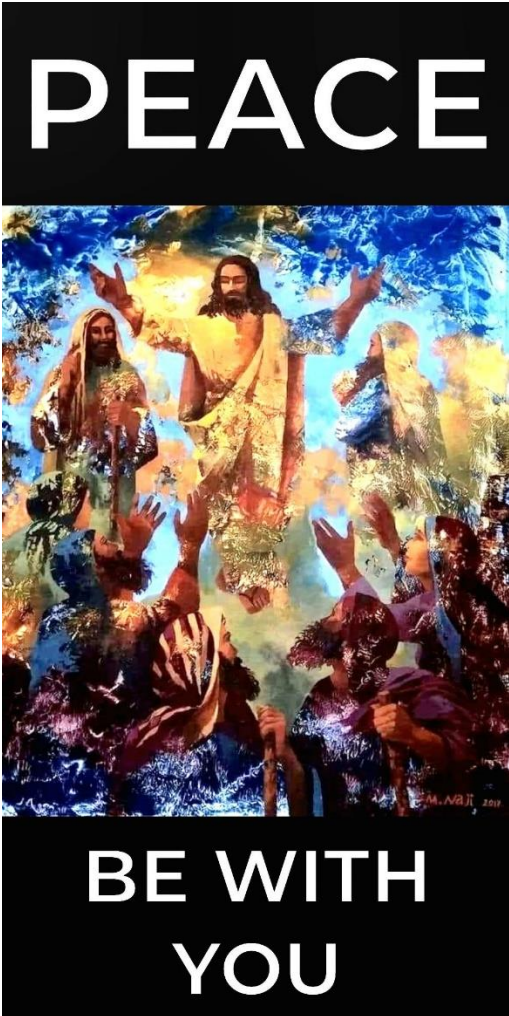


EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

April 5 – 11, 2024

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 OF EASTER: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.

SUMMARY OF READINGS: On the Sundays following the Day of Resurrection, the first readings are stories that are told in the Acts of the Apostles, because they tell of the Spirit-filled church empowered by the Easter faith. In today's story from Acts, the church is described as a community that showed its solidarity by sharing its possessions. Unity and harmony are also praised in 133rd psalm. The ancient letters to the Church include portions of First Peter, First John and Revelation. For all their variety, these biblical passages illustrate the bracing confidence that stems from Easter faith, even though the circumstances in which this confidence emerges are quite different. This Sunday, the First Letter of John teaches that unity within the Church is derived through having common fellowship with God through Christ. The Gospel stories include various accounts of post-Easter appearances by the risen Lord. The Gospel story for this Sunday tells of the risen Lord bestowing the Spirit on them even in the doubt we might share with Thomas the Twin.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: How are we to know when God arrives if, in our doubt, our capacity for seeing God is sure to fail? John gives an answer to this question that brings us to the heart of faith's peculiar form of knowing. Jesus offers Thomas two clues to his identity. He speaks the simple words, "Peace be with you," and then asks his doubtful friend to put his doubtful fingers into the wounds that the risen Jesus bears from the nails and swords that destroyed his body only days before. What does that tell us about faith? Where do you see yourself in the story of Doubting Thomas? What is required for your belief in the risen Christ?

AT HOME PRAYERS: Morning – God of light, I praise you for the gift of this new day. By the power of your Spirit enable me to live in your light and seek the holy fellowship of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord, and in whose name I pray. Amen.

Evening – Lord Jesus, I pray you be with me at the evening of this day. Enter into my heart and fill it with your peace so that I may rejoice and rest in your presence. 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.



A NOTE OF THANKS – FROM OUR DEPUTY PEOPLES' WARDEN

To All Friends and Members of the Church of the Epiphany,

My wife Kellie and I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who offered their ministries, and who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations all so very moving and deeply inspiring.

The flowers on Easter Sunday were glorious!

