

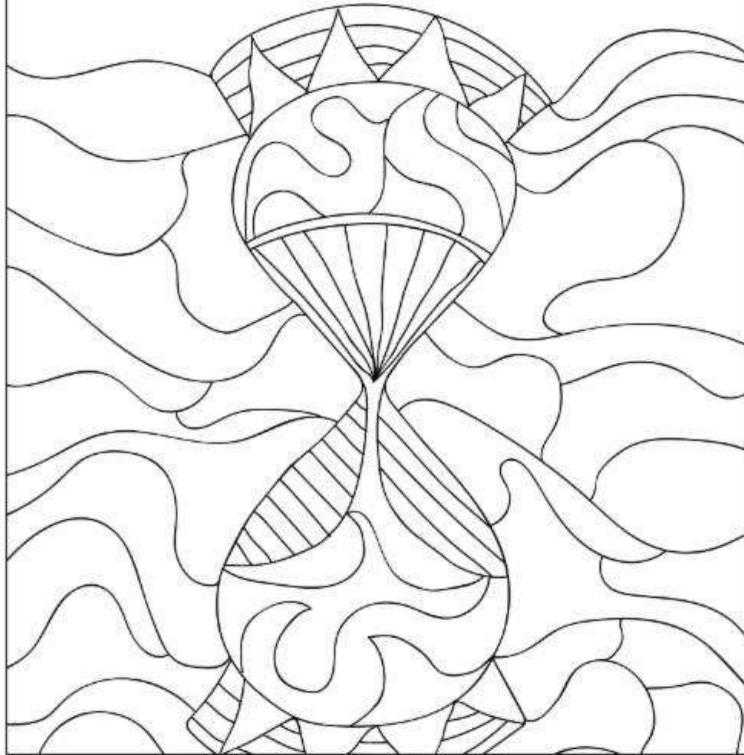
The Church of St John the Evangelist

Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Algoma

The Secret

The mysteries of long ago, the mysteries of the present, and the mysteries of the future converge in our story of God's entrance into the world. The secret is about to be known as we begin this journey of Advent.

Romans 16



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The Rev. Canon George M. Porter D. Phil. Pastor

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21.28

Processional Hymn

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus #88

Readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

P812-813

Gospel Acclamation

#712

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 13:24-37

Offertory Hymn:

O Day of God, Draw Nigh#92

Communion & Ablutions Hymn:

How the World Longs for Your Birth #90

Recessional Hymn:

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending #114

Receiving Holy Communion: *This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or are afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ’s will that those who want to meet him might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. (Gluten free bread is available on request).*

Our Ministers today

- Host: Erminie Reid
- Greeter: David Reid
- Readers: Jim Bolt and Elizabeth Whalley
- Prayers of the People: Garth O’Neill
- Servers: Bruce Adderley
- Eucharistic Assistants: Linda Rintamaki and Erminie Reid
- Chancel Guild: Erminie Reid and Lois Colpitts
- Coffee Hosts EJoan Green and Dorothy Nesbitt
- Food Cupboard..... closed

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for West Buganda (Uganda) and The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Christ Church, Port Sydney; and St George's, Falkenburg and The Rev Howard Hawes.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Douglas, Susan, Dennis, Quinne and Grant Mason, Ian, Virginia and Rory McEwen, Robert and Gloria McKay, and Donald and Elaine McKinnon.

A Discernment Prayer for Our New Church

as we prayerfully work towards discerning our future and the possible merger being explored.

We ask your blessing on Bishop Anne and our pastors. We pray for their spiritual and physical strength as they carry out their ministries. Grant that the people of the St. Luke's, St. John's & St. Michael and All Angels' congregations may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. You see the concerns we have in the face of the unknown as our parishes discern our future. We ask you to fill us with openness and joyful expectation and to guide and bless us, as we seek to move forward together in hope, so that we can continue walking and working in your mission and in fellowship. Amen.

