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TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 4, 2024

TRINITY CHURCH A Warm – Thriving – Christian Community

We are on Facebook! We invite you to “like” us!

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityChurchUptownSJ>

Our Parish Events Calendar is now available on our Webpage!

<http://trinitysj.com>

You are receiving this weekly Trinity Newsletter as you are a member of the Trinity family. Should you not wish to receive this, please indicate by return e mail.

Trinity OFFICE HOURS: Our parish administrator works in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12-3 pm while working from the home office on Monday and Friday. All telephone messages regarding church business are to be directed to the office 506-693-8558 or trinsj@nb.aibn.com.

You Tube Trinity Services: You can view Trinity’s recorded services by going onto YouTube and typing in Trinity Anglican Church SJ. That will bring you to our channel and all of the previously recorded services.



Those bells will ring again!

Trinity has available brass ornament bells for a price of \$20.00 each. These bells are of a classic bell shape having a melodious tone stamped from solid brass and brightly finished & lacquered. They are made by a sixth-generation family business in Connecticut which has origins dating back to 1832. They are the last remaining solely bell-making company in the USA. These funds will go to support the **Chiming & Timing into the Future** project which is outlined further in this Newsletter for your reference.

Trinity Financial Update:



Trinity is off to a great start for 2024 with a very strong revenue due to Regular Giving. This coupled with lower Expenses mainly in the Utility account resulted in a \$12.4k improvement over budgeted Net Income basically bringing in January on a break even financially.

E-Offering Stewardship Option

Thank you to all who are supporting Trinity through their regular stewardship, as this helps the Treasurer meet the ongoing financial needs of Trinity’s ministry. Should you wish to join the E offering program, you can do so from your home by contacting Denise at 506-693-8558 or through the church email, trinsj@nb.aibn.com.

It is hoped that you will pray for Trinity for this year and years to come.

Thank you for your continued support.

Prayers



We offer special prayers for:

Prayers for Ukraine – Most Holy God and Father. Hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow and as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of Your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Special Prayers ongoing for Viktoriia (33) and Alex (33) Yezerskaya and their children, Daniel (3) and Samuel (6). Let us pray for their safety and the blessings they will share as God's hands, speech, and feet in their answering of His call on them as they continue as missionaries in Russia among their own peoples.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria, the Rt Revd Samy Fawzy, Archbishop. Council of the North, Bishop David Lehmann, Chair, and all the members of the Council as they respond to God's call to mission and ministry in the northern regions of Canada. Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries and all diocesan education and formation.

Prayer for Israel and Palestine – Isaiah 11:9 "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." God of mercy, we pray earnestly, send your Holy Spirit of peace and comfort, to surround all those whose lives have been torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. Amen

Parish Prayer Requests- Theresa Wanamaker, Malcolm Smith, Claire Cleary, Shirley Shaw, Winston Wilson, Ann Campion, Grace Gogan, Frank Rodgers, and Diane Cameron.

From our Archbishop of Canterbury – The Most Reverend Justin Welby – asking of the whole Anglican Communion to hold up our Royal Family in our prayers at this time.



pray for our royal family

Both King Charles III and his daughter-in-law, Catherine, Princess of Wales, are undergoing treatment for cancer. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.



Chiming and Timing into the Future

For upcoming Chiming & Timing into the Future - event fundraisers:



Saturday, 25 May 2024 - Lobster Dinner in the Bennett Room
Tickets \$50 (to buy tickets please contact the Chiming & Timing into the Future Team)
Phone: 506-6521-5366 **Email:** chimingandtimingtrinitysj@gmail.com

24 August 2024- Afternoon Tea
24 October 2024- Guest Speaker
6 December 2024- Appreciation Gala

The Chiming and Timing Campaign team are seeking working group members for each event, and are actively seeking sponsorship for each upcoming event.



It is a catchy phrasing which describes the thrust of the total scope of the project. Phase 1a&1b will address the timing into the future with the chiming hour-by-hour on the Loyalist Bell of the new time piece which will control the Tower Clock. The new time piece will be self-controlled not requiring ongoing (weekly or monthly maintenance), having the smarts to keep on perfect time making adjustments for power failures and spring and fall settings.

