

EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

November 17 - 23, 2023

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What you do with it is
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 2023 ~

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

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

READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.

SUMMARY OF READINGS: Like Amos, from the prophet Zephaniah we hear an announcement of judgement that is directly related to the justice of God. Reminders of the transience and unpredictability of life are repeated in the communal lament that we hear in Psalm 90. In his instructions to the church, Paul teaches that the proper way to prepare for the Lord's return is not by calculating the time and place, but by conducting oneself properly and establishing meaningful relationships within the community of faith. Jesus teaches the same message in the parable of the talents, where he concedes that the end may not occur until "after a long time," but insists that the question of how one has handled one's position of trust will eventually be raised.

QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION: If we believe in the kingdom to come, we need not fear, in life or in death. How does that change the way we live?

AT HOME PRAYERS

Morning - Creator God, I give you thanks for this good morning. I welcome this new day because it is a gift from you. My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away. Make me more faithful than I could be on my own, and use me to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace. Walk with me and show me your way today and ever day. I pray in the name of Jesus, the one who I seek to follow. Amen.

Evening – Holy God, I thank you for this good evening. Thank you for brining me through this day, its trials and its joys. You surprise me with wonder and overwhelm me with love. Keep me in your embrace this night; inhabit my dreams. If you bless me with another day of life, awaken me as one who is eager to serve you well. Lord, hear my prayer. Amen.



In care and consideration for all, 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 are offered online. We are delighted to welcome you online if you are not able to join us in person. Thank you.

REV. ELIZABETH'S "DROP IN" OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19th:

. Tuesday November 21st – 11am – 2pm

Wednesday November 22nd – 10am-1pm.

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



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED: We are needing to add to our roster of Coffee Hour hosts and hostesses. If you'd like to volunteer for this ministry of hospitality, please speak to Carrie Leatherdale.



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY: will take place on Sunday, December 3, the first Sunday of Advent. Traditionally, we have used this Sunday to provide gifts for the Christmas bags for the youth at Sudbury Action Centre, many of whom look forward to these bags as their only Christmas gift. If you find it difficult to get out to shop, a cash contribution will help us fill them, Currently, there are more bags to be filled for males than for females.

White Gift Sunday



Suggestions include:

- ❄ warm mitts, hats, socks (adult size)
- ❄ hand warmers
- ❄ underwear
- ❄ scarves
- ❄ pens, little notebooks
- ❄ deodorant, tooth brushes, small tubes of tooth paste, - small size shampoo
- ❄ individually wrapped treats like granola bars, Dad's cookies, leftover Hallowe'en treats, Christmas candies.

(Please note: **NO** Mouthwash or hand sanitizer)

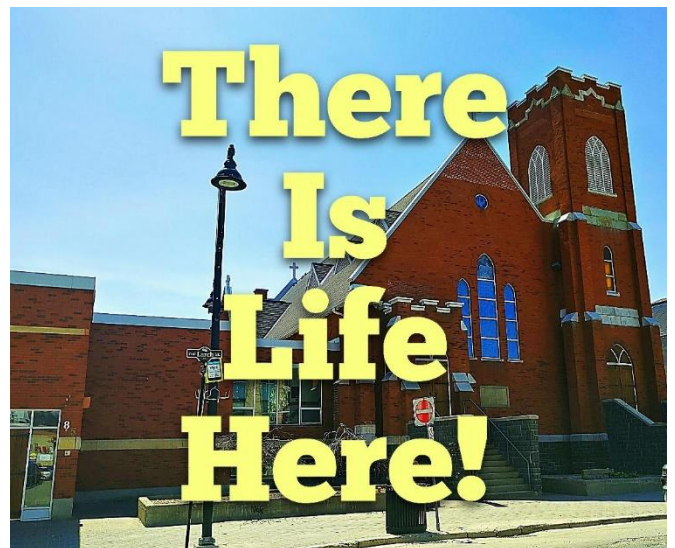


A NOTE FROM REVEREND ELIZABETH

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week I attended the Executive Committee Meetings for the Diocese of Algoma. The bulk of these meetings mainly concern property and financial matters that relate to parishes and deaneries within our diocese. Archbishop Anne chairs these meetings beautifully. She always encourages us to remain hopeful throughout every discussion, however difficult it may be.

As our diocesan bishop, Archbishop Anne has her finger on the pulse of our diocese in ways that nobody else can. In her wonderful sermon that she offered to us during our morning Eucharist, Archbishop Anne touched upon the fact that every parish in our diocese is struggling in one way or another, and for many reasons. She reminded us that most of the struggles and challenges we face harken back to the Covid 19 pandemic. The reality is that not one parish has returned to the "way that it was before."



