

Advent 2018

THE BRIDGE

Bringing together the Parish of St. Joseph and St. George

St. John's
Hilton Beach

Holy Trinity
Jocelyn

St. George's
Echo Bay

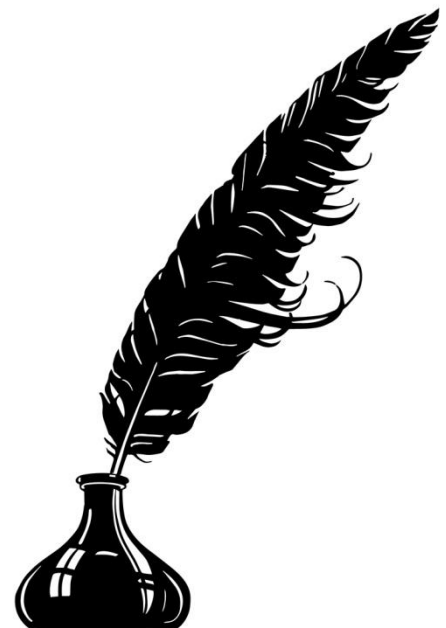
Chapel of the Intercession
Llewellyn Beach

From the Incumbent's Desk

The Arrival of Advent

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

The weeks leading up to Christmas are always a very busy time of parties, shopping, decorating, visiting...and the list goes on. Our energy is focused on the magical day of December 25th – the miracle of Christmas. As we get closer to the birth of the





baby Jesus we must remember that it was his death that saved us and so, even as we approach the manger we must look through the lens of the cross.

Advent, for us here in the West, marks the beginning of a new year – a new liturgical year. The season of Advent is a time of expectation, of anticipation, of waiting...but, we're not waiting for a baby Jesus. That's our starting point – and we celebrate Jesus' birth with joy – but, what we are *really* waiting for is the

Kingdom of God to be completely revealed here on earth. That is our Hope that provides meaning and purpose in our lives as Christians. It is no accident that we begin our Church year with a season of Hope – it is a season that connects with our human yearnings and with our confidence in God's promises.

*"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."* Rev.21.3-4



May your lives be bursting with blessings this Advent and through the year!

Susan Montague Koyle

Advent Services at St. George's, Echo Bay at 9am; Holy Trinity, Jocelyn at 11am are the following:

Sunday, Dec. 2nd Advent 1: The Celebration of Holy Communion; The Ven. Hugh Hamilton; BCP

Sunday, Dec. 9th Advent 2: Celebration of Holy Communion; The Rev. Rosalie Goos; BAS

Sunday, Dec. 16th Advent 3: Morning Prayer Liturgy & Advent Carols; Susan Montague Koyle; BAS

Sunday, Dec. 23rd Advent 4: Celebration of Holy Communion; The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin; BAS

Happy Anniversary to St. George's, Echo Bay!



Susan-Montague Koyle, our Parish Lay Incumbent cutting the Anniversary cake as The Rev'd Rosalie Goos looks on.

On Sunday, September 9th, 2018, we celebrated 86 years since the consecration of St. George's Church in Echo Bay. We celebrate our own Anniversaries and Birthdays every year, so why not our Church's Anniversary, Susan suggested.

St. George's was built in 1905 on land purchased and donated by Cal Boyce of Sault Ste. Marie. Many of the materials were donated by the people, among them the sills by Wm. Cliffe. The altar railing, wooden cross, Bishop's Chair and clergy chair, were hand carved and donated by Canon Johnson.

On September 4, 1932, Bishop Roxborough-Smith consecrated the Church, as well as the new Vestry, which was built in 1930. This Vestry had a Library for the Sunday School children, and also served as a classroom for them.

The bell was installed then by Walter Greenwood. Mrs. Ed Buchanen, Alex's Mother, collected donations from her store's travelling salesmen and customers to pay for this bell.

Submitted by Marie Eggesfield

On that note...

The sound of the bell announces the start of each Sunday morning service and, this year on November 11th, Cindy and Ted Huffels rang the bell 100 times to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Thank you!

Thank you also to Carol Trainor, David Kent, and Pat Brown who rang the bell 100 times at St. John's, Hilton Beach on November 11th.

*The Anglican
Church of Canada
welcomes two new
members!*

Baptisms were at Holy
Trinity, Jocelyn, October
7, 2018

Pictured here is newly
baptized Kit William
Wolfe Pickering with his
parents – Kendall & Silas
Pickering – and his
grandparents, Kirsten &
Tom Young.



...And in this picture...

Newly baptized,
Anisten Dunnville
Young

with parents Ashley
and Spencer Young



Our ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING will be on Sunday, January 27th, 2019 at St. George's. It will be a joint service of Holy Communion starting at 10:00 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch and the meeting. According to the canons of The Diocese of Algoma (J-1), you are entitled to be a voting member of the vestry if you:

- a) are baptized; and b) are of full age of 16 years; and c) are habitual attendants at Divine Service in the congregation; and d) have contributed during the year immediately preceding to the working expenses of the parish/congregation.

