

ASCENSION MEMORIAL CHURCH
Flourishing - Family - Community
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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TIDINGS WEEKLY
December 2, 2018

CHRISTMAS AT ASCENSION 2018



Sunday, December 23rd
LESSONS AND CAROLS at the 10:15 AM Service

Monday, December 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT at 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST
Prelude Music at 9:30PM - Service at 10:00PM

Tuesday, December 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST
One service at 9:00 AM

2nd ANNUAL HOLIDAY SING ALONG **CHORUS NORTH SHORE and the HONORS YOUTH CHOIR**

Sunday, December 9th at 5PM
Ascension Memorial Church, 31 County Street, Ipswich

Sonja Pryor, conductor
John Petre-Baumer, guest conductor
Frank Corbin, organist & pianist

Free and open to the public.
Donations are welcome.
Refreshments will be served.



GREENING OF THE CHURCH Sunday, December 23rd after the 10:15 service

Calling all Parishioners to join together in preparing our church home for the coming of our Lord. Please partake of some goodies in St. Matthew's Parlor and then head back in and help in placing candles in the windows, arranging the striking poinsettia plants behind the altar, hanging garlands high and low and attaching some greenery to the beginning of each pew. A meaningful gift our church family can give in His glory.

THE IPSWICH GIVING TREE



The Ipswich Giving Tree will be wreathed in ornaments on Sunday, December 2, ready for parishioners to choose a gift to give to a child in the community who is in need. Gifts should be returned (unwrapped, and with the tag attached, please!) by **Sunday, December 9.**

Thank you to everyone who participates in this lovely sharing of resources each Christmas season. We truly couldn't do it without you! Feel free to call Betsy Johnson with any questions at **978-912-4065.**

In Response to Requests for Sermons

For years Sunday sermons were recorded and posted on the Ascension Church website as audio recordings. That method overtime has proven time-consuming and not always reliable. There may be a better way. A parish to our north in New Hampshire is using a video recording device called a Nest. The device is small and positioned out of sight, but with the ability to record sound and image easily and effectively. This method of recording could also be used for recording and sharing Christmas Pageants, concert performances, and special community programs held in the church. The camera would be trained to avoid recording worshippers in the pews and postings to our website or Facebook page would be edited accordingly. The cost of the new recording system would be \$200. If you like the idea and would care to contribute, please contact Patti at the Parish Office, 978-356-2560.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

For additional information and listings, please visit our website calendar: amcipswich.org/calendar/
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday - 9:00am to 1:00pm

12.02 Sunday	8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15AM - Lay Eucharistic Ministers Meeting - St. Matthew's Parlor 5:00 - 8:00PM - Youth Group Bingo Night at Northeast ARC
12.03 Monday	12:15PM - Holy Silence 7:30PM - Sound of Soul - St. Matthew's Parlor
12.04 Tuesday	5:00PM - Choristers (Youth Choir) Practice - Boone Hall - Choir Room
12.05 Wednesday	9:30AM - Bible Study - St. Matthew's Parlor 5:30PM - Holy Silence/Holy Communion 6:00PM - AMC Book Group - St. Matthew's Parlor
12.06 Thursday	7:00PM - Education for Ministry - St. Matthew's Parlor
12.07 Friday	7:00PM - NA - Boone Hall - Choir Room
12.08 Saturday	8:00AM - Men's Group - St. Matthew's Parlor
12.09 Sunday	8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:15AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II