



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

1476 Spark Street, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 2A1

Parish Office: (705)566-2790 | ascension@vianet.ca

Rector: Rev. Aidan Armstrong | armstrong.aidan@gmail.com

December 08, 2019

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, The People I formed for myself, that they might declare my praise." (Isaiah 43:19, 20b, 21)

Bishop Anne's Motto for 2019

Holy Eucharist:	Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Wednesday 9:30 am
Morning Prayer:	Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am
Evening Prayer:	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday 8:00 pm
Messy Church:	1st Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm

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 baptized with water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of communion.

Parish Directory

Rector:	Rev Aidan Armstrong	(519) 878-2035
Hon. Associate:	Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews	
Hon. Assistant:	Rev. Jeff Hooper	
Rector's Warden:	Pat Cunningham	(705) 566-1203
People's Warden:	Jen Ames	(705) 618-2319
Deputy Warden:	Brent Leigh	(705) 524-6482
Web Site:	www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.com	
Facebook:	@ascensionsudbury	

What's happening this week...

Dec.08, 2019	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec. 09, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec.10,2019	6:00pm	Board Meeting
Dec. 11, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	9:30am	Holy Eucharist & Bible Study
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Dec.13, 2019	9:00am	Morning Prayer

Weekly Giving`s Target – December 01, 2019

Weekly Target - \$2000.00 - Weekly Offering – \$2992.00 = Difference – (+)929.00

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julie Binder – Nelson, wife of Beaumont Nelson.

2nd Sunday in Advent

9 & 11 am Holy Eucharist

Processional 103

Collect of the day BAS 269

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Second Lesson Romans 15:4-13

Gradual 101

Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Offertory 117

Prayer over the Gifts BAS 270

Communion 50,61

Prayer after Communion BAS 270

Recessional 116

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Mothers' Union around the world Sheran Harper - Worldwide President Bev Jullien - Chief Executive

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols, for our Metropolitan and Diocesan, Archbishop Anne Germond; for our Archdeacon, Glen, and for our parish clergy Fr. Aidan, Fr. Jeff and Bishop Andrews.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for Christ Church, North Bay , The Ven. Joan Locke, The Ven. Linda White (Hon.)

We pray for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples Merciful God, you call us to loving relationship with one another. Be with us now as we seek to heal old wounds and find joy again in this relationship. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. Give us the gifts of honesty and openness, and fill us with your healing power and grace. We ask this in Jesus's name.

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week, especially Canon Michael & Muriel Tamara, Nancy, Marshall, Bain ,Kay, Mags, Dave Fowler, Annette ,Barbara, Claudette, Gerry, Jim, Mary Rose, Sarah, Jaqueline, Colin, Connie & Catherine.

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, Karin Hoffman, Laurent Constantineau, Bessie Morgan and Sybil Crawford. 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 Christine Yagnych , Cheryl & Rob Zeglen, Heather Wright and their families.

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

A reading from Isaiah (Isaiah 11:1-10)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 BAS 797 Refrain - In his time shall peace and justice flourish.

Second Reading

A reading from Romans (Romans 15:4-13)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 3:1-12)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his

paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.