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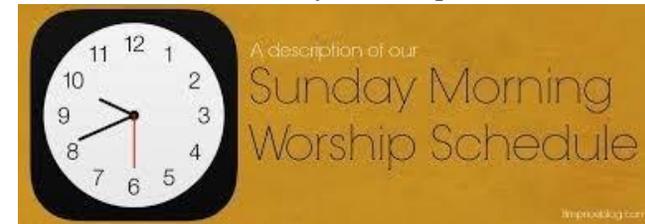
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Sunday Worship



We will be resuming our regular worship schedule in September: We will have a joint service on the first Sunday of the month, beginning on September 5. On the following Sundays of each month, we will be having somewhat more traditional services at 9am, and more contemporary services at 11am.

Pandemic Regulations

The Diocese of Algoma will not be changing its directions for practice during the pandemic in the near future. For details, please go on-line to:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/08/30/covid-19-announcement/>



We will begin a three-part sermon series called "Life Shared," beginning Sunday, September 12, at both services.

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The Wider Church



The “Prayers of the People” are just that – prayers of intercession offered by the people of God. If you have a special prayer request, please use the paper for prayer intentions when you come into the Church building, immediately on your right.

If you would like to learn more about offering the Prayers of the People, please speak to the Rev. Peter.

Special Services

We have Farsi speakers at St. Brice’s. (Farsi is the national language of Iran.) We plan to use an English translation of the Farsi Anglican services at one of the 11am services in September or October.

We also have permission to use the *Book of Common Prayer* in contemporary language. We will use this service during a 9am service in September.

There had been plans to offer Confirmation at St. Brice’s in early November. However, due to the current pandemic, Archbishop Anne will not be visiting parishes at this time. The tentative plans are now to hold a service of Confirmation in the spring.

Michaelmas



Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels

St. Michael and All Angels, 29 September: Wednesday, 29 September is the Feast Day for St. Michael and All Angels. We will be offering a celebration of the Holy Eucharist that day at 7pm.



The diocesan synod of the Diocese of Algoma will take place on-line, on 17-18 September. (A synod is a gathering of laypeople and clergy, a bit like the Canadian parliament, but more polite, and with worship.) Our lay representatives are Jen Auger and Nancy Armstrong.

If you wish to see the reports, financial statements, etc, please go on-line to:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/diocesan-synod-archives/synod-notes/>

RECONCILIATION

As part of the Anglican Church of Canada’s ongoing process of reconciliation, we will be using the following declaration before each of our Sunday services:

We will begin this worship service by acknowledging that we are meeting on aboriginal land that has been inhabited by Indigenous peoples from the beginning. In particular, we acknowledge the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Nipissing First Nation Anishnabe. This territory is covered by the RobertsonHuron and Upper Canada Treaties. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place. We also recognize the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening this community in particular, and our province and country as a whole.

Local Elections & Appointment: At the recent Deanery meeting, the Ven. Linda White was elected the Regional Dean (helping oversee property). Peggy Morrison was elected the

new lay Deanery Steward. (Thank you to Carrie Birtch for her work in this role previously.)

Our sister parishes of St. John's and Trillium will have a new incumbent in mid-October. The Rev. Kevin McAllister is coming from the Diocese of Fredericton.

Synod Office Introduction



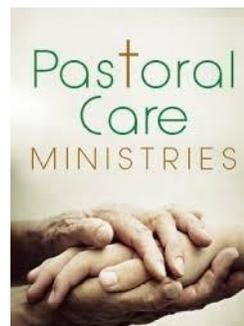
Hello, my name is Jennifer Baron. I am the Assistant Treasurer in the Synod office for the Diocese of Algoma. I started working with this great group of people in January 2020. My key roles include payroll, the electronic offering program, the wage subsidy applications and reviewing the year end reports from all parishes. Aside from my key roles, I also work closely

with the Diocesan Treasurer, Jane Mesich, on spreadsheets as well as monthly and yearly government reports.

I often answer questions from parish treasurers about a variety of financial matters including annual reporting and invoicing. I can be reached at:

assttreasurer@dioceseofalgoma.com

The 2022 Canadian Anglican calendars have arrived in the office already! If you would like a copy (\$5), please talk to Aase Jensen.



Some time this fall, the Anglican Communion Alliance will be offering a workshop about Medical Assistance in Death and pastoral care. The facilitators come from the perspective that life is a gift from God which we are not to cut short, yet we are called to alleviate suffering.

