

Information for this week...

January 10

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 ASAP if you haven't already—and thanks to those of you who have responded. 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 one year consecutive 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.

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.

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.



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.



Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF)

Mountainous terrain, limited transportation and a largely rural population make the delivery of health services challenging in Lesotho. The maternal mortality rate is 487 per 100,000 live births. PWRDF supports Partners In Health Lesotho in providing maternal and newborn care through the Bobete Health Centre. The program includes antenatal and postnatal care. Women who live far away will be provided with food and lodging. Infants will be immunized and those exposed to HIV will be provided appropriate care. PIH has shifted its focus on HIV cases to comprehensive primary health care, and the Government of Lesotho has based its National Health Care Reform on PIH's model. You can support PWRDF through the blue envelopes in your collection envelope box.

Prayer and Care



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

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For our community, city and world: Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which 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. Amen

Diocesan Chain of Prayer:

January 3: St. James Church Ingersoll, the Rev Paul Walmsley; Christ Church Oxford Centre, St. John's Church Eastwood, St. Paul's Church Princeton, the Rev Derek Perry. We pray for retired clergy the Ven Kenneth Anderson, the Rev Elizabeth Appleyard and for clergy on leave the Rev Abraham Manang, the Rev Johnathan Massimi.

January 10: St. Luke's Crumlin & St. John's Church Thamesford, St. George's-on-the-Wye Thorn-dale, The Rev'd Patty DobbsLuxton, The Rev'd Larry Edwards. We pray for retired clergy the Rev Peter Aquilina, the Rev Dr. Peter Baldwin and for clergy on leave the Rev Brian Millson, the Rev Gordon Moir.

Richard Rohr—Centre for Action and Contemplation

Sunday, January 3, 2021: The word “apocalyptic,” from the Greek *apokálupsis*, really just means “unveiling.”

No matter what is going on around us, it's important to remember that God keeps transforming creation into something both good and new. Instead of hurtling us towards catastrophe, God always wants to bring us somewhere even better. A helpful word here is “evolution.” God keeps creating things from the inside out, so they are forever yearning, developing, growing, and changing for the good. That might be hard to see sometimes in the moment, but it's nevertheless true.