- It is important to remember Trinity’s Clock was one of the three city clocks which were at one time subsidized by the city for their use city wide. The other two were St. Luke’s Anglican Church on Main Street and St. George’s Anglican Church on the West Side. Interesting to note, all three city clocks were at Anglican Churches.
- The following phases 2 and 3 will bring on the remainder, Chiming, to have the whole system modernly upgraded to current technology.
 - **Phase 1a** – The scope of work upgraded the Tower access per the Structural Engineers’ design and is now complete and paid for coming in at a total of \$32,661.50 under the estimate of \$36,483 – savings of \$3,821.50.
 - **Phase 1b** – The upgrade of the Tower Clock, its motorized mechanism, full project supporting electronics and the bell circuit equipment to ring the Loyalist bell on the hour.
 - . The supply of all the Bell Components for Phase 1b, Phase 2 and Phase 3 have been put on order January 19th with Verdin Company. \$38,398 Cdn – 50% on order and remaining payable upon installation.
 - **Phase 2** – The upgrade of the bell system to incorporate the Westminster Chimes with the powering up of four additional bells. Equipment on order January 19th.
 - **Phase 3**- The upgrade of the bell system to include the remaining seven bells. (See table below.) Equipment on order January 19th.

Trinity Bell Restoration Project					
	Estrabrooks Engineering	CR&M	Verdin Bell Co Project design	Contingency 10%	Total Cost
Phase 1a	\$4,600.00	\$27,312	\$749.00	\$0	\$32,661.50
	Verdin Bell Co.	Bell Rod Repair	Electrical T&T	Contingency 20%	Total Estimate
Phase 1b	\$65,135	\$1,437	\$7,500	\$14,814	\$88,886
Phase 2	\$10,557	\$5,750	\$1,500	\$3,560	\$21,367
Phase 3	\$12,746	\$17,250	\$11,500	\$5,062	\$30,370
Sub Total	\$88,438	\$17,250	\$11,500	\$23,438	\$140,626
Total Project					\$177,109

The target completion for this project is set for December 2024 so that the Bells, originally rung Christmas 1882, will be proudly played once again for Christmas 2024. Let us all 'chime in' as we complete the Trinity Tower's purpose proudly standing tall on our city's peninsula.

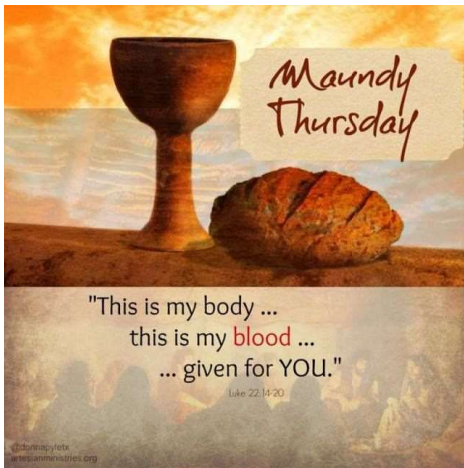
When you hear these bells ring for the first time Christmas 2024 you can proudly say, ***"I was there when we announced this project"*** and hopefully be able to say, ***"I was a part of this project's success."***

If you would like to share your experiences and relationship with the bells and/or clock for our next video, please contact Kyle or Jennifer at chimingandtimingtrinitysj@gmail.com or 506-651-5366.

Thank you!

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Apr 7	Second Sunday of Easter	BCP HC	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Rev. Steven Scribner
Apr 14	Third Sunday of Easter	BCP HC	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-48	Rev. John Firmston
Apr 21	Fourth Sunday of Easter	BCP MP	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Susanne Sutton Kyle Wells
Apr 28	Fifth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday	BAS Eucharist	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Rev. Peter Gillies
May 5	Sixth Sunday of Easter Battle of the Atlantic	BCP HC	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Rev. Peter Gillies
May 12	Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday Loyalist Sunday	BCP HC	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Rev. Steven Scribner
May 19	The Day of Pentecost Confirmation Sunday	BAS Confirmation & Eucharist	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:25-36 Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	Rev. Steven Scribner Archbishop David Edwards
May 26	Trinity Sunday 1 st Sunday after Pentecost	BCP MP	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	Rev. Steven Scribner
June 2	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	BCP HC	1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-5,12-17 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6	Rev. Steven Scribner

Reflections on last week's Services: Maundy Thursday



I found it very useful for my own growth to look below the surface on this day we refer to as Maundy Thursday for the term Maundy is not a biblical term in itself. So where do we get this from and why is this term affixed to Christ's last meal with His chosen twelve?

Maundy is a term that has been used since the Middle Ages as the day before Good Friday. So where did the term Maundy come from?