However, whatever our personal convictions, how do we provide pastoral care and come alongside, even among those with whom we might disagree? For more information, please monitor the website of the Anglican Communion Alliance:

<https://anglicancommunionalliance.ca/>



The Primate's
World Relief and
Development Fund

Primate's Fund: The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund was formed after the mining disaster in Springhill, NS, in 1958. It has provided support for thousands of

people in hundreds of communities in Canada and around the world.

We are currently looking for someone at St. Brice's who will help promote the work of the Primate's Fund. This would mean receiving information from the National Church by email, and passing on notices in the bulletin every so often. As well, in the past, St. Brice's has designated a special Sunday to encourage donations to the Primate's Fund.

The Nipissing (North Bay area) Deanery is looking for a Primate's Fund representative to pass on information. Thank you to Bill Newhook, who has represented St. Brice's, and to Tom Powers, who has represented the Deanery.

Parish Ministries

The Teen Lunch Program: The Teen Lunch Program will continue to provide snacks for the three tables (grades 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12) at Chippewa this fall. The team is also discerning whether it would be possible to hand out food (sandwiches) at our front door. We will work with the school to come to the best solutions. -*Eva Black*

The Take Home Meals Program: Deliveries will take place this coming Tuesday, September 7. If you would like to see a copy of the menu options, please contact the parish office, or email: stbricestakehomemeals@gmail.com



The Food Bank Program: Our food bank is open every Thursday from 9-10:30am. We serve mostly single men. (We do have some families but not as many as before covid.)

We make up bags in advance and hand them out at the front door. Items in the bags are soup, pasta & sauce, Kraft dinner, tuna, canned veggies, pork and beans and toilet paper. We are always looking for extra items such as sugar, instant coffee and tea.

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry please let the office know (705)-474-4005. -*Aase Jensen*

Organ Tuning: We expect that the organ tuner will be working in the Church building on the week of October 24, as part of the regular organ maintenance.



Anglican Church Women: Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 1pm. For people who wish, we will be meeting in the parish hall (masking, *etc.* applies). For people who prefer to join on-line, please go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82330371043?pwd=Q0pIOFk5eUkxWkU5b3Rvb0NaRjV3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 823 3037 1043
Passcode: 725257

We expect to be talking about whether or not to offer an online auction this fall in support of our missions, We also acknowledge we will be missing Alison Summersby, who was very active in the St. Brice's A.C.W., who died earlier this summer.

Games Night: Games Nights will resume once again in the parish hall on the third Saturday of each month, beginning at 7pm, beginning September 18 (masking, *etc.* applies). Bring your favourite board game. No experience necessary.



Messy Church: Due to the current pandemic, Messy Church will continue to be offered by delivery on the third Saturday of the month. If you would like to receive a package – particularly if you have children in your household – please leave a message at the parish office (705-474-4005). -9-



Tuesday Evening Bible Study will resume this coming Tuesday, 7pm. Each gathering lasts an hour. No experience is necessary!

For those who wish, we will be gathering in the back of the Church building (masking, *etc.* applies). For people who prefer to join on-line, please go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85800668931?pwd=UkRKQndpRmhPSHFQc3FjZzV1WVRRMUT09>
Meeting ID: 858 0066 8931
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(This link and passcode will be valid until the end of October 2021.)

To download reminders on an electronic calendar For techie people who want to download reminders into their electronic calendars, please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEld-muqDMjGdUM9QfJwpKd9ioZVJrqbkuj/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtpjsqHNKduRqGRpwMGoigc-7wplxEjadosUbUBQpEcijyb-tNCIRVAsnS>

Our Daily Bread devotionals: Some of us use the “Our Daily Bread” devotionals each day. Copies of the next quarter (September-November 2021) are now available on the table near the front Church door.

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Grief: We are considering whether or not to offer a “grief group” for those who have been recently bereaved, at St. Brice’s. It is a place of safety, comfort and hope. No one will be expected to talk about anything they don’t wish to talk about. If you are interested, please leave a message at the parish office (705-474-4005), or watch for information in the next newsletter.



Portrait Pictures: About every five years or so, St. Brice’s parishioners are invited to have their photographs taken for a parish directory. Plans are to take pictures between 9-13 November in the parish hall. People do not have to wear masks while their pictures are being taken!

There will be restrictions, however, about how many people can come to the parish hall at the same time. More information will be provided as the date approaches. Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the parish directory. (It’s a great way to get to know other St. Brice’s folks.) If you want extra copies of your photograph, however, there is a cost (the cost varies with the number and size of the photographs).

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“Difference Course” Reunion: The Difference Course, an Anglican course about reconciliation, was held this past May/June, and a number of St. Brice’s parishioners participated. There are plans to hold a pot-luck reunion on Sunday, September 19 at 4pm, in the back garden of St. Brice’s. If it’s raining on September 19, the event will be postponed to September 26.

