

Information for this week...

December 13, 2020

Parish Events/News

Vestry 2021 - Ascension's leadership is awaiting instructions from the Diocese of Huron on how to hold the annual Vestry meeting early in the new year while in a pandemic. We do know at least two parts will be required as always:

(1) Please have Vestry reports into the office at office@ascensionlondon.com by Dec. 31. Even short reports that say not much happened are important as a record of the church this year.

(2) Our two wardens, Russ Braley and Mary Grant, have both reached the limit of their five consecutive one-year terms, so they must be replaced. Positions for deputy warden, Parish Council member, lay delegate and alternate lay delegate to Synod may also open up. Please prayerfully consider contributing your gift of leadership to your parish in 2021. Contact Mary Grant if you are interested

2021 Offering Envelopes - Offering envelopes are available. They can be picked up at in-person services (December 20 is the next one), or they can be picked up in person at the church office. Please schedule a time with Elisabeth before hand (usually Thursdays). If you require envelopes to be delivered please advise the church office and arrangements to deliver envelopes will be made.

AV Message: Starting on Sunday December 6, 2020, we will be streaming all of our worship services directly to our Ascension YouTube page instead of to our Facebook group. We will provide a link on Facebook to the livestreamed YouTube channel. So that you don't miss our streams when we go live on YouTube, please Subscribe AND enable notifications on our channel. IF we ever have issues with streaming to YouTube, we will always stream to our Facebook group page.

Once we are streaming to YouTube, the previously recorded version will not be posted, and will be used if/when livestreaming is not possible. Please be sure to follow us on YouTube at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_tB27TSdIE3lerNvZwvMvQ

Thank you for your continued support. *Philip Templeton*

Daily Bread - A plan to have a monthly parking lot pickup for Daily Bread Food Bank starting in January has been postponed for now due to the severity of the COVID-19 situation in London. In lieu of donations of food, please consider donating financially to Daily Bread through its Canada Helps page at canadahelps.org/en/dn/34353.

In Lieu of Christmas Flowers. Many of you donate towards flowers for our Sanctuary each Christmas. Since we will be there such a limited amount of time - and with limited people - we are suggesting instead donations to Primates World Relief and Development Fund this year. Please use the blue envelopes in your box of envelopes or use the weekly giving envelope and add PWRDF in the "other" line.

ACW Church Calendars will NOT be available this year for sale from our ACW but can be ordered online: <https://www.anglican.ca/about/calendar/>.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar this week would usually be given by Beverly Ganney to the glory of God and in memory of her mother Sylvia Ganney.

Diocesan Events / News

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



Serving in God's House next week: Sunday, December 20, 2020

Ushers

Linda Richards, Audrey Bullerwell, warden on duty

Reader/Intercessor

Russ Braley

AV

Philip Templeton, Phil Pentecost, Elisabeth Geertsma

Chancel

Donna Thompson

Counters

Steve Holmes, Deanne Maxwell

Warden on Duty

Russ Braley

Altar Flowers

not applicable



A Note From the Wardens & Treasurer

Thank you for being so generous with donations to your church all year through very trying circumstances. Let's finish 2020 strong! The special Christmas envelopes have been placed on the pews for those who attend church in person and are available in the church's outside mailbox (to the left of the main doors) for pickup by those attending online.