It did not originate from ancient alignment with anything reference 'holy', nor did it come from any somber or sorrowful basis.

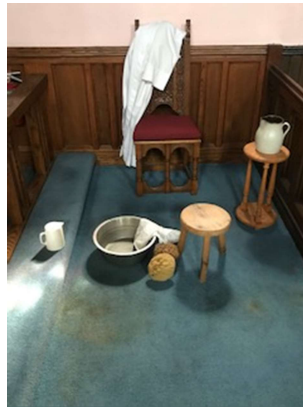
The word Maundy comes from a Latin word for something Jesus said on the first Maundy Thursday. In the Western medieval churches John 13:34 beings, "**Mandatum novum do vobis**" or in modern translation, "**A new command I give you**". '**Mandatum**' or its verb '**mandare**' means 'to command' and it became maundy.

So, what happened on that first Maundy Thursday?

- Matthew, Mark and Luke give us a very pointed description of the Last Supper – the Eucharist – how the twelve and Jesus are arranged around the table and who was next to Jesus (his beloved – John). We know that the Leonardo Di Vinci depiction is not correct, scripture tells us that they were reclining at the table eating.
- Jesus arrives fully knowing what Judas and Peter were up to – fully understanding their qualities when they were chosen, I would believe.
- Jesus was introduced once again with discussions on who was the greatest – possibly a product from an earlier discussion between James and John and their wanted favour to be on His right and His left hand in paradise.
- To address this discussion, Jesus got up in the midst of the meal and began to wash His disciples' feet. No accident as Jesus was giving them by example what He wanted them to understand. "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and whoever wishes to be first among you must be servant of all."
- Then Jesus returned to the meal and said, "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

Maundy should not be the sad day it has become for many, rather it is the day in which Jesus' love was ever so present and He left us with His final words in community, His charge for us, to show the love He has shown to us to show that love to others.

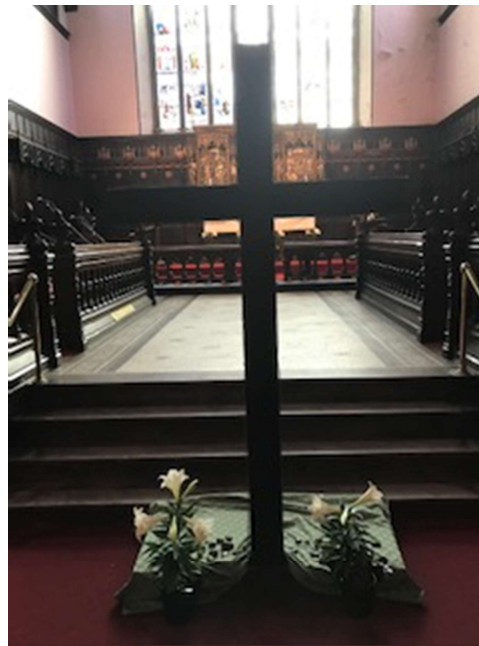
Good Friday:



The Upper Room &

Foot Washing scene

Garden of Gethsemane



Court Yard – Trial

Golgotha – The Cross

The Good Friday service at Trinity has been traditionally a three-hour service which we offer three individual segments. The first hour we speak to the Significance of the Cross – with the reading of the Passion Narrative along with a message and we listened to the lyrics of **New Again** by artists Sara Evans & Brad Paisley – worth the listen to – if you can access it.

The second hour we offered a new segment where we walked the path that Jesus did in His last 24 hours as pictured above. We started out at the Upper Room where we see the table all set for the Last Supper and then moved our gaze to the Foot Washing set up while a reflective narrative was read and a recorded selection titled **The Last Supper** by Diana Ward. We then walked on to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus went to pray and was arrested. While at this place we then listened to another Reflection and heard the lyrics of **Go To Dark Gethsemane** by Concordia Publishing House. We then moved further along to arrive at the Court Yard – Trial where we saw a scarlet robe on one side of the seat with a Crown of Thorns over the other with a whip and staff present. We then listened to another Reflection and the lyrics of **A Prayer in Trial** by Forever Be Sure. We then walked the final journey to Golgotha to the Cross where we all placed our individual stone we

had been carrying and left it at the foot of the cross with a pray that God would take on our stresses as we leave them at His feet to take our load off our shoulders. We listened to our last Reflection and the words of **Were You There** by Rosemary Siemens. This ended our second segment.