Furnishing Needs

Someone has just moved into geared to income housing. She is in need of some household items:

- 3 dressers
- TV table
- 2 sets of single bed blankets and sheets
- 1 set of double blanket and sheets
- living room chair or love seat
- hangers
- window coverings
- towels for the bathroom and kitchen

If you can help, please contact Anita at (705) 978-1319.



Hope Awaits Ministries, which helps provide short-term housing solutions, is having a fund-raiser on the night of 10 September.

Please consider participating, or

sponsoring a participant. For more information, please refer to the poster which is another attachment along with this newsletter.

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St. Brice's Financial Picture

(as of August 31, 2021)

Income		\$93,380
Expenses	<u>\$101,787</u> Deficit	\$8,407

(Deficit last year for same period: \$7,845. Our deficit did decrease for the months of July and August, which is a little unusual. Thank you for your support!)

Definitions

Please remember, a "debt" and a "deficit" are not the same thing. A "debt" is when a person or an organization has no money, and owes someone else money. A "deficit" is when more money is being spent than is currently coming in. Left unchecked, a deficit leads to a debt.

At St. Brice's, people are most generous during the month of December. The winter months, and summertime, tend to be lean. It's helpful for our budgeting when people who can, contribute consistently each month.

If you'd like to learn more about the electronic offering program, please contact Fay Ivany at (705) 472-4567. -13-

Community & Ecumenical Events & Ministries

North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre: They will be holding a "Hike-a-THON." This event is planned for Sunday, October 3, from 1-4pm. Participants are being asked to walk on the "Orange" trail. If you would like to participate in the walk, sponsorship sheets are on the table near the front entrance. Feel free to sponsor others to support this cause.



Bike for Bibles: The “Bike for Bibles” to benefit the ministries of the Canadian Bible Society was to have been held this past weekend. Unfortunately, the event was rained out.

Donations so far have exceeded \$4600.00. This year, the money is to be focused particularly on the Youth at Risk programs.

The Canadian Bible Society is planning a “virtual” ride option – that is, that the participants will cover the same number of kilometres over the month of September. Several St. Brice’s folks are riding together on September 4.

“Worship in the Bay” is an annual ecumenical gathering of fellowship and worship, which usually takes place on the North Bay waterfront on a Friday evening in September. Due to the current pandemic, the event will be either “virtual,” or a combination of virtual and an in-person gathering. For more information, please contact worshipinthebay@gmail.com by email or through their Facebook page.

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Ministry in Seniors Homes

Anglican parishes have made arrangements to be responsible for pastoral care and occasional worship services at the seniors homes in North Bay. St. Brice’s is responsible for Cassellholme, Chartwell Barclay House and the Empire

Living Centre. Visits and services have been suspended since March 2019 (due to the pandemic).

At this time, each institution is reviewing its policies to allow for visiting and/ or services in some limited capacity. For example, a short prayer service (not Holy Communion) will be offered at Barclay House this coming Thursday, September 9, at 10am. If you would like to attend or to assist, please contact the parish office (705-474-4005).

Compassionate Care Committee

The Compassionate Care Committee is an ecumenical committee to address “homelessness” in North Bay. Diane McCaskill is St. Brice’s representative.

Following is information from their most recent information for committee members and local churches: *Did you know that through using the “Built for Zero Canada” model, Medicine Hat, Alberta has ended chronic homelessness?* “Functional Zero” means there are three or fewer individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in the community for three consecutive months. Reaching functional zero is a national achievement confirmed by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness’s “Built for Zero Canada.” to read the entire news release, please visit: <https://mhchs.ca/medicinehat-reaches-functional-zero-ends-chronic-homelessness/>

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Property Outer Office & Garden

In July, several parishioners re-arranged the outer office, and did work in the garden. The office re-organization is wonderful and the property looks great. Thank you for everyone who was involved!

Thank you, also, for the volunteers who mowed the lawn. (If you’d like to take a turn mowing St. Brice’s lawn some time, please call 705-474-4005.)

Painting

Thank you also to Jen Auger, who re-painted the exterior of the main door, and who has made plans to paint the exterior of the steel hall doors which face the sidewalk.

New Commercial Stove Application

Several folks at St. Brice's are looking into applying to the Anglican Foundation's "Say Yes! To Kids" campaign, for funds to replace the current kitchen stoves with an upgraded commercial stove. This would benefit, in time, the Teen Lunch Program and other ministries at St. Brice's. We will learn whether or not we are beneficiaries later this fall.

