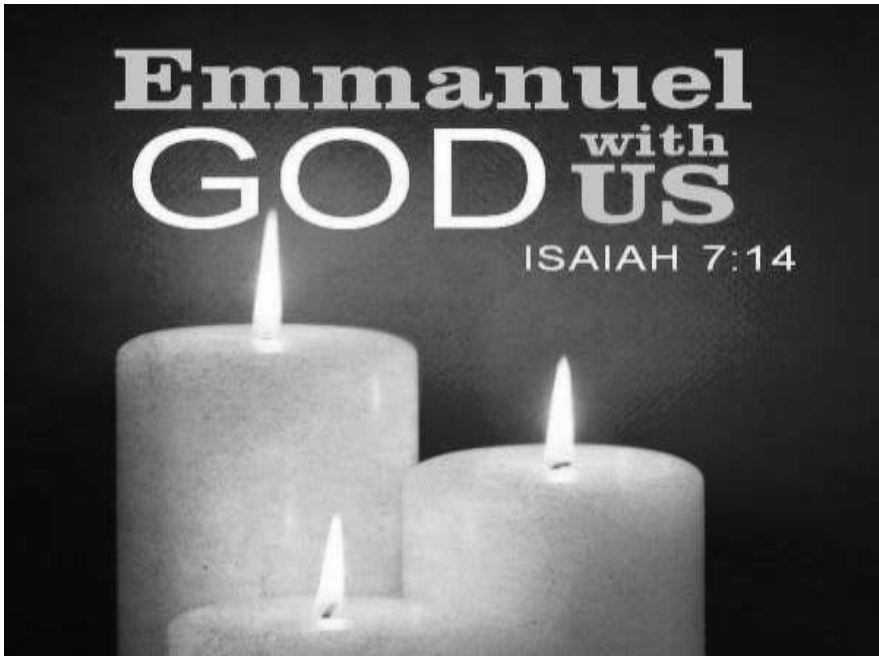


The Church of St John the Evangelist
Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Algoma



'The Spirit of the Sov'rein Lord is on me now
to go, to free, to give , to feed.
The Spirit of he Sov'rein Lord is on me now spreading love.
You turn ashes to beauty,
mourning to dancing,
anguish to songs of praise'

~ Tom Read

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

9:30 am

Book of Alternative Service

Lighting of the Advent Candles O Come, O Come Emmanuel #89 verses 1, 2 and 3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61.1*

Processional Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed #101

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

Gospel Acclamation #712

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

Offertory Hymn: Tell Out, My Soul #362

Communion & Ablutions Hymn: Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free #113

Recessional Hymn: Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement #111

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 Whalley
Greeter: Neil Love
Readers: Dorothy Nesbitt and Mary Goliquer
Prayers of the People: Brenda O'Neill
Servers: Bruce Adderley
Eucharistic Assistants: Bruce Adderley and Brenda Coopman
Chancel Guild: Audrey Love and Cyndi Roy
Coffee Hosts Connie Bryson and Elaine McKinnon
Food Cupboard..... Jim, Connie, Sharon, Grace, Mary, Shirley, Peter, Marion,
Mark and David

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for Wyoming (VI, The Episcopal Church) and The Rt Revd John Smylie.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for the General Secretary Archdeacon Michael Thompson, and national staff of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and Director Trina Gallop, and staff of Communications and Stewardship of the of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and Director Kyle Giesbrecht, and staff of Finance and Administration.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for St James', Goulais River, The Ven William Stadnyk.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Dorothy Nesbitt; Len and Barb Norris; Garth, Brenda, Beth, Emma and Kate O'Neill; Ann Osborn Seyffert; Roger and Sonja Page; Midge Peel and Noreen Petch.

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

December 21 Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

December 22 Craft Group at 10:00 am

Scripture Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent -9:30 am

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Luke 1:26-38

Scripture Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent -8:00 pm

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14

Psalm 96
Luke 12:1-4, (15-20)

Scripture Readings for Christmas Day -9:30 am

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

Canticle 18a BAS pg 86
John 1:1-14

Attendance: 41
EOP: \$1,022.62 Givings: \$294.25 Total: \$ 1,316.87
We expect at this rate of givings that we will have a shortfall of ~\$12,000.00 for 2017.

Parish News

Advent Study: *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom:* The sessions will be on **Tuesdays 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.

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 @ \$7.00 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.

Christmas services sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the back of the church. If you can assist as Greeter, Readers, EA, etc. on any of these dates, please add your name ASAP to help those who are preparing many bulletins. Thank you. Erminie

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. On the 17th we would like to provide an extra Christmas gift of Peanut Butter and Strawberry jam. Donations in the food baskets at the back of the church or cash donations to the food cupboard would be appreciated. As well 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.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 16 Knitting for beginners, 12noon - 2:30pm, St. Paul's Anglican Church. Wheelchair Accessible. FREE - please bring one ball of "chunky" (heavy) yarn and a pair of 5mm needles, straight or circular. A very simple beginning for anyone with hands-on instruction, handouts and ongoing support for each individual. Join us for a bit of fun and fellowship and discover how easy knitting can be. For more info contact Laurie @ 707-3048 or email foodforthesoul@tbaytel.net.
<https://www.facebook.com/foodforthesoulstpauls/>

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.

Dec 21 Blue Christmas Eucharist **7:30 pm at** St. Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, 494 Leslie Ave. The theme is Light Shines in the Darkness. This Eucharist is offered to provide care for people who may be feeling blue at Christmas time. People will be given the opportunity to light a candle as a prayer for someone or something that is on their heart.

Dec 22 Oras Chamber Choir at St Paul's United Church starting at 8:00 pm. See Erik Johannes Riekko for tickets (\$20.00).

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.
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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

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>.

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)

Our Neighbours, Alpha Court are in Need

There will be no food hampers this year other than Christmas Cheer. Christmas Cheer gives hampers to families with children under the age of 16.

Alpha Court has virtually no families with children in that age range, but we have a lot of single people, elderly people, people with children over the age limit, and people with physical and/or mental health issues. The RFDA, in previous years, provided Christmas hampers for those not covered by the Christmas Cheer program, but this year they were not doing so. The Food Bank have, in the past, given food hampers to non-Christmas Cheer people, but this year they just did not have the resources for it – they would have about 1100 individuals and families (without children in the right age range) to do hampers for, and they can't do it on top of their regular work.

This leaves Alpha Court with 325 people who are hoping for some extra help (outside of Christmas dinner programs), who won't be getting any.

RFDA tells me that what they put in their hampers was more or less:

1/2 fresh ham (this is the most expensive part, but, they tell me, still cheaper than a chicken, much less a turkey)
box pancake mix and syrup
cheese and crackers
margarine
canned corn and other vegetables
dried mashed potatoes
maybe extras like canned fruit, cookies, Christmas candy...)

These hampers make a lot of difference to our clients. Because they are mostly non-perishable, they will last into January (even the ham, after it is cooked) – long after the Christmas dinners are done and gone.

There is a basket at the back of the church, for those who would like to make a donation.

When filling out your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address:

Any Canadian Forces Member
PO Box 5140 Stn Forces
Belleville ON K8N 5W6

If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful, special people, who have sacrificed so much would get.

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