

EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

January 5 - 11, 2024

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The Baptism
of
Jesus



WORSHIP CELEBRATION FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th ~

8:30am – Traditional Said Service of Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am – Main Worship Service with music and Holy Eucharist (BAS).

READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

SUMMARY OF READINGS: If baptism is understood as a new beginning, then it is appropriate to hear the story from Genesis as a background because creation involves naming, declaring and identifying all that God has called into being. The 29th psalm, with its vivid portrayal of the union of natural storms with the voice and

activity of God, moves us closer to the story of Jesus' baptism. The story from Acts raises again the thorny issues of John's baptism and the reason why Jesus submitted himself to it.

QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION: The Holy Spirit of God inspires us to risk our very lives for the sake of the good news of Jesus Christ, and to trust that with God nothing is impossible. This Spirit is a powerful wind that breathes through our speaking and our acting to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, even to the point of transforming the world, as the Spirit did through the first disciples. Do you feel as though you've ever risked your life for the sake of the gospel?

AT HOME PRAYERS - Morning – Living God, creator of light, thank you for the gift of this day. Let me be a light in your world so that people will look at me and see the goodness of your creation; in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Evening - Living God, creator of light, thank you for the gift of this night. Let me be at peace in your presence so that I may rest, be restored and arise to praise your glory; in Jesus' name. Amen



COLD, FLU AND COVID CASES ARE SPREADING THROUGH 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.



REV. ELIZABETH'S "DROP IN" OFFICE HOURS and A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH:

Dear Friends and Members of Epiphany,

As most of you know, I have recently been challenged with some health issues. I am on the mend, but it is taking time for me to fully recover and to reenergize. For the week of January 7th, I intend to be available in the Church Office from 10am-2pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 10am-Noon on Thursday. It always helps when you let me know ahead of time if you would like to come and see me. In the event that I am still under the weather, my office hours may change. I thank you for your care and understanding.

Yours Faithfully,

Elizabeth+

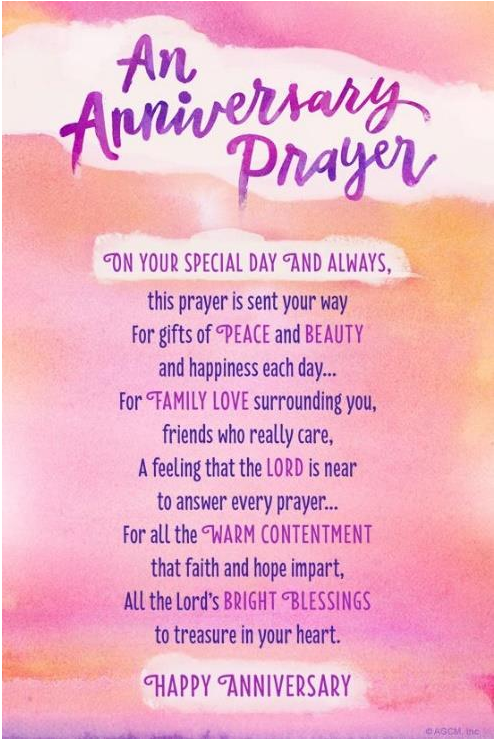
Please be reminded that if you need to speak with Rev. Elizabeth or schedule a visit for any reason, please email her at greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com or leave a telephone message for her at the church office. Thank You.



AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COFFEE HOUR!

This Sunday, January 7th, The Flowers in the Church are given in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Sue and Tom Moland.

Following the 10:30 service everyone is welcome and invited to join Tom and Sue Moland as they celebrate 60 wonderful years of marriage. Tom and Sue were married in the old Epiphany chapel long before the fire; their Church Family means so much to them. Let's be sure we all stay to celebrate with Tom and Sue this Sunday following worship. Thank you!



A BIG THANK YOU! Rev. Elizabeth, Rev. Norm, and the Church Wardens would like to extend a very BIG Thank You to all those who offered their loving hearts, helpful hands, and beautiful voices, that all combined to make our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Celebrations at Epiphany wonderful, beautiful and memorable. Your love and good care are a blessing to us all. Thank You, and Thanks be to God!



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: There are some important dates coming up in the life of our Church. Please note the following:

On **Saturday January 20th** at 11am there will be a Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life and Memory of our beloved friend and faithful member of Epiphany, Dorothy Thompson

On **Sunday January 21st**, Archbishop Anne will be with us and will lead us in worship. *This is an excellent opportunity for those who are seeking baptism, confirmation or the renewal of baptismal vows, to meet our wonderful Archbishop before she joins us again on Sunday April 14th.



