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## TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 11, 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>

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*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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

**Trinity Welcomes – Rev. John Firmston** to Trinity for the celebration of the Third Sunday of Easter – as Clergy coverage for vacationing Rev. Steven Scribner. We welcome Rev. John as he returns to Trinity.

## 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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, the Most Revd Don Tamihere and the Most Revd Sione Uluilakepa, Primates. Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Diocesan social & ecological justice ministries: PWRDF and diocesan rep Betty Davidson, AFC and diocesan rep Glen Gough, ACW and Diocesan President Blanche Buckle and all members, Mother's Union members. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

**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.



## Trinity Building Care

2024 Focus

# Chiming and Timing into the Future Campaign

### Upcoming Campaign 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:** 506-651-5366 / **Email:** chimingandtimingtrinitysj@gmail.com

**24 