

Information for these two weeks...

December 27—January 3

Parish Events/News

Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services: have been recorded and are or will be posted on You Tube.

Ascension Breakfast Program Update: We were able to prepare 163 breakfast bags for December. Festive gift bags were supplied by Darlene Parke and Linda Braley. As well as the regular food items we added a chocolate Santa, a candy cane and a Christmas card. Pat Cohoon supplied many hand knitted scarves for us and Deb Adams and her sewing crew made enough masks to put one in each bag. Steve Holmes and Deb Adams have done a wonderful job in organizing and keeping our breakfast reaching those in our community in need. Thank you to all those who have helped each month to prepare the bags.

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. If you require envelopes to be picked up or delivered please leave a voicemail at the church office and arrangements 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

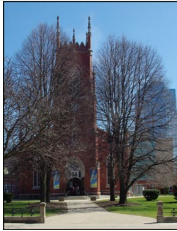
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Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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/>.



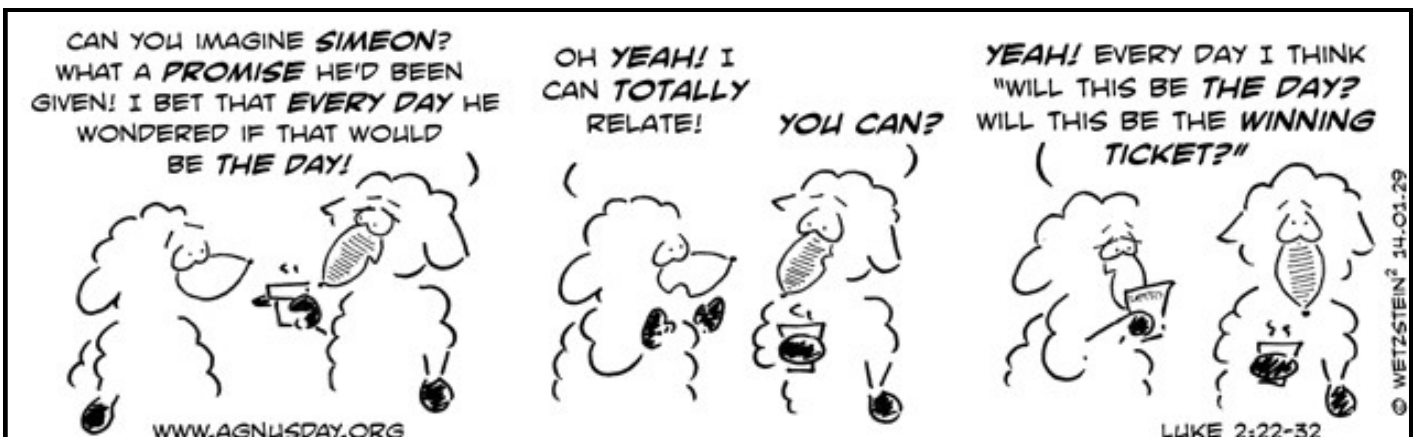
Deanery & Diocesan News

The Ascension 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.

Huron Church House Hours

Due to the recent upgrade of the Middlesex region most of our Huron Church House team will be working from home. As was done earlier in the year, all staff phone extensions will be forwarded to their cells.

During the holiday season Church House offices will be closed
from December 25-January 4 inclusive.



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 YouTube

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...

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have been removed
from online viewing
for privacy reasons.

From Our Parish List this week we lift up:

Dear God, Thank you for walking with us all this past year, through the good and with the hard things. You have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year with love, compassion, protection, strength, and healing. In Jesus we pray. Amen

For our community, city and world:

All honour and glory we give to you. Praying to you Lord as we lift up all who are striving everyday, for the poor and hungry, the homeless and the unemployed, the sick and dying, the incarcerated and lonely, for families who are feeling isolated because of covid, for all students and teachers, all essential workers and volunteers doing their best for all, for all parishioners and clergy who miss their parish and ministries that bring us together in your name. Be with us all Lord as we struggle and ease our fears during this pandemic. In Jesus' name. Amen

Diocesan Chain of Prayer:

Dec 27: St. Alban the Martyr Delhi, St. John's Church Otterville, the Rev Larry Brown; St. Peter's Church Dorchester, the Rev Patty Dobbs-Luxton, the Rev Larry Edwards; Christ Church Huntingford, the Rev Chris Travers. We pray for retired clergy the Ven Nancy Adams, the Rev Dr. Donald Alcock and clergy on leave the Rev Adrienne Lightfoot, the Rev Luanne MacPherson.

Jan 3: not available at time of printing

