

# EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

September 27 – October 3, 2024

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday 9:30 – 12:00. You can reach Carrie, our Parish Administrator at the phone number or e-mail address above. If you need to speak with Rev. Elizabeth or schedule a visit for any reason, you can contact Carrie, or you can email Rev. Elizabeth directly at [greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com](mailto:greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com). Thank You.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Carrie will be out of the office on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Bless the Lord,  
O You His Angels.

– Psalm 103:20

## WORSHIP FOR THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS ~ SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ~

**8:30am** - Traditional Said Service of Holy Communion (BCP).

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

**READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS:** Genesis 28:10-17; Psalm 103:19-22; Revelation 12:7-12; John 1:47-51

**SUMMARY OF READINGS:** St. Michael and All Angels celebrates the heavenly

beings who serve as God's messengers and protectors. In Genesis 28:10-17, Jacob's vision of angels ascending and descending a ladder reflects God's active presence in the world. Psalm 103:19-22 praises God's sovereign rule, with angels fulfilling the commands of the Lord. Revelation 12:7-12 describes the victory of St. Michael and his angels over Satan, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. In John 1:47-51, Jesus refers to angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man, revealing his divine connection and authority as the bridge between heaven and earth.

**QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION:** This week's story from Revelation (12:7-12) tells of the powerful vision of the cosmic battle between good and evil, with St. Michael and his angels defeating the forces of Satan. The story reminds us that the spiritual struggle is real, but victory belongs to God. It offers hope that, no matter how overwhelming evil may seem, God's power triumphs in the end. This battle is not just cosmic but personal, symbolizing our daily fight against temptation, fear, and sin. In what ways does the victory of good over evil in this passage offer you hope and courage when facing personal struggles or challenges in your faith journey?

**AT HOME PRAYERS: Morning** – I praise you Holy God, for it is your new mercy that woke me this morning. I praise you as I see your wonderful works through the window of day. I praise you as I feel the movement of your mysterious works in me. May this new day be a song to my Creator, who is willing to befriend me in renewed grace. Amen.

**Evening** – Lord, I close this day acknowledging that you are my Creator God – my helper, and my refuge; for it is your grace that sustained me all day. I lay down my burdens of the unwise choices, the unfinished tasks; I humbly ask that you may cover me in the blanket of mercy. I praise you with the joyful song of your salvation in which I find peace and hope through Jesus Christ, and in whose name I pray. Amen.



**COVID CASES ARE RISING AGAIN** - 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.

**AS WE OBSERVE THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION:** on Monday September 30th, let us humbly come before God as we pray,

Creator God, Mother and Father of Us All;

As we observe the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, we mourn with those who mourn. We recall again the great pain, harm and evil done to our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We grieve that this harm has so often been accomplished in your name, Father, Son, and Spirit, and we ask again, have mercy on us. Lord, we pray that your kingdom will come. We ask that your light would shine into the darkness to expose both truth and lies. We pray that you will help us to see. To truly see the ones that you see. Lord God, as your kingdom comes, we pray that a visible mark of its appearing would be reconciliation.

We ask for the healing of wounds and relationships. We pray for the mending of things that have been so deeply broken.

Jesus, by your Spirit, we pray that all of our Indigenous neighbours would sense the great covering of their Creator on this National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. And in this covering, may they also know that they are the cherished, beloved of God, Creator of us all. Ahaw. Miigwetch. Gitchi Manitou.



**A BIG THANK YOU:** to Evelyn, and to all those who have helped to promote God’s love, mercy and justice through our wonderful sign, “Hate Has No Home Here.” There’s even a sign that can now be seen through the window of Archbishop Anne’s office in Sault Ste. Marie! This not-for-profit initiative is a wonderful and powerful way to proclaim the Gospel message. At this time, Evelyn no longer has anymore signs available. She hopes to create more to sell and to share next spring. Thank You Evelyn and Thanks be to God that we may loudly proclaim, “Hate Has No Home Here!”



**THANK YOU TO PWRDF:** Last week the congregation at the Church of the Epiphany was blessed to welcome Kim Umbach and Suzanne Rumsey who are faithful representatives from PWRDF – the



*Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund* for the Anglican Church of Canada. Suzanne Rumsey, who serves as the Public Engagement Coordinator, shared her message as she encouraged us to engage, support and uphold the work and ministry of PWRDF. If you would like to learn more, please visit [Home - The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund \(pwrdf.org\)](http://Home - The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (pwrdf.org))

May God continue to guide and bless every work, ministry and holy act of the love that is offered and received through the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund.



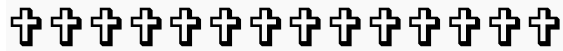
**2025 CHURCH CAENDARS HAVE ARRIVED:** A limited quantity are available for \$10 each in the church office.



**SANDWICHES ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY:** September has 5 Sundays we are to provide sandwich makings for the Elgin St mission on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your loaves of bread, cans of tuna or ham, butter, mayonnaise etc. to the Church and leave them in the fridge in the Algoma Room on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks all. ~ Sue Moland



**PARISH LIST UPDATES:** Please help us keep our parish list up to date. If you have moved or are planning to move in the near future, please make sure we have your current address, phone number and e-mail address.



