

# *The Church of St John the Evangelist*

*Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Algoma*



*Parish Founded 1872*

*Present Church Built 1884*

## *Welcome to St. John's*

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, we offer a blend of the traditional and the modern, of things you always believed and ideas to bring you back.

You are invited to journey with us as we experience ancient tradition, modern thought and community service, all in one church.

St. John's is a welcoming and affirming church striving to know and serve Christ, and to reach out and support those in need.

Welcome, join us in discipleship, journey and service.

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

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much Fruit.

*John 15:5*

Processional Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #310

Readings:

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

P883

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Acclamation

#712

The Holy Gospel:

Matthew 25: 14-30

Offertory Hymn:

Rejoice Today with One Accord #318

Communion & Ablutions Hymn:

Healer of Our Every Ill #612

Recessional Hymn:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #565

**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: ..... Elizabeth Mickelson

Greeter: ..... Jim Green

Readers: ..... Bruce Adderley and Mary Goliquer

Prayers of the People: ..... Linda Rintamaki

Servers: ..... Bruce Adderley

Eucharistic Assistants: ..... Elizabeth Mickelson and David Reid

Chancel Guild: ..... Audrey Love and Cyndi Roy

Coffee Hosts ..... Dorothy Nesbitt and Joan Green

Food Cupboard..... Closed

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We are asked to pray for Uyo (Niger Delta, Nigeria) and The Rt Revd Prince Asukwo Antai.

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:** We are asked to pray for the Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and the General Secretary and staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Our prayers are asked for St Mark's Heyden, Mr Henry Giles, Lay Pastor.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Joan Kelley, Larry, Vicky and Ellen Kosny-Fletcher, David and Joan Knudson, Richard, Adrienne and Kaylee Lambert and Al, Jessica, Madelynn and Rosalie Lauzon.

### **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**

November 23     Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

November 24     Craft Group at 10:00 am

### **Scripture Readings for the Last Sunday after Pentecost – The Reign of Christ**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalms 100

Matthew 25:31-46

Attendance:

50

EOP: \$1,022.62

Givings: \$540.76

Total:     \$ 1,563.38

Required to meet weekly budget:

\$ 2,745.72

## **Parish News**

### **Advent Study: *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom***

First Light is a 12-session DVD and web-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with two of the world's leading Jesus scholars (John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg) on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem.

Themes (2 can be covered each session)

1. The Matrix of Jesus
2. The Advent of the Messiah
3. God's Great Cleanup
4. Collaborative Eschaton
5. The Lake as the World
6. Parables as Lures
7. Jesus as Lord
8. Substitutionary Atonement?
9. Demonstrations in Jerusalem
10. The Crowd & the Crucifixion
11. Resurrection as Resistance
12. America as the New Rome

The first session will be on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at St John the Evangelist Anglican Church starting at 2:00 pm. For more information contact Rev Gail Clifton at 768-9865 or [gailx2@shaw.ca](mailto:gailx2@shaw.ca).

**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 is back** – see Liz Whalley for your 2018 Church Calendar @ \$7 each.

**Chancel Guild** Anyone wishing to donate towards the altar Christmas flowers are asked to please contact Audrey Love at 344-4955 or speak to me at church. Thanks Audrey.

**Mission to Seafarers Christmas Gift Bags:** Seafarers may not get home for Christmas and may not even be in a port during Christmas. They are one of our "Lifelines", bringing to the Thunder Bay goods we need and improve our economy by taking away goods being exported to foreign countries. Seafarers on ocean-going ships are away from home for six to twelve months to a year. One way to express our appreciation to these dedicated individuals is by sharing a little of our Christmas Spirit with them through the tradition of gift giving. This may help to make it a little less lonely for them. Once again we are appealing to you for donations so that this outreach program can be continued.

Suggested items for the Mission to Seafarers items for Christmas Gift Bags are:

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| mittens/gloves; | socks;                         |
| hat/toque;      | scarf;                         |
|                 | writing/note paper, envelopes, |

pen, or pencil;  
small tool: flashlight,  
screwdriver;  
shaving supplies (other toiletries  
are not needed);

playing cards, hand-held  
games/puzzles;  
small unbreakable Christmas  
ornament; or  
wrapped candy or gum.

Money donations also accepted that will be used to purchase additional items for the gift bags.

Donations for the bags may be left in the box at the back of the church. All donations will be taken to the mission on **Monday Nov. 20.**

Clean, used or new, but usable, warm, **small-large men's clothing** to distribute to seafarers is needed; please bring clothing to the drop off box at the Seafarers' Centre.

We would like to invite you to join us for a **St. Nicolas Day Eucharist and lunch**, Wednesday, December 6 at 12:10 p.m. at the Seafarers' Centre, 100 Main St. St Nicolas is the patron saint of seafarers. For further information visit [www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay](http://www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay) or call 344-8241.

Thank you for support. We are now coming up to one of the busier times in the year as the Port is shipping the grain harvest.

**St. John's Lamplighter** – the next issue will be out at the end of the month. The deadline for input is **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** either in the office or emailed to the church or Sharon.

**A Social** will be held at St John's from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, in Langworthy Hall. An opportunity to visit, chat, have tea or coffee and "goodies". We hope to see you there!

