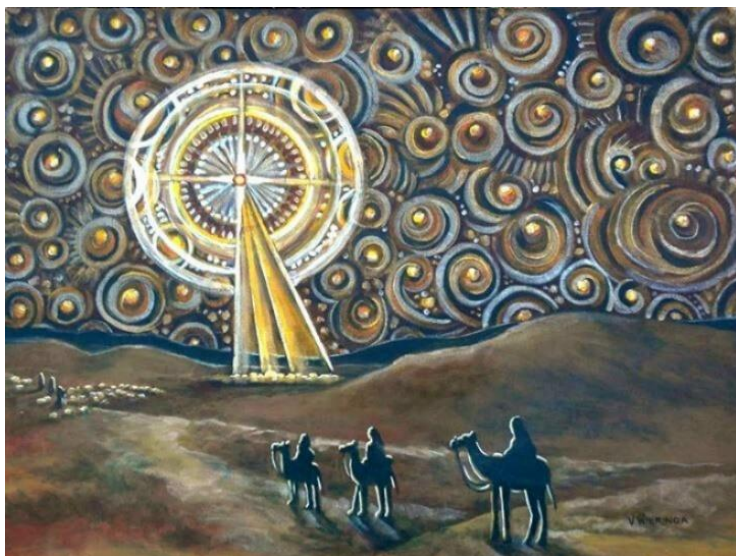


EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

December 29, 2023 – January 4, 2024

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st ~

8:30am – Traditional Said Service of Holy Communion (BCP) **Please Note:** We gather again for our 8:30am worship on Sunday January 7th when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

10:30am – Main Worship Service with music and Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany.

READINGS FOR EPIPHANY: Isaiah 60:1-6,

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

SUMMARY OF READINGS: The gospel story tells of the visit of the Magi and thus represents the time for commemorating the presentation of Christ to the world. It also underscores the tense hostility to Jesus by the political and religious establishment. The prophet Isaiah uses vivid imagery and dramatic language that are echoed throughout the Christmas story. The 72nd psalm is sung as a petitionary prayer of the community at the coronation of a king as it requests the fulfillment of the aspirations associated with the Davidic monarchs. The letter to the Ephesians affirms Christ's presentation to the world and the inclusion of all nations in God's purpose through the church.

QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION: Warned in a dream of Herod's evil intentions, the Magi "left for their own country by another road." What could it mean for you to take "another road" as the church concludes the celebrations of the Christmas season?

AT HOME PRAYERS - Morning – Loving God, do not let my good intentions become a means of evil. Do not let my trust become cooperation with sin. Do not let my naivete become an opportunity for wickedness. Make me prudent in acts of mercy, firm in my resistance to evil, and wise in my discernment of wrong, for the sake of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Evening - Loving God, in the journey of life guide me by the star that leads to Jesus, that I may return to you transformed by his love. Amen.

COVID CASES ARE ON THE RISE IN GREATER SUDBURY: Please be mindful of not only your health, safety and well-being but also that of others. If you are not feeling well, or have any ill symptoms such as coughing, fever, fatigue, or a sore throat, please stay home and join us for the worship services that will be offered online. We are delighted to welcome you online if you are not able to join us in person.



THIS SUNDAY, THE FLOWERS: in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Leatherdale, given by Carrie Leatherdale. The flowers are in celebration for what would have been his 90th birthday on December 31st.



REV. ELIZABETH'S "DROP IN" OFFICE HOURS:

Though she is available, please note that Rev. Elizabeth will not be holding regular Drop-In Office Hours until the week of January 7th.

Please be reminded that if you need to speak with Rev. Elizabeth or schedule a visit for any reason, please email her at greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com or leave a telephone message for her at the church office. Thank You



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHURCH WARDENS:



To All Friends and Members of Epiphany,

We, the Church Wardens, are so grateful for the many ways you so generously give to our parish. Nothing would be possible without your financial and volunteered support. Thank you.

We also need to remind everyone that if there are any donations that you wish to make for this year, we need to receive your monetary gifts **by December 31st** at the very latest. You can donate online via PayPal on our website (www.epiphanysudbury.org) and clicking the "Donate Now" button at the top or bottom of each page.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for faithfully helping us continue in all that we do through our church.

We wish all of you a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Gilles Tessier

Terry Kett

Marion Collinson



A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH:

The End of One Year Marks the Beginning of Another.



Dear Friends.

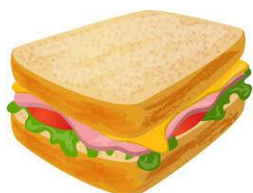
This year Epiphany Sunday and the morning of New Year's Eve occur on the same day – Sunday December 31st. I will admit that I had some high hopes for this particular worship celebration, but due to my annual post-Christmas head cold, I was not able to put together all that I had hoped. The best I can do is to be well enough to worship with you at 10:30am this Sunday. I will make sure of it!

We will gather to give our thanks to God for the Day of Epiphany, and for our beloved Church of the Epiphany. We will also have an opportunity to bid farewell to 2023 and ask God's blessing upon the New Year of 2024.

Then, following our Epiphany worship service, there will be a Special Coffee Hour to mark the occasion of our celebrations. Everyone is welcome. Let's pray and give thanks to God for the wonders of God's blessings throughout 2023 and in the New Year soon to come.

Yours Faithfully,
Elizabeth+





SANDWICHES ON THE 5th SUNDAY: Sunday December 31st is the 5th Sunday of the month which means it's our turn to provide sandwich makings for the mission. If you can contribute a loaf or two of bread, cans of tuna, ham, etc. please speak to Terry Kett.



FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY: If you wish to donate Memorial Flowers in memory of a loved one, or you would like to give flowers to mark a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary, the birth of a child, Father's Day, National Indigenous Day of Prayer, or another set day in the church year, please call the Church Office to arrange for your flower donation. Thank You.



NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE: The Church of the Epiphany would not be able to function without your support. It is your faithful Givings that makes ministry possible and enables life to flourish in and through our church. New Church Envelopes are now available to be picked up outside of the church office. If you need someone to deliver you your envelopes, please call or email the church office. Thank You



THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE: will be taking place January 26-28th. Posters are available on the table outside the church office. Please take one, or more, to post in a business you frequent, your apartment building, etc. If you would like an electronic copy to send to friends and family contact Evelyn at keeper1916@gmail.com

Books can be brought to the church beginning Sunday, January 21st, 2024.

If you are in need of help with delivery of your donated books, please contact an able bodied church family member that lives in your area of town.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS EVERYONE! ARCHBISHOP ANNE WILL BE JOINING US IN APRIL!

On Sunday April 14th Archbishop Anne is scheduled to join us for a worship celebration that may include the sacraments of Baptism, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Confirmation. A big worship celebration like this one will require a fair amount of planning. If you, or anyone in your family is interested in baptism, confirmation, or the renewal of baptismal vows, please be sure you speak with Rev. Elizabeth. ASAP. Thank You!



LET US PRAY

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Marg Loney; Dorothy Larsen; Dave and Kellie Clifford; Craig and Shanice Walters; Dave Tate; Gerry Loughheed; Nancy Cresswell.

FOR THOSE IN NEED: Dorothy; William; Jean; Pat; Nick and Ellen; John and Judith; Karen and Corrine; Della and Sandra; Frances; Monique; Carol and Bob; Maybourne.



Watch us LIVE on Sunday Mornings at www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services

Announcements for ETW should be sent to etw@epiphanysudbury.org by NOON each Thursday.