

Information for this week...

October 11, 2020

Parish Events/News

Chancel Thanksgiving: To donate food to decorate the sanctuary for Harvest Thanksgiving please drop it off to the church Saturday Oct 10 at 10:00 am or bring it Sunday morning.

Office Hours: Because of the uncertainty of life in this pandemic, we have decided not to post regular office hours. Elisabeth will still be available but days and actual hours may change. So, please call and make an appointment if you need to see Elisabeth or if you don't have a key and need access to the church. Voicemail will be monitored regularly Monday to Friday. If you have a concern that needs more immediate attention please call the Rev Canon June Hough directly on her cell (226-448-3790)

In-Church Worship: Because seating is limited to 50 to ensure physical distancing, you must register by contacting the office (email preferred) at office@ascensionlondon.com or 519-451-7780 each week, **by Thursday at noon**. Masks are mandatory. Online worship will continue on YouTube for those unable to attend.

Fundraising: Fundraising during the pandemic is going to be quite different than we're used to. We're putting out a call to anyone who has a fundraising idea that they would like to tackle for the church. This might be a pre-ordered drive-thru dinner, a sponsored walk, the online sale of craft items or baked goods, or anything else you can think of. We're open to any suggestions. Bring your ideas to any of the wardens.

Parish Council: Parish Council will resume meetings on Thursday, October 15, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Hall. (For October only, this will be one week later than usual.) The meeting will be held in-person and by Zoom. Those who choose to attend in person will be required to wear masks. For those who choose to attend by Zoom, the invitation will be sent out on Oct. 13. If any Parish Council members have questions about attending a meeting on Zoom, contact Sandra Coulson at 519-649-4339.

Parish Events continued:

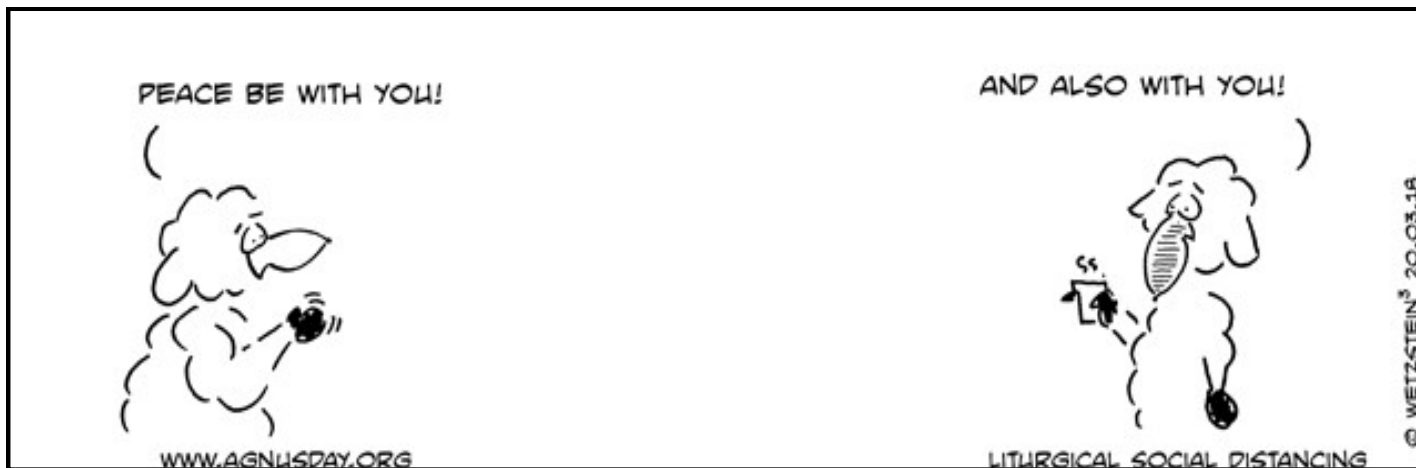
Christmas Share

Each year, Anglican churches in London, including Ascension, donate to the Christmas Share program at St. Paul's Social Services at the cathedral. Christmas Share provides struggling Londoners with the means to have a happy holiday. As in recent years, Christmas Share is asking for monetary donations so that it can purchase gift cards for recipients. With gift cards, the recipients have the dignity to make their own choices of what they would like to give and receive as presents. If you would like to donate to Christmas Share, the deadline is Sunday, Nov. 8. You can contribute in any of the following ways:

- Include in your donation envelope, marked "Christmas Share" in the Special Offering line.
- Mail a cheque to Church of the Ascension, 2060 Dundas St., London, ON, N5V 1R2. Include "Christmas Share" on the memo line.

