

# The Church of St John the Evangelist

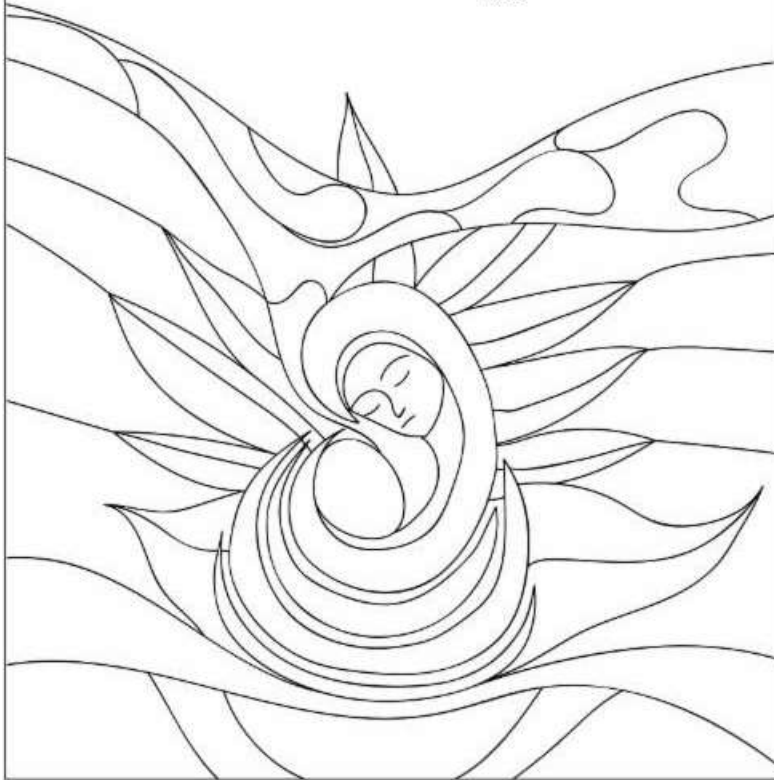
Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Algoma

## Holding Christ

CHRISTMAS EVE

Jesus is born, Cloud enfleshed, in  
a manger. Mary loved her baby,  
and knew that God loved her.

*Luke 2*



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



## **Christmas Flowers 2017**

*The flowers on the altar are given with love to the Glory of God in memory of: Eileen and Frederick Stevens given by daughters Anne and Janet Stevens and Elizabeth Mickelson.*

*Vera and Fred Finch and Jean and Walker Love given by the Love family.*

*Ed and May MacLeay and Jean Styffe given by daughter Barbara Campbell and Denny Brault.*

*Curt McMahan and Joe and Anna Young given by Anne-Marie Catherine, Joanne and Adeline.*

*Betty Bliss given by friend Brenda Coopman.*

*Elsie Dumbrell given by Sharon and Alan Gilbert and family.*

*Yvonne and Tom Webb and Cyril and Alice Sparkes given by Sharon and Dale Sparkes.*

*With heartfelt thanks for the blessing of family and friends given by Marilyn and Al Chisholm.*

*John and Eileen Armstrong and Cora and Harry Adderley given by Georgina and Bruce Adderley.*

*The poinsettia on the stand by the pulpit is given in loving memory of Alf and Elsie Gill and son Ralph given by Joyce, Nathan and Pascale.*

## **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.*

## Our Ministers today

Host: ..... Erminie Reid  
Greeter: ..... David Reid  
Readers: ..... Midge Peel and Mary Gouliquer  
Prayers of the People: ..... Elizabeth Whalley  
Servers: ..... Bruce Adderley  
Eucharistic Assistants: ..... Dale Sparkes and Linda Rintamaki  
Chancel Guild: ..... Marg Boone and Irene Roy  
Food Cupboard..... closed

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We are asked to pray for Yola (Jos, Nigeria) and The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahm.

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:** We are asked to pray for the Director Rev Eileen Scully and staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and Rev Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop for Justice and Leadership, and Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the Bishop for Youth of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Our prayers are asked for St James', Gravenhurst; Church of the Holy Manger, Barkway; The Rev Heather Manuel and The Rev Canon Tom James (Hon).