Calendar for the Week

- December 4 Joint Board at 1:30 pm at St John's
- December 5 Advent Study starting at 2:00 pm
- December 6 Corporate Communion, Lunch and meeting with St Luke's starting at 10:30 am
- December 7 Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm
- December 8 Craft Group at 10:00 am

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15(a)	Mark 1:1-8

Attendance: 51
EOP: \$1,022.62 Givings: \$690.00 Total: \$ 1,712.62
We expect at this rate of givings we will have a shortfall of ~\$12,000.00 for 2017.

Parish News

Advent Study: *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom*

First Light is a 12-session DVD and web-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with two of the world's leading Jesus scholars (John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg) on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem.

Themes (2 can be covered each session)

1. The Matrix of Jesus
2. The Advent of the Messiah
3. God's Great Cleanup
4. Collaborative Eschaton
5. The Lake as the World
6. Parables as Lures
7. Jesus as Lord
8. Substitutionary Atonement?
9. Demonstrations in Jerusalem
10. The Crowd & the Crucifixion
11. Resurrection as Resistance
12. America as the New Rome

The first session will be on Tuesday, December 5th at St John the Evangelist Anglican Church starting at 2:00 pm. For more information contact Rev Gail Clifton at 768-9865 or gailx2@shaw.ca.



In anticipation of our coming together as one parish, the **Ladies of St. Luke's Church** invite the ladies of both St. John's and St. Michael's to join with them at their annual Christmas Meal together on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

The day will begin with Corporate Communion at 10:30 am with the meal at approximately 12 noon.

Our meeting will follow, but you are free to join us for any part of the day.

RSVP is requested indicating - Communion, Lunch, or Both - to facilitate preparation for both the Eucharist and the meal.

Please call Carol Lee at 475-7770 or email kostyniukbc@shaw.ca by Friday December 1.

Anglican Journal, Algoma Anglican and St. John's Lamplighter - there are copies of the most recent editions of these publications at the back of the church. If you have not received copies and would like one, please take one.

The Calendar Lady is back – see Liz Whalley for your 2018 Church Calendar @ \$7 each.

Chancel Guild Anyone wishing to donate towards the altar Christmas flowers are asked to please contact Audrey Love at 344-4955 or speak to me at church. Thanks Audrey.

Sunday School will take a break on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st. We will begin again on Sunday, January 7th, 2018.

Mission to Seafarers Clean, used or new, but usable, warm, **small-large men's clothing** to distribute to seafarers is needed; please bring clothing to the drop off box at the Seafarers' Centre.

We would like to invite you to join us for a **St. Nicolas Day Eucharist and lunch, Wednesday, December 6 at 12:10 p.m.** at the Seafarers' Centre, 100 Main St. St Nicolas is the patron saint of seafarers. For further information visit www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay or call 344-8241.

Thank you for support. We are now coming up to one of the busier times in the year as the Port is shipping the grain harvest.

EOP Donors: Any changes that need to be made to your givings and/or donations, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give to a warden, or place on the offering plate.

Diocesan-wide initiative requires assistance - Pastoral Care About Induced Death - Synod delegates likely recall that the following motion was passed at Synod 2017:

Moved that the Diocese of Algoma encourage parishes and incumbents to become familiar with Bill C-14 and this new approach to end of life care and develop a plan of pastoral response to those affected by serious, incurable illness and their families within our communities.

Moved that the Diocese of Algoma look into providing opportunities and resources for training clergy and laity in end of life pastoral care.

A Task Force was formed to investigate ways to fulfill the requirements of this motion. Their first communiqué to the Diocese may be found on the bulletin board. Please take the time to read the information provided as the group is requesting assistance to further the work on this initiative within the Diocese. **They are hoping for responses by December 8th!** They ask that you share this letter with parishioners and Synod delegates so that the information is circulated as widely as possible across the Diocese.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 3 Advent Concert – Thunder Bay Community Choir, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church starting at 4:00 pm. Admission: free will offering.

Dec 3 Sunday Nite Choir presents Joy to the World at 7:30 pm at Grace Church, 289 Court Street North. No admission fee. Refreshments to follow.

Dec 6 Ladies of St. Luke's Church invite the ladies of both St. John's to join with them at their annual Christmas Meal. Corporate Communion at 10:30 am with the meal at approximately 12 noon. Please RSVP – by December 1st Carol Lee at 475-7770 or email kostyniukbc@shaw.ca.

