

# Church of the Ascension

## Sudbury, Ontario

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**December 24, 2017**

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*"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

1476 Sparks St., Sudbury ON P3A 2E1

**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.

*The Church office will be closed between Christmas and New Years although there will be Holy Eucharist on Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 – [armstrong.aidan@gmail.com](mailto:armstrong.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](mailto:armstrong.aidan@gmail.com) , [joanservent@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Christmas**  
**11 pm Holy Eucharist (BCP)**

*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.*

**Year B**

**Christ Candle Liturgy**

Reader: Rejoice, people of God! The light has come in-  
to the world.

*The Christ Candle is Lit.*

O God, now we light the candle of your nativity! With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, you come to us. This is the time of light and resplendent joy. The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth and goodwill!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth. At Christ's nativity, we now rejoice.

**People:** God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming this night to us. Thanks for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. In every corner of the world, shine this night with your peace. In every corner of our hearts, shine this night with your grace. Amen.

**Processional**

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The Service begins

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**First Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace*

**Psalm 96***Sing to the Lord a new song.***Second Lesson**

Titus 2:11-14

*Blessed hope and the manifestation of glory***Gradual**

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**Holy Gospel**

Luke 2:1-14

*The Nativity of our Lord***Offertory**

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**Communion**

# 122, 137, 146

**Recessional**

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**The flowers are given** to the glory of God and in memory of Ron Bonas, Christina Polifronie, Mabel Wilson, Geoffrey Griffiths, Albert and Therga Griffiths, Bonnie and Herman Bonas. From Betty Bonas.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of husband George. From wife Anne and family.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our son Robbie. From parents Dan and Nancy and sisters Lisa and Cheryl.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of husband Keith. From wife Jean and family.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our loved ones not with us this Christmas and with deepest gratitude for all of our blessings. From Sandra and Vince Paquette.

*Parish Directory***Rector**

The Rev. Aidan Armstrong  
email: armstrong.aidan@gmail.com

**Hon. Associate**

The Rev Dr. Robert Derrenbacher

**Hon. Associate**

The Rev. Jeff Hooper

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*In our prayers . . .*

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**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for York - (York, England) The Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, York - Beverley - (York, England) The Rt Revd Glyn Webster, York - Hull - (York, England) The Rt Revd Alison White, York - Selby - (York, England) The Rt Revd John Bromilow Thomson, York - Whitby - (York, England) The Rt Revd Paul John Ferguson

**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 Pray for Christian vocations and for candidates for ordained ministry, Pastoral Chaplains, The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin, Algoma, The Rev. Peter Simmons, Muskoka, The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston, Sudbury/Manitoulin, The Rev. Linda White, Temiskaming, The Rev. Canon Paul Carr, Thunder Bay-North Shore

**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 Allurut, 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 Donna Cresswell, Ed & Nicole Cummings, Mr. Ed Cummings, 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.

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### *In the Parish this Week*

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**Monday, December 25th** – Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 26th** – Church Office Closed

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

**Thursday, December 28th** – Church Office Closed

**Friday, December 29th** – 9am Morning Prayer

**Saturday, December 30th** – Church Office Closed

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

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### *Announcements*

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#### **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!