey, please speak with Anne Trimmer. Note:-Monetary dona-



Synod delegates, Jen Ames (People's Warden) & Cathy Jewel, along with Erma Howe (Rector's Warden) & Fr. Bob speaking about Synod & expressing their congratulations to OUR Anne as being raised up by Algoma as our 11th Bishop & 1st female Bishop of Algoma. Congratulations Anne we are proud of you, you will be missed dearly.

tions are also accepted & can be placed in the offertory plate, but be sure to mark 'White Gift Sunday' on the memo line. These funds will allow us to purchase the perishables. We thank you for your generosity in making others enjoy the joy, peace & love that surrounds us at Christmas.

Cookie Drop

Many of you are aware that we pack cookies for our shut-ins every Christmas. We ask when you are doing your own Christmas baking if you could do an extra batch to share with them. These cookies we ask you to drop off at the church by Sunday, December 11th as we will be packing these boxes on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30am. God bless you for your donations of cookies know that you have lovingly put a smile on the faces of our shut-ins so they know they are very much a part of our church family.

Faithfully submitted,
Kath Greenidge
Parish Life Chair



Thanksgiving – Audrey Penn from L'Arche wearing the quilted blanket. Standing behind her is Jennifer Cawley-Caruso, with Kay Currie-Winfield

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1476 Sparks Street, Sudbury

Snowflake Tea

Thursday, November 24th, 2016

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Tickets - \$6.00

Bake Table

Door Prize

Craft Table

Silent Auction

For tickets please contact:-

Cathy Dionne: 705-524-6106 or Email: cathdenn@personainternet.com

In the deanery...



2016-10-02 - Deanery Lay Readers Conference



2016-09-29 – Taize Worship Service which took place on the Friday evening of the Deanery Lay Readers Conference.

In the diocese...



The Clergy and people of the Ascension are happy to share the news that *our Anne* was elected as the 11th & 1st female Bishop of Algoma on October 14th, 2016. We ask for your prayers during this time of transition that we will continue to know the love of Christ as we share in His gathering work in our hearts and homes and in his church.



Our Anne was installed Chancellor of Thorneloe University on October 6th, 2016. Fr. Bob, President of Thorneloe on her right & her husband Colin Germond on her left. Several Ascensionites were present as this honour was bestowed upon her. Congratulations Anne!

The Ven. Anne Germond

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October 24th, 2016

Dear friends in Christ,

I am writing to thank you for the heartfelt messages of congratulations and assurances of prayer that I have been receiving from across Algoma and elsewhere since the electoral synod just ten days ago. My election as your next bishop was surprising, overwhelming and unexpected, and I am filled with the weight and responsibility of the office that I will hold. I count it a great honour and privilege to have been elected as bishop and I will do everything I can to be a faithful pastor to you as we continue *"To share in the gathering work of Christ so that His newness of life overflows into our hearts, homes, churches and community."* As I have been assured of your prayers, know that you are very much in mine.

The role of bishop is one that I will be growing into over the years and I am expecting there to be a steep learning curve. My friend Fawna Andrews said, "It's quite a ride Anne, so buckle up!" It is good to know that I have the support of the knowledgeable Archdeacon Harry Huskins, our Diocesan Administrator and Executive Archdeacon, the gifted Synod office staff Jane Mesich, Liz Hamel, Marjorie Ingram, and Jay Koyle, as well as the Archdeacons, Deanery officials, members of the Executive committee, and all of you. Archbishop Johnson assures me that there will be opportunities for training in the coming year. He has invited me to the November meeting of the Provincial House of Bishops, and to join the newly elected suffragan Bishops in Toronto for a pre-consecration retreat in January.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you as I travel across the diocese in the coming years. This diocese in all its beauty and all its diversity is where I feel very much at home. Even though I've been a part of Bishop's Council and the Diocesan Executive Committee for several years and have heard about the good things that are happening in your congregations there is still so much for me to learn and discover about Algoma. In addition to the official parish visits I hope to work alongside you in your outreach projects. What impressed me so much when I read through the Diocesan profile prepared for the electoral synod was how the deanery pages focused on the missional work that is happening in each of them. Did you notice that the photographs in the profile were all of people engaged in those ministries instead of church buildings? Interestingly, none of the archdeacons had spoken to each other in preparing their deanery profile.

