

EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

October 25 - 31, 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. Thank You.



WORSHIP FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH ~

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

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

READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

SUMMARY OF READINGS: Job's candid, but penitent, reply to the Lord, is his last in the Book of Job. We hear Job humbly acknowledge God's greatness as he repents, recognizing that he spoke of things beyond his understanding. Faith in God who answers the

prayers of the needy and rescues them from affliction is expressed in Psalm 34. In the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus' high priesthood is compared with the Levitical priesthood and is found to be unique. Salvation comes to Bartimaeus in the gospel story, as the blind beggar exhibits faith sufficient to regain his sight.

QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION: In the stories of Job and blind Bartimaeus, we encounter two acts of deep faith and trust. Job humbly surrenders his limited understanding to God, and Bartimaeus, in his vulnerability, calls out for Jesus' healing without hesitation. Both show that faith involves surrendering control and trusting God's wisdom and love, even when life feels uncertain or painful. In response, God meets them with compassion and renewal, reminding us that God values our faithfulness over our understanding. Where in your life do you feel called to surrender control and trust God's wisdom? How does God's response to Job and Bartimaeus encourage you to bring your needs to God in faith?

AT HOME PRAYERS: Morning – Loving God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Please help me to stay mindful of your creation and your teaching as I travel through it. Empower me to see and spread the good news of your grace for all people. In the love and courage of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Evening – Creator God, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for all the ways that I saw your glory and learned your teachings beyond speech and words. As I drift to sleep this night may the meditations of my heart draw me closer to you, in the fullness of your presence. In the peace of Christ, 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.

TOWN HALL MEETING: Everyone in the congregation this Sunday is welcome and encouraged to participate in a Town Hall Meeting that will be led by Canon Christyn Perkons, immediately following our 10:30am worship.

As we prepare to welcome Canon Christyn and embrace her work and ministry among us, let us pray:



Loving God,

We lift up your servant, Canon Christyn, who has been called to lead and guide our congregation through this time of trouble, reflection and healing. Grant her wisdom, patience, and compassion as she seeks to enable peace and understanding. Help her to be a source of light, speaking truth in love and listening with an open heart. May your Spirit work through Canon Christyn to help build unity, heal wounds, and renew hope among all in our church. Let your peace, which surpasses all understanding, fill this Town Hall meeting and lead everyone closer to your love and true purpose. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

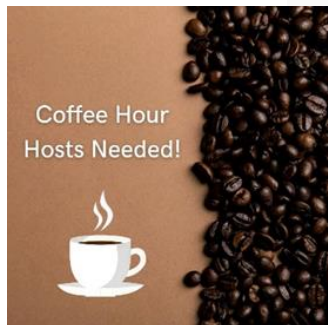


CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: God willing, on Sunday November 3rd our 10:30am worship celebration will include the sacrament of Holy Baptism, when Evelyn's sweet grandson Kurt will be welcomed into the family of the Body of Christ as the newly baptized.

Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God,

We thank you for Kurt, your precious child who is now preparing to receive the sacrament of baptism. Surround Kurt and his family with your love and grace, and bless them on their journey of faith. Guide Kurt, and his family, as they nurture him in the knowledge and love of Christ. May the waters of baptism be a sign of new life and the gift of your Spirit, sealing Kurt as your beloved forever. Strengthen us, his church family, to support and pray for him always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



HOSPITALITY HELP IS NEEDED! Our weekly ministry of hospitality for Coffee Hour following worship is in need of your help. If you are able to assist us with this vital ministry, please speak with one or all of the Church Wardens. Thank You.



Mark Your CALENDAR



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday October 29th, 6:00 pm

LUNCH AND LEARN: Sunday November 17th following the 10:30 service – Amanda Gates (or her designate) will speak to us about the Youth Wellness Hub serving youth from 12 to 25, as well as Compass, about their programs and their needs.

Epiphany has been a strong supporter of the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (SACY) and since its closure, many of those youth are now attending the Hub, located at the YMCA.

Anyone who would like to provide soup or sandwiches, please speak to either Mary Donato or Catherine Rousell.



**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A
TOWNHALL MEETING ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH.**

A Note from Rev. Elizabeth and the Church Wardens

In Paul's first letter to the ancient church in Corinth, (1 Corinthians 3) he emphasizes grace and peace through Christ, setting a tone of unity. However, the broader context of his letter reveals that the church in Corinth was divided by disagreements, with members aligning themselves with different leaders. Paul's message to the church, both then and now, reminds us that Christ is the foundation of our faith; therefore, Paul urges us to resolve our conflicts and focus on our shared identity in Christ rather than on divisive loyalties.

**Holy God,
In the midst of division and
misunderstanding,
we humbly come before you.
Grant us the gift of unity,
that we may stand together as one,
bound by love and understanding.
Guide our hearts
to embrace diversity,
to seek common ground and to
bridge the gaps that separate us.
May your Spirit
of peace and harmony
reign in our midst so that
we may be a shining example
of your love to the world.
In your Holy name, we pray. Amen.**



As Rev. Elizabeth now fully embraces the benefits of the present review process prior to the renewal of her contract, it is not surprising that this has stirred up some hurt and hard feelings among some members of Epiphany. People have aligned themselves according to their divided thoughts and opinions. It is precisely for this reason that Archbishop Anne has assigned the Rev. Canon Christyn Perkons to speak with members of Epiphany and to lead a very promising Town Hall meeting which will underscore the importance of our faith and unity in Christ.

