

Church of the Ascension

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Christmas Pageant

2016



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Welcome to our worship - it's good to have you here with us. If you are visiting or here for the first time..... The Anglican Church teaches that all that are baptised in any Christian tradition are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of communion. It is God's invitation to the table, if you feel so moved you are invited and welcomed.

WELCOME to the L'Arche Community of Sudbury who are the co-presenters with us this year for the pageant. Thank you to all the participants and to those who have been helping with the musical offerings on Sunday mornings. We give thanks for our friendship with L'Arche Sudbury. Everyone is invited to stay after the pageant for a time of fellowship and lunch. There will be a birthday cake today, given by Maureen McNaughton, to celebrate Norma Mayo's, Del Gates and Fr. Bob's birthdays. Happy birthday all!

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anita Bate, dear mother of Gary Bate, and Pryce Moorhouse, dear father of Sue Bate; by Gary and Sue Bate. May Anita's and Pryce's soul rest in peace and rise again in glory.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eddie Gudbranson, dear father of Donna Cresswell; by Donna. May Eddie's soul rest in peace and rise again in glory

Attendance on Sunday 4th December
was 44 at 9am and 85 at 11am.

11th December—Third Sunday of Advent

9 & 11 am Holy Eucharist

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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

Processional	#tba
Collect of the day	page 270
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 35:1-10 <i>The world will rejoice in the presence of the Lord.</i>
Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55	<i>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations</i>
New Testament Lesson:	James 5:7-10 <i>Take heart, the coming of the Lord is near.</i>
Gradual	#tba
Holy Gospel:	Matthew 11:2-11 <i>John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord.</i>
Offertory	#tba
Prayer over the Gifts	page 271
Communion	#tba
Prayer after communion	page 271
Recessional	#tba

In our prayers ...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Keri-cho - (Kenya) Vacant

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, for our Metropolitan, Archbishop Colin Johnson, for our Diocesan Bishop-Elect, Rev. Anne; for our Archdeacon Anne Germond and for our parish clergy Rev. Anne, Fr. Bob, and Rev. Rhonda.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for The Algoma Anglican, The Rev. Peter Simmons, Editor

We pray for the Church of the Ascension during this time of transition and discernment.

We pray for the members of the ARK Refugee Steering Committee as they prepare to bring a family to Sudbury.

We pray for Elliot Thomas Andrews-Norton and his parents Clare and Luke, as they prepare for the sacrament of baptism on December 18th.

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week., especially Beryl Cole, Nancy Turner, Diane, Sherry, Linda, Alan Findlay, Richard, Lillian, George, Derald Balson, Dan Turner, Barbara Blanchard, Inge, Ivan & Glenys Cutler, Priscilla Allurut, Canon Michael & Muriel Hankinson, Carol Sims, Theresa Kuehl (Megan's grandma), Joan McNaughton, Brandon, Heather Kennedy, Heather Stevenson.

We pray for these families recently bereaved, the Dunlop family, the Gilchrist family, the Paquette family, the Crawford family, the Devers and McCourt family, the Gudbranson family.

We pray for those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes, or who find it difficult to join us for church on Sundays; Milt Fleming, Ron Little, Margaret Villeneuve, Velma Tansley, Karin Hoffman, Joyce Laking, Ivan Cutler. May they always feel God's presence in their lives.

In our parish we pray for our wardens and leaders and in our parish family for Dale & Linda Harnden, Glen & Nicole Haslam, Aileen Haslam, and their families.

We pray for those who are caregivers to sick and frail loved ones. We pray that the God of love will surround them with people to look after them, and grant them rest.

An Advent Prayer

*Lord make me ready to hear
Ready to see
Ready to do
Ready to go
Ready to receive your love
Ready for all you're making ready for me.*

*Lord make me ready to hear your story
Ready to see your glory.
Ready to receive your gift of love – that's Jesus!
Ready to do what's right
Ready to go spread your light
Ready for all you're making ready for me.*

*Lord make me ready to hear that wonderful story.
Ready to see you're the King of Glory.
Ready to receive your love – hallelujah, that's Jesus!
Ready to do what you show me is right
And ready to spread the Gospel light
And ready for all you're making ready for me.*

(Jenny Dann - Shine On Star of Bethlehem)

In the Parish this Week

This evening at 8pm: BCP Evening Prayer with Brent Leigh.

Tuesday 13th December at 11am: Westmount service.

7pm - December Board meeting followed by Board Christmas social at Rev. Anne's home.

Wednesday 14th December 9:30am - Holy Eucharist

11am: Christmas cookie drop preparation followed by the delivery of Christmas cookies to our seniors.

News and Announcements

Christmas Cookie Drop

Every year the seniors in our parish look forward to receiving a gift of a basket of homemade cookies which have been lovingly prepared by you. If you are doing Christmas baking, or if you have Christmas baking in your freezer, will you please remember our seniors again this year. Please bring your Christmas cookies to the church by Wednesday morning at 10am. Volunteers will be packaging them up and deliveries will take place in the afternoon. If you are able to deliver Christmas cookies baskets to a few seniors, please let Anne Trimmer or Rev. Anne know.

OOTC dinner and Christmas Stocking Gift Thanks

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support of the first Out of the Cold dinner on Friday evening, and for the amazing outpouring of gifts for the christmas stockings for Barrydowne College students. We receive more than was requested and this will enable the students to enjoy a very festive Christmas.

Going to the Consecration?

A bus has been chartered to take anyone interested in going to the Consecration on February 11th to Sault Ste. Marie. The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at noon on the 10th February. It will return on Saturday after the consecration reception. The cost of the bus is \$45 and can be booked through the Church of the Epiphany by calling Gwen Chmilar at 705.675.2279. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Days Inn under the Church of the Ascension. Call 1.866.759.1400 to book yours.

Gifts of Story and Song

What a great evening! Parish Life committee would like to thank the presenters and those who made the evening possible by all the behind the scenes work for a wonderful evening of stories and songs. Kath Greenidge reports that we raised \$1200 on Sunday evening which will be divided between the Elgin Street Mission and Barrydowne College. In this season of giving we give thanks for the time given to prepare, the joy shared in the stories and songs, and the money which will be sent to our neighbours.

What Happens to the Rev. Anne Germond Fund When Rev. Anne Leaves?

The Rev. Anne Germond Fund started as a gift to Rev. Anne on her 50th birthday and 10th Anniversary of being our incumbent. The funds given to RAG (as it is known) are to be used at her discretion in service to others. Over the years and through the generosity of parishioners and others there has never been a shortage of money in the fund. Anne has used it to help families and individuals in times of need. Thank you for your generous contributions to this fund over the years. Some of you might be wondering what happens to this fund after Anne leaves in February. The wardens and her have determined that in the coming year Anne will continue to use the fund at her discretion for the needs of others.

Lectioary

Dec. 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

*A young woman shall bear a son and name him
Immanuel.*

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Romans 1:1-7

Paul writes to the Romans

Matthew 1:18-25

The circumstances of Jesus' birth

Dec, 25, 2016

Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Fa-
ther, Prince of Peace.*

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord, a new song.

Titus 2:11-14

The fruits of salvation

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

The birth of Jesus.

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