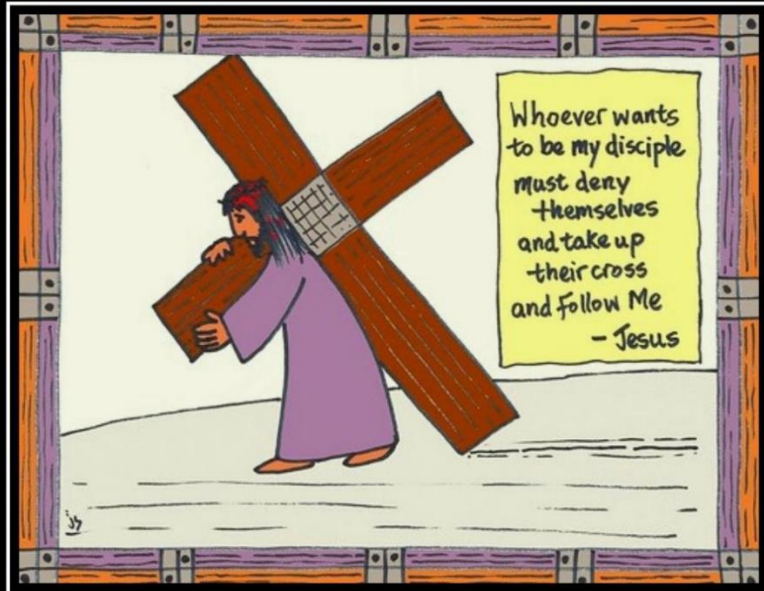


EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

February 23 - 29, 2024

Church of the Epiphany ~ 85 Larch St. Sudbury, Ontario ~ P3E 1B8

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

WORSHIP CELEBRATION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT **~ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th** **2024 ~**

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

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

**READINGS FOR THE SECOND
SUNDAY IN LENT:** Genesis 17:1-
7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

SUMMARY OF READINGS:
Today's passage from the Hebrew
Scriptures is closely linked with
Paul's Letter to the ancient church
in Rome; indeed the account of

God's covenant with Abraham in Genesis is specifically cited by Paul and functions significantly in his overall argument for Abraham as the paradigm of faith for the church in every generation. A central element in the psalm is the promise that all the nations will eventually turn to the Lord and worship him, also a critical point in Paul's argument. The Gospel story tells of the first passion prediction followed by Jesus' instructions concerning discipleship.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION: Jesus asks his disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him. How do you practice self-denial for the sake of the gospel? Is every instance of self-denial an act of obedience to Jesus? Can some forms of self-denial foster oppression?

AT HOME PRAYERS - Morning – Lord Jesus, help me to walk with you this day. If you lead me where I fear to go, give me courage and keep me true, that I may bear my cross without shame and live in the promise of eternal life. Amen.

Evening - Lord Jesus, if I stray, show me my fault, forgive my sin, and set me rightly on your path. Keep me on the way of the cross and lead me to the eternal joy of Easter. Amen.



PLEASE REMEMBER - 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 OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25th:

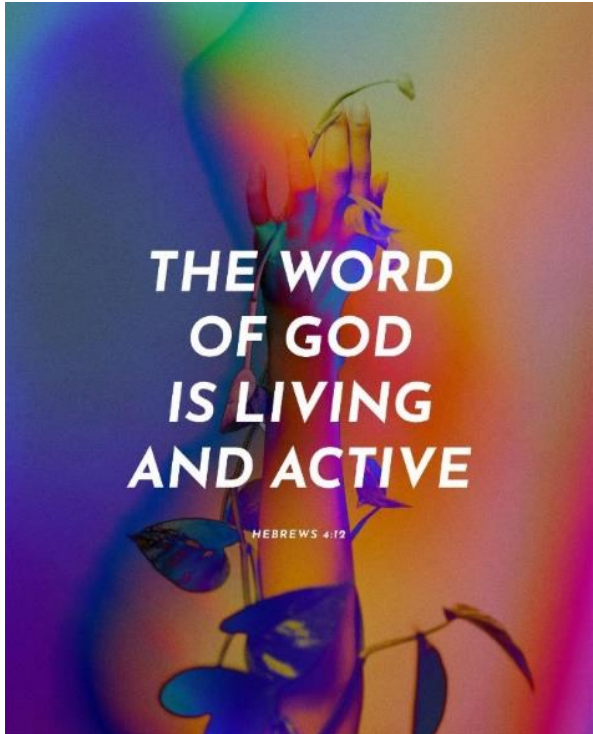
Please be reminded that if you need to speak with Rev. Elizabeth or schedule a visit for any reason, please email her at greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com or leave a telephone message for her at the church office. Thank You.