**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.



In anticipation of our coming together as one parish, the ladies of St. Luke's church invite the ladies of both St. John's and St. Michael's to join with them at their annual Christmas Meal together on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

The day will begin with Corporate Communion at 10:30 am with the meal at approximately 12 noon.

Our meeting will follow, but you are free to join us for any part of the day.

RSVP is requested indicating - Communion, Lunch, or Both - to facilitate preparation for both the Eucharist and the meal.

Please call Carol Lee at 475-7770 or email [kostyniukbc@shaw.ca](mailto:kostyniukbc@shaw.ca) by Friday December 1.



The Diocese of Algoma  
Anglican (Episcopal) Church of Canada



## **Diocesan-wide initiative requires assistance - Pastoral Care About Induced Death**

Posted: November 8, 2017

Synod delegates likely recall that the following motion was passed at Synod 2017:

*Moved that the Diocese of Algoma encourage parishes and incumbents to become familiar with Bill C-14 and this new approach to end of life care and develop a plan of pastoral response to those affected by serious, incurable illness and their families within our communities.*

*Moved that the Diocese of Algoma look into providing opportunities and resources for training clergy and laity in end of life pastoral care.*

A Task Force was formed to investigate ways to fulfill the requirements of this motion. Their first communiqué to the Diocese may be found on the bulletin board. Please take the time to read the information provided as the group is requesting assistance to further the work on this initiative within the Diocese. **They are hoping for responses by December 8<sup>th</sup>!**

They ask that you share this letter with parishioners and Synod delegates so that the information is circulated as widely as possible across the Diocese.

**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.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

**Nov 19:** St James's Tea, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Tickets \$5.00.

**Nov 19:** St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Tea & Bazaar from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Tickets \$5.00.

**Nov 19:** St John the Evangelist is holding a Lisa Richardson Music Fund program, at the church starting at 7:00 pm. Freewill donation (suggested \$20.00).

**Nov 22:** Fellowship Tea at St John's from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Langworthy Hall. An opportunity to visit, chat, have tea or coffee and "goodies". We hope to see you there!

**Nov 24** Second Session. Advent School for Children, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 6-8 pm. ALL children ages 4-10 are invited to come learn about the REAL meaning of Christmas? Stories! Games! Crafts! Songs! Snack! Cost: FREE. For more information or to register please contact Laurie @ 707-3048 or email [foodforthesoul@tbaytel.net](mailto:foodforthesoul@tbaytel.net).

**Nov 25** St. George's Fall Tea, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., \$5.00.

**Nov 27** Apiwin presents Circle of Life Powwow Gathering, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Confederation College Student Commons. Call Candace Hardy at 475-6602 for more information.

**Nov 29** Singing 4 Sharing, a combined Christmas concert by the Sounds of Superior Chorus and Gentlemen of Harmony in support of the George Jeffrey Children's Center and Thunder Bay Food Bank will be held at Hilldale Lutheran Church, 7 :00 pm. See Garth O'Neill for tickets (\$10 each).

**Dec 1** St Michael's Giant Bake Sale from noon to 4:00 pm. Free coffee or tea.

**Dec 2** St Michael's Giant Bake Sale from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Free coffee or tea.

**Dec 2** Call to Arts showcasing a variety of Media Arts. 1:00-5:00 pm Craft vendors and workshops – free; 7:00-10:00 pm live performances and installations \$10.00. Trinity Hall, 310 Park Avenue.

**Dec 2** Knox United Church presents its Annual Pre-Christmas Festive Ham Dinner at 5:00 pm with a Cookie Walk starting at 4:00 pm. See poster for ticket prices.

**Dec 3** Advent Concert – Thunder Bay Community Choir, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church starting at 4:00 pm. Admission: free will offering.

**Dec 3** Sunday Nite Choir presents Joy to the World at 7:30 pm at Grace Church, 289 Court Street North. No admission fee. Refreshments to follow.

**Dec 6** Mission to Seafarers **St. Nicolas Day Eucharist and lunch**, at 12:10 p.m. at the Seafarers' Centre, 100 Main Street.

**Dec 6** Oras Chamber Choir at the Finlandia Hall celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Finnish Independence Day. See Erik Johannes Riekkö for tickets.

**Dec 8-10** Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh and Mamow Committee present Christmas Gospel Jamboree Gathering at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School, Friday and Saturday from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am nightly and Sunday from 6:00 pm to 12:00 am. Church Service at St Paul's Church on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00

pm. Christmas Feast on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at DFC High School. Bus transportation will be provided from Church to Feast.

**Dec 10** Oras Chamber Choir at Hilldale Lutheran Church celebrating Kauneimmat joululaulut. See Erik Johannes Riekkö for tickets.

**Dec 13** Knox United Church Hot Chocolate and Christmas Carols starting at 6:30 pm.

**Dec 21** Second Session. Learn to Read Music, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 6:30 - 7pm, Fee: by donation to be used towards organ fund (\$25 minimum), Led by: Dr. Sean Kim. For more information or to register please contact Laurie @ 707-3048 or email [foodforthesoul@tbaytel.net](mailto:foodforthesoul@tbaytel.net)

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