



## Parish Events/News

**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services:** the Christmas Eve service is being pre-recorded with the Rev Canon June Hough, the Rev Jordan Murray, Alex Baerg and others, to be posted on You Tube Christmas Eve. Rev Canon Jim Garey has been doing Evening Prayer and posting them on You Tube. He will also be providing a Christmas Morning service. You can get the link for his services on the Church of the Ascension Facebook page or search Jim Garey on the You Tube page.

**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](mailto: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 in person at the church office. Please schedule a time with Elisabeth before hand. If you require envelopes to be delivered please advise the church office and arrangements to deliver envelopes will be made.

**AV Message:** We are now streaming all of our worship services directly to our Ascension YouTube page. A link is available on Facebook to the livestreamed YouTube channel. So that you don't miss our streams 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.

Previously recorded versions will not be posted but will be used if livestreaming is not possible. Please be sure to follow us on YouTube at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_tB27TSdIE3lerNvZwvMvQ](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](http://canadahelps.org/en/dn/34353).

**AGW Church Calendars** will NOT be available this year for sale from our AGW but can be



stances. Let's finish 2020 strong! The special Christmas envelopes are available in the church's outside mailbox (to the left of the main doors) for pickup.

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](mailto: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:** has been suspended while we are in "red" except for those few involved in video streaming the worship services for You Tube

**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.

Reader / Intercessor

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Warden on Duty

Steve Holmes

Philip Templeton, Phil Pentecost, Gerry Flynn

Steve Holmes



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### Deanery & Diocesan News

Your Executive Team is trying to keep us all informed on the ever changing situation regarding worship in our city. This is based on guidelines from the Middlesex Health unit and Huron's Church House. You can see this directly on the diocesan web page at [www.diohuron.org](http://www.diohuron.org).



**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:** Lord we pray for one another in our parish. We ask for your Love to surround and comfort us and that you will keep us all safe. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

**For our community, city and world:** Father, in this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of Love for you. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus and in his precious name we pray. Amen.

**Diocesan Chain of Prayer:** St. Martin-in-the-Fields London, the Ven Willi Kammerer; St. Michael & All Angels London, the Ven Sam Thomas; St. George's Church London, the Rev Dr. Keith Fleming, the Rev Patricia Allison; St. Jude's Church London, the Rev Bill Ward. We pray for retired clergy the Rev Paul Woolley, the Rev Christine Young and for clergy on leave, the Rev Matthew Hartt, the Rev Christopher Kelly.

### Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar this week would usually be given by Steve & Nancy