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** David and Erminie Reid; Matthew, Desiree, Madison and Owen Reilly; Erik Johannes Riekko; Bernice Richmond; William and Lillian Richmond; Wayne Edmunds and Linda Rintamaki; Mary Ripley and Grace Dawon; Karen Ristanen; Alan and Cynthia Roy; and Kenneth and Irene Roy.

## Calendar for the Week

December 28    Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

December 29    Craft Group – resumes in the new year

## Scripture Readings for Christmas Day -9:30 am

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

Psalms 98

John 1:1-14

**Attendance:**                                      53                                      (Sunday, December 17, 2017)  
EOP: \$1,022.62                                      Givings: \$1,430.00                                      Total:       \$2,452.62  
We expect at this rate of givings that we will have a shortfall of ~\$12,000.00 for 2017.

## **Parish News**

The **Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group** (AELG) will be meeting at St John's on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Bursary recipient Alex McCubbin will be joining us. On Friday, February 2 at 7:00 pm at Hilldale Lutheran Church, we will be hosting our Annual Variety Show. Tickets are \$10.00 – see Sharon Corston.

**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** still has a few calendars. See Liz Whalley for your 2018 Church Calendar @ \$7.00 each.

**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.

**Food Cupboard:** In December St. John's Cupboard will be open on three Sundays, the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and the 31<sup>st</sup>. The Cupboard is getting low on cans of tuna, and flaked chicken or ham. Thank you for your support during the year.

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

Pastor George be out of the parish for holidays (plus a few CE - reading days) from 01 January through 18 January.

The Rev'd David Knudson will cover liturgies for the Baptism of the Lord (1st Sunday in January);

The Rev'd Gail Clifton will cover liturgies for the second Sunday in January (Epiphany 2).

Pastoral emergencies requiring a priest should be directed to either David or Gail.

## **Vestry**

The **Special Vestry** is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, January 21st** right after the 9:30 am service.

The **Annual Vestry** is set for **Sunday, February 18th** right after the 9:30 am service.

**2017 Annual Reports** will be due on **Sunday, January 14th, 2018.**

**Bishop Anne Germond brings Christmas greetings to the Diocese of**



The Diocese of Algoma  
Anglican (Episcopal) Church of Canada



Posted: December 20, 2017

Bishop Anne's Christmas greetings may be found on the Diocesan website at the link.

[CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM BISHOP ANNE](#)

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**Dec 24** St. Paul's Live Nativity, starts 6:00 pm. Meet Mary, Joseph and of course, baby Jesus. Pet some real, live sheep and worship with the angels and shepherds. Join us for our 5:00 pm family friendly Christmas Eve service then head outside to our Live Nativity. For more info contact Laurie @ 707-3048 or email [foodforthesoul@tbaytel.net](mailto:foodforthesoul@tbaytel.net).  
<https://www.facebook.com/foodforthesoulstpauls/>

**Jan 14** **2017 Annual Reports** due.

**Jan 17** The Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group will be meeting at St John's at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

**Jan 20** An invite for everyone who helped in any way to the success of **Camp Gitchigomee** over the past year to come out and join us for supper, prizes and fellowship. If you would like to attend, please RSVP. Camp Gitchigomee, Annual Appreciation Supper, St. Michael's Church, 5 p.m. Meet & Greet. RSVP by January 16th, 2018. 622-0020 [gitchigomee@shaw.ca](mailto:gitchigomee@shaw.ca)

**Jan 21** **Special Vestry** meeting right after the 9:30 am service tentatively set.

**Feb 2** The Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group Variety Showcase at Hilldale Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm.

**Feb 11** **CLAY Fundraiser – Paint Night** at St Paul's , 6:00 pm. Cost:\$45.00. Contact Laurie Sandham at 707-3048 or email [lauriesandham@gmail.com](mailto:lauriesandham@gmail.com). Register online at: <https://www.paintnite.com/events/purple-tree-in-moonlight-at-fundraiser-event-st-pauls-anglican-church-10034337>.

**Feb 18** **2017 Annual Vestry** meeting right after the 9:30 am service.

**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](http://www.pwrdf.org).

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

## *Bishop Anne Germond's motto for 2018*

*"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*

*(Colossians 2 3:12, 14)*

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