

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury, Ontario

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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.



Nominations for Concurrence Committee

The nominating committee was formed at our board meeting on Tuesday night. The nominating committee's role is to nominate interested individuals from different demographics in the church to let their names stand as we elect a concurrence committee to begin the process of finding a new incumbent for the Ascension.

If you or anyone you know is interested in being on the concurrence committee or would like more information on what is expected, please contact Jennifer Ames or Chantal Rozon.

We have tentatively scheduled May 7th as the date for our Special Vestry to vote on the concurrence committee.

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Samantha Vitone, donated by Jason, Abbie, Marie and Sandie [her twin].

Attendance on 19th March was 40 at 9am
and 56 at 11am

26th March 2017
Fourth Sunday in Lent
9 & 11 am Holy Eucharist

*I am the light of the worlds, says the Lord;
those who follow me will have the light of life.*

Processional	#519
Collect of the day	page 291
Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 16:1-13
<i>Samuel anoints David.</i>	
Psalm 23	page 731
<i>Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.</i>	
New Testament Lesson:	Ephesians 5:8-14
<i>Seek what is pleasing to the Lord.</i>	
Gradual	#560
Holy Gospel	John 9:1-41
<i>The light of the world.</i>	
Offertory	#505
Prayer over the Gifts	page 292
Communion	#78, 59, 70
Prayer after communion	page 292
Recessional	#393

In our prayers ...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Mexico - (Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter.

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

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for St. Brice's, North Bay, The Rev. Dr. Peter Armstrong, The Rev. John Stennett (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 fami-

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ly to Sudbury.

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 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, Theresa Kuehl (Megan's grandma), Joan McNaughton, Brandon, Heather Kennedy, Joanna Arlt, Alta, Roz Jones, Jerry Howarth, Andrew, Donna Barnes, Bessie Morgan, Sandi, Irene Ginson-Fiss.

We pray for these families recently bereaved, the Laking family, the Abigail 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, 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 Bernice May, William & Colette May, Mrs Norma Mayo, 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.



In the Parish this Week

Sunday, March 26th – 6:30 pm Youth Class – Reform,
8:00 pm BCP Evening Prayer

Monday, March 27th – 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Jen Ames
will be in the office

Tuesday, March 28th – 9:30 am-1:30 pm Patti Brace
will be in the office

Wednesday, March 29th – 9:30 am Morning Prayer
10:30 am Luther Study Lead by Patti Brace

Thursday, March 30th – 9:00 am – noon Erma Howe
will be in the office
9:30 Patti will be in the office
1:30 pm Finlandia Service

News and Announcements

Thanks

Thank you Kath for doing such a wonderful job coordinating and designing the name tags. There has been so much positive feedback on them and they are well received. On that note, it's been a very busy time here at the Ascension in the last couple of months, if you have haven't had a chance to pay for your name tag yet or if you aren't sure if you have paid for your tag yet, could you please follow up with Kath.

Noojamadaa Exhibit

An invitation has been extended to us all to participate in the Noojamadaa Exhibit at the McEwen School of Architecture on 83 Elm St. The Exhibit features thoughtful photography by First Nations Women from Manitoulin Island. The Exhibit uses an experiential learning approach to foster and promote healing and reconciliation. It's a space for Indigenous and non-indigenous

peoples to reflect on our shared journey towards well-ness, through contemplation of our relationships with one another and our surroundings. This special exhibit runs from March 23 to April 1. Admission is free and all are warmly welcomed.

Medical Assistance in Dying

On Thursday, March 30th, join the Manitou Intentional Learning Community in a discussion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) as it connects to our understanding of law, medical ethics and our faith. Panelists include Rev. Dr. Bill Steadman (St. Andrew's United Church, United Church of Canada Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee), Mary Huska BScN, MHSc (Clinical Bioethicist/ Manager Spiritual and Religious Care at Health Sciences North), and lawyer Michael Hennessy (Hennessy Law, Sudbury). The meeting will take place in the lower hall of St. Stephen's on the Hill United Church, 1248 Lauzon Avenue, Sudbury at 7:00 p.m. with discussion and refreshments to follow. Grand River bookstore will have books available for purchase from 6:30. Please contact gillian.schell@sympatico.ca 705 671 0185 for more information.

Stand Up

The next session of "Stand Up," a balance program for

Parish Office Hours

Mondays	4:00 pm—8:00 pm	Jen Ames
Tuesdays	9:30 am—1:30 pm	Patti Brace
Thursday Mornings		Erma Howe
Fridays (when there is Morning Prayer)		
	10:00 am—12:00 noon	Brent Leigh

seniors, begins on April 4 in the Fellowship Hall and is scheduled for Tuesday 9:30-10:30 am and Thursday 9:30-11:00 am. To register, please call Mary Clancy at 705-566-3911.

Film and Discussion

On Thursday, April 6, at 7 pm, Fr. Bob will lead a film viewing and discussion of "Silence." "Silence," by Martin Scorsese, is a beautiful, unsettling, and theologically profound film about Portuguese Jesuit missionaries in 17th century Japan at a time when Christianity was outlawed. All are welcome. Please note, though, that the film portrays suffering and torture and is rated 14A.

Used Eye Glasses

I See U: Vision ministry -- If anyone has used eye-glasses, please place them in the gift bag at the back of the church by April 16. Thank you!!

Final Out of the Cold Dinner

The final Out of the Cold Dinner will be on April 21st. Pencil it in on your calendar; it's a great way to share fellowship and help out our community.

Mark your calendars for our Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, April 22nd (Earth Day) from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Start clearing out your closets and storage spaces for gently used items to donate. One persons' junk is another persons' treasure! Volunteers needed. Please speak to Jen Ames or call (705)618-2319.

Celebrity Server Fundraiser

Celebrity Server Fundraiser for Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on Monday, April 24th from 5:00 pm -8:00 pm at Boston Pizza! Come out, bring your friends and enjoy a great meal, all while helping raise funds for VBS.

Senior's Luncheon

Senior's Luncheon will be at noon on April 26th. Details

to follow.

Special Cards

Please check out the special cards that have been sent to Ascensionites. They are on the former name tag display board to the right of the office entrance.

Lectionary

2 April 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel in the valley of bones.

Psalm 130

I wait for the LORD... and in his word I hope

Romans 8:6-11

Set your mind on the Spirit

John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

9 April 2017

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Lord's steadfast love is everlasting

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Isaiah, prophet of the Lord

Psalm 31:9-16

I trust in you. O Lord

Philippians 2:5-11

Be of one mind with Christ Jesus

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

The Passion of Our Lord.