

Acton churches welcome all to Christmas services and celebrations

All are invited to the following services in churches in the town.

Acton Baptist Church

December 24 – 6:30 p.m. - Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

December 26 – 10 a.m. - Christmas Service (on Boxing Day).

Bethel Christian Reformed Church

December 19 – 6:30 p.m. “The Noise We Make” Christmas Program – the timeless Christmas message told through Scripture, carols, and new songs (same program also on the 24th).

December 24 – 7 p.m. – “The Noise We Make” Christmas Eve Program – the timeless Christmas message told through Scripture, carols, and new songs (same program also on the 19th).

December 25 – 10 a.m. – Christmas Worship Celebration.

December 26 – 10 a.m. – Second Day of Christmas – “A Birthday Party for the King.”

Churchill Community Church

December 24 – 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service: “The Greatest Gift.”

Crossings Community Church

December 24 – 6:30 – 9 p.m. – Carolling at the Mill/Main parkette, and Open House Christmas Eve Celebration at The Roxy (6 Mill Street E.) – free refreshments & food, kids activities. Come out to mingle and celebrate.

Evangel Family Church

December 24 – 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Knox Presbyterian Church

December 19 – 10:30 a.m. – Children’s Service.

December 24 – 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve.

December 25 – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Day.

New Apostolic Church

December 25 – 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Service – non perishable goods for the Acton Food Share can be brought to the service.

Salvation Army Church

December 24 – 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church

December 19 – 7 p.m. – Candlelight Service with

Reception to follow.

December 24 – 5 p.m. – Children’s Service and Cake to Celebrate the Birth of Jesus, 7 p.m. Contemporary Family Service of Holy Eucharist and 11 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist with Choir.

December 26 – 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, Catholic Church

December 24 – 5 p.m. 7 p.m., 12 midnight – Christmas Eve Mass.

December 25 – 11 a.m. – Christmas Day Mass.

December 26 – 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. – Sunday Mass.

Trinity United Church

December 15 – 7 p.m. – Service of Remembrance and Reflection – Christmas and its anticipation is often painful for those who have experienced loss of any kind. This service is for those who would appreciate a quiet service of reflection and remembrance.

December 18 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Santa’s Secret Shop for Kids – A chance for parents to finish their shopping while the Youth Group looks after the children.

December 24 – 7 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service for all ages and 10 p.m. – Communion Service.

The Christmas tree question: *Live or fake choices*

Days and weeks before Christmas are a busy time of year. Shopping, Christmas concerts, decorating our homes, visiting friends and relatives or even traveling can preoccupy our minds and cause us to miss some important fire safety tips which may put our families at risk of injury from fire.

For many of us the main focal point of Christmas is a live Christmas

tree. Unfortunately, the beautifully decorated Christmas tree is also one of the leading causes of fire during this seasonal celebration.

Here are some Christmas tree safety tips:

1. Leave the tree outside until you’re ready to decorate.

2. Keep the tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, or other sources of heat.

3. Use only CSA-Listed

lights for indoor use, and no more than 3 strands linked together.

4. Use miniature lights which have cool-burning bulbs.

5. Examine light strings before installing them and discard any worn ones.

6. Turn off the Christmas lights when you go to bed or when leaving your home.

7. Cut the stump approximately 2.5 to 3”

from the bottom on a diagonal angle before putting in the stand.

8. Check the tree daily and add water as necessary.

Fire Chief Brent Marshall adds, “Don’t let a fire tragedy spoil your holiday season. Protect your home and family with working smoke alarms on every level of your home. Remember, smoke alarms save lives.”

Town Digest

Fees waived

Canadian Blood Services will not have to pay \$4,784 in fees next year to use Town-owned facilities to run 10 blood donor clinics – six in Acton at the arena/community centre and four at the Gellert Centre in Georgetown.

At its meeting tonight (Thursday) Town Council is expected to approve waiving the fees under the Town’s municipal assistance program. From January 2010 to date, 135

units of blood have been collected at the Acton arena/community centre, saving the lives of 405 patients and 95 units were collected at the Gellert, saving the lives of 285 patients.

The Town spent \$32,000 on municipal assistant in 2010, including fee waivers, partnership agreements, and volunteer training and for revitalization of the tourism/business districts. The initial budget for 2011 is \$106,660.

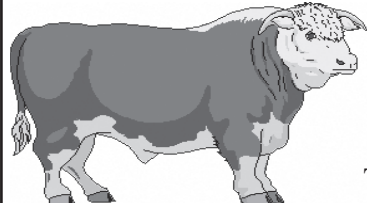


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