Archbishop Anne has made it clear to Rev. Elizabeth and to the Church Wardens, that we are to encourage ourselves, and one another, to welcome this as a God-given **learning opportunity** and as an investment in the present and future health of our parish. There will be a financial cost to the parish in order for this review process to proceed according to the Archbishop's mandate. We do not yet know the financial cost that Epiphany will be asked provide.

Please note that all members of Epiphany are welcome and invited to participate in a Townhall Parish Meeting following our main worship celebration on Sunday October 27th. We look forward to welcoming Canon Christyn Perkons who will facilitate this meeting. Canon Christyn joins us from the Diocese of Niagara; she specializes in Congregational Development, Mission and Visioning for Parishes, Conflict Management and Clergy Coaching. Canon Christyn has also made it clear that this Town Hall meeting will primarily be about sharing and listening to stories related to the life and ministries of Epiphany.

In his letters to the church, Paul often speaks about maturity in Christ as the antidote to divisions in the church, emphasizing that spiritual maturity leads us to focus on Christ rather than on our personal rivalries, quarrelling or preferences. Why? Because immaturity causes strife and factions, but maturity in our Christian faith fosters unity and a shared commitment to the gospel. Thanks to the firm and loving support of Archbishop Anne, Canon Christyn will begin to help guide us forward from where we are now. Her being with us next Sunday is a very hopeful opportunity for members of our parish to hear, to listen, to learn and to reflect on where and how the Holy Spirit of God is calling us at this time. The meeting will begin soon after we worship together and will conclude by around 1:30pm. Please attend if you can. All Are Welcome!



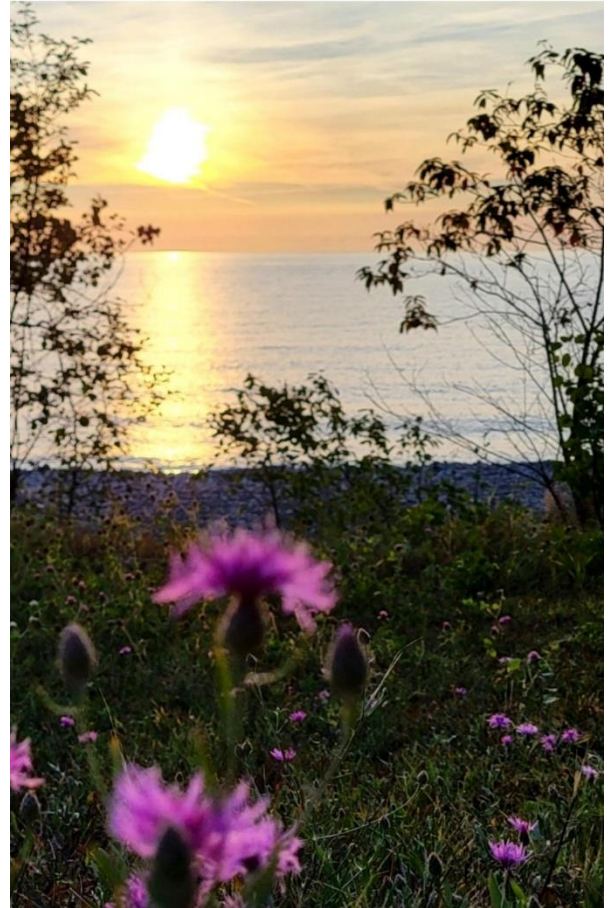
A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH

The Book of Job and the Conclusion of Our Sermon Series

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday we conclude our very short sermon series on the Book of Job, where we have considered the various portions of Job according to our lectionary. This Sunday we find Job at the end of a long journey through unimaginable loss, suffering, and questioning. After wrestling with God, Job comes to a place of deep humility, acknowledging that while he had heard of God before, he now truly sees God. This vision of God’s greatness shifts Job’s perspective: he surrenders his own limited understanding and embraces a deeper faith. For communities who struggle together, including our own faith community at Epiphany, Job’s journey reminds us that faith doesn’t always mean understanding every hardship. Instead, it means trusting that God’s wisdom holds us all. When we come together in our pain, our questions, and our longing for hope, we reflect the same humility and surrender that Job had found. God meets us in our struggle, inviting us to lean into the strength of each other and the grace that renews and sustains us. As we will soon end our four-part sermon series this Sunday, I wonder....

*I had only heard about you before,
but now
I have seen you with my own eyes.
~ Job 42:5*



How can our shared struggles deepen our understanding of God’s presence in our lives?

In what ways can we support one another in holding onto faith and hope, even when we cannot fully understand our own circumstances?

As we reflect on these and similar questions, let us always be mindful that God is with us on the journey. Just as God sustained creation and guided Job through his many trials and sufferings, God will continue to lead and care for us in our community of faith; because the ways of God always lead to new life.

Yours Faithfully,
Elizabeth+



LET US PRAY

FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Kevin Doonan; Barb Bolton; Dr. Andrew Adegbite; Chantal McFadden; Lee and Christine Osmond; Gerry Lougheed

FOR THOSE IN NEED: Sheila; William; Myrna; Maybourne; Karen and Corrine; Joanne; Frances; Pat; Carol, Bob and Riley; Nick and Ellen; Marg.



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