

Epiphany This Week

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Worship This Week



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(This photo was taken by someone from Downtown Sudbury, who was experimenting with a new camera lens by taking photos of various buildings in the downtown core. Marion, our communications chair person spotted this photo on their Instagram account one evening)

Sunday, October 15th:

Holy Communion (BCP) 8:30am

Choral Eucharist (BAS) 10:30am

Followed by Lunch & Learn (see below for more info)

Parish Announcements

THIS WEEKEND:

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY: The Rev. Aidan Armstrong will be Inducted as the new Rector of the Church of the Ascension on Saturday, October 14 at 2 pm. Regional Dean Doug Prebble will be the preacher. Everyone is welcome.

LUNCH AND LEARN: The Outreach Team is pleased to announce that the first Lunch and Learn of the fall will be held on Sunday, October 15th following the 10:30am service. Please come and enjoy soup, sandwiches, and learn about the McCulloch Hospice. Norm Blanchard will discuss the overall goals of the hospice, ongoing plans, as well as his role there.

NEW HONORARY ASSISTANT: It is a pleasure to announce that The Rev. Rhonda Hurst has accepted our invitation to become the Epiphany's new Honorary Assistant. Rhonda serves full-time as Chaplain at Health Sciences North and in the past number of years she has provided assistance at the Church of the Ascension. In the last year she has filled on here when Bishop Tom is out of the parish. Once we have received her new License from Bishop Germond Rhonda will be installed and welcomed among us. This new ministry does NOT mean that Rhonda will be the new Rector.

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A BIG THANK YOU: to Nancy Cresswell and her team, Marion Collinson, Jane Kivisto, Kym Marsh, Gwen Crosdale, Alice-Mae Varpio, and +Tom Corston, who worked so diligently to get as many of our parish family as possible out this past week to have their photos taken for a new Epiphany Parish directory. This should be a great help for our new Rector, whenever he/she is appointed! And thank you to all who took the time to come out to have their mug shots taken! Job well done!

ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM: We would like to encourage more of our congregation to provide financial offerings through the Electronic Offering Program of the Diocese, a service offered to assist in giving and receiving donations online. In this computerized age where many of us pay our bills online this service allows many to donate to their church and other ministries electronically. Donations are withdrawn from your bank account monthly on the 15th of each month. The donation is then deposited into the Church of the Epiphany's bank account. You decide how much to give. You may change your donation at any time. If you would like to consider this manner of giving, forms are available on the table at the office door. Complete the form and give it to Gwen in the office who will forward it to the Synod Office.

MORE COFFEE HOUR HOSTS & GREETERS ARE NEEDED: Our numbers of volunteers who provide these ministries are at an all-time low level. Our ability to be a friendly, welcoming congregation is totally dependent on our continued ability to provide these ministries. Persons providing the coffee hour are not required to provide home baking...simply prepare the coffee, tea, juice and lay out the biscuits – all the ingredients are supplied. The parish Fellowship Committee has now agreed to provide a monthly coffee-hour on the first Sunday of each month but we need members to host other Sundays (We are also looking to the men to help each week). If you will help, speak with Susan Glover or Eileen Thom.

REFRIGERATOR! Are you downsizing? We are still hoping to have a gently used refrigerator donated for use in the Phoenix Hall kitchen! However, if one is not offered this week we will have to go out and buy a new one as the current one is not functioning well enough for all the action it will get over the next few months. Please call the church office or e-mail Barb Bolton at rbandbb@gmail.ca today if you have one to spare.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? The Church of the Epiphany Choir is currently recruiting new choir members. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of music ministry at our parish, please contact Norm Blanchard by phone at 705-524-7924, by email at music@epiphanysudbury.org or see him after worship on any given Sunday. Being able to sing is a requirement. The ability to read music is a bonus but not a prerequisite.

BUILDING FUND: Some people have been asking for an update on their Building Fund pledges. At Parish Council it was decided that our envelope secretary, Eileen Thom, would send out an interim statement to all those who pledged to the Building Fund. You should receive this in the next few weeks. We are delighted to report that most people seem to be right up to date on their pledges, but this interim statement may help those who have lost track! Thank you all for your generosity. You will note that some landscaping improvements have been done recently courtesy of the Building Fund.

ORGAN FUND: As you know our organ is not repairable if it should break down again. We realize the timing is not great for another fundraising campaign, as we have still not completed the Building Fund term, but we hope that those of you who are not still honouring pledges for the Building Fund might consider donating to the Organ Fund in memory of a loved one, so that we can grow that fund as quickly as possible. A tax receipt will, of course, be issued for all such donations and your loved one's name will be engraved on the organ donors' plaque. . In addition, over the next year we hope to have a few special events that will help fundraise for this cause. Keep your eyes open for these events and please come out and support them! Can you imagine the 10:30 service without an organ????

