

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury, Ontario

December 24-25 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.

Rev. Anne, Fr. Bob, Rev. Rhonda, and wardens Jen, Erma and Brent wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of this holy season.

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Attendance on Sunday 18th December
was 52 at 9am and 79 at 11am.

24 th December—Christmas Eve

4 pm Family Service

*I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to
all the people; for to you is born this day
a Saviour, Christ the Lord*

Processional	# 118
Collect of the day	page 272
Song	# 121
Song	# 138
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 9:2-7 <i>Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace .</i>
Psalm 96	Page 834 <i>Sing to the Lord, all the earth!</i>
New Testament Lesson:	Titus 2:11-14 <i>Jesus Christ, our great God and Saviour</i>
Gradual	# 39
Holy Gospel:	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) <i>The Birth of Jesus</i>
Offertory	# 136
Prayer over the Gifts	page 272
Communion	# 126, 135, 137, 146
Prayer after communion	page 272
Recessional	# 119

Christmas offering - If you place your Christmas offering in the special envelope provided for you, it will go to one of our many Outreach ministries in 2017. Thank you for your generosity over the years towards outreach. In 2016 the funds from the Christmas offering amounted to \$4000.

Thank you to those who prepared the church for the Christmas services – the help of Altar Guild members, those who set up the chairs, and those who readied the bulletins, are appreciated.

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8 pm Holy Eucharist

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Offertory	# 139
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Communion	Quartet 1) <i>How Brightly Beams</i> 2) <i>The Kings</i> # 137, 146
After Communion Anthem	Jeremy & James <i>The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth</i>
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25 th December—Christmas Day

11 am Holy Baptism

*I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to
all the people; for to you is born this day
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Processional	# 118
Collect of the day	page 272
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 52:7-10 <i>Rejoice in the coming of the Lord.</i>
Psalms 98	Page 836 <i>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth</i>
New Testament Lesson:	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) <i>God speaks to us through the Son.</i>
Gradual	# 138
Holy Gospel:	John 1:1-14 <i>Through Jesus, we are the children of God.</i>
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In our prayers ...

As we celebrate Christmas with our family and loved ones we give thanks for our families and the many ways in which they bless our lives.

We give thanks for our parish family and for the support and friendship we receive from each other.

We remember in our prayers at this time:-

Those who are seeking healing for body, mind and spirit, 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.

Scarlett Juliet Phillips, her parents and Godparents as she receives the sacrament of Baptism on Christmas morning.

Those who are homeless and cold, particularly the thousands of refugees who are staying in camps around the world; that they may find a home for their families.

Those who are hungry, lonely, or who have no one to love them; that they will be filled, cared for, and be surrounded by compassion this Christmastime.

Those who mourn the passing of loved ones; that they may be comforted.

Those who live in countries disrupted by war or unrest; that they may find peace.

Christmas Flowers

The flowers in the church this Christmas are given to the glory of God and:

In loving memory of Ron, Christina, members of the Bonas family and the Griffiths family; by Betty Bonas.

In loving memory of family and friends by Sandra and Vince Paquette.

In loving memory of our son Robbie, from parents Dan and Nancy Turner and sisters Lisa and Cheryl; by Dan and Nancy.

In loving memory of Anne, Kirk and Bob Strain, and

Rita and Ralph Lennox; from Carol and Merv Lennox.

In loving memory of George Trimmer; from his wife Anne and family.

In loving memory of Ross Morton; from his wife Marjorie Morton and family.

In loving memory of Joseph and Jacques Chaput, dear brothers of Betty Cunningham; by Pat and Betty Cunningham.

In loving memory of our fathers, Floyd Laking and Mikko Asunmaa and grandparents William and Dagmar Chipchase, by Judy and Al Asunmaa.

In loving memory of my husband Basil Greenidge; by his wife Kath Greenidge.

May they rest in peace and rise again in glory.

The flowers are also given to the Glory of God and:

In joyful celebration of my mother's 90th birthday and my father's 93rd birthday from Molly Cawte and family.

In gratitude for the love, care and support that has been shown to us by their parish family for the past 16 years; by Colin, Anne, Caitlin and Richard Germond

News and Announcements

Christmas 2016 at the Church of the Ascension

Welcome to our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Whether you are joining us this Christmas for the very first time, or are a long time attendee, we hope that you will feel very much at home in our midst.

The 4pm service on Saturday is specially designed for families to worship together. The theme is the ABCs of Christmas - as we work our way through the alphabet with each letter being the start of a Christmas word,

we listen to the story of Christmas in a new way. Thank you to Maggie, Mary, Victoria, Kylie, Jayna and Rylin for all your help in leading us through the ABCs of Christmas

At 8pm we will have a traditional Christmas service with Eucharist. The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacker will be the preacher and Rev. Anne Germond will be the celebrant. We are joined by a group of musicians, Seppo and Peggy Haapamaki, Colin Germond and Philip Balson. They will be playing an arrangement of "How Brightly Beams", and "The Kings" arranged by Seppo. Jeremy Mannella and James Wilson will be singing Little Drummer Boy/O Holy Night. Special thanks to these musical guests.

On Christmas morning there is one Eucharist at 11am. Scarlett Juliet Germond Phillips will be welcomed into the church in the sacrament of Baptism.

There is only one service on New Year's Day, January 1st at 11am. Gerry Loughheed Jr. Will be the guest preacher - "God's love shines down on shepherds, saints and sinners." After the service we will have a time of fellowship to welcome in the New Year - "Leftovers for Starters".....if you have Christmas baking to share, please bring it in.

"I am bringing you good news." (Luke 2:10)

At first the good news of Christ's birth seems to be directed at the shepherds in the fields who, after receiving it hurry to Bethlehem to greet the newborn king. But the news is not just for shepherds - it is for everyone. "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people." It is for those who heard it that first Christmas so long ago and it is for us who are hearing it in Sudbury tonight. As we listen to the words of the Gospel may we, like them hurry to offer our gifts to the Prince of Peace.