

Ministries & Missions at St. Brice's
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Worship Services

Sundays, 8:30am (Second to Fifth Sundays of the Month): Traditional Service
Sundays, 10:30am (every Sunday) Contemporary Service
Every Sunday service, a coffee hour follows. On the first Sunday of the month, we share a meal together ("pot-luck").

With the exception of a carol service shortly before Christmas, and twice in the summer, all our Sunday worship services are celebrations of Holy Communion. Regardless of our denominational backgrounds, all are welcome to receive. Some who are exploring the Christian faith also come forward to receive a blessing. During the Contemporary Service, the readings, responses and words to the music are displayed on screens near the front.

Wednesday, 5:15pm Evening Prayer (traditional) – a short meditative service near the close of the work day.

Regular Ministries & Outreach

Alpha: This is a light-hearted introduction to, or review of, the Christian faith. The format is something to eat, a video, and a discussion. Free. People can say as much or as little as they like. St. Brice's will next offer the Alpha Course on Wednesday, 8 January, 6pm. Elsewhere in North Bay, Calvary Pentecostal and Holy Name churches are offering the Alpha Course this fall.

Altar Guild: Decorates the Church building and prepares for services.

Anglican Church Women/ Women's Group: These are 2 complementary women's groups which meet at St. Brice's. The A.C.W. particularly seeks to support our mission work.

Bible Studies: There are several Bible studies on-going at St. Brice's. The Bible study on Tuesday evenings, 7-8pm, is held on-line. Participants vary from knowing the Bible a lot, to not knowing much about it at all.

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Cassellholme Christmas Tree: This is an outreach to a local seniors' home of gifts and music, before Christmas.

Cursillo: This short weekend course is offered periodically. St. Brice's is heavily involved with this program, along with a group of other local churches.

Food Bank: St. Brice's Food Bank is open Thursday mornings from 9am-11am. Like almost all ministries at St. Brice's, it is staffed by volunteers. We note that our food bank use has about doubled recently – from about 40 individuals and families in September 2021 and 2022, to 82 this past Thursday, September 12.

Layreaders: This is a group of people who assist at Sunday worship in the front. (Different groups of volunteers also assist on Sunday mornings: Readers, greeters, leaders of prayer, assistance at Holy Communion, and so forth.)

Messy Church: This is an informal monthly gathering for the young and young at heart. We typically meet for an informal worship service, followed by crafts, activities or games, and then a shared meal together. The next Messy Church at St. Brice's will be held on Saturday, October 12, 5pm. If you plan to come, we appreciate if you tell us in advance, to help prepare food well

Music Ministry: St. Brice's has both organ music, and the St. Brice's Praise and Worship Band, as we worship God together during the Contemporary Service. At least monthly, organ music is offered at the early service as well.

Prayer Chain: This is a quiet ministry of a large group of people who commit to praying privately for particular needs.

Quilters and Cardmakers: This is a group which meets Monday mornings about 9am during the school year, making quilts and, seasonally, making greeting cards.

Seniors' Home Services: St. Brice's offers worship services regularly in seniors' homes in the community of North Bay.

Small Groups: A number of people meet in small groups at St. Brice's, for our well-being and spiritual growth. These groups are often tied with participants in Cursillo.

Sunday School: After being together for the first part of the 10:30am service, St. Brice's Sunday School meets in the parish hall before returning at the time of administering Communion. The Sunday School is for ages 3 and up. There is also a nursery in the back of the Church building.

Teen Lunch Program: This is a program to feed high school students on Friday mornings, when school is in session.

We are involved with other ministries which present themselves periodically, such as care for international students, sponsoring refugee families, etc.

Support Beyond the Parish Community

As well as how St. Brice's ministers locally, based out of the church building, we also support outreach and mission work, in prayer, financial support, and volunteer time as we are able – in North Bay and around the world. Following is a list of key ministries we have been supporting within the past 10 years.

- Support for the Diocese of Algoma & the National Church

Ministry for Youth:

- Camp Temkaming: Camp for children; also men; and women; near New Liskeard, ON
- Children Believe: Encourages children's education worldwide
- Madagascar Mission: Orphanage in Madagascar
- Operation Smile: Cleft lip surgeries
- Samaritans Purse/ Operation Christmas Child (Christmas period; children's care)
- Sleeping Children around the World (anti-malaria bed kits)

Medical:

- Doctors without Borders: Medical relief
- Leprosy Mission: Relief of leprosy & other tropical diseases
- Solar Suitcases: Provides light and medical aid in the developing world

Vulnerable:

- Compassion Committee: A local ecumenical committee, working toward the elimination of homelessness
- Crisis Centre: Provides shelter & resources
- Hope Awaits: Men's shelter
- Operation Warmth: A local program to provide winter coats
- St. John's Open Arms Café (Wednesday meals at our sister parish on Main St. E)
- The Gathering Place: Food
- Transition House (shelter for abused women)

Anglican Ministries:

- Anglican Foundation (facilitates ministry, children's ministry, property care, etc.)
- Council of the North (northern dioceses, with particular challenges for travel and food)
- Diocese of Tarime: Our partner diocese in Tanzania, Africa
- Primate's Fund: An international development agency

Evangelistic or Devotional Ministries:

- Canadian Bible Society: Promotes printing of Bibles and biblical literacy
- CJTK: Support for the local Christian radio station
- Good Friday Gathering: Local churches worshipping together on Good Friday
- Gospel for Asia: Ministry in south Asia
- Overseas Missionary Fellowship (ministry in southeast Asia)
- RBC Ministries: Responsible for "Our Daily Bread" devotions and other material
- Salvation Army: Support for this ministry locally
- Youth with a Mission: An international ministry for evangelism, social care, etc.