The Third Segment we shared the Seven Last Words of Christ;

- 1) Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.
- 2) Verily I say unto thee, today thou shall be with me in Paradise
- 3) Behold thy mother
- 4) My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
- 5) I Thirst
- 6) It is Finished
- 7) Into thy hands I commend my Spirit

Each word was expanded with a Meditation which was read by Rev. Thomas Graham who provided much emphasis on the emotion that surrounded the circumstances at play these words were spoken.

The three-hour Good Friday service concluded with all singing the hymn **We shall go out with Hope.**

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story
including all in circles of our love.



Easter Sunday:

The Sunday of the Resurrection – Easter Sunday – was one for the records for Trinity. The Easter Sunday service began with the blessing of the new Paschal Candle – and in procession under the lyrics Jesus Christ is risen today the Light of Christ entered Trinity Church. The congregation followed in behind and ‘flowered’ the cross. Spencer and his expanded Trinity Choir centered the service musically leading in all the chosen hymns along with several anthems. In addition to all the splendor of Trinity for Easter worship, we entered into an Easter Baptism – which in the early church was very traditional as Easter would be one of the highly chosen services for the sacrament of Baptism.

During my message I mentioned six reasons that this Easter Season will be remembered with great fondness over most others. First – the wonderful home visits I made on behalf of Trinity to those who for reasons beyond their own wishes are not able to attend their beloved Trinity. Second, remembering the one-day reflection that

David Goss arranged for Trinity and friends using the book titled **40 Days – 40 Words**. Third, the shift to celebratory feelings on Maundy Thursday as we embraced the life of Christ where He showed us what it takes to be His disciple, to serve and not wanting to be served. Jesus put His words into action by washing His disciples' feet. It was on this evening Jesus gave us a new command – ***“As I have loved you, so you must love one another”***. Fourth was our Good Friday service where in the second hour, we walked the last 24 hours of Christ from the Upper Room – Last Supper / Foot Washing, on to the Garden of Gethsemane, then to the Court Yard for the Trial and then on to Golgotha to the Cross where all present who picked up a stone when they arrived, placed it at the base of the Cross and by doing so left some of their cares at the foot of the Cross for God to handle. Fifth, having reflected upon the past seven years – asked all present to give themselves a round of applause for the successes Trinity, all present, have achieved and we have just begun! The sixth was about to happen where we at Trinity would be welcoming a new member into Christ's own. A regular parishioner who has been part of our Trinity family over the past years felt called to be Baptized as Christ's own for ever. As mentioned, Baptism has strong roots with Easter – with alignments with the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, to the thrice blessings with the water (symbolically or full immersion) to the three days – three nights Jesus laid in the depth of the earth prior to His resurrection. The baptism candidate received the light of Christ from the new Paschal Candle which moments before brought in the light of Christ into Trinity.

Suffice to say, this Easter Season will be a memory forever for this minister and hopefully for all those who participated in this Easter Season. Picture below is from Myrtle Beach at their Sunrise service 2024.



Senior Ministry Easter Season Services:



Crafted by a parishioner at Loch Lomond Villa – previous member of St. James the Less



Chateau de Champlain Palm Sunday on Monday



Shannex resident proudly displayed her Palm



Easter Sunday on Monday at the Chateau

Many may not realize, however one of the Anglican Church's largest congregations are living in a number of retirement facilities within our city. I am honored as part of the Senior Ministry Team of the Saint John Deanery who ministers to those in our city. I lead worship at Kennebec Manner and Loch Lomond Villa 1st Monday and 1st Wednesday of the month respectively and the Chateau de Chaplain every Monday. Above are several pictures of the Altar's adorned with Palms or Easter Crosses (made by JoAnne Rivers). The focus is to bring the excitement of Sunday to them on either Monday or Wednesday at their chosen service times.

What to expect this Sunday!

This Sunday Trinity will be Celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter. We will figuratively be present when Jesus meets us behind the closed doors of the Upper Room and reveals the resurrected Jesus. Would we be like the others or like Thomas – doubting Thomas - on that day?

What is in Trinity's Future you need to be aware of!

April 19 th & 20 th	Friday / Saturday	Trinity Spring Book Sale
May 5 th	Sunday	2:00pm

MUSIC for ROYAL OCCASIONS

Coronations, Jubilees, Weddings & Funerals

Organist **Michael Molloy**

on the Eve of King Charles' Coronation Anniversary

Sunday May 5th, 2024 - 2:00pm at TRINITY CHURCH, Saint John

Tickets on sale after Easter

Proceeds to Trinity's Chiming and Timing Campaign

May 11 th	Saturday	New Brunswick Masonic Grand Lodge Service
May 12 th	Sunday	Ascension Sunday – Loyalist Sunday
May 16 th	Thursday	Heritage Awards Presentation (4-6pm)
May 19 th	Sunday	Pentecost – Confirmation Sunday with Archbishop David Edwards
May 25 th	Saturday	Lobster Dinner in the Bennett Room
June 1 st	Saturday	Trinity's Yard Sale



Beacon Cove 50 Broad Street in Saint John's south end on the property that once housed St. James Anglican Church. Formally called Safe Harbour. **Toiletries in larger size (not travel size), feminine hygiene products, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Also looking for clothing, winter coats, winter boots, hats and gloves, shoes, socks, blankets and larger towels. Gift cards in small denominations. Paper products, toilet tissue, paper towels and facial tissue are welcomed.**

Trinity will collect these products and deliver. Beacon Cove will also accept donations via the diocesan website – choose Beacon Cove from the drop-down menu: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13778>. This initiative will be one of Trinity's Outreach where we can make a difference in the community in which we reside.

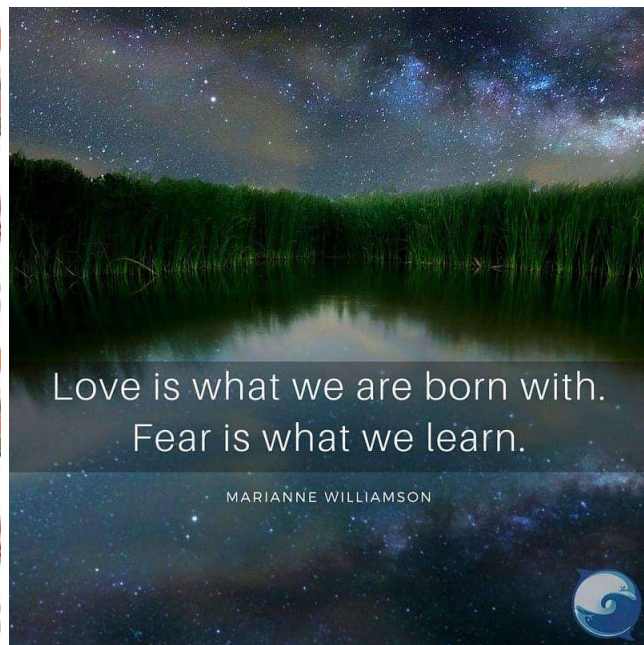
The Easter Bunny came to Trinity Gardeners:



The Easter Bunny dropped off a few gardening tools for the Trinity Gardeners. Remembering when we were young, the Easter Bunny would give us new buckets, shovels and rakes – well I guess the Easter Bunny still delivers these for the more mature children.



Thoughts to live by:



April 8, 2024 — Total Solar Eclipse — Saint John



Global Event: Total Solar Eclipse

Local Type: Partial Solar Eclipse in Saint John, New Brunswick

Begins: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 3:24 pm

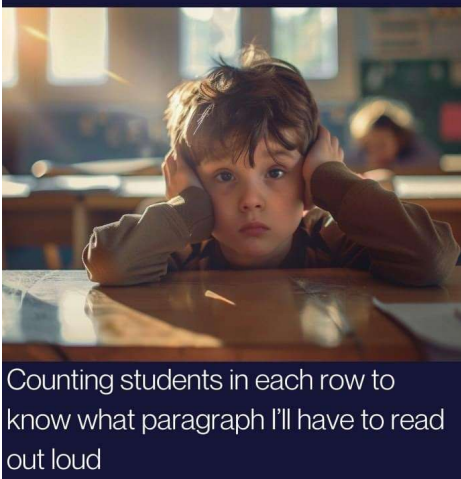
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Ends: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 5:42 pm

Duration: 2 hours, 18 minutes

Humor:

My favorite school memory....



Counting students in each row to know what paragraph I'll have to read out loud



"WILL THE OWNER OF THE PIGGY BANK PLEASE STOP PASSING IT AROUND WITH THE COLLECTION PLATE."

A mother walks into her son's bedroom. She says; "get up and go to church"!

He says to her, "I am not going"!

She said to him, "get up, get dressed and you are going to church"!

He says, "give me one good reason"!

She said, "I will give you three".

First, I'm your mother.

Second, you are fifty-two years old and living here since you got out of high-school.

Third, you're the pastor.