

St. Brice's Anglican Church Newsletter

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St. Brice's Visioning Scripture

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3: 14, 17 (NLT)

so, remember when you said you wouldn't date me if i was the last giraffe on earth?

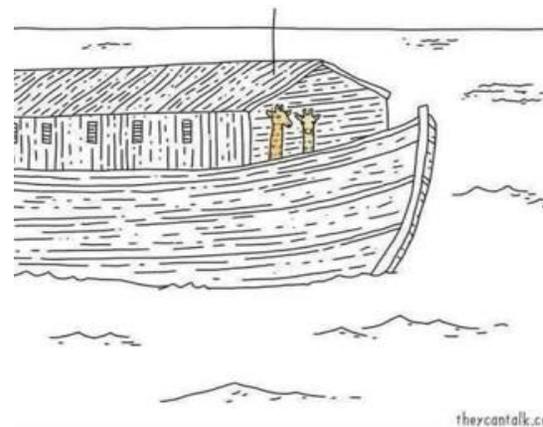
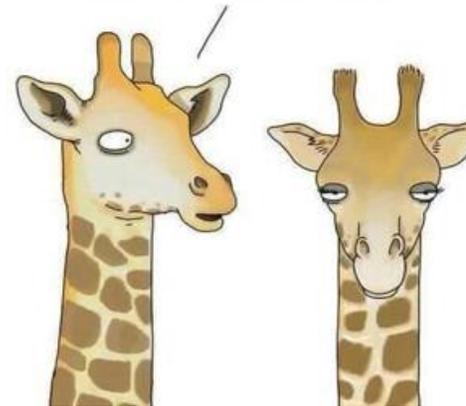


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WORSHIP SERVICES



Our **regular service schedule** (10am on the first Sunday of the month), 9am and 11am on the following Sundays, continues.

Harvest Thanksgiving will be observed on October 10 at 9am and 11am.

O Almighty and Everlasting God, who has given us the fruits of the earth in their season: Grant us grace to use the same to your glory, the relief of those in need, and our own comfort, through Jesus Christ, who is the living Bread which came down from heaven and gave life to the whole world; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit belongs all honour and glory; world without end. Amen.

*-This prayer was first used for
The Convocation (Synod) of Canterbury, England, 1862*



Please remember in prayer the **Provincial Synod** (gathering of laity and clergy) for the dioceses of Ontario, as the delegates meet on 14-16 October.

Healing Focus

There have been a number of people who have experienced illness or difficulties at St. Brice's lately. Accordingly, on Sunday, **October 17, we will have a special focus on "healing"** after receiving Holy Communion. People can ask for private prayers for themselves or for others; people who wish can be anointed.

For more information about the ministry of anointing, please see Mark 6: 7, 12-13, James 5: 14-16, the *Book of Common Prayer* p. 586 and the *Book of Alternative Services* p. 555.

This is an opportunity for us to be blessed, and to bless others, in a gracious and loving way.



MINISTRY/ OUTREACH



The Compassionate Care Committee is an ecumenical committee which seeks to educate, and to reduce **homelessness** in North Bay. St. Brice's representatives are Diane McCaskill and Doris Brown.

To help some people without stable housing prepare for winter, **"Backpacks of Love"** are being prepared. These will contain some clothing and other items to help people get through winter. These backpacks will be collected on Saturday, October 23, at the New Apostolic Church (46 Joseph St.). If you would like to contribute to the "Backpacks of Love," please contact Doris or Diane.

Take-Home Meals Menu

St. Brice's continues to provide frozen meals monthly for people who are older, recovering from surgery, *etc.*, on a donation basis. The deliveries for November 2 include:

- Roast Pork (with veggies and mashed potatoes)
- Macaroni Casserole (with hamburger)
- Date Squares.

Parish Photo Directory



Every five years or so, St. Brice's puts together a **photo directory**. People are encouraged to come to the parish hall at an appointed time, to have their photos taken.

These photographs are then published in a free album which is available to all parishioners. Wonder the name of the lady in the third pew? Look up her face (and name) in the new photo directory!

Photographs will be taken on 9-13 November. (We don't have to wear masks while our picture is taken, but do need to observe health protocols.)

People can purchase extra copies of their photographs if desired. This is how the company makes money.

Some time in the next few weeks, you will likely get a phone call, inviting you to come to have your picture taken at St. Brice's hall, at an agreed-upon time between 9-13 November. This is not a trick, but is an event organized by the leadership of St. Brice's.

Photographs will not be taken while the Teen Lunch Program is operating.

"The Forgiveness Factor"

ST. BRICE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO EXPERIENCE

THE FORGIVENESS FACTOR

LEARNING TO LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF A FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING LIFE

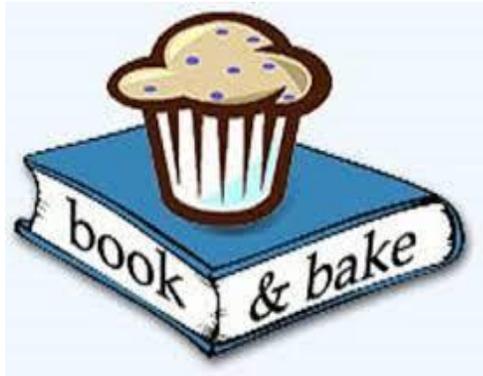
5 Thursday Evenings at 7, beginning October 28, 2021 | via ZOOM (all are welcome!)

contact Rev. Marie at revmarie1952@icloud.com or 705-497-4699 for further information

Jam: Camp Temiskaming Support

Limited quantities of **homemade strawberry jam** are available in the parish office for \$6. Proceeds support Camp Temiskaming, the deanery youth camp.