**A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH**  
**Discernment in Our Life of Faith**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
*Isaiah 55:8-9*

Dear Friends in Christ,

We hear the Lord God says to Isaiah, *my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways*. Let's admit it. Would we not all love to know the ways of God and the thoughts of God? I know I would! However, I know all too well that our human nature and bodily condition can only take us so far in knowing the ways, and the thoughts, of God. Ultimately, God is a divine mystery. But that it not meant to discourage us. We all grow in the mystery of God. The road that leads to resurrection *is* the mystery of God. One of the ways we embrace that mystery is through a process known as *discernment*. To discern something means "to perceive or recognize the difference."

Throughout our diocese and deanery, there is a fair amount of ongoing discussion related to the important value and meaning of spiritual discernment - both for us as individuals, and as parish communities of faith. Spiritual directors and directees are always engaged in prayerful discernment. Archdeacon Glen is supporting parishes, church boards and committees in their processes of discernment by bringing our attention to some helpful reading material which he highly recommends. For any of us who, on more than one occasion, have heard Archbishop Anne lead, teach or preach, we know that she places a tremendous amount of value on discernment practices that are at once both prayerful and mindful. Even members of our parish council at Epiphany are beginning to learn about the meaning of discernment.

So, what *is* discernment? Why is so important to our life of faith?

Discernment, in the context of our faith in Christ Jesus, is the process of seeking God's guidance in our decisions, actions, and relationships. It is more than just deciding between right and wrong; it's about aligning our will with God's will, seeking God's wisdom in every aspect of our lives.

The practice of discernment allows us to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit amid the distractions and confusion of the world. It helps to direct us toward a deeper understanding of God's will and purpose for us and for our church.

At its heart, discernment is an act of trust. It requires us to be open, humble, and patient, willing to surrender our own desires in favour of God's plan. This can be challenging, as it often means waiting in uncertainty or walking a path that seems strange or difficult. Yet, it is in this surrender that we find true peace and clarity.

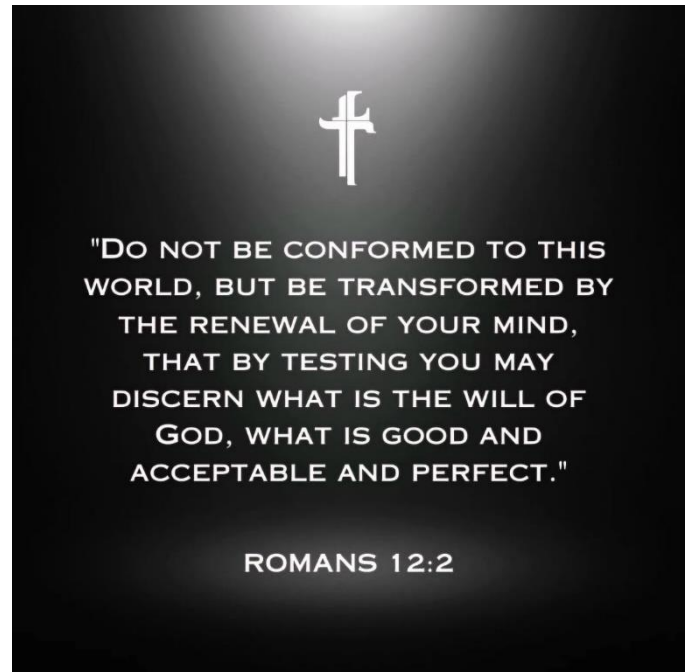
When we practice discernment, we acknowledge that God's wisdom surpasses our own and that our Creator God sees the bigger picture we cannot fully grasp.

In our own lives, and in our care for our church, discernment helps us to distinguish between spiritual truths and worldly distractions. It's easy to be swayed by societal values, personal ambitions, or even fear, but discernment calls us to listen with our hearts, and to seek God's presence in prayer, in scripture, and in the guidance of the church. Through this process, we become more attuned to recognizing God's voice and following the Spirit's lead, even when the path ahead is unclear.

