

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury, Ontario

December 24, 2017

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'." (Isaiah 52.7)

Bishop Anne's Motto for 2017



Holy Eucharist

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am Wednesday 9:30am

Morning and Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9:00am and 8:00pm

Friday 9:00am Sunday 8:00pm

Messy Church

1st Wednesday of the month at 4:30pm

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Parish Office

705-566-2790

Welcome to our worship! It is good to have you here with us today. If you are visiting the Church of the Ascension for the first time, please know that the Anglican Church teaches that all who 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.

Christmas Flowers

Christmas Services at the Ascension

December 24th 4pm – Children and Family Christmas Service

December 24th 8pm – Holy Eucharist – Book of Alternative Services

December 24th 11pm – Holy Eucharist – Book of Common Prayer

The Church office will be closed between Christmas and New Years although there will be Holy Eucharist on Sunday December 31st at 10am.

Alpha

In the New Year, we will be running an Alpha program here at the Church of the Ascension in partnership with the Samaritan center and Restoration Church. Alpha is a program that explores life's big questions from a Christian perspective with those who have little or no Church background. If you are interested in taking the course or helping out with this exciting ministry, please talk to Father Aidan – armstong.aidan@gmail.com. Alpha will begin on Thursday February 01 and run for 10 weeks. All Welcome!

Bulletin and Announcements

Please send Father Aidan and Joanie any announcements and bulletin information by Wednesday evening. armstrong.aidan@gmail.com , joanservent@gmail.com or call the church at 705 566-2790.

Flowers

Please let Anne Trimmer (705 566-8127)know if you wish to donate flowers on the altar.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
10 am Holy Eucharist

I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

Year B

Processional	#444
Collect of the day	page 272
First Lesson	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
<i>The Lord's promises to David</i>	
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	
<i>My soul magnifies the Lord</i>	
Second Lesson	Romans 16:25-27
<i>The ancient mystery is now disclosed to all humanity</i>	
Gradual	# 569
Holy Gospel	Luke 1:26-38
<i>Gabriel promises a son to Mary</i>	
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Recessional	# 435

The flowers are given by Michael Shepherd to the glory of God and in loving memory of all church members no longer with us. They are truly loved and greatly missed.

Lectionary

31 Dec 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Foretelling the coming of the New Kingdom

Psalms 148

All creation, praise the Lord.

Galatians 4:4-7

We are no longer slaves but the children of God

Luke 2:22-40

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple

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Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Creation, the first day. Psalm 29

Worship the Lord in holy splendor

Acts 19:1-7

Baptism of disciples at Ephesus

Mark 1:4-11

Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan

Parish Directory

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Hon. Associate

The Rev. Jeff Hooper

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In our prayers . . .

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Yola - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim

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 Aidan, Fr. Bob, & Fr. Jeff.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for St. James', Gravenhurst, Church of the Holy Manger, Barkway, The Rev. Heather Manuel, The Rev. Canon Tom James (Hon.)

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

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week, especially Nancy Turner, Diane, Linda, Richard, George, Derald Balson, Dan Turner, Barbara Blanchard, Inge, Priscilla Alurut, Canon Michael & Muriel Hankinson, Theresa Kuehl (Megan's grandma), Brandon, Heather Kennedy, Roz Jones, Jerry Howarth, Donna Barnes, Daryl Keen, Donna, and Carol, Viren, Lil Bowman, Irene Ginson-Fiss, Julie, Karrie, Joyce and Gary Costello, George Hunt, Karen, Spruce, Tamara, Jim Hunter, Peter, Sally Coker, Eddy, Lucette, Dwight Teeple, Caleb, Nancy

We pray for the repose of the soul of Rick McNaughton. May Rick rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for these families, recently bereaved, the Lewis, Roberts and Cawte families

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, Margaret Villeneuve, Velma Tansley, Karin Hoffman, Laurent Constantineau, Bessie Morgan. 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, we pray for Robert Corrigan, Steven & Heather Corrigan, Jane Cox & Gary Bota, 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

Today 4pm – Family Christmas Service with Eucharist
8pm – Holy Eucharist (BAS)
11pm – Holy Eucharist (BCP)

Wednesday, December 27th – 9am Morning Prayer
8pm Evening Prayer

Friday, December 29th – 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday, December 31st – 10am – Holy Eucharist
8pm – Evening Prayer

Announcements

Readings 2018

A hard copy of the readings for 2018 have been placed at the back of the Church to be picked up. Thank you to everyone who is involved in this important ministry of lector!

Request for Barrydowne College Donations

There is a desperate need for protein items and pasta sauce for the students. This year there are several homeless students attending so Kristina has requested gift cards from Superstore or Walmart to help them out. Kristina will use the gift cards to purchase toiletries, clothes, and other necessary items as they are needed.

Confirmation

Father Aidan is planning on running a confirmation class in the new year. If you, a member or your family or someone you know is interested in the sacrament of confirmation please contact Father Aidan at armstrong.aidan@gmail.com or 705- 566-2790.