Dec 6 Mission to Seafarers **St. Nicolas Day Eucharist and lunch**, at 12:10 p.m. at the Seafarers' Centre, 100 Main Street.

Dec 6 Oras Chamber Choir at the Finlandia Hall celebrating the 100th Finnish Independence Day. See Erik Johannes Riekko for tickets.

Dec 7 Some of the churches that were already praying on Thursdays, have begun to gather together on the **first Thursday of each month at 10 AM** to pray together. We have now gathered twice (in October and November) with people representing 16 congregations joining together at our gathering on November 2! Our next gathering is **Dec 7 at 10 AM in the chapel at St Joes Hosp** (main floor turn left inside the main doors). There is usually parking on Jean street which is one block west of Algoma, just be aware that calendar parking will have begun by then and it is in effect on that street, and it is 2 hour parking. There is also a paid parking garage on the north side of Red River just east of Algoma. Join us if you can, Everyone welcome! God is at work in our city, let's keep walking in step with Him!

Dec 8 **FUNtastic Friday - Free family event**, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 6-8 pm, Christmas party - wear your ugly Christmas sweater. This is a wonderful evening for families and friends to come together for fun and fellowship and enjoy a FREE MEAL! Stories, songs, crafts, games and LOTS of fun for children of any age. Call Marty 768-9662 for more info. Open to everyone!

Dec 8-10 Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh and Mamow Committee present Christmas Gospel Jamboree Gathering at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School, Friday and Saturday from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am nightly and Sunday from 6:00 pm to 12:00 am. Church Service at St Paul's Church on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Christmas Feast on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at DFC High School. Bus transportation will be provided from Church to Feast.

Dec 9 Christmas Babysitting Service: Our St. Paul's Youth Group will be hosting a babysitting service for 2 days only to allow moms and dads to drop off the kids and go Christmas shop! It's a safe, comfortable environment with lots of games, crafts and snacks for your children. Adult Youth Leaders will be on site at all times. Our Youth will use their "babysitting money" towards their Christmas mission project. Please register

by calling Laurie 707-3048 or email lauriesandham@gmail.com. Time: 9:00 am - 12 noon; Cost: \$5 per child, Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Dec 10 St Mark's Church at 7:00 pm presents a concert by the Kam Valley Fiddlers plus Sing-A-Long followed by refreshments.

Dec 10 Oras Chamber Choir at Hilldale Lutheran Church celebrating Kauneimmat joululaulut. See Erik Johannes Riekkö for tickets.

Dec 13 Knox United Church Hot Chocolate and Christmas Carols starting at 6:30 pm.

Dec 15 submission for the 2017 David Reid Volunteer of the Year Award are to be in to Volunteer Thunder Bay. See poster for more information.

Dec 21 Second Session. Learn to Read Music, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 6:30 - 7pm, Fee: by donation to be used towards organ fund (\$25 minimum), Led by: Dr. Sean Kim. For more information or to register please contact Laurie @ 707-3048 or email foodforthesoul@tbaytel.net

When filling out your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address:

Any Canadian Forces Member
PO Box 5140 Stn Forces
Belleville ON K8N 5W6

If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful, special people, who have sacrificed so much would get.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Canadian Anglican response for emergency relief, refugees, development and justice. And it's making a difference in the world. **PWRDF** is contributing \$20,000 from its Canadian Foodgrains Bank Account to a food relief project in Bangladesh for the Rohingya relief effort. This is one of many projects in the world.

Donations to PWRDF can be made on the website, by special church envelope, EOP (electronic offering program), or by phone 1-866-308-7973. You can also use mail and please make cheques payable to PWRDF. The address is:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
The Anglican Church of Canada
80 Hayden Street
Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2.

Christmas is coming.

- See the World of Gifts Guide, on the website or the insert in the Anglican Journal. For the hard to buy for person or charitable gift, you can order seeds for farmers, livestock, contribute to projects worldwide, etc.
- You can order Christmas cards.
- You can subscribe to a daily Advent reflection.

For further information go to www.pwrdf.org. Linda Rintamaki (rep)

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