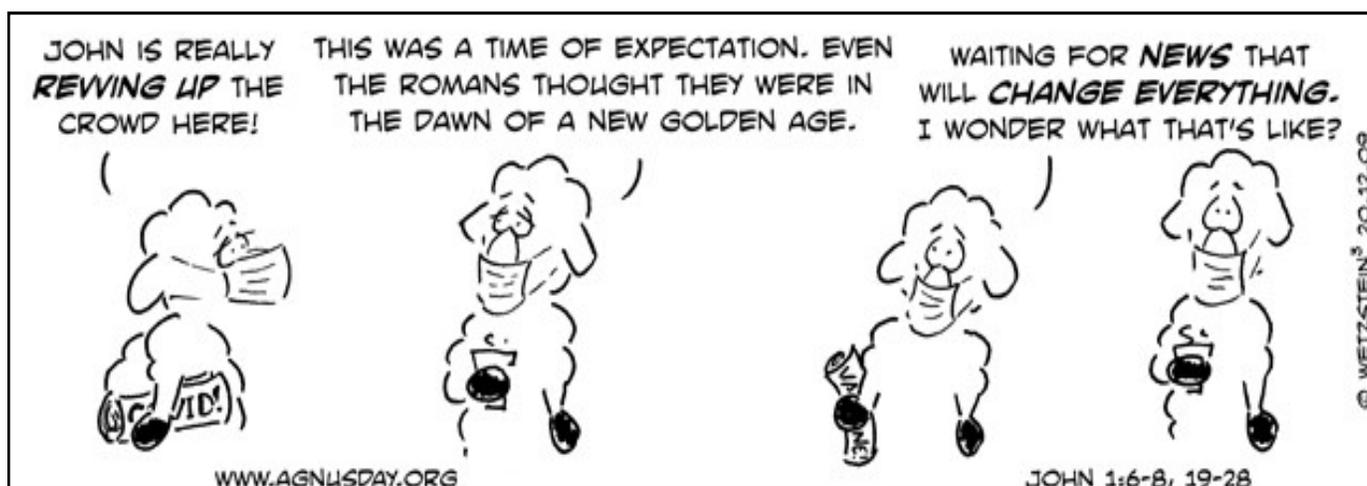
Donations in Christmas envelopes (or even plain envelopes) can be returned to the mailbox or mailed to: Church of the Ascension, 2060 Dundas St., London, ON, N5V 1R2. If you bank online, you may also donate via Interac e-transfer to office@ascensionlondon.com.

A couple of safety notes: Due to recent attempted thefts, please use cheques, not cash, if you are using the mail. Also, the Diocese of Huron is warning that email "phishing" attempts to scam money are being made in the name of Anglican clergy and Bishop Todd Townshend. While clergy will be issuing pastoral messages for Christmas, they will not include requests for money.

Thank you again. Your Wardens and Treasurer.

Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF)

Amina Bente and Janiero Alberto live in Mozambique. During Amina's first pregnancy, Alberto did not want her to go to a health centre. Instead, she went to a traditional healer. For the next two pregnancies, Amina went by herself to the health centre. By the fourth pregnancy, Amina and Janiero were participating in PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count program, run by the Mozambican community health organization EHALE. Together Amina and Janiero started to take their children to the health centre. Amina became more confident as a mother because of skills she learned from AMCC and Janiero became more involved in the family. Now they make decisions together. By supporting their partners while they receive basic health care, men now ensure better health care for the whole family. Amina and Janiero are examples of how PWRDF makes a difference. You can support PWRDF with the blue envelopes in your box of donation envelopes.



ONGOING NOTICES

Office Hours: Please make an appointment if you need access to the church. Voicemail will be monitored regularly Monday to Friday. Please call the Rev Canon June Hough directly on her cell (226-448-3790) for more pressing needs.

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 **by Thursday at noon** for the weeks that in-person services are available. Masks are mandatory.

Online worship will continue live on YouTube. Search "Church of the Ascension (Anglican), London, ON and subscribe.

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.

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.

From Our Parish List this week we lift up: in this difficult Advent this year, let us lift up each member of our congregation in our prayers and thoughts. Picture those who sit near you and send up blessings for them.

For our community, city and world: God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and love. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Diocesan Chain of Prayer: St. John the Evangelist Collegiate Chapel, the Rev Dr. Gary Thorne, the Rev Dr. Barry Craig, the Rev Dr. Stephen McClatchie, the Rev Dr. Lizette Larson-Miller, the Rev Canon Greg Smith; St. Mark's Church London, the Rev Andra O'Neill. We pray for retired clergy the Rev James Wilson, the Rev Mary Wood and for clergy on leave the Rev Rita Harrison, the Ven Dr. William Harrison.

Prayer Thank You

Many thanks from ***** whose name has been on the prayer list for several weeks now. She has felt the prayers and comfort of being cared for these past weeks. The Prayer Shawl ministry has also warmed her both in body and in spirit. Blessings back to the community of Ascension.