

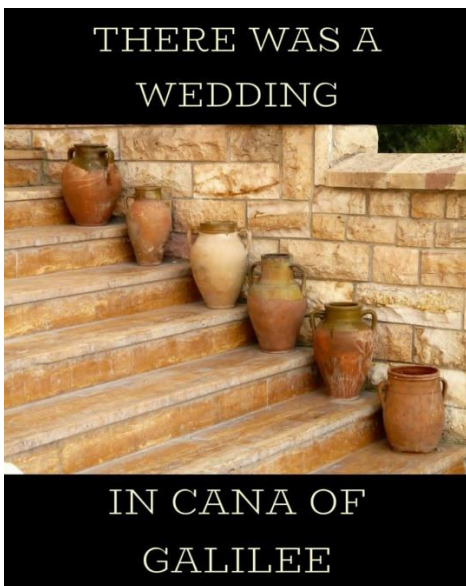
# EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

January 17 – 23, 2025

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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. **Please note** that every Monday an overview of Rev. Elizabeth's weekly schedule will be posted in the window of the Church Office. If you need to speak with Rev. Elizabeth or schedule a visit for any reason, you can call the church office or email her directly at [greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com](mailto:greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com). Thank You.



## WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY ~ SUNDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ~

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

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

### READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE

**EPIPHANY:** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

**SUMMARY OF THE READINGS:** Isaiah highlights God's relentless resolve to bring restoration and righteousness to God's faithful people. Through the imagery of a new name, a royal crown, and the joy of a bridegroom over his bride, the passage emphasizes God's covenantal love and transformative delight in the people of

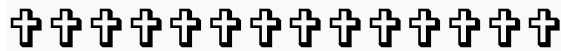
God. Psalm 36 celebrates the boundless and steadfast love of God, describing God's faithfulness, righteousness, and justice as extending to the heavens and sustaining all creation. The psalmist highlights the abundant life and protection found in God's presence, portraying God as the fountain of life and the source of true light for all of God's people. In his first letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul teaches about spiritual gifts, emphasizing that they are given by the same Spirit for the common good and to reflect the unity within the body of Christ. Paul highlights the diversity of these gifts—such as wisdom, knowledge, faith, and healing—while attributing their distribution to the sovereign will of the Holy Spirit. The gospel story tells of Jesus' first miracle sign at the wedding in Cana, where he turns water into wine. Through this wondrous sign Jesus reveals his sacred power and initiates his public ministry. This sign highlights Jesus' role as the bringer of abundant joy and grace, while pointing to his ultimate mission of transformation and the promise of new life.

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:** In his first letter to the ancient Church in Corinth, Paul reminds us that spiritual gifts are not individual achievements, but divine blessings meant to serve and edify the body of Christ. Paul invites us to marvel at the intentionality of the Spirit, who distributes these gifts uniquely to each one of us according to God's holy purpose. This diversity reflects the richness of God's design, calling us to unity, humility, and interdependence. It challenges us to see our gifts not as measures of worth but as opportunities to participate in God's work of grace. Are we using our gifts in ways that glorify God and build up others, or are we tempted to compare and compete? How can we better discern and embrace the Spirit's purpose for the gifts entrusted to us?

**AT HOME PRAYERS:** *Morning* – Creator God, as I begin this new day, I invite you into every hour, every moment, and every breath that is given to me. Transform the ordinary tasks and challenges before me into opportunities to witness your grace and glory. Fill my heart with the joy and abundance that only you can provide and help me trust in your timing and provision. May my words and actions reflect your love, bringing renewal and hope to those around me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

*Evening* – Loving God, as this day ends, I thank you for your presence with me in every moment. Take the simple parts of my day—my work, my conversations, and my struggles—and use them for your glory. Help me to see your grace in ways I may have missed. Grant me rest tonight and renew my spirit to reflect your love tomorrow. In the peace of Christ, I pray. 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.



