

Calendar for the Week:

Fri. Nov. 14

10:00 a.m. Craft Group

Sat. Nov. 15

1:30 - 4 p.m. Christmas Tea

Next Sunday - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings:

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| Judges 4: 1 - 7 | Psalm 123 |
| 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11 | Matthew 25: 14 - 30 |

Parish Statistics (last week):

8:30: 18 10:30: 51 Total: 69
Parochial: EOP: \$1411.43 Givings: \$1419 .00 Total: \$2830.43
Required to meet our budget: \$3320.80

No scents makes sense. Please refrain from wearing perfumed personal care products to events at the church (i.e. worship services, dinners, meetings). Individuals with sensitivities to perfumes find it very difficult if not impossible to be in enclosed areas where others are wearing perfumed products (i.e. perfume, hair spray after shave,). To help make our church a welcoming place for all, please do not wear scented products.

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.

Christmas Tea coming - Nov 15. Tickets are \$5.00 and available from Marg. Boone or Sharon Sparkes..

Mince tarts and Mini Quiches are available for pre-order. There are six tarts to a tray. Mince Tarts are \$6 and Mini Quiches are \$8. Please contact Rita Ash.

There are copies of the Oct. Edition of **The Anglican Journal** and our newsletter, **St. John's Lamplighter** at the back of the church for anyone who does not receive one in the mail. Please help yourself if

you would like one.

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 Lisa Richardson fund, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Food Cupboard and others. As Christmas approaches please consider giving a gift to one of these funds in the name of a family member or friend.

Forward Day by Day: is a devotional guide which provides daily scripture readings with related stories by the author. It is available in regular and large print format at a cost of \$5 for regular and \$10 for large print. Our order for 2015 will be placed in Nov. Please contact Audrey Love at 344 - 4955 if you would like to place an order.

2015 Church Calenders have arrived and will be available for \$7 beginning next Sunday. Please see Liz Whalley.

Concurrence Committee Update: The Bishop has posted our Parish Profile on the diocesan website. If you would like to read it go to www.dioceseofalgoma.com and click on News & Events & then on Job Openings. Within the Bishop's letter it will tell you to click "here" to open the profile. For those who do not have a computer and wish to read the Profile there is a coloured copy on the hall bulletin board or you may take home a black & white copy found on the shelf at the back of the church. All applications for the position of Incumbent at St. John's are sent directly to the Bishop and he will send on suitable resumes to the concurrence committee for consideration in due course.

Primate's World Relief & Development Fund between services breakfast, **Sunday Nov. 30.** Muffins, scones, juice coffee, etc. Free will offerings for PWRDF. Plan to stay after the 8:30 service or come early for the 10:30 service. Volunteers to assist will be appreciated. Contact Marg Boone (PWRDF Rep).

Opportunities as Worship Leaders. The worship committee is being reactivated and we invite people to volunteer to read lessons and the prayers, which will be prepared by the Incumbent. If you are interested please contact Pastor David.

Safe Church - the wardens are seeking a volunteer to manage the Safe Church program for the parish. If you think it is a position you are

interested in please contact one of the wardens.

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** particularly in the form of canned tuna, meat, vegetables and fruit as we do not receive sufficient to meet our distribution needs. Your cash donations allow the Cupboard's supply purchasers to buy these items in quantity when they are on sale. Thank you for your support in this worthwhile local mission.

Nearly New Sale - WOW!! What a lot of treasures we had! Thank you to all the willing workers who turned out to help set up on Thursday morning and evening, Friday morning and Saturday for the sale. As many know I have been struggling with some health issues and could not have done this sale without all your help. Many hands truly do make light work. We raised a total of \$1171.80 to date with a little extra to come along if sales can be made. Our storage space is empty again so lets fill it up and in the Spring of 2015 - maybe the end of May - we can have another successful sale. Thanks to all
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Douglas.

Christmas Newsletter deadline is Nov. 23rd. If you have a submission, please sent it to Sharon Corston by email at sjcorston@gmail.com or leave it in the office in an envelope with her name on it.

Re: bulletin notices: If you are providing notices for the bulletin that identify an individual(s) to contact for any reason please include info re: how they can be contacted such as e-mail address or phone number.

Neighbourhood News

Mission to Seafarers - Items for Christmas Gift Bags should be in the Centre by Nov. 15. We are in need of warm men's clothing in all sizes. We are planning to publish a newsletter later in November. If you have a picture or and interesting story, please sent it the The Rev Canon Ed Swayze.

Upcoming Christmas Teas - Check the bulletin board for dates and times for upcoming teas.

Advent Web Conferences on the book of Genesis - an online seminar available to anyone, anywhere with high speed Internet, speakers and microphone (and/or webcam, or headset) -OR - participants may attend the presentations at the local Contact North Centre (with prior arrangement). Register by Nov. 25. See the bulletin board for details.

Donations of food items are needed for the AIDS Committee Thunder Bay - Mothers' Cupboard container at the back of the church

We are God's People

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of the Spirit, established by the word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
Oh, let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
Oh, let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.**

**We are the body of which the Lord is head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
Oh, let us freely give our gifts, and so shall God's work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
Alone, we die, for on its own each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.**