EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

December 12-18, 2025

Church of the Epiphany
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Our mission: ***To be a beacon of hope located in downtown Sudbury, which demonstrates the love of Christ for all people***

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 1:00. You can reach Carrie, our Parish office manager at the phone number or e-mail address above.
ARCHDEACON GLEN'S HOURS: Wednesday – 9:00 – noon. You can reach Archdeacon Glen through the Parish Office at the phone number above.

WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

~ DECEMBER 14, 2025 ~

10:30am - Worship with music and Holy Eucharist (BAS). Lighting the candle of JOY

The Ven. Glen Miller preaching and presiding.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY
Propers 270; Is 35:1-10; Ps 146:4-9 or C 18 (Lk 1:46-55); Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11; Preface of Advent

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Friday, December 12	Ps 31; Hag 1:1-15; Rev 2:18-29; Coll 269
Saturday, December 13	Ps 30, 32; Hag 2:1-9; Rev 3:1-6; Coll 269
Monday, December 15	Ps 41, 52; Zech 1:7-17; Rev 3:7-13; Coll 270
Tuesday, December 16	Ps 45; Zech 2:1-13; Rev 3:14-22; Coll 270
Wednesday, December 17	Ps 119:49-72; Zech 3:1-10; Rev 4:1-8; Coll 270 or 395
Thursday, December 18	Ps 24, 29; Gen 3:8-15; Rev 12:1-10; Coll 270

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From the Pastor's Desk

A reflection on Matthew 11:2-11

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news brought to them." (Matthew 11:4-6) John the Baptizer was wondering if he had been in error to declare that Jesus was the Coming One. Jesus pointed to the evidence that God's goodness was having an effect in miraculous ways. John illustrates the fact that there are times when we can let our expectations of what is supposed to happen blind us from what God is making happen in our midst. Learning how to set aside our expectations and open ourselves to the guidance of God is part of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Learning this skill helps us be more effective as servants of God. As one wise priest once said, 'when you come into a situation, look around to see what God is already doing, and cooperate'. Jesus testified to John (and others) that God was at work in the world bringing God's kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. The evidence was being seen in somewhat small ways but one day these actions of God would be on a world-wide scale. God's life and love comes to us when we are doing the things God would have us do so as we prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight perhaps we are being asked to learn how to see what God is already doing for the sake of God's kingdom in the lives of those around us.

1. **Try to call to mind a time when God blessed you or a loved one with a special touch of some kind.**
2. **Do you see God at work in the world we are living in now?**
3. **In what ways do you feel you are being asked to help with God's work in the world?**

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our Christmas services. Please see Carrie or email the office if you can assist.

Dec 24th 5 pm Eucharistic Assistant, Greeters, Sidespeople

Dec 24th 9 pm Greeters

Dec 25th : Lay Reader

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HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY to Corinne Banks. On Dec 2, Corinne, who now lives at Pioneer Manor, turned 98! As far as we know, Corinne is now the oldest member of Epiphany. When we visited her that day, she was expecting a little party with a couple of her children that evening. She has bounced back to her usual cheerful self after a very nasty bout of pneumonia that hospitalized her earlier in the fall. We wish you many more, Corinne!

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COMMUNICATIONS LEAD NEEDED Epiphany is in the process of updating and upgrading its social media presence (web site, Instagram and FaceBook initially) in order to reach out to as many potential church members as possible and to help current parishioners stay informed. We are looking for someone to oversee this area of the church's communications plan. This person would not be expected to do the IT work themselves, but rather lead and oversee the communications upgrade in this area. If you are able to help here please contact Carrie at the church office.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS
If you wish to make a memorial donation towards our Christmas flowers, please see Carrie in the office (Monday–Friday 9am –1pm) or leave an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" in the offering plate, or you can e-transfer your donation to info@epiphanysudbury.org. Be sure to include who the donation is in memory of. Deadline is December 21.

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MEMORIAL GARDEN: At the last Parish Council meeting it was noted that the Memorial Garden pamphlet has not been updated since 2001. Several phases of development were envisaged at that time. Those have not been revisited either in recent years. We are looking to put together a small team to revisit both the pamphlet and the plans for the garden early in the new year. If you have an interest in being on such a team please let one of the wardens know, or give your name to Carrie in the office.

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ELGIN STREET MISSION is requesting turkeys,coffee (not instant or k-cups), coffee mate, white and brown sugar, canned meats and pasta (no spaghetti please). They may be dropped off at the back door of the mission (next to the fire hall) Sunday today from 8 am to 4 pm.

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Outreach Update

CHRISTMAS CARDS for inmates at Sudbury Jail. A big thank you to all those who were able to respond to a last-minute request for unused Christmas cards. Over 200 cards plus 120 postage stamps were given to the chaplain at the jail for distribution to inmates. They are then able to stay in touch with or make contact with loved ones. The cards and stamps are greatly appreciated. Thank you from the Outreach team.