**Please Sign Up to Help or to Host**



**FELLOWSHIP TIME FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY 10:30**

**SERVICE:** Christine Osmond has graciously agreed to help coordinate Coffee Hours volunteers because she knows how important it is for us to keep our coffee hour ministry going. Christine is proposing that there be two (2) schedules:  
+ One schedule would be for hosts, whose primary responsibilities would include setup and cleanup, making coffee and tea, as well as putting out juice, water and any treats. It would be great to have a core group of at least 6 pairs, but, as with most things, more is better. Hosts may opt to provide treats, but hosting should never have to be an overwhelming expectation.  
+ The second schedule would be for treats to be served. Home baking is wonderful and appreciated, but store-bought baked goods go over very well too. There have been many compliments on packaged cookies, and banana loaf that everyone thought must be homemade. Further store-bought baked goods keep well and can be brought to the church ahead of time.  
If you're interested in helping out please speak to Christine or give her a call at home at 705-855-5377.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT AT THE ELGIN STREET MISSION ON AN OCCASIONAL BASIS?**

The Outreach Group for Epiphany is compiling a list of people who might be willing and able to help out with occasionally serving meals at the Elgin Street Mission. The time period is from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. There is good supervision and instruction. However, it is a busy 3 hours and people have to be on their feet for the full length of time. Helpers are also needed for breakfast which begins at 7:30am. There are opportunities for people to help out with food preparation during the day.

If you and/or your friends are interested, please email your name and phone number to the church office. Right now, we are compiling a list of people who might be able to help out with other teams. If we had enough people committed, we would look at doing our own team of 10 people. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the church office or speak to Mary Hopkins or Mary Donato. Thank You.



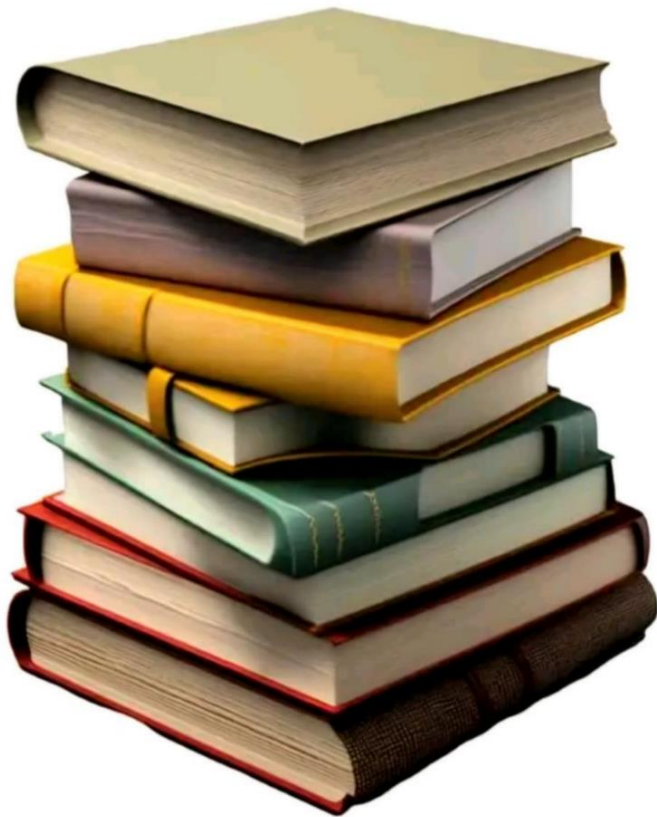
**READING BOOKS IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL ~ EPIPHANY'S GIGANTIC BOOK SALE**

In a world increasingly illuminated by screens, the timeless treasure of books offers a quieter, more sacred light. Each page turned is an invitation to journey inward, to pause and connect with the wisdom of those who came before us and to engage in stories that speak to our hearts and minds.

Unlike the fleeting glow of digital devices, a book carries the weight of intention, patience, and presence. Its touch grounds us, its words resonate in the depths of our soul. In books, we find not just knowledge but the whispered echo of eternity—a reminder that the most profound truths often require time, stillness, and the turning of a physical page to unfold.