Though we have not been with you at Epiphany for very long, it is clear to us that there is tremendous faith here, and a true God-given sense of community that is full of life in the Spirit!

Thank you for creating a welcoming space for us and for all visitors and newcomers. You are a wonderful church community and a real blessing to everyone in Sudbury!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Sincerely Yours,
David and Kellie



OVERVIEW OF REV. ELIZABETH'S SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7th

Monday – Preparing Worship for Sunday April 14th

Tuesday – In the office in the morning. Zoom Meeting in the afternoon

Wednesday – In the office in the morning, Social Justice Committee meeting in the afternoon.

Thursday – Final Regional Dean's Visit for Manitoulin Island

Friday – Working Day at home

Please be assured 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.



WELCOME ABOARD CARRIE!

The Church Wardens along with Rev. Elizabeth are very pleased to announce that Carrie Leatherdale will now be working in our Church Office on Mondays through Thursdays from 9:30am until Noon. She has already proven to be a tremendous help and asset for Rev. Elizabeth, the Church Wardens, for LINC and for our faithful parishioners. We are delighted and give God thanks for Carrie's new role in our Church Office. Welcome Aboard Carrie! Your Epiphany Church Family is blessed to have you with us in the Church Office! Thanks be to God!



ARCHBISHOP ANNE WILL BE JOINING US FOR A WORSHIP CELEBRATION ON APRIL 14!

On Sunday April 14th Archbishop Anne is scheduled to join us for a BIG worship celebration that will include the Installation of New Ministries and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. Most of those now serving on the Parish Council for the Church of the Epiphany will be reaffirming their Baptismal Promises. The Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is a rite that is only to be administered when the Bishop is present. *If you would like to Reaffirm you Baptismal Vows when Archbishop Anne leads our worship on Sunday April 14th, please be sure to speak with Rev. Elizabeth or send her an email as soon as possible. Thank You.





GERMOND SEEN AS POSSIBLE ACTING PRIMATE

Archbishop Anne Germond, bishop of the diocese of Algoma and metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Ontario, will serve as acting primate if current primate Archbishop Linda Nicholls retires by September, reads a [statement from Canon \(lay\) Ian Alexander, prolocutor of General Synod and Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs](#), deputy prolocutor, released April 2.

Church rules require primates to retire by their 70th birthday—next October for Nicholls. If the primate’s term ends before an election can be held at the next General Synod, the senior metropolitan by election, if “able and willing to act,” fills in as acting primate. Citing a [March 22 letter to Germond from General Synod Chancellor Clare Burns](#), Alexander and Phibbs say Germond is currently senior metropolitan by election, at least until a metropolitan election slated for the ecclesiastical province of Ontario this September. “Should Archbishop Linda announce a retirement date that is effective before a metropolitan election is held in the province of Ontario, Archbishop Anne would become the acting primate—assuming she is willing and able to act,” their statement reads.

Germond confirmed by text message to the Journal that she would accept the position if it came to her. “If I am able to serve as acting primate I am willing to serve—God being my helper (and lots of support from the church!).” A primatial election is expected at the next General Synod in 2025.

(The above is copied from the Anglican Journal Website [here](#))



HELP! A pot of soup is needed for our Lunch and Learn with Mayor Lefebvre on April 21st. Is there anyone who will help out with this? Please contact Mary at church or at emerd79@hotmail.com or the office. Any help is greatly appreciated.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO FEED THE HUNGRY THROUGH EPIPHANY’S 5TH SUNDAY SANDWICH PROJECT!

A BIG Thank You to all those who so thoughtfully gave non-perishable food donations toward Epiphany’s 5th Sunday Sandwich Ministry, and that will help feed the hungry and those in need through the Elgin Street Mission. Thanks also to Sue Moland who so lovingly volunteered to ensure food collection and delivery in support of this important and meaningful Outreach Ministry. Thank you Everyone! And Thanks be to God!



A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows – Why Do It?

