

# Epiphany This Week

## March 27-April 2, 2020

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*As you know churches across Ontario have been closed, including  
Church of the Epiphany*

*This situation will likely continue for a lengthy period of time, and we might not be able to return to our church building until summer. I, as the Rector, and our pastoral care team are committed to staying in touch with you via internet and telephone calls. We will call you occasionally, without being a nuisance! If you require any assistance and have no family to help, let us know and we will do our best to help.*

*Copies of "Epiphany This Week" will be mailed to those of you on our membership roll who do not have internet access.*

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### OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

The Primate and Ontario House of Bishops has asked us not to celebrate further online Eucharists in order to "Fast from the Eucharist and feast on the Word" through the pandemic.

Thus our weekly broadcast will now be "**Service of the Word**" that is available on the Anglican Church of Canada website. I have copied the particular service we plan to use this Sunday and include it with this edition of ETW so you can follow along. Also included with this edition is our weekly Intercessions for you to use in your own prayer life.

### PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**ELGIN STREET MISSION** This Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month) is the day we always remember the clients at the Elgin Street Mission by providing sandwich-makings. The Mission continues to require this gift, so we are appealing to you to help. **Gwen Crosdale will park in front of the church at 85 Larch Street on Sunday morning, March 29<sup>th</sup> between 11 am and noon.** IF YOU ARE ABLE, you can drop off your donations by simply placing them in Gwen's car, thus maintaining the required COVID-19 safe-distancing. If you signed up to provide a donation but do not feel safe going outside your home, telephone Gwen to inform her. Thanks. (She does not access the internet).

Announcements for Epiphany This Week should be sent to [etw@epiphanysudbury.org](mailto:etw@epiphanysudbury.org) by NOON each Thursday

**CHURCH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP** It is vital to remember, during this COVID-19 crisis when our church is closed and our activities are cancelled, the parish still has financial obligations and bills to pay. Please do not ignore your call to be a faithful steward. You can mail your regular offering (in a plain envelope) to Church of the Epiphany, 85 Larch St., Sudbury, ON, P3E 1B8. Those of you with internet access are encouraged to register for the “Electronic Offering” program through the Diocese of Algoma. Go to the Diocese of Algoma website ([www.dioceseofalgoma.com](http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com)), then go to “About the Diocese” and then down to “Electronic Offering Program” and complete a “Donor Registration Form”.

**THIS WEEK’S INTERCESSIONS**...As it has been requested that our weekly intercessions be included in the ETW, please uphold the following in your prayers



**For the Church in our Diocese** St. Paul’s, Wawa and All Saints Church, White River and for the Layleaders in those parishes.

**For our Companion Diocese of Tarime** Itandora, Catechist Samwel Mwita

**For our Christian Neighbours** Paroisse St. Jean-de-Brebeuf, Fr. J.P. Jolicoeur, Pastor

**For Members of our Parish family** Shannon & Katheryn...Evan, Hazel & Griffith...Olga and their Families

**For the repose of the soul** of Murray Scott and we pray for Susan and his family as they mourn his passing. A celebration of Murray’s life will take place at the Epiphany when we reopen.

**For our sick and shut-in Members** Eleanor, Billie, Carol Ann, Susan, Chris, Muriel & Michael, Dan, Bain, Olga, William, Cynthia, Alf & Eileen, Donna, Carolyn, Eleanor, Brad, Pat, John, Colin, Michele, Margaret, Betty, Dorothy, Lukah, Linda, Kevin, Pat, Gary, Beverley, Christopher & Roy

**For one another in this COVID-19 Crisis...**

*God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(Church of England)*

### **A NATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER THIS SUNDAY, from the Primate**



Please join me in a national day of prayer on Sunday, March 29 to pray for the whole Communion and for the whole world engulfed in COVID-19. **Tune in live to join me in prayer on Sunday, March 29 at 7pm (EDT)** on the [Anglican Church of Canada Facebook page](#), or whenever is best for you later.

**Light a candle of hope in the window, or on the porch of your home and join me as we pray:**

- for repentance as we look at ourselves and ask how we have shared in the divisions and pain of difficult conversations across the Communion in recent years (see [resources](#))
- for the whole Anglican Communion as we seek to support

and care for one another as siblings in Christ in the midst of this and other crises (see [resources](#));

- for the whole world as we share in the effects of COVID19 – for health care workers; researchers, those who are ill, those are quarantined or in isolation and those who are abandoned and alone in this time; and
- for our hope in the gospel—that God is with us now and always.

**- The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls**