

Welcome to **Trinity Church**

115 Charlotte Street, Saint John, NB E2L 2J2

Ministers: All Parishioners

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Christmas Week Schedule

**Dec 24th - Christmas Eve 11:00pm Candle Light
Eucharist**

Dec 25th - Christmas Day 10:30am Holy Communion

Dec 26th - Boxing Day - No Mid-Week Service today

**Dec 30th - 8:00 am Trinity Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30 am Trinity Holy Communion (BCP)**

***December 25, 2018 is the 227th Anniversary
of
Trinity's 1st Service on this site, in 1791***

Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of

Andrew & Jean Bruce
their parents Hugh & Nora Bruce
Alec and Peke Thompson
Leslie Bruce

from Mike and Ann Bruce.

4:30pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

Welcome

Jemma & Pippa Christie

Music Leader – Mary Louise Belyea (King's Choral Scholar)

Isaiah 9:2,6:

Lilla Christie

*9:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen
a great light; those who lived in a land of deep
darkness on them light has shined. 9:6 For a child
has been born for us, a son given to us; authority
rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful
Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.*

Procession to the Creche (children gathering at the back)

O Come, All Y Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;

O come let us adore him (*repeat 3 times*)
Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him, (*repeat 3 times*)
Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

O Come, let us adore him (*repeat 2 times*)
Christ the Lord

Children carry all set pieces, except the Wise Men and camels (who arrive later!)

Blessing of the Creche

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
 And stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.
 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
 Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
 And fit us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm 96 - Cantate Domino

Jacqueline Oland

Gradual Hymn 750 The First Nowell*(verses 1&2)*

The first nowell the angel did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
 In fields where they lay, a-keeping their sheep,
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world would be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gradual Hymn 750 The First Noel (*verse 6*)

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his Blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell

Christmas Eve Prayer

Lila & Hudson Scaplen

Apostles Creed

Hymn: 77

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,

Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing. Amen.

Children's Message - Children & youth (and those who are young at heart) are welcome to come forward for a Christmas message.

Offertory Hymn 82

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!
How silently, How silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven:
No ear may hear His coming'
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

Communion:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

People: *Amen*

Celebrant: And Now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Solo 'C' is For the Christ Child Mary Louise Belyea

Prayer after Communion:

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and forever.

Blessing

Hymn: 739

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin, Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth!
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Gloria (said together)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Trinity Church

1791 – 2017

On Christmas Day, December 25, 2018 the parishioners of Trinity Church (Anglican) will celebrate 227 years of faithful worship at 115 Charlotte Street, Saint John, N.B.

Trinity Church's beginnings date back to May 18, 1783 at the close of the Revolutionary War when approximately three thousand men, women and children – desired to retain their allegiance to the British Crown, sacrificed all their material belongings to make a new home on the nearest British territory – arriving in Saint John harbour on one of the twenty ships.

The city, originally named Parr Town in honour of Governor Parr of Nova Scotia, was later renamed St. John when it received its' charter. Saint John came from Champlain's naming of the St. John River during his June 24, 1604 expedition.

The first order of business for the new settlers, 1783 population recorded as being 5000, was to lay out the city lots with a primary focus on securing the site of the Anglican Church and associated Burial Ground.

Initial approach had the Anglican Church location on the south-west corner of Union Street, however this build was abandoned after a fire during construction.

The second approach resulted in the purchase of a framed building East side of Germain Street – Lot 121 between Duke and Queen Streets. This building although used, was not considered appropriate for its intended use and such was never consecrated or named.

The third and final approach resulted in acquiring the land that Trinity Church currently resides upon. In June 1788 two lots on Germain Street were gifted by General Coffin and John Cochran Esq. as well as two lots on Studholm (now known as Charlotte Street) by Thomas Whitlock Esq. who later would be name Vestryman / Warden of Trinity Church.

Trinity Church's cornerstone was laid by Right Reverend Charles Inglis D.D., Bishop of Nova Scotia and 1st Bishop of Colonial Church on August 20, 1788. The builders were Messrs. Bean and Dowling, the former becoming a member of Trinity Vestry.

The original Trinity Church was a wood framed structure consisting of the chancel, nave and two side aisles – built according to the means of the day respective on not burdening the parish with unwanted debt.

This build was completed in 1791 and the 1st service used for Divine Worship was December 25, 1791. The first Rector for Trinity was Reverend Mather Byles, D.D. It is noted that Trinity was not outfitted with heating facilities until 1804 when they procured stoves.

Trinity Church was consecrated by Bishop Charles Inglis on Sunday August 19, 1792 and the 1st ordination recorded in New Brunswick was held on this day for Rev. Frederick Dibblee and Rev. Oliver Arnold.

Trinity Church nearly fell to an adjacent fire which destroyed the Commercial Hotel on February 27, 1849 which was located on the corner of King and Charlotte Streets as sparks ignited the tower. The damage was limited and the church proper was saved only to be involved in the Great Fire of June 20, 1877. The Great Fire broke out in the North-West portion of the city fueled by the wood framed buildings and promoted by the strong North-West wind. The last hour on Trinity Tower clock was 5pm.

Prior to the full loss of Trinity Church three items were saved, being the Historic Royal Coat of Arms (which currently is mounted on the west wall over the entrance doors), Holy Communion Set and the Parish Registers which were protected by a fire proof safe.

The current Trinity Church – built of Stone / masonry was consecrated on December 9, 1880 during the 11:00 am service.

We thank God for the faithful who at great risk of their lives, as they fled to this unknown land risking all, to honour the British Crown, were guided by Your Holy Spirit to establish Your Church here in our city to which those before us have faithfully shared your hope – peace - love – joy with all to which is our ministry going forward.

Note: facts and dates were provided from the book History of Trinity Church, Saint John, 1791-1891 compiled and edited by the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, D.D.

PSALM 96 – Verses: 1-13

O Sing unto the Lord a new song; /sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name;/ be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour among the nations, / and his wonders among all peoples.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; / he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols; / but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him: / strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, / ascribe unto the Lord glory and power.

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; / bring presents and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;/ let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King; / he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad/ let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; / then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord;

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, / and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

