

**8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Common Prayer Page 67**

Announcements

**Advent Dialogue** - We Praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

**As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory.**

Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbours in need.

**Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

Collect of the Day (Please stand) B.A.S. Pg. 270

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - 11  
 Psalm 126 B.A.S. Pg. 885  
 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24  
 John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28

**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services Page 185****Opening Hymn: # 101**

**Advent Dialogue** - see 8:30 service

**A Candle is Burning:** A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
 A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
 Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
 As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

The Gathering of the Community P. 185

**Trisagion: # 693**

Collect of the Day (stand) P. 270

Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - 11  
 Psalm: 126 P. 885  
 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24

**Gospel Acclamation: # 712**

**Holy Gospel:** John 1: 6 - 8, 19 - 28

**Sermon:****Anthem:**

The Creed P. 189

Prayers of the People (Stand or kneel)

Confession and Absolution (Stand or Kneel) P. 191

**Offertory Hymn: # 106**

Prayer over the Gifts (celebrant) P. 271

Eucharistic Prayer (Stand or kneel)

**Sanctus: # 735**

The Lord's Prayer (wording found in the first prayer) P. 211

The Breaking of the Bread P. 212

**Agnus Dei: # 701**

*All baptized Christians may receive the Holy Eucharist.*

**Communion Hymn: # 61**

**Ablutions Hymn:** Abba Father x 2 (insert)

Prayer after Communion (Stand) P. 271

Doxology P. 214

Benediction

**Recessional Hymn: # 481****Announcements****Our Ministers for today:**

Host: Sharon Sparkes

Greeters: 8:30: Jim Green

10:30: Bethany O'Neill, Neil Love

Readers: 8:30 a.m. - Jim Green Joan Green

10:30 a.m. - Al Chisholm, Marilyn Chisholm

Prayers of the People: Garth O'Neill

Servers: 8:30 - Judy Mostow

10:30 a.m. - Bruce Adderley.

Eucharistic Assistants: 8:30 Brenda Coopman

10:30: Dale Sparkes, Audrey Love, David Reid

Chancel Guild: Marg Boone, Audrey Love, Brenda Watts

Coffee Hosts: Bonnie McQueen, Marilyn Chisholm

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Kitgum - (Uganda), and The Rt Rev. Benjamin Ojwang.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Thomas', French River and Mrs. Beverley Van Der Jagt, Pastoral Worker.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Don & Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Bonnie & Dan McQueen, Alfred, Ida, Ted & Bill Mekanak.

## Calendar for the Week:

### **Mon. Dec. 15**

1:30 p.m. Wardens meeting

### **Wed. Dec. 17**

7:00 p.m. Advisory Board

### **Thurs. Dec 18**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Fri. Dec. 19**

10:00 a.m. Craft Group

**Christmas Services** - There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the back of the church for Christmas Eve, Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 services. Please add your name for reading, EA, greeting, etc. where you are able. Thank you. Erminie.

**Designated Donations:** There are envelopes available for individuals wishing to make designated donations to St. John's located at the back of the church. They are for gifts to the various funds at St. John's. As Christmas approaches please consider giving a gift to one of these funds in the name of a family member or friend.

**Receipts for donations** for 2014 will include all donations received in the office up to and including Dec. 30, 2014. Any donations received after that date will be included in the totals for 2015.

**Secret Santa** - Today is our last opportunity to contribute to the Secret Santa project of Elevate NWO (formerly AIDS Thunder Bay) by donating gifts for a family. This year our family consists of a 51 yr old male, a 49 yr old female and a 2 yr old male child. When asked about their wish list, the family suggested gift cards for Intercity Mall or other "surprise presents". The donation basket is at the back of the church. If you are interested in contributing to a gift certificate please contact Marg Boone (325-2184 or mboone@tbaytel.net).

**St. John's Cupboard** is now receiving some support from RFDA, mostly in the form of breads, cereals, occasional fresh produce, and incidental items. We continue to need **YOUR SUPPORT** in the form of canned tuna, meat, vegetables and fruit or cash donations to allow the Cupboard's supply purchasers to buy these items in quantity when they are on sale will be appreciated. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile local mission.

**Flowers for the altar** - If you would like to put flowers on the altar during Advent or donate to help cover the cost of the flowers for the Christmas altar please talk to Audrey Love at 344-4955. Audrey also needs to have the correct spelling of names for the bulletin.

The Dec. Issues of our newsletter, **The Lamplighter**, and the **Anglican Journal & The Algoma Anglican** are available at the back of the church. If you do not receive yours by mail or e-mail and would like one, please help yourself.

**Envelopes for 2015** - are ready for pick up at the back of the church. Please take yours. If you don't have envelopes and would like some, please speak to one of the wardens.

**Free Trade Coffee** - Orders are being accepted until Jan 4, 2015 for coffee at \$10 per pound. Please specify ground, regular or drip grind or whole beans. Orders can be e-mailed to [jim@stjohnsanglican.ca](mailto:jim@stjohnsanglican.ca) or given in writing to a warden. Delivery will be later in Jan. 2015. We are expecting a price increase in 2015.

**Items for the Annual Report** must be submitted by January 11, 2015. Please type them in Times New Roman 12pt. And sent to [church@stjohnsanglicantbay.ca](mailto:church@stjohnsanglicantbay.ca).

**2015 Church Calenders** are available from Liz Whalley for \$7.

**Parking Passes** for 2015 are now available at the office @ \$10 for the year.

## Neighbourhood News

**Blessings in a Backpack:** a partnership with Our Kids Count and RFDA providing backpacks filled with food for students to take home each Friday. The backpacks are returned empty on Monday. \$100 feeds a child on weekends for the full year. You can help by making a donation to support this program. Donate @ [www.blessingsinabackpack.ca](http://www.blessingsinabackpack.ca) and click City of Thunder Bay to ensure donation come here. or make cheques payable to: Blessings in a Backpack, 133 Coldstream Ave., Toronto, ON M5N 1X7.

Immanuel Lutheran Church (Pearl & Banning St.) is presenting their Cantata and St. Lucia procession on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

## **Abba Father**

**Abba Father, let me be  
Yours and Yours alone.  
May my will forever be  
Evermore Your own.  
Never let my heart grow cold,  
Never let me go,  
Abba Father, let me be  
Yours and Yours alone.**

### **Next Sunday - 4th Sunday in Advent**

#### **Scripture Readings:**

2 Samuel 7: 1 - 11, 16

Canticle 18 (BAS pg 86)

Romans 16, 25 - 27

Luke 1: 26 - 38

#### **Parish Statistics (last week):**

8:30: 23

10:30: 44

Total: 67

Parochial: EOP: \$1411.43 Givings: \$ 980.00 Total: \$2391.43

Required to meet our budget: \$3320.80

**In order to receive a visit when you are admitted to hospital**  
please do these two things. 1. Ask the hospital staff to verify that  
your religious designation is correct on your hospital records, and  
2. Have a family member or friend notify the parish office that  
you are in hospital and would appreciate a visit.