PARISH COUNCIL: meets next on Thursday February 29th at 7:00 in the Algoma Room



ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
for The Church of the Epiphany
Sunday, March 3rd, following our
10:30am worship. Please mark
your calendars and be sure to
stay for our meeting. Thank You.



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT – Every Wednesday during the Season of Lent, from now until Wednesday March 20th, Rev. Elizabeth will be offering worship in the church with Holy Eucharist, followed by a reflective bible study in the Algoma Room entitled *Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church*. Our worship will begin at 10am, with our bible reflection to follow. It is a good idea to bring a sandwich, beverage or light snack with you. Everyone is welcome.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS EVERYONE!
ARCHBISHOP ANNE WILL BE JOINING US FOR A BIG WORSHIP CELEBRATION IN APRIL!

On Sunday April 14th Archbishop Anne is scheduled to join us for a BIG 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. Plans are now in the works! If you haven't done so already, now is the time to let Rev. Elizabeth know if you or a family member is interested in receiving the sacraments baptism, confirmation, or the renewal of baptismal vows. It would be most helpful if you would kindly send Rev. Elizabeth an email indicating the sacrament that you wish to receive, and that includes your full name and contact information. Please email Rev. Elizabeth at greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com Thank You.



A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH:
A New Familiar Reason to Love Wednesdays in Lent

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Wednesday of this week a small group of people gathered together for Mid-Week worship followed by our Bible reflection, *Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church*. It was wonderful! During our informal worship gathering in the chancel, we dipped into *For All the Saints: Prayers and Readings for Saints Days*, composed and compiled by the late Rev. Dr. Stephen Reynolds – my beloved teacher, mentor, pastor and friend. Back in the days when I attended seminary at Trinity College, I was known as Stephen's *#1 Fan and Devoted Student*. Needless to say, tapping back into *For All the Saints* is very meaningful and memorable for me.

