

The Church of St John the Evangelist

Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Algoma

Parish Founded 1872

Present Church Built 1884



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

First Sunday after Epiphany - The Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

9:30 am

Book of Alternative Service

Pastor David Knudsen officiating

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased

Matthew 3:17

Processional Hymn

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways #45

Readings:

Genesis:1:15

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

p738

Gospel Acclamation

#712

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 1:4-11

Offertory Hymn:

When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known #163

Communion & Ablutions Hymn:

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove #644

Recessional Hymn:

O Worship the King #380

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: Neil Love

Readers: David Reid and Midge Peel

Prayers of the People: Garth O'Neill

Servers: Bruce Adderley

Eucharistic Assistants: David Reid and Linda Rintamaki

Chancel Guild: Irene Roy and Lois Colpitts

Coffee Hosts Al and Marilyn Chisholm

Food Cupboard..... closed

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia, The Most Revd Winston Halapua Bishop of Polynesia and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and Bishop of Taranaki - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia), The Most Revd Philip Richardson.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for the National Anglican Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald, and the Anglican Council of Indigenous People of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and the Bishop Michael Pryse, people, and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston (Interim), The Rev. Rhonda Hirst (Hon.), The Rev. Canon Michael Hankinson (Hon. Emeritus).

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Violet Thomson, Duncan Twance, Elroy and Eugene Ulmer, Evelyn Wallace, Elaine Waring, Barbara Warwick, Brenda Watts, Elizabeth Whaley and Jim, Craig and Barbara Williams and Anne Zale.

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

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| January 8 | St John's and St Luke's Parish Council meeting at 1:00 pm |
| January 10 | Warden's Meeting at 11:00 am |
| January 11 | Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm |
| January 12 | Craft Group at 10:00 am |

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Corinthians 16:12-20

John 1:43-51

Attendance:

36

EOP: \$1,022.62

Givings: \$2,370.00

Total: \$ 3,392.62

Required to meet weekly budget:

\$ 2,745.72

Parish News

Nancy and I want to extend our heart-felt thanks for the many Christmas cards, greetings and gifts we have received from parishioners and friends of St John's and St Luke's. Your care and support mean so much to us! We, in turn, love and care for you, our 'church family'. Godspeed.

George+

The **Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group** (AELG) will be meeting at St John's on Wednesday, January 17th at **1:00 pm** (please note the time change). 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.

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.

St John's Internet Mission is looking for volunteers to help with running the equipment. If interested please see Jim Green or Sharon Corston. Our services are now on the St John's website and can be viewed there.

St Joseph's Care Group is looking for volunteers to be **Meal Time Assistants at St Joseph's Hospital**. For more information please contact Loretta Turpin at 343-2428.

Sunday Sermons can be heard on the St Luke's website <http://www.stlukes-thunderbay.ca/home.html>. The whole service can be watched on our website <http://www.stjohnsthunderbay.ca/>.

Vestry

The **Special Vestry** is 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**.

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.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 9 Mother's Union meeting will be held on 7:00 p.m. in Haddon Hall at St. Thomas' Church. Everyone is welcome.

Jan 14 **2017 Annual Reports** due.

Jan 17 The Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group will be meeting at St John's at 1:00 pm. 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.

Jan 27 Hidden Child of the Holocaust: Growing up Jewish in Hungary During World War II presentation at the Waverley Library from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Jan 31 **Worship Committee** meeting 2:30 pm in Langworthy Hall.

Feb 2 The Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group Variety Showcase at Hilldale Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm. Sharon Corston has tickets - \$10.00.

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.

Feb 24 Coldest Night of the Year Walk for Grace Place. Pastor George and Sharon Corston will both be walking and looking for sponsors.



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](#)

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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