

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



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

The First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017

9:30 am

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*

Colossians 3.15, 16

- Processional Hymn Once in Royal David’s City #123

- First Reading: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25 David Reid
- Hymn: Of Eternal Love Begotten #132
- Prayer

- Second Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11Elizabeth Whalley
- Hymn: There’s a Voice in the Wilderness #106
- Prayer

- Third Reading: Isaiah 7:10-15..... Midge Peel
- Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful #118 vs 1, 3 5
- Prayer

- Fourth Reading: Luke 1:26-38 Bruce Adderley
- Hymn: Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming #117
- Prayer

- Fifth Reading: Luke 1:39-56Linda Rintamaki
- Hymn: Tell Out, My Soul #362
- Prayer

- Sixth Reading: Luke 2:1-20 Dale Sparkes
- Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #88
- Prayer

- Seventh Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12..... Erminie Reid
- Hymn: What Child is This #137
- Prayer

- Eighth Reading: John 1:1-18.....Brenda Coopman
- Hymn: When Long Before Time #307
- Prayer

- Recessional Hymn: Good Christians, All Rejoice #153

Our Ministers today

Host:

Greeter:

Readers: David Reid, Elizabeth Whalley, Midge Peel, Bruce Adderley, Linda Rintamaki, Dale Sparkes, Erminie Reid and Brenda Coopman

Prayers of the People: Brenda O'Neill

Chancel Guild: Marg Boone and Audrey Love

Coffee Hosts Ermine Reid and Elaine McKinnon

Food Cupboard..... Linda, Connie, Sharon S, Grace, Mary R, Brenda O, Shirley, Mark, Wayne and Jim B

Christmas Flowers 2017

The flowers on the altar are given with love to the Glory of God in memory of: Eileen and Frederick Stevens given by daughters Anne and Janet Stevens and Elizabeth Mickelson.

Vera and Fred Finch and Jean and Walker Love given by the Love family.

Ed and May MacLeay and Jean Styffe given by daughter Barbara Campbell and Denny Brault.

Curt McMahan and Joe and Anna Young given by Anne-Marie Catherine, Joanne and Adeline.

Betty Bliss given by friend Brenda Coopman.

Elsie Dumbrell given by Sharon and Alan Gilbert and family.

Yvonne and Tom Webb and Cyril and Alice Sparkes given by Sharon and Dale Sparkes.

With heartfelt thanks for the blessing of family and friends given by Marilyn and Al Chisholm.

John and Eileen Armstrong and Cora and Harry Adderley given by Georgina and Bruce Adderley.

The poinsettia on the stand by the pulpit is given in loving memory of Alf and Elsie Gill and son Ralph given by Joyce, Nathan and Pascale.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for Zululand (Southern Africa) and for which there is no current incumbent.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for the Director Meghan Kilty, and staff of Communications and Information Resources and Director Hannah Goschy, and staff of Financial Management of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and the Assistant to the National Bishop Rev André Lavergnr, Ecumenical and Interfaith and Rev Lyle McKenzie, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for all Lay Workers within our parishes who play an integral role in the administration of our churches.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Peter Seyffert, John (Sandy) and Honor Shaw, Ophelia Shawinimash, Mark Smith, Janet Sofea, Dale and Sharon Sparkes, Eric and Ann Strand, Peter and Marion Strawson, Evelyn Strawson and Charles Suganaqueb.

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

January 4 Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

January 5 Craft Group

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday after Christmas

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Attendance:

115 (total for both December 24th services)

EOP: \$1,022.62

Givings: \$2,176.60

Total: \$ 3,199.22

We expect at this rate of givings that we will have a shortfall of ~\$12,000.00 for 2017.

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. You 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 10:00 am. 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.

The **Calendar Lady** still has a few calendars. See Liz Whalley for your 2018 Church Calendar @ \$7.00 each.

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. The Cupboard is getting low on cans of tuna, and flaked chicken or ham. Thank you for your support during the year.

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

Sunday School will take a break on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st. We will begin again on Sunday, January 7th, 2018.

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

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.



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](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 14 **2017 Annual Reports** due.

Jan 17 The Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group will be meeting at St John's at 10:00 am. 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.

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)

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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