I see my role and our life together over the next several years as continuing the good work that has been going on in Algoma for so many years now. We give thanks for our history. We look to the horizon with hope. There is much for us to do in this present time we but we know that Christ is our foundation and it is His love that holds us in our joys and in our fears. I am reminded of the beautiful Taize song, "*Ubi Caritas, Deus ibi est.*" "Where love is, there is God."

I echo Paul's words to the Philippians here, "*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*" (Phil. 1:6)

Some of you have been wondering what will happen during this transition period. The diocese will continue to be run by the Diocesan Administrator, Archdeacon Harry Huskins with the assistance of the Diocesan leadership team. The Archbishop has set the Consecration for February 11th, 2017 in Sault Ste. Marie. Details of this will be forthcoming as details are known. Bishop's Council and the Diocesan Executive Committee will be meeting in November as planned, and so you can be confident that life in Algoma will run smoothly even in a time of transition.

During the coming months the Ascension and I will be preparing for my departure and I do ask you to keep us in your prayers. This is not easy for either of us as we have grown together in faith over the last sixteen years. There is capable leadership in place as well as very supportive honorary clergy to guide them through the next steps. Colin and I are also starting to think about how our lives will look as we downsize our home in Sudbury, and plan a move to the Sault. We do want to keep a smaller home in Sudbury as we have many ties to this community. I am attaching a photo of our family that was taken this Thanksgiving. Our adult children, Caitlin and Richard are both studying at Queen's University and we are proud of them both.

I leave you with a final thought on opening the door of our hearts to God. 'Becoming the Story We Tell' is not a moment in time, but a lifelong journey of faith and a daily commitment to Christ. Matthew says, "**Ask** and you will receive. **Search** and you will find. **Knock** and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7.7). In all of my asking and searching and knocking, I have come to the realization of a deep truth that whenever I was out there looking for God, that God was there all along just waiting for me to open the door of my heart to Him. Let us open our hearts to God and trust in his felt presence in our journey.

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

In Christ's love,

Anne

The Germond family at Thanksgiving 2016

Photo by Amanda Thirkill Photography



In the community...

Water Walk



Two parishioners took part in the 11th annual Water walk around Lake Ramsey. The Water Walk is an Indigenous ceremony which honours water. In Ojibway tradition, women are the bearers, the protectors, of water. Before birth, water proceeds life and continues to make life possible. The water walk took place on September 30 starting with a sunrise ceremony which was held in the teepee on Laurentian University campus. 25 walkers, mainly women, carried water on a 21-km trek around Lake Ramsey, praying and putting down tobacco, a sacred medicine, to give thanks for our water. The walk ended with drumming and a feast held at Shkagamikwe Health Centre. The walk was deeply moving and meaningful as we walked, talked, prayed and ate together with our new Indigenous friends, appreciating the gifts given by our Creator.



Rev. Anne and Fr. Bob following Rev. Anne's installation as Chancellor for Thorneloe University on October 5th.

Items for the November Edition of The Ascension Witness are due in by the 29th November. Please forward them to Glenn Lloyd at argeedblu@gmail.com

Agnus Day

"THIS GENERATION WILL NOT PASS AWAY?" HOW CAN THAT BE? ISN'T JESUS TALKING ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD?



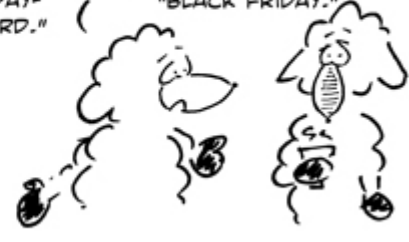
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YES & NO.

HE STARTED OUT TALKING ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM, BUT IN THE TRADITION OF THE PROPETS, HE SEES IT AS A KIND OF DOWN PAYMENT ON THE "DAY OF THE LORD."



AND LAYAWAY PLAN OF THE APOCALYPSE JUST DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME RING AS "BLACK FRIDAY."



MARK 13:24-37

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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

Address changes

If you have moved recently, if there are any changes to your address or phone number, or if you have changed your email address, please let the Parish Assistant Joan Servent know so that we can keep our database up to date. Joan can be reached at ascension@vianet.ca and is in the office on Wednesdays.

Family Name: _____

Person 1 _____

Person 2 _____

Address Family As _____

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

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