

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.

If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest.

Reports for the Annual Vestry Meeting

This serves as the first notice of the Annual Vestry Meeting on January 22nd, 2017 following the 11am service. All welcome!

Committee members are reminded that reports for the Annual meeting on January 22nd are due by January 8th. Please email them to Glenn Lloyd at ar-geedblu@gmail.com or to Rev. Anne at cagermond@bell.net

The following reports are needed - Rector, Honourary Assistant and Associate, Wardens, Property, Finance, Worship, Outreach, ACW, Children's Ministry, Youth, Parish Life, Pastoral Care and ARK.

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of my mother's 90th birthday and my father's 93rd birthday; by Molly Cawte.

Attendance on Christmas Eve was 113 at 4 pm, 131 at 8 pm and 35 on Christmas Morning

1st January 2017

1st Sunday after Christmas

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

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Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 63:7-9 <i>The Lord has done great favour to the House of Israel.</i>
Psalm 148	907 <i>Praise the Lord, all creation.</i>
New Testament Lesson:	Hebrews 2:10-18 <i>Jesus was born for the salvation of all.</i>
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Holy Gospel:	Matthew 2:13-23 <i>The Holy Family flee to Egypt</i>
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In our prayers ...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Kolhapur - (North India) The Rt Revd Bathuel Tiwade

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 Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston (Interim), The Rev. Canon Michael Hankinson (Hon.)

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 Cassie, Wesley and Lucian who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 8th January; and for their parents and sponsors who will present them.

As we begin a new year we pray that our thoughts and actions will be guided by the light of Christ. May we live in His Way and be guided by His Truth, so that His Life and ours are as one.

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 Erma Howe & Michael White, Linda Jacklin, Cathy Jewell

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.

In the Parish this Week

This week Rev. Anne will be in Cincinnati attending a pre-ordination retreat. She will not be in the office at all. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact one of the wardens who will be able to assist you or direct your call to one of the local clergy.

There will be no Eucharist or Bible Study this week. This resumes on Wednesday 11th January.

Thursday 5th January at 1:30pm - ACW meeting.

Friday 6th January at 9am - BCP Morning Prayer

News and Announcements

Guest Preacher This Morning.

This morning we are delighted to be welcoming a familiar friend as a guest preacher. Gerry Loughed Jr. will be preaching and the title of his sermon is "God's light shines on shepherds, saints and sinners." Thank you Gerry for your message this morning and for your generosity to our community in so many ways.

Bring in the New Year!

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service. We will welcome in the New Year with some sparkling wine (non alcoholic) and Christmas baking.

Welcome to Ms. Patti Brace

This morning we are also pleased to be welcoming Ms. Patti Brace to the Ascension. Patti is a 2nd Year M.Div. Student at Trinity College and she begins her student placement with us this morning. Patti will be with us every Sunday and will be leading the Wednesday morning worship time and Bible Study. She will be preaching regularly on Sundays and she will be doing

some pastoral visiting. During Lent Patti will be leading some special services on Saturday evenings.

Please join the clergy and wardens in extending a warm Ascension welcome to Patti.

Your Weekly or Monthly Offering of Time, Talent and Treasure

We give thanks for your gifts of time, talent and treasure which makes so much possible at the Ascension. Hundreds of volunteer hours are given by parishioners each week who offer their time each week. From preparing the altar for worship to counting the offering to shovelling snow or putting out the garbage. From leading committees to visiting the sick there are many people involved in the life of the parish each week. THANK YOU! We also give thanks for the donations of food and clothing and gift cards that you make for those in need. We also rely on your weekly or monthly financial donations to keep us fiscally healthy. Please consider the church when doing your monthly budget and remember that your donations are our only source of income. We wish to remain a full time vibrant parish and we need to help to do it. There are numerous ways for you to give - please speak to one of the wardens or Cathy Dionne for details. If you usually give your offering in monthly cheques, please give them in as soon as possible. If you would like weekly envelopes please speak to the Envelope Secretary Ralph Mounter. There are forms for the Electronic Offering Program (automatic withdrawal) at the back of the church.

Christmas thanks

Thank you for your very generous gifts given in the Christmas offering this year. All the monies given in these envelopes will be used for Outreach purposes in the coming year.

A Tickle for Your Funny Bone

9 Laws About Cats

1 - Law of Cat Inertia

A cat at rest will tend to remain at rest, unless acted upon by some outside force - such as the opening of cat food, or a nearby scurrying mouse.

2 - Law of Cat Motion

A cat will move in a straight line, unless there is a really good reason to change direction.

3 - Law of Cat Magnetism

All blue blazers and black sweaters attract cat hair in direct proportion to the darkness of the fabric.

4 - Law of Cat Thermodynamics

Heat flows from a warmer to a cooler body, except in the case of a cat, in which case all heat flows to the cat.

5 - Law of Cat Stretching

A cat will stretch to a distance proportional to the length of the nap just taken.

6 - Law of Cat Sleeping

All cats must sleep with people whenever possible, in a position as uncomfortable for the people involved as is possible for the cat.

7 - Law of Cat Elongation

A cat can make her body long enough to reach just about any counter top that has anything remotely interesting on it.

8 - Law of Cat Acceleration

A cat will accelerate at a constant rate, until he gets good and ready to stop.

9 - Law of Dinner Table Attendance

Cats must attend all meals when anything good is served.

Lectionary

January 8, 2017

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

The servant of the Lord.

Psalms 29

The God of glory thunders .

Acts 10:34-43

Jesus is ordained by God as judge of the living and dead.

Matthew 3:13-17

John baptizes Jesus.

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Isaiah 49:1-7

A light to the nations.

Psalms 40:1-11

The Lord put a new song in my mouth.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

The faithfulness of God to God's people.

John 1:29-42

John attests to Jesus

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