

EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

December 19-25, 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 21 2025 ~

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

The Rev. Rhonda Hirst preaching and presiding.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Propers 271; Is 7:10-16; Ps 80:1-7, 16-18; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-25; Preface of Advent

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Friday, December 19	Ps 61, 62; Zeph 3:14-20 Tit 1:1-16; Coll 270 or Coll 395
Saturday, December 20	Ps 66, 67; 1 Sam 2:1b-10; Tit 2:1-10; Coll 270 or Coll 395
Monday, December 22	Ps 80; 2 Sam 7:18-29; Gal 3:1-14; Coll 272
Tuesday, December 23	Ps 93, 96; Bar 4:21-29; Gal 3:15-22; Coll 272
Wednesday, December 24	Ps 45, 46; Two of the following three readings: Bar 4:36—5:9; Gal 3:23—4:7; Mt 1:18-25; Coll 272
Thursday, December 25	Ps 2, 85; Mic 4:1-5, 5:2-4; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Coll 274



From the Pastor's Desk

A reflection on Matthew 1:18-25

In Matthew's account of Jesus' birth the focus is on his lineage and not so much on the astounding visits from angels. Joseph the carpenter has the central role in this portion of the drama and he is shown to be a caring and considerate man. His actions, shaped by the culture in which he lived, may seem uncaring to us but they were the actions of a person who cared deeply for his betrothed. Matthew chose to reference a verse from Isaiah regarding a 'virgin who conceives and bears a son' in order to highlight the fact that the events described were a sign from God that deliverance was near. It was from the perspective of the Resurrection that the child born in Bethlehem was considered special in any way. Part of the story of Christmas is the ordinary, everyday events of our lives may contain a profound act of God. Even though Joseph was a descendant of David he did not considered as a major player in God's drama

but his humility and obedience, like Mary's humility and obedience had a very profound effect on the world's history. As the 'way is prepared for the Lord' during this Advent season perhaps we are meant to hear the call for acts of humility and obedience as we follow Jesus into the days to come.

1. Is there a family story in your personal history that began quite ordinary but ended as something making a profound difference?
2. What do you hear Jesus saying to you as you reflect on this story from the Bible?
3. Is there an action that is being encouraged for you to perform through this reflection?



PLEASE NOTE ~There will not be a mid-week Eucharist now until January 7, 2026.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE The church office will be closed Dec. 25 and 26, as well as the following week. Regular office hours resume Jan. 5, 2026. There will be no ETW Dec. 26 or Jan. 2. Should you need to speak with Archdeacon Glen Miller during this time, please contact him via email: mglen4352@gmail.com



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.

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.



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 to Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm.



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EPIPHANY POTLUCK A potluck luncheon is planned for January 4 following the service. Sign up in the Algoma Room and bring your best potluck offering. We will be joined for lunch by our friends from St. Andrew's United Church. Please see Alice Mae Varpio for more details.

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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.

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FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER On December 24 & 25, Sukhdev Restaurant will be offering free Christmas Dinner meals for anyone in need — no questions asked, no judgment, just love and warmth. If you or someone you know needs a meal this Christmas, please visit
1 Sukhdev snacks and sweets 878 Barry Downe Sudbury
2 Sukhdev Restaurant Espanola
3 Sukhdev Restaurant North Bay
December 24th and December 25th 1 pm to 9 pm

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PLEASE REMEMBER, 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.

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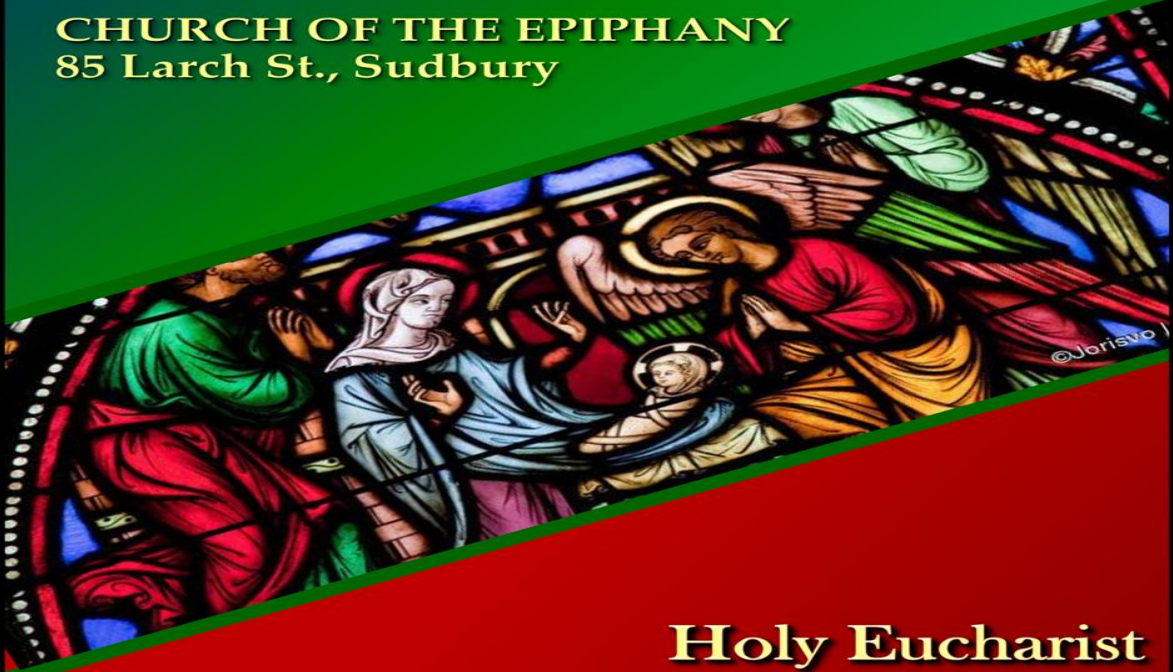
LET US PRAY...

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY: Joanne Chow, Marion Collinson, Rick and Marilyn Collinson, Ruth Corston, Nancy Cresswell

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

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!

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)

*Epiphany Sunday
January 4, 2026*

*Come celebrate Epiphany Sunday
with
Church of the Epiphany*

*Service begins at 10:30 a.m.
Choral Eucharist
Potluck to Follow in the Phoenix Hall*

ALL ARE WELCOME

