

The Church of St John the Evangelist

Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Algoma



'There are others who know about this miracle birth
The humblest of people catch a glimpse of their worth
For it isn't to the palace that the Christ child comes
But to shepherds and street people, hookers and bums
And the message is clear if you've got [you have] ears to hear
That forgiveness is given for your guilt and your fear
It's a Christmas gift [that] you don't have to buy
There's a future shining in a baby's eyes

'Like a stone on the surface of a still river
Driving the ripples on forever
Redemption rips through the surface of time
In the cry of a tiny babe'

~ Bruce Cockburn

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

The Birth of Christ

December 25, 2017

9:30 am

Book of Alternative Service

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful #118

Readings:

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-14, 5-12

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Gospel Acclamation

#712

The Holy Gospel:

John 1:1-14

Offeratory Hymn:

The People That in Darkness Set #156

Communion & Ablutions Hymn:

What Child is This #137

Recessional Hymn:

Angels, from the Realms of Glory, #143

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

Readers: Bruce Adderley and Elizabeth Whalley

Prayers of the People: Linda Rintamaki

Servers: Bruce Adderley

Chancel Guild: Marg Boone and Irene Roy

Food Cupboard..... closed

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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for York - (York, England) and The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu; York–Beverley - (York, England) and The Rt Revd Glyn Webster; York–Hull - (York, England) and The Rt Revd Alison White; York–Selby - (York, England) and The Rt Revd John Bromilow Thomson; and York–Whitby - (York, England) and The Rt Revd Paul John Ferguson.

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 to pray for Christian vocations and for candidates for ordained ministry; and Pastoral Chaplains: The Rev Canon Bob Elkin, Algoma; The Rev Peter Simmons, Muskoka; The Rev Glen Miller, Sudbury-Manitoulin; The Rev Linda White, Temiskaming; The Rev Canon Paul Carr, Thunder Bay-North Shore.

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 10th, 17th, and the 31st. 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 24th and December 31st. We will begin again on Sunday, January 7th, 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.**



The Diocese of Algoma
Anglican (Episcopal) Church of Canada



Bishop Anne Germond brings Christmas greetings to the Diocese of

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. <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

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. 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.

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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