St. Brice's A.C.W.



BOOK AND BAKE SALE

- and some crafts too!

Saturday, November 6, 2021

1-3 pm

St. Brice's Anglican Church

All proceeds go to missions.

*If donating items, please drop off at St. Brice's
Wednesday, November 3 to Friday, November 5.*

Effect Hope: Leprosy Mission Canada

Effect Hope

One of the missions which St. Brice's frequently supports is "Effect Hope" (formerly known as Leprosy Mission Canada).

Their website reads:

"For about 130 years now, we have been delivering on the same promise: to support people and communities affected by neglected tropical diseases like leprosy to find hope, healing, and restoration.

"With our partners and the people we serve, we create strategic programs that positively impact the lives of people in need. We ensure that people affected by neglected tropical diseases have access to health care and community support for better mental, physical, and social well-being."

A representative of Effect Hope contacted St. Brice's this past week asking for support. One of the outcomes of the current pandemic is that this ministry faces significant challenges to meet their clients' needs.

Amanda Adams, Carrie Birtch and the rector are currently upgrading our "**Screening in Faith**" protocols. We are determined that St. Brice's be a safe and welcoming place for all people. If you are a ministry leader and have been asked to review a form for our protocols, please return your form by 31 October.

On October 1, St. Brice's began to serve food again to local high schools -- the **Teen Lunch Program ministry**. For now, students pick up food "to go." 55 students came the first day. On October 8 (just after exams), 7 students received lunches.

Volunteers were touched by the expressions of gratitude by many of the students who participated.

Advent Retreat Day

The Rev. Dr. Derek Neal will host an **Advent Retreat Day**, on Saturday, December 4 at St. Brice's. Fr. Derek is well-known as a sensitive, thoughtful retreat conductor. Details will follow in future newsletters or Sunday announcements.

Pre-registration at the parish office is encouraged, at (705) 474-4005.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



After a break last year, the **North Bay Santa Claus Parade** will be held again in North Bay. St. Brice's has been contacted, inviting us to contribute a float in the parade.

Three or four creative and interested parishioners would be needed for two (or possibly three) meetings before November 21. The budget would be modest. The opportunity to shine with Christ's love in a fun and creative way cannot be measured!

PROPERTY

A small Task Group of the parish Advisory Board has been working hard, for a **new exterior sign** at St. Brice's. The design work is done, and almost \$7000 has been raised for this project (counting 50% of the extra donations left over from the hall roof fund-raising). We know the sign company which we want to work with for the project. This sign would be perpendicular to the road, near the property boundary.

There are still three steps:

1. We want to find a local contractor who can install the posts and the base, and to know the cost for this work;
2. To establish what the electrical costs might be, to get the power to the sign (these costs are expected to be modest);
3. The Advisory Board needs to decide if we have the financial resources for this project to go ahead, at this time.

The costs that we know at this time are:

- *Static illuminated double-sided sign: \$3000*
This is the top part of the sign, with "St. Brice's Anglican Church," a cross, our web URL and phone number.
- *Double-sided LED display: \$6500*
This is below the static display. The message on this part changes when programmed by the parish computer. It includes all colours and can show pictures and graphics.
- *Installation and (internal) wiring: \$1500*
This provides electricity for the LED display and lights the top part of the sign.

We will keep parishioners informed. If possible, the Board hopes to see the sign installed and usable by Easter 2022.

Some parishioners know that St. Brice's bought a new **LED projector** last July, which had to be returned because it was unsuitable. The company fought providing a refund, which they were legally and morally obliged to provide by the terms of purchase. We're pleased to report that the refund has now been paid back in full.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



January 1-September 30, 2021

Revenue: \$107 792.52
Expenses: \$113 909.22
Deficit: \$6116.70

Income more than expenses, September 2021: \$2289.

Deficit comparison:

30 September 2020: \$899.49
30 September 2021: \$6116.70

It's wise to keep in mind that the federal government wage subsidy in 2020 and 2021 positively affects revenues in the diocese, but this is a short-term program. (\$6776 came in the month of September 2020 alone, distorting income in September 2020.)

For parishioners who have contributed receiptable gifts so far in 2021, updates in envelopes are available in the narthex (just outside the Church building doors).

"He is Always There"

The vastness of his love
Spreads across the universe
He gave us his begotten Son
Through his absolution
We are forgiven for all
Through the Holy Spirit
Love flows into our hearts

When we feel unsure
When we feel lost,
We can find our way
When he comforts us
If we ask him
He will enter our hearts
And sooth our souls

It is right to write
The words from our heart
It is right to sing
In praise of his love and
In praise of his forgiveness
God loves us all so much
He gave us his Son for ever
Alleluia

-Kenneth Drysdale, parishioner
3 October 2021