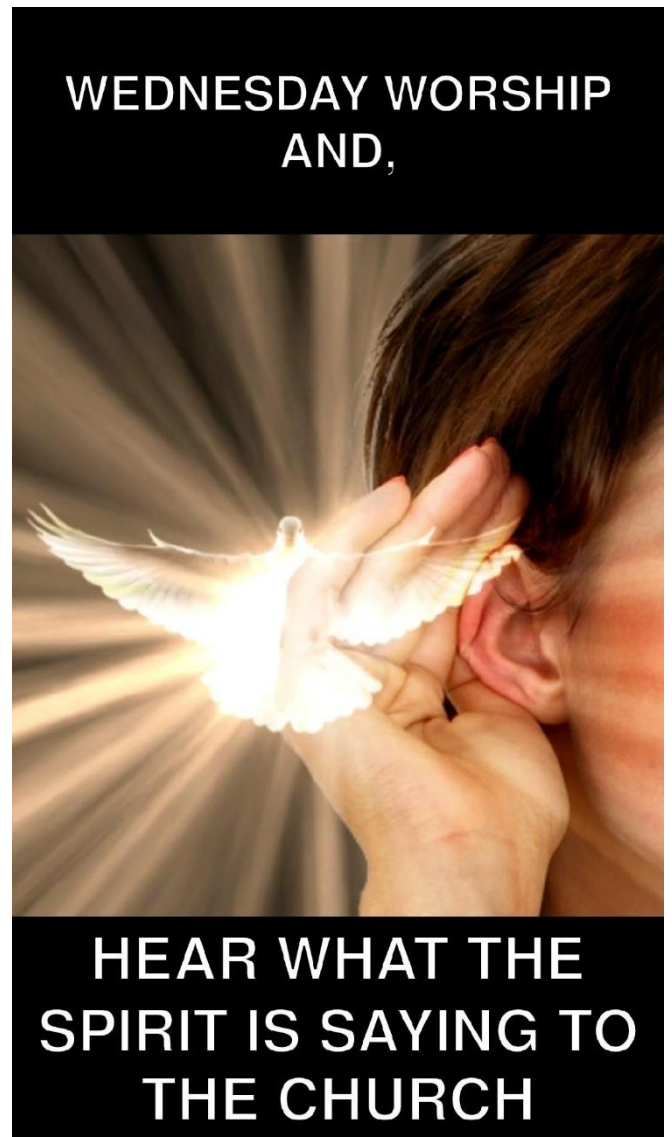
On Wednesday we remembered and reflected on Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, who was martyred in the year 156. In our shared thoughts and reflections in light of Polycarp, some in our small group made the observation that when it comes to divisions in the Church, both then and now, it seems the more things change, the more they stay the same. We also spoke about courage; that it takes real courage to bear witness, to loudly share our faith with others, and live firmly rooted in our Christian faith.

Following our lovely little worship service, we then headed to the Algoma for *Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church*. By way of a process this is based on Lectio Divina, we gradually immersed ourselves in the Gospel story for the Second Sunday in Lent. We responded to the Gospel story with feelings, inspirations and insights related to comfort, need, uncertainty, fear, courage and hope. Spiritually speaking, it was a very rich and rewarding experience for all of us. We were left feeling nourished, blessed and loved both by God and by each other.

Truth be told, until this past Wednesday, I had forgotten how much I love days such as this in the church. In my last parish, before coming to Epiphany, there was no expressed interest or commitment to mid week worship, even when it was made available. The last time I regularly offered mid-week Eucharist on Wednesdays was eight years ago, when I served at St. Giles in Barrie. I had also forgotten that in the years before the pandemic, mid-week Eucharist followed by bible study, was a regular fixture in the life of Epiphany. And here, I thought I was offering something new! It seems that what once was old, has now been made new. Thanks be to God!

Mid-Week worship, followed by *Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church*, will continue to be offered throughout the season of Lent, beginning at 10am. It may well be that some Wednesday mornings will be longer, or shorter, than others, so it is wise to bring a snack and a drink, just in case. Then, at the end of the season of Lent, if I learn that there is desired interest to continue Wednesday Worship and *Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church* beyond this Lenten season, I would be very open to that possibility. These Spirit-filled Wednesday mornings are yet another reminder that God does bless us, when we bless one another with love. To God be the Glory. Thanks be to God.

Yours Faithfully,
Elizabeth+



SUDBURY MANITOULIN DEANERY

Join us for a
Lenten Quiet Day

“LIVING IN THE AGE OF THE SPIRIT”

Saturday March 16, 2024
10am – 2pm



SISTER ELIZABETH ANN, SSJD

(Anglican Sisters of St. John the Divine)

Sr. Elizabeth Ann will help us ponder questions such as:
“How do people of faith listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives?”
“What does being Spiritual and Religious even mean in today’s culture?”
“How can we remain hopeful in today’s world?”

CHURCH OF ASCENSION

1476 Sparks St., Sudbury

To register please email:

Ruth Corston - ruthcorston@gmail.com

FEE: \$25

The fee serves to offset travel and honorarium.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH.



LET US PRAY

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Don and Catherine Rousell; Nancy and Peter Williams; Kevin Doonan; Donna and Lenard Punstel; Tom Newburn; Dave Tate

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



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