On **Saturday February 3rd** there will be a Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life and Memory of our friend and faithful member of Epiphany, Dan Pendleton.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: will begin again on Monday, January 8th at noon. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at emer79@hotmail.com.



A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH & REV. NORM:

A Note from Rev. Elizabeth and Rev. Norm
I'm Not Alone – Online Grief Discussion Group


Dear Friends in Christ,

In whatever ways we may differ from one another there is one thing that we all hold in common – grief. Most, if not all of us, are grieving a loss; be it the loss of a spouse, a friend, a parent, a relative, a family pet, or even a place. And though most of us are well acquainted with grief, everyone’s grief is unique and therefore needs to be honoured as such. However, if we are not careful, our grief can leave us feeling isolated and alone; and yet as we are reminded each Sunday, we know that God blesses us when we bless one another with love. The blessing of love reminds us that we are not alone, especially in our grieving.

From January through to April, Rev. Norm will be offering an online discussion group to help all of us share and express our grief. “I’m Not Alone” will provide a meaningful opportunity to connect with others through our grieving. Rev. Elizabeth will be joining one of the discussion groups and looks forward to the God-given blessings that it will surely offer. All the dates and information are included in the poster. If you have any questions or would like more information, please be sure to speak with Rev. Norm.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Norm and Rev. Elizabeth.

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Maison McCulloch Hospice
invites you to attend

« I’m Not Alone »
an online grief discussion group

Maison McCulloch Hospice provides access to
Grief Discussion Groups via internet using **ZOOM** video conferencing.

You may choose one of two sessions offered each month.

JANUARY

Monday January 15, 2024 – 2 p.m.
Wednesday January 17, 2024 – 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Monday February 12, 2024 – 2 p.m.
Wednesday February 14, 2024 – 6 p.m.

MARCH

Monday March 18, 2024 – 2 p.m.
Wednesday March 20, 2024 – 6 p.m.

APRIL

Monday April 15, 2024 – 2 p.m.
Wednesday April 17, 2024 – 6 p.m.

TO ACCESS ONE OF THESE MEETINGS, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. You may use a laptop, a desktop with speakers and microphone, a tablet or a cell phone

2. Contact the group facilitator by:
email: normand@maisonsudburyhospice.org or by phone: (705) 674-9252, ext. 227

Leave a message with the **all** of the following information:
- Your name, phone number **and** email address
 (note: you must have an email address to access these meetings)
- Indicate the date of the group discussion you wish to attend that month

3. A “**ZOOM**” invitation with the **link** giving you access to the meeting will be **emailed** to you.

4. On the day of the scheduled meeting:
- Test your device’s camera, speaker and microphone to assure they work.
- Test your internet connection.
- In the emailed invitation, follow the instructions to access the meeting and click on the link which begins with “**http:**”
- Once on the website, click “Join Meeting” and the facilitator will admit you to the meeting.

These discussion groups are open to the general public.

If you know someone who has
recently experienced the death of a loved-one,
please extend this invitation to them.

**A MESSAGE FROM REV. ELIZABETH AND RECTOR'S WARDEN, TERRY KETT
CONCERNING HOSPITALITY IN THE ALGOMA ROOM.**

Dear Parishioners,

It has been brought to our attention that there have been some issues concerning the Ministry of Hospitality in the Algoma Room. The work and ministry that contributes to our Coffee Hour following each worship service is vital to the life of our community; respect and consideration for those providing this ministry needs to be graciously given at all times. Therefore, we ask that only Carrie, as well as those scheduled for Coffee Hour Ministry on Sundays, be allowed into the Algoma Room kitchen. If you are not scheduled to provide Coffee Hour Ministry, we ask that you do not access the Algoma Room kitchen and instead speak with Carrie or with those who are scheduled to offer hospitality. Your care and cooperation are very much needed to ensure that everyone, including our Coffee Hour Volunteers, will enjoy our social time together following worship. Thank You.

Yours in Faith,
Rev. Elizabeth and Terry Kett



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.

A sign up sheet for volunteering at the annual outreach team book sale will be posted on the glass outside of the Algoma Room. Please remember to include your phone number when you sign up.



YOUR OUTREACH TEAM: will have a table set up in the church foyer on Sunday to collect your reverse advent "coffee" donations to the Sudbury Food Bank. The food bank will receipt donations of \$20.00 or more.

Thanking you in advance of supporting this initiative for those in need.



LET US PRAY

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Tom and Sue Moland; Mary Donato; Peter and Alice Mae Varpio; Linda Goodale; Sandra Seniuk; Wendy Collinson.

FOR THOSE IN NEED: 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.