Please plan to attend. Your presence will help to make this a productive and positive meeting!

Joint service at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn, with
Zion Lutheran, October 21, 2018

The Rev. Brad Mittleholtz and members of Zion Lutheran Church, Sault Ste. Marie, joined with The Rev. Rosalie Goos, Lay Incumbent Susan Montague Koyle, and the Parish of St. Joseph and St. George at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn, on Sunday, October 21. Zion makes an excursion each fall to build ecumenical relations and emphasize stewardship of Creation.



This year's occasion proved to be an uplifting time of worship, eating, and conversation. For some of the younger participants, it was also a time to enjoy the swing on the church's picturesque property!

Cookie Walk, Nov.18th, 2018 a Huge Success!

Thank you very much to all of the people who contributed cookies and other goodies to this venture. The box I brought home for my boys disappeared in a matter of hours...I'll have to go for the multi-box deal next year! Thank you, also, to those who set up and sat watching the goodies being packed into boxes by eager customers...Lucie Wills, Bev MacLean, Cindy Huffels, Marlene Ward, and Kathy Clark. This event raised over \$700 that will be put to good use in the parish.

*Happy 80th Birthday,
Rosalie!*

The Rev. Rosalie Goos cuts into an early birthday cake at the Deanery Council meeting Nov.3rd at Emmaus Anglican Church in Sault Ste Marie. Rosalie celebrated again with family and friends on Nov.10 at the Willowdale United Church. We sure like helping you celebrate, Rosalie!



Attention Ladies of the Parish!

You are invited to a Christmas Party on December 10th, starting at 4:30 pm, at the home of The Rev. Rosalie Goos (11 Bristol Place, Sault Ste Marie). We will be having a finger-food potluck dinner. Yum!

Advent Bible Study Alert!

Pat Brown will be leading a Bible Study each Wednesday in Advent (Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec.19) at the Hilton Beach Library at 7pm. Please join us for fellowship and inspiration!

Ham Pastie Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 1st

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 pm. at St. George's, Echo Bay
(159 Church Street)

Enjoy large ham pasties, salads, & baked beans along with coffee, tea, and dessert!

Bake Table and Craft Table for your Christmas gift needs (or for yourself!)

Win a door prize or a treasure at the silent auction.

Adults...\$9.00

Ages 5-12...\$5.00

Under 5...free

Advent Outreach

Our Parish will again be “adopting” a family currently residing at the Women in Crisis Shelter in Sault Ste Marie.

We will also be helping people in our parish have a merrier Christmas by giving whatever is needed. If you’d like to contribute but won’t be able to make it to a church service before Christmas, you can send a donation to our mailing address:

Box 61, Richards Landing, ON, P0R 1J0

Please make cheques payable to: The Parish of St. Joseph & St. George, and indicate that it is for “Advent Outreach.” Thank you so very much!

Christmas Eve Services

7:30 pm. at St. George’s, Echo Bay: Holy Eucharist
Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Rosalie Goos

8:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn: Holy Eucharist
Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin

Christmas Day: For anyone interested, there will be a Christmas morning service of Holy Eucharist at St. Luke’s Cathedral, 10:00 a.m.

*Holden Prayer Around the Cross
“Healer of All Ills”*

November 23rd, 2018 at St. George’s, Echo Bay



Lay Incumbent Susan Montague Koyle is joined by her oldest son, Stephen, in leading the liturgy.

Holden Prayer Around the Cross is a service of contemplative song and prayer. Participants are given the option to light candles and spend devotional time at the cross. The service pictured here also included healing prayers and the opportunity for anointing with oil.

The next joint service is December 30th, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity, Jocelyn. It will be a service of Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons & Carols followed by a potluck lunch. I'll bring the hot apple cider! ☺

Did you know?



The Advent wreath marks the passage of the weeks of the season of Advent. It was originally devised to encourage family observance of Advent and was introduced to congregational worship only to provide a model for family use.

If you'd like to have an Advent Wreath at home, hit a dollar store for what you need (that's what I did): plate; four candles (all blue, or all purple, or 1 pink candle for Advent 3); 4 candle holders; some fake greenery to decorate (if you want to).

Advent 1 – The week of Dec. 2nd...Light one purple candle each night at supper and have someone read this prayer:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent 2 – The week of Dec.9th ...Light two purple candles each night at supper and have someone read this prayer:

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent 3 – The week of Dec.16th ...Light three purple candles (or 2 purple, 1 pink) each night at supper and have someone read this prayer:

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent 4 – Dec.23rd & 24th ...Light all 4 purple candles (or 3 purple, 1pink) both nights at supper and have someone read this prayer:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Sirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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