THE SUDBURY-MANITOULIN FALL DEANERY MEETING: takes place on Saturday, October 21st at St. John's Church, Copper Cliff, beginning at 9:30 am. All clergy, Wardens, Treasurers and Synod Delegates are voting members of the Deanery Council. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: 8:30 am, Saturday, October 28th. All men of the parish are urged to attend. An invitation has gone out to the men at St. Andrew's United Church to join us. Breakfast costs \$10. each.

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP DAY: Volunteers are needed for our fall clean-up day of the church building and grounds in preparation for the coming winter. Come on out Saturday, October 28th at 9:30 am, bring your rakes, work-gloves garbage and leaf-bags

and lend a hand.

EVENSONG & PARISH SUPPER: Set the day aside now...Sunday, November 5th the Choir will sing a traditional BCP service of Evening Prayer at 4:30 pm. Following the service everyone is encouraged to come out to our fundraising Pasta Supper in Phoenix Hall at 6 pm. The meal will include pasta, ceasar salad, and garlic bread with desert, coffee, tea and juice for \$10 (adult & teen) and \$5. (children 3-12 years). Our thanks to Chefs Brent & Mark Taylor for agreeing to prepare this special meal.

PWRDF: Update on recent emergency responses.

There have so many weather-related emergency relief needs in the past few months and so many appeals, it is hard to know where or how to respond. We know that in donating through our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, 100% of our donations go where want them to and that, often donations are channeled through ACT (Action by Churches Together) where help will be given through a member group already having working groups on the ground in the affected areas. PWRDF, along with many other Canadian faith-based organization can draw on their accounts with Canadian FoodGrains Bank (CFGB).

August 2017 –

Hurricane Harvey – a \$5000 grant sent to Episcopal Relief and Development to assist rescue, relief, and recovery efforts in affected areas. For donations to PWRDF, specify “Hurricane Harvey”. (Note of interest -that relief fund sent a grant of \$5000 for Fort MacMurray relief in 2016)

Nepal floods – a rapid response grant \$25,000 sent through ACT with aid being channeled through Lutheran World Federation's Nepal Program which has been working in most of the affected districts since 1984. (Rapid response grant is when help is sent immediately before donations can be received).

September -

Hurricane Irma – Cuba and Haiti received an initial grant of \$40,000. Donations to PWRDF, specify “Hurricane Irma”.

Mexico – earthquake – to contribute to emergency relief through PWRDF, specify “emergency relief-Mexico”

B.C. Wildfires – administered through the offices of the Territory of the People where the needs are being assessed. “emergency relief-BC Wildfires”.

Famine in Africa – By the end of May, over \$338,000 has been distributed through existing projects to assist relief efforts in South Sudan, Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia plus relief in Nigeria. This includes withdrawals from our CFGB account. An additional \$100,000 has been sent in September. This effort is ongoing and donations can be specified for “African Famine Relief”.

I discussed donations with a PWRDF representative this morning and how best to contribute in light of so many needs. Based on this conversation, my plan is to make a donation with a specification of “Emergency Relief” and it will be allocated where the need is greatest. Any donation can be specified as to where you want it to go.

Options for donating: 1. Through PWRDF with credit card – call 1-866-308 7973.

2. Go to Canada Helps online

3. Send donation to The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund,
The Anglican Church of Canada, 80 Hayden Street
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

4. Give cheques or cash to PWRDF rep. Mary Donato to send in all together. Questions – Mary-donatomarye@hotmail.com

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

MONDAY (16th) Noon, Women’s Bible study

TUESDAY (17th) 7 pm, Parish Council meeting

WEDNESDAY (18th) 10 am, Holy Eucharist
7 pm, Out-of-the-Cold Information session at St. Andrew’s United Church. New and returning volunteers are invited to attend. The evening includes an orientation to the Out of the Cold program as well as two guest speakers who have extensive experience working with agencies in the city that tackle issues of homelessness and poverty. There will also be a

discussion period, which will offer you the opportunity to share your experiences and have your questions addressed.

THURSDAY(19 th)	9:30 am, Quilters and Knitters 7 pm, Choir practice
SATURDAY (21 st)	9:30 am – Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery Council meeting at St. John's Church, Copper Cliff.
NEXT SUNDAY (22 nd)	(Pentecost 20) 8:30 am, Holy Eucharist (BCP) 10:30 am, Choral Eucharist (BAS) & Godly Play

Items for Epiphany This Week are to be sent to Marion Collinson or etw@epiphanysudbury.org
AND to the church office info@epiphanysudbury.org **BY NOON** each Thursday