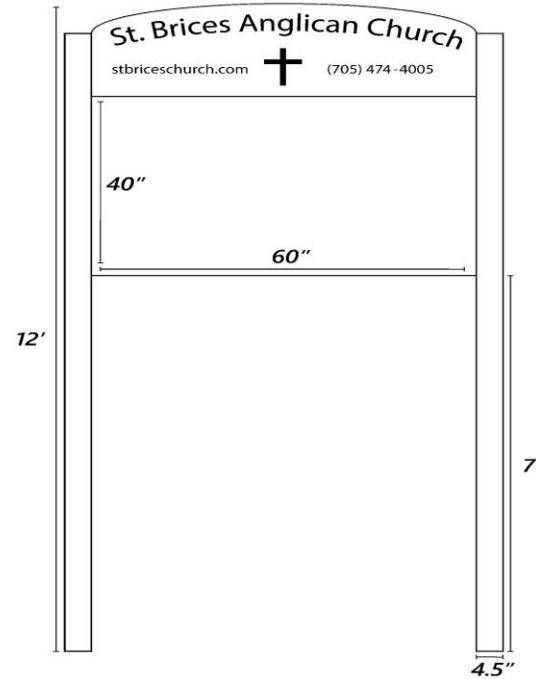
LCD Projector

St. Brice's received a new LCD projector in the middle of August. Unfortunately, we have found that this projector was not adequate to our needs. For example, it was not bright enough, and the advice from the company included turning out all the lights, which we are not willing to do when people are using steps in the front of the Church nave.

We have proceeded to acquire a new, new projector (thank you to the generous donors).

The company whose projector we do not want is resisting taking their projector back and providing us with a refund. The office staff have taken a number of aggressive steps to - 16-

ensure that the company lives up to their legal obligation (which is advertised on their website) to take the projector back and to provide a refund. We will keep you informed of any significant news.



Exterior Sign Proposal

At our Vestry (annual meeting) in 2016, St. Brice's decided to take steps to install a new exterior sign. This would not be built into our budget, but would be the result of donations. About this time, we have between \$6000 and \$7000 set aside for this project. A small task group, chaired by Gary Thoms, has

been formed to agree on the design, and to see if we presently have the resources to purchase and to install a new sign. This task group will make a recommendation to the Board.

A copy of the design is posted nearby. (If we proceed, the sign will probably be smaller than these dimensions, but it gives you some idea of what we're thinking of.) The top part of the sign would not change; the bottom part would be an LED display. This sign would be perpendicular to Cassells Street, and could be read on both sides of the sign. The purpose of this new sign is to publicize our ministries and to encourage engagement with the community.



HOMELESS NIGHT CHALLENGE

Do you have what it takes?



SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 | BROADCAST LIVE ON YOUTUBE

- JOIN A TEAM** | Sign up with 4-5 of your friends or join a team to compete!
- BECOME A SPONSOR** | Great opportunity for corporate brand exposure.
- MAKE A DONATION** | Make an online donation through CanadaHelps.org
- VOLUNTEER** | Donate your time leading up to the event or on the day of.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Hope Awaits Ministries | Nicole Millage, 705-494-5465, homelessnight@hopeawaitsministries.com
Sponsorship Package | Peter Gass 705-752-4003 or Sharon Vanier 705-477-6350
Team Recruiting | Sharon Vanier 705-477-6350
 or visit our website at www.hopeawaitsministries.com/homeless-night-challenge

WHAT IS THE HOMELESS NIGHT CHALLENGE?

The Homeless Night Challenge is an overnight fundraising competition designed to raise awareness for men's homelessness in North Bay and area by demonstrating barriers homeless men face as well as raise money to offset the operational cost for Hope Awaits Men's Homeless Shelter and Life Skills Programs.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Participant teams will commit to a fundraising goal and collect sponsors and pledges to compete in the challenge. Teams of 4-5 players will construct a shelter and spend the night outside in their shelter. Throughout the challenge teams will earn points in a number of ways and a winning team will be announced the following morning.

WHAT IS THE MONEY FOR?

Proceeds from event go directly to Hope Awaits Ministries to offset the operating costs for the Men's Homeless Shelter, Life Skills Programs operated in North Bay, ON. Hope Awaits is committed to providing shelter, supporting and rehabilitating homeless men to get them off the street permanently! 100% of donations stay within our community



Hope Awaits Ministries is a Christian run charity that offers 3 primary services: Homeless Shelter for Men, Life Skills Programs, Clothing Bank.

Charity Registration Number: #827146036RR0001