Transfer through Interac to office@ascensionlondon.com. Include a message that this is for Christmas Share.

If you know anyone who is a church member or is known to the church community who may need assistance from Christmas Share, please contact Rev. June in confidence. Please note that each church can submit only 3 names/families.



ONGOING NOTICES

Bulletin Boards: Please put your poster/photo/etc. in the Bulletin Board mail (#199) to be posted by our bulletin board crew.

Pre-Authorized Givings are available by direct deposit or credit card. Please contact Bill McKinstry at mck728@mac.com to set this up **OR** if you would like to make changes to your contributions.

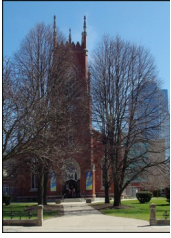
Interested in being a worship assistant? We are especially in need of ushers at this time. Please contact the office if you are interested.

The Ascension Chain of Prayer (for urgent and emergency prayer requests): These requests will be prayed for daily by our team until the situation is resolved. Please call Diane Robinson, Prayer Chain Coordinator. Requests can be left on her secure line if needed.

Bulletin Prayer List: if you would like your name added to our Bulletin insert list (see "parishioners" or "friends & family") Please contact Donna Thompson.

Clergy Pastoral Care: please either call the Clergy directly or call the office and the information will be passed on to the Clergy team.

All contact information is on the back of the bulletin.



Diocesan Events / News

Please check the diocesan webpage: diohuron.org for Covid-19 updates, committee meetings, and rescheduled events.

180th SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF HURON: reports and videos can be found at <https://diohuron.org/news/> including the Bishop's charge and the popular report.

Upcoming Deanery sponsored **Advent series on homelessness:** "What Are We Waiting For". See letter attached separately to this email for information.

Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF)

When a landslide struck Bujumbura, Burundi, in 2015, it destroyed homes, a health centre and a school and killed dozens of people. Survivors ended up in a Displaced Persons Camp near PWRDF partner Village Health Works. It saw an increasing number of patients, many with malnutrition, and implemented a kitchen garden project with 94 households from the camp, distributing seeds, sprayers, shovels and wheelbarrows. "I would like to sincerely thank the Village for bringing us knowledge about the importance of building kitchen gardens," says Rekatubane Annonciate, a mother of eight. "Now my meals are varied, and I do not come to the Kigutu clinic for food supplementation anymore. My kitchen garden provides me with enough food to harvest and feed my family. I have almost everything, including carrots, salads, cabbages, onions, tomatoes, radishes. I really do not know how I could thank the Village. It is like a parent who cares for us, he has saved us and our children from hunger."

You can support the Anglican Church's PWRDF through the blue envelopes in your collections box.

Serving in God's House next week: Sunday, October 18, 2020

Ushers
Reader/Intercessor
AV
Chancel
Counters
Warden on Duty
Altar Flowers

Linda Richards, Jerry Prosser, Warden-on-duty
Russ Braley
Phil Pentecost, Bob Parke
Betty White
Philip Templeton, Valerie Richardson
Sandra Coulson
Mary Holmes



Prayer and Care



We have been asked to pray for the various needs of...

Portions of this list
have been removed from online viewing
for privacy reasons.

In our community, city and world of prayer:

Oh Holy One, we give our thanks and praise to You especially this week as we celebrate Thanksgiving always mindful of our many blessings. Be with all who need You in their lives and show us how to serve them. For food in a world where many walk in hunger; For faith in a world where many walk in fear; For friends in a world where many walk alone; We give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

Diocesan Chain of Prayer this week: St. James the Apostle Port Lambton, St. James the Apostle Wallaceburg, position to be filled. We pray this week for retired clergy the Rev Canon Sidney Smithson, the Ven John Spence and for clergy on leave the Rev Mark Sceviour, the Rev Pamela Stevenson.



Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar for this Sunday are given by Mike & Shirley Power to the glory of God and in memory of Regina LaCouvee. RIP.