**Please mark your calendars and tell your friends! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit Epiphany's Annual Gigantic Book Sale!**





# GIGANTIC BOOK SALE

Friday, January 24, 2025 3pm – 6pm  
 Saturday, January 25, 2025 9am – 3pm  
 Sunday, January 26, 2025 9am – 3pm

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**FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> until Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In this time of conflict and division within the local, national and worldwide Church, let us pray for the healing of the Body the Christ – the Church.

Loving God, during this Week of Christian Unity, we lift our hearts in prayer for greater unity among all faithful followers of Christ Jesus. Help us to overcome divisions and differences, recognizing that we are all members of one body in Christ. Inspire us to live with humility, compassion, and a shared commitment to your mission of love and reconciliation. May the Holy Spirit unite us in purpose, deepening our relationships with one another and strengthening our collective witness to your grace and truth. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



**WE, WHO ARE MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST**



**AND INDIVIDUALLY WE ARE MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER. ROMANS 12:5**



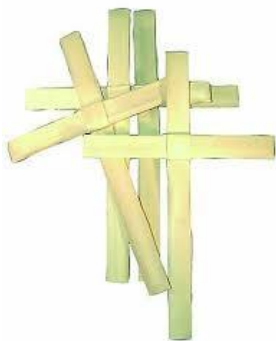
**PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ~ CALLED TO UNITY THROUGH FAITH IN ACTION**

*Hosted by the Anglican Church of the Ascension - 1476 Sparks Street in New Sudbury*

*Wednesday January 22 @ 6:30 pm*

Sponsored by the Northeast Ministerial Association: Anglican Church of the Ascension, St. Stephen's on the Hill United Church, Restoration Church, St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Grace United Church and Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church (Questions? Contact [holyredeemer@ssmd.ca](mailto:holyredeemer@ssmd.ca))





**LOOKING AHEAD:** Last year, following our Palm-Passion Sunday worship, Kellie Clifford unexpectedly began to teach some members of our congregation how to make Palm Crosses. Those who jumped in and learned to make Palm Crosses expressed great delight in doing so. Unfortunately, Kellie as moved away from Sudbury and is no longer with us at Epiphany. However, Rev. Elizabeth has found some instructional videos for making Palm Crosses. If you are interested in gathering together with Rev. Elizabeth to make Palm Crosses, please call or email Carrie in the church office and let her know. The first Sunday in the season of Lent is March 9<sup>th</sup>. We have some time to plan and prepare. Thanks very much.



**THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:** for the Church of the Epiphany will be held on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, following our 10:30am worship. Those responsible for reports are asked to have them submitted to Marion Collinson, ready for publication please, **NO LATER** than Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.



**A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I have been contemplating the gospel for this Sunday, I am reminded of the powerful impact that a sermon series can have in shaping our hearts and minds, centering us on Scripture, and encouraging us to grow in faith. Last fall, I had the privilege of preaching a brief series on the Book of Job. I am so thankful for the conversations that followed. I listened to your honest reflections and feedback, the questions you asked, and the stories you shared. These are the moments that help us to deepen our understanding of God’s Word and draw us closer to one another.

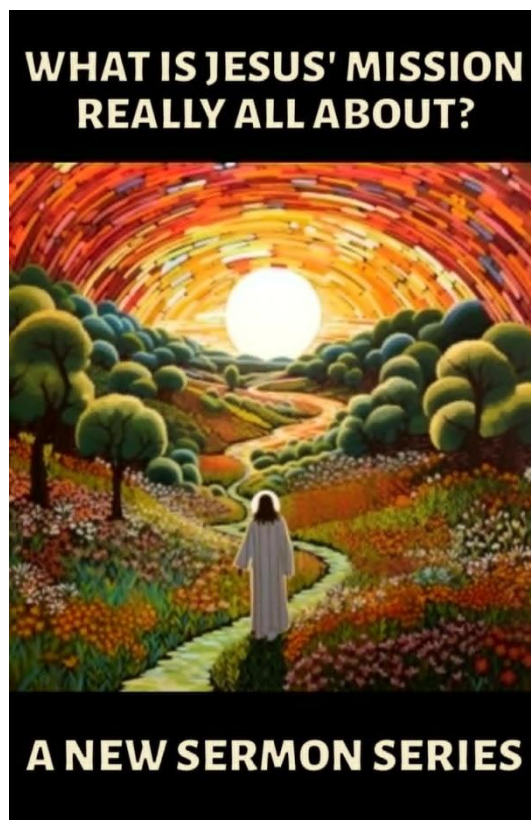
In the coming weeks, we will focus on the beginning of Jesus’ ministry as told in the Gospels of Luke and John. Through his actions, words, and signs, Jesus unveils the fullness of God’s kingdom—a kingdom of healing, reconciliation, and justice. This series invites us to take a closer look at what it means to follow Jesus today and why his mission still matters to us, here at the Church of the Epiphany, in this particular time and place.