Whenever any of us make vows or promises, the vows we make are intended to mean far more than simply saying the words alone. A vow is a solemn promise or commitment that one might make to a certain person, to a cause, or to God. A vow is a pledge that carries significant weight and is often undertaken with a sense of deep sincerity and dedication. Vows are typically considered binding and are made with the intention of fulfilling them to the best of one's ability. For us who have been baptized in the Church, reaffirming our Baptismal Vows is a deeply significant and meaningful practice because it is rooted in both our Anglican Christian tradition and in our personal life of faith. Just as some married couples celebrate an anniversary or a significant milestone in their relationship by renewing their wedding vows, there are as many and equally compelling reasons for us who are baptized to reaffirm the vows that were made at our baptism; vows that are often made on our behalf by a parent or God parent. Since most of us were baptized as infants and were therefore unable to

make these vows for ourselves, it is all the more meaningful to our life of faith when we reaffirm our Baptismal Vows as mature adults. Why?

Reaffirming Baptismal Vows offers us a chance for spiritual renewal and recommitment to our Anglican Christian faith. It allows each person to reflect on their journey with God, to acknowledge their growth and struggles, and to rekindle their spiritual connection to God through Christ. Holy Baptism is one of the foundational sacraments of the Church. The sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of God's inward and spiritual grace. It marks the beginning of a lifelong journey with Christ. Reaffirming vows bridges the gap between the initial act of baptism and our ongoing spiritual development, creating a sense of continuity and purpose in our faith journey. Likewise, within the Anglican tradition, our community of faith plays a vital role in supporting one another on our spiritual path. Reaffirming vows in the presence of fellow followers of Christ strengthens this sense of community and accountability, fostering mutual support and encouragement in living out one's faith.



The Baptismal Vows that we make, or that were made of our behalf, primarily encapsulates our essential Christian values such as love, justice, and service. Reaffirming these vows is a public declaration of our commitment to embodying these values in daily life, making a positive impact on the world around us.

Reaffirmation also prompts us to reflect on how our faith in Christ Jesus has shaped our identity, values, and choices. It provides an opportunity for personal growth, self-examination, and a deeper understanding of our relationship with God that is special and unique.

In the presence of our Archbishop and in the Church of the Epiphany, reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows is a joyous and celebratory occasion within our community of faith. It's a time to rejoice in God's grace, to celebrate our spiritual journey, and to affirm the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives and in

the life of the Church.

Whenever we Reaffirm our Baptismal Vows we are entering into a profound act that strengthens faith, fosters community, and renews our shared commitment to live a life guided by the will of God, in the way of Christ, and all in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a meaningful occasion that brings us closer to God and to each other.

I hope you will all give prayerful thought and consideration for Reaffirming your Baptismal Vows on Sunday April 14th. Should you decide that you would like to do so, please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours in Christ,
Elizabeth+



REMINDER: A Pot-Luck lunch follows our worship with Archbishop Anne next Sunday, April 14th. Please sign up on the sheet in the Algoma Room to indicate what dish you will be bringing.



HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK IN THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA: Archbishop Anne, along with the Social Justice Committee for the Diocese of Algoma, are pleased to present for the first time in the life of our diocese, *Homelessness Awareness Week*. Please mark your calendars and watch our upcoming weekly newsletters for more information. Thank You.

Join the
"Panel Discussion Event"
moderated by
Abp. Anne Germond
on Thursday May 2nd,
7-8:30pm

HOMELESSNESS
WEEK



Visit the Diocese of Algoma
website for Homelessness Week
reflections, prayers, and parish
resources.

Send questions and register at
Jane.e.cox1@gmail.com.

Registrants will receive the
webinar link 3 days before the
panel discussion on May 2nd.

LET US PRAY

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Robert Nanka-Bruce; Eileen Thom; Anthonia and Edward Costa; Shon Varghese and Ashley Jose; Dave Tate; Paulette Sage

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



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