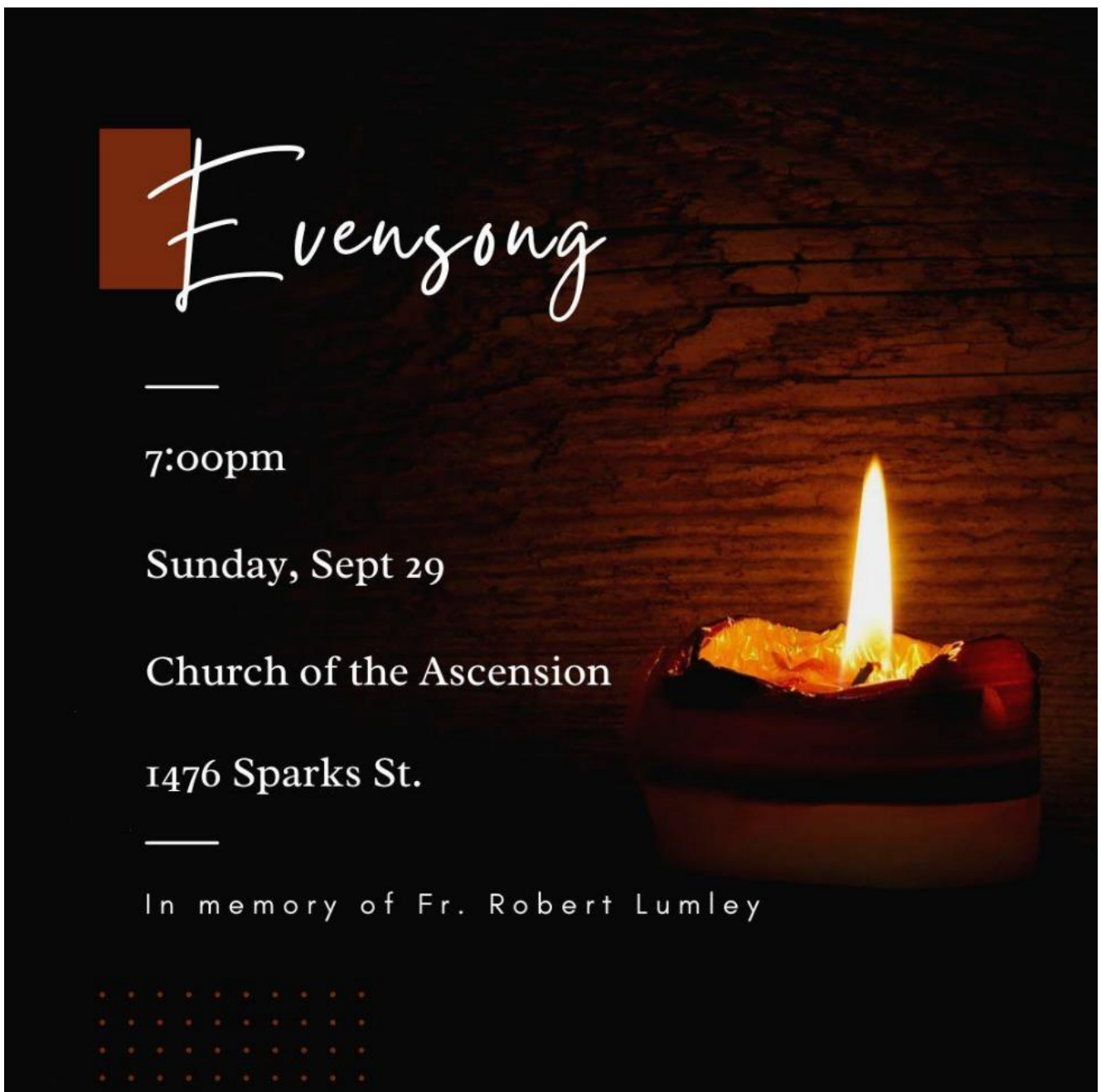
The practice of discernment fosters a deeper relationship with God. It moves us from passive faith to active engagement, where we are constantly seeking to know God more fully and live according to God's will. It's not a one-time event but an ongoing journey, inviting us to continually reassess our lives and choices in the light of God's love and purpose.

In our fast-paced, decision-heavy world, discernment serves as a spiritual compass. It helps us make choices rooted in faith, love, and truth, rather than fear or convenience. Ultimately, discernment in the life of faith is about seeking communion with God, trusting that God's guidance will lead us to the fullness of life that God forever promises. It is a reminder that, in all things, we are not alone—God is with us, directing our steps toward the path of holiness, righteousness and peace. Thanks be to God.

Yours Faithfully,  
Elizabeth+



**A SPECIAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG** in Memory of Fr. Robert Lumley, on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, takes place at The Church of the Ascension on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.



# Everyone Welcome



N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre  
Invites you to join our annual community

## EVERY CHILD MATTERS WALK

8:00 Sunrise & Sharing Circle

9:00 Hand Drumming

9:45 Guest Speaker

10:00 Walk Begins

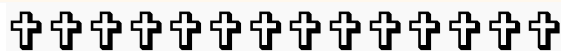
11:00 Closing Remarks

### SEPTEMBER 30th is ORANGE SHIRT DAY.

*We honour the lives of all those children who have attended residential schools. We honour the survivors and those who never came home. Join us as we bring awareness through ceremony, discussion and visual demonstration as we come together and walk for awareness.*

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**LET US PRAY**

**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Don and Catherine Rousell; Margaret Klamerman and Eddie Mosewane; Sandra Seniuk; Ralph Mounter; Nancy Maley.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED:** Linda; Sheila; William; Myrna; Maybourne; Karen and Corrine; Frances; Pat; Carol, Bob and Riley; Nick and Ellen; Marg; Peter and Alice-Mae.



**Watch us LIVE** on Sunday Mornings at 10:30 at  
[www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services](http://www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services)

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