We live in a world that pulls us in many directions—often away from the very things that Jesus calls us to. The radical message of the Gospel, with its focus on the kingdom of God, healing, serving others, and embracing discipleship, often stands in stark contrast to the values of individualism, consumerism, and secularism that dominate our society. For many of us, this creates tension. It’s the tension between the way the world encourages us to live and the way Jesus calls us to live—a life of love, generosity, sacrifice, and radical hospitality.

This tension is not new. It’s something that those who came before us have struggled with as well. When we read about the early followers of Jesus, we see that they too wrestled with the challenges of living out the Gospel in a world that didn’t always understand or support their faith. In fact, the early Church often faced deep persecution and division, yet it was precisely within these struggles that the power of the Gospel was most evident. They found a way, even in the midst of hardship, to stay committed to the call of Christ and to one another.

Today, we are faced with our own set of challenges. The Anglican Church of Canada, with its rich history and commitment to justice, is also navigating a time of decline, disillusionment, and internal division. But in the midst of these challenges, I see an incredible opportunity for renewal. God is still at work in our midst, calling us to rediscover what it means to follow Jesus and to live out his mission in a world that so desperately needs it.

The stories we will encounter over the next several weeks are not just ancient tales—they are invitations to us. In the Gospel of Luke, we see a Jesus who brings healing to broken lives, who challenges the status quo, who calls us into community, and who invites us to live lives marked by



compassion, justice, and self-sacrifice. These are the very qualities that can transform our world today—if we are willing to listen and respond.

But we must also be honest with ourselves. Living out the mission of Jesus is not easy. The world we inhabit constantly pulls us toward comfort, success, and self-reliance. Yet, Jesus calls us to a life that often goes against the grain. He calls us to lay down our lives for others, to welcome the stranger, to speak truth to power, and to love those whom society often overlooks. This is the challenge we face: to embrace a countercultural life that is rooted in the values of the kingdom of God.

As we explore the mission of Jesus together, let us remember that we are not alone in this journey. We are a community, bound together in love and commitment to one another. It is within this community that we find the strength and encouragement to live out the Gospel. Together, we can wrestle with the difficult questions, celebrate the victories, and support one another in times of struggle.

I invite you to open your heart to the possibility of renewal—not just within the Church, but within your own life. Let us be willing to embrace the tension that comes with following Jesus. Let us commit to seeking God’s kingdom first, to healing broken relationships, and to serving others with humility and grace. And let us trust that even in the midst of uncertainty, God is at work—renewing us, equipping us, and sending us into the world as agents of love and justice.

May God bless each of you as we walk this journey together. May we walk with courage, hope, and faith, trusting that Jesus is with us every step of the way.

Yours Faithfully,  
Rev. Elizabeth+



**LET US PRAY**

**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Randy and Colleen Hill; Shon and Ashley Varghese; Brett, Kara, Maeve, and Kurt Burnett-Fillier; Christie Kivisto; Gwen Thom.

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



**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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Please refrain from wearing or using strong fragrances, things such as cologne/perfume, scented lotion, fabric softener etc. while in our building.

Those with breathing issues and fragrance sensitivities will be grateful.

Thank You!