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Members of the Women's Bible Study group recently visited the Sudbury Food Bank to present Dan Xilon with a cheque for $1182 raised through the sale of produce from the balcony garden and other contributions from parishioners.
This year we were also fortunate to have beautifully handmade items donated. Not only does garden's greenery bring great pleasure to all who experience it, this year the amount we were able to contribute was an increase of over $500 from last year.

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More than 120 people participated in a beautifully moving Advent Carol service at Epiphany last Sunday. We were treated to a glorious musical ceremony by our organist, the Rev. Norm Blanchard, and an accomplished deanery choir.

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<u>PLEASE REMEMBER</u>, at any time of year, if you are not feeling well, or have any illness 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.

SUDBURY CHAMBER SINGERS will hold their Christmas concerts at the Church of the Epiphany on December 19 and 20. This year's music selections are all from the Renaissance and Baroque period, including works by the English composers William Byrd and Thomas Weelkes, in addition to the whole masterpiece of Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied by a string quartet. The program is promised to be special, full of beautiful and glorious music.

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CHRISTMAS TRANSPORTATION GOVA Sudbury Transit Users please note that Sudbury Transit regular GOVA buses do not run past 6 pm on Christmas Eve and they do not run Christmas Day. If you plan on attending the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services please arrange for alternate transportation.

LET US PRAY...

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY: Martin, Karen, Finnigan and Celia Brouillard, Don and Lorraine Campbell, Alva Chapman, Frankine Chamberlin and Family, Hoi Cheu and Gwen Chmilar

FOR THOSE IN NEED: Carol & Bob, Marg, Carol Ann, Laura, Nick & Ellen, Dorothy

Watch us LIVE on Sunday Mornings at 10:30 at www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services
Announcements for ETW should be sent to **etw@epiphanysudbury.org** by NOON each Thursday.
Donate Online: To make a Donation to the Church of the Epiphany, visit our website and donate through Paypal or e-transfer to info@epiphanysudbury.org (note full name and address for tax purposes)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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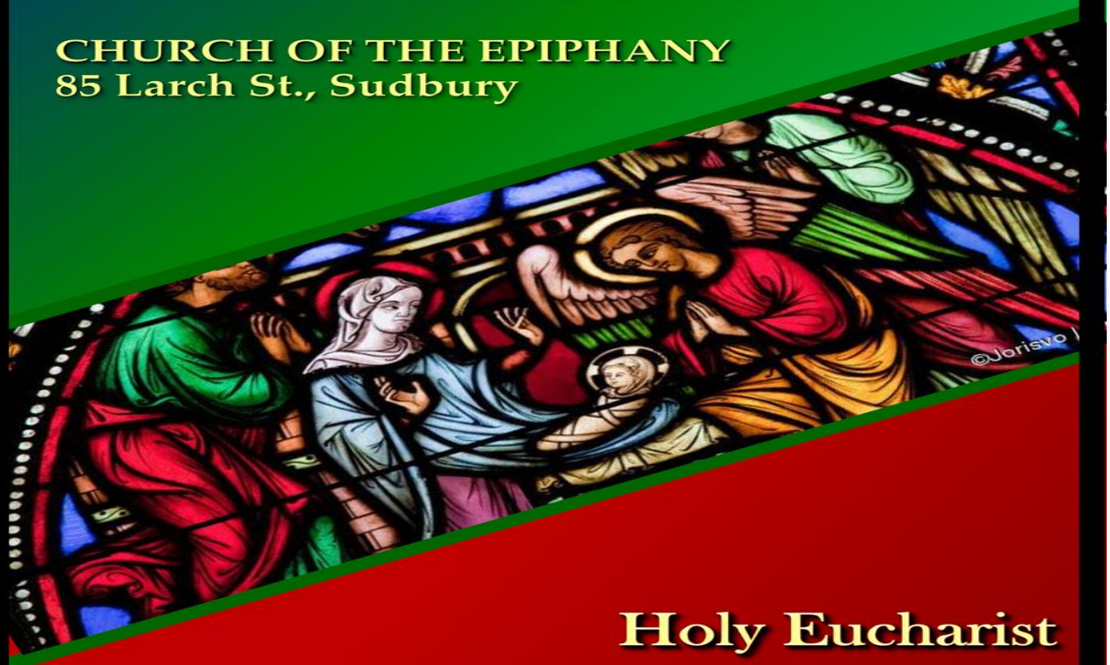

Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve, Wed. December 24, 5:00 p.m.
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Christmas Day, Thur. December 25, 10:30 a.m.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 28th, 10:30 a.m.

All Are Welcome!