Of course, this includes the Church of the Epiphany; however, ours is not a "bad news" story. Ours is a story of hope because we are people of hope, and with hope comes the God-given possibilities for new life. One of the ministries that has been blessed with the hope of new life at the Church of the Epiphany is our monthly "Lunch and Learn" event. Thanks to the care, commitment and dedication of our Outreach Committee, our Lunch and Learn events are occasions for all of us to break bread together and to learn more about people, issues and

challenges that affect so many of our neighbours. Thus far I have attended three Lunch and Learn sessions – all three were excellent! I encourage all of you to attend these events, and if possible, to see how you might help to support this most promising ministry that has been rekindled with the hope of new life. The same can be said for our Coffee Hour ministry of hospitality. And although the overall number of participants have dwindled, there still remains the choir and ministry of music, the chancel guild ministry, and the JOY (*just older youth*) friendship group; all these things are alive in their purpose for ministry. They combine to generate life within our church. In other words, and in case you have not noticed, there is life at the Church of the Epiphany.

There is life in our community of faith; and like all living things, every aspect of life in our church community needs to be supported, cared for and tended to, just as God in Christ supports, cares for and tends to us all through the hopeful promise of life that gives life. The more of us who engage in the life of the Church of the Epiphany, the more that life will continue to grow, to flourish, and to further become a place where the love of God is real and is made known in ways that we cannot yet imagine.

There is Life Here. I pray we all become a part of it and share in the hope that it offers to us all. Thanks be to God.

Yours Faithfully,
Elizabeth+



LET US PRAY

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Darlene and Bill McKetsy; Reuben, Gladys, Zion, Amanda, Success and Noah Ukafor; Margaret Kamerman and Eddie Moswane.

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

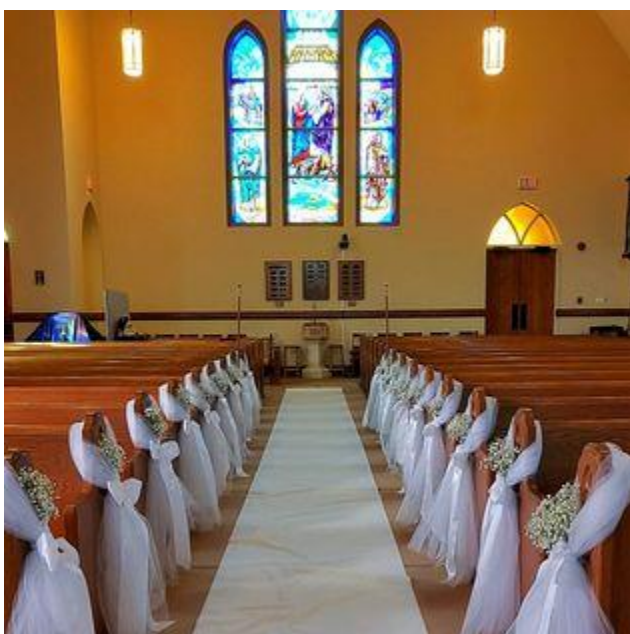


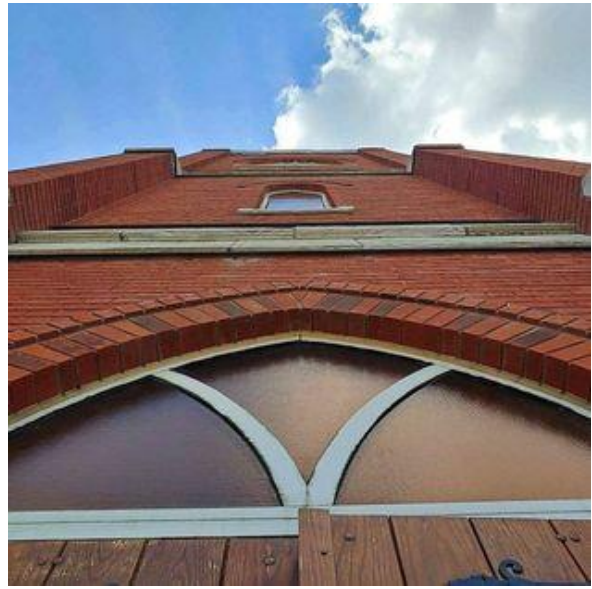
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Announcements for ETW should be sent to etw@epiphanysudbury.org by NOON each Thursday.

Life at The Epiphany...

Photos from the last few month taken by Rev. Elizabeth & Kevin





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