



*a Faith Community in the
Anglican Church of Canada*

February 11, 2022

228 Pearl Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 1E4

What's Upcoming in Your Parish

Vestry

Our Vestry meeting will be on Sunday, February 20th, starting at 1:30 pm via Zoom with Archdeacon Deborah Kraft hosting. Please note that through Zoom, you can use your phone to connect in.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3166106470?pwd=azRZbWFKVis1ZkJKWQ2NuMHNsVopxZz09>

Meeting ID: 316 610 6470

Passcode: 017944

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In order to take part in the Annual Vestry meeting, you will first need to either email or phone the office to be placed on the list with the following information:

1. Names of the Persons in the household who will be voting;
2. Zoom or Phone In; and
3. If you are not attending but wish to vote, please have your ballots returned to the office via mail in the self-addressed stamped envelope or drop it off into the office mail box by noon, Friday, February 17th.

Pray during Vacancy of a Minister

Heavenly Father,

During this vacancy, guard and grow our Parish as we serve you together in this period without an incumbent.

Lord Jesus, we know that you have plans for us and that these plans are always good. We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future of Gathering Table and see your kingdom grow.

Amen.



Old Palm Crosses

You may return any old palm crosses that you no longer want to the church before the end of February. We use them to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday which is on March 2nd 2022. They can be put in the basket at the back of the church.

Thank you from the Altar Guild.

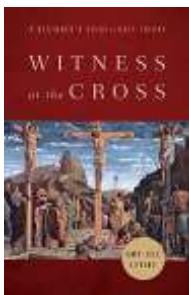
The ashes for Ash Wednesday come from burning the palms from the preceding year's Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, parishioners are given palm fronds to represent the fronds that worshippers waved as Christ returned to Jerusalem for the final time before his death. The churches then usually keep the palm fronds throughout the following year, burning them the day before Ash Wednesday.

So while the ashes certainly do represent death, their use provides last year's old palms with something of a second life



Our Daily Bread

For March-April-May is now available at the church.



Lenten Book Study with Rev. Gail Clifton

The Lenten Study is called Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday. It will start Tuesday March 8th and then March 15th, 22nd and 29th all 2-4. If necessary, we will include April 5th.

For more information contact Rev. Gail @ 768-9865 or gailx2@shaw.ca



PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund



“Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF'S Vaccine Equity Fund.

Archbishop Anne Germond in her charge to Synod in the fall of 2021, talked about the importance of the **PWRDF'S Vaccine Equity Fund**, a resolution to support this project was passed by Algoma's synod. When you receive your vaccine, “Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF'S Vaccine Equity Fund. Your gift will support PWRDF partners in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollout, including work

already underway to supply PPE, thermometers, sanitation and hand washing facilities, and accurate public health information.

“Update News”

Vaccine Equity gains support

PWRDF is grateful to everyone who has donated to the Vaccine Equity Fund, totalling \$110,500 to date. When you receive your vaccine, “Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF’s Vaccine Equity Fund. [Your gift will support PWRDF partners](#) in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollouts, including work already underway to supply PPE, sanitation and handwashing facilities, thermometers and accurate public health information. Watch our [100-second video](#) with the Primate and many Anglican Bishops and make your donation today.

After you make your donation, you can help yourself to a Christmas tree ornament at Gathering Table as a thank you from the Deanery. You may donate online by going to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Vaccine Equity Fund. Or phone Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and someone will return your call. Or send a cheque with “Vaccine Equity Fund” in the memo field to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2 For further information go to www.pwrdf.org

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2022 Envelopes

are now available at the back of the church.

Or ask about Electronic Offering Program.

Reminder about Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office if such a situation arises.



World Day of Prayer March 4th, 2022 - Pray Now

The World Day of Prayer (WDP) 2022 program was written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme, "*I Know the Plans I have for You*" based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. The traditional WDP time is the first Friday in March. Its international committee is calling women and men to join in prayer for *Pray NOW*. *Pray NOW 2022* is a 4-part series of informed prayer together. Each will be a video or podcast link for you to join anytime. The 30-minute video will consist of a panel conversation with information related to WDP followed by prayer. You will learn more about WDP and will also experience different styles of prayer. <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>





Jim & Frances will be hosting a 10-week Thursday evening Zoom discussion of the 2021 book “The Unfolding Gospel”, by John Bowen. John is an Anglican, and also a retired professor of evangelism at Wycliffe College – but don’t let the evangelism part scare you off. Here is part of his own description of what the book is about:

The church is at its heart the community of disciples of Jesus. And why are they disciples? Because they believe he has brought the very Good News the world needs to hear—that God is on our side, and working in love to renew, redeem, and restore everything that is broken. As Tolkien has Sam Gamgee ask Gandalf in *The Lord of the Rings*, “Is everything sad going to come untrue?” And the answer, gloriously, is “Absolutely yes.”

The book is written in an easy conversational style and discusses most everything we do as individuals and as a church through the lens of the Gospel. We think it is a timely book for Gathering Table during this transition time.

Here is a link to John’s “self-advertisement” on the Niagara Anglican news

<https://niagaraanglican.news/2022/01/12/the-unfolding-gospel-an-exercise-in-self-advertisement%ef%bf%bc/>

And here is a link to a preview of the book itself:

https://www.google.ca/books/edition/The_Unfolding_Gospel/ynwqEAAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbp v=1&printsec=frontcover

Ten books will be supplied, but any donations to help cover the cost are appreciated. Start date to be determined as we are waiting for the books to arrive - hopefully soon!

Interested? Please contact us directly at 622-6263, or through the church office at 345-6898.

Gathering Table Prayer Chain

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact Sheila Chisholm at chisholmsheilak@gmail.com or text /phone 306-240-0771.

Sunday Sermons

Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream.

Camp Gitchigomee 2022 Memberships Now Available for \$5.00

Support the work of Camp Gitchigomee by purchasing a \$5.00 Yearly Membership. See David Reid or call Roberta Wolfe at the church office or contact the camp at campgitchigomee@gmail.com Thank You.