

Church of the Ascension

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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.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Join us at St. Stephen's on the Hill on Wednesday, December 21st at 7 pm for a Longest Night Service. There are many for whom the holidays are a bitter-sweet or sad time of year. The death of a loved one, divorce, loss of a job, and other life changes can make parties, gift-giving, and celebrations hard to take. Sometimes just recognizing the pain can lessen it. The Longest Night Service is a service of hope acknowledging the pain, hurt, and sadness that sometimes comes with the Christmas season.

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don McLeod, dear husband of Betty, on the first anniversary of his death. May Don's soul rest in peace and rise again in glory.

Attendance on Sunday 11th December
was 42 at 9am and 120 at 11am.

18 th December—Fourth Sunday of Advent

9 am Holy Eucharist & 11 am Holy Baptism

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be call Emmanuel: God With Us.

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Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 7:10-16
<i>A young woman shall bear a son and name him Immanuel.</i>	
Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Page 812
<i>Stir up your might, and come to save us!</i>	
New Testament Lesson:	Romans 1:1-7
<i>Paul writes to the Romans</i>	
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<i>The circumstances of Jesus' birth</i>	
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In our prayers ...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield

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 St. James', Goulais River, The Ven. William Stadnyk

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 he is baptized today.

We pray for Scarlett Juliet Phillips and her parents Jessica and Bruce Phillips as they prepare for the sacrament of Baptism on December 25th

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, Joanna Arlt.

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 Burgess & Lynn Hawkins, Denise Heinonen, Shannon Hangen & Karl Skierszkan, 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)

Christmas Service times

Family Service at 4pm on December 24th. "The ABC's of Christmas"

Holy Eucharist at 8pm on December 24th.

Holy Eucharist on December 25th with Baptism at 11am.

On Sunday January 1st 2017 there will only be one service at 11am. Gerry Loughed Jr. will be the guest preacher - "God's Light Shines on Shepherds, Saints and Sinners."

In the Parish this Week

Wednesday 21st December 9:30am Holy Eucharist

7pm: Blue Christmas service at St. Stephen's on the Hill.

Friday 23rd December: 9am - BCP Morning Prayer.

News and Announcements

Welcome!

This morning Elliot Thomas Norton, infant son of Clare Andrews and Luke Norton will receive the sacrament of Baptism. We welcome Clare and Luke's family who are joining them for this morning's service. Elliot's grandfather, Bishop Stephen Andrews will be the guest preacher at both the 9am and the 11am service today and he will be presiding at the baptism.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in the church over Christmas as a Thank Offering or as a Memorial offering, please give the information to Rev. Anne or Anne Trimmer (705.566.8127) by Tuesday 20th December.

OUTREACH THANK YOU!

This week ten families received a full Christmas meal and food hamper, thanks to your generosity of money and non perishable food items. Thank you for remembering and caring for those who find this time of the year difficult.

Thank you also for the cookies which were dropped off at the church this week for our seniors. 24 cookie baskets were filled and delivered on Wednesday and Thursday. Special thanks to those who assisted with the packing of the food hampers and Christmas cookie baskets.

Christmas and Annual Offering.

Your Christmas offering - Every year the Christmas offering in the small envelope is given to the Ascension's Outreach Fund for the next year. You would have found this special offering in the Christmas newsletter that was handed out two Sundays ago, and has now been mailed out with the Christmas letter. Thank you for your generosity over the years to this fund. The past year we had about \$4000 in the

fund and were able to support the Elgin Street Mission, Barrydowne College, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, as well as individuals going through a tough time.

Your Offering for 2017

In the coming months your family will be making important decisions about your charitable givings and who you wish to support. Please remember the Church of the Ascension as you make these decisions. There are a number of ways in which you can give - through weekly envelopes; through the Diocesan Electronic Withdrawal program, or through postdated monthly cheques to the church which are kept in the safe and placed on the offering plate once a month. The Church of the Ascension relies and counts on your generosity to maintain a full time clergy and engage in important ministry. If you are able to increase your offering in 2017 that would be appreciated. We want to remain a vital and vibrant part of our community. Did you know that your offering is the ONLY source of income we have, aside from a small amount of fundraising and rental income. In 2016 the givings amounted to \$140,000.00. Thank you for your amazing generosity. In 2016 we lost several donors through death or moving away and are counting on your ongoing support in the coming year. We give because God first gave to us.

There are over 200 family units in the parish and about 130 of them are regular contributors. If you wish to receive weekly envelopes or go onto the Electronic Withdrawal program, please speak to Ralph Mounter (Envelope Secretary) , the wardens or Cathy Dionne the Treasurer.

Going to the consecration?

A bus has been reserved for the weekend of Rev. Anne's consecration in Sault Ste Marie. The bus will leave the Ascension parking lot at 1pm on February 10th, and make a stop at the Four Corners as well. It will return to Sudbury following the reception on February 11th. The cost of the bus ride is \$45 a person and if you would like to reserve a spot please contact Jennifer Ames at 705.618.2319 or at jennames@yahoo.ca

One bus has already been filled and a second bus is on reserve.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Days Inn on Bay Street under the name of the Ascension. Please call 1866.759.1400 to reserve your room.

Lectionary

Dec, 25, 2016

Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 9:2-7

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, 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.

1 January 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9

The Lord has done great favour to the House of Israel.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord, all creation.

Hebrews 2:10-18

Jesus was born for the salvation of all.

Matthew 2:13-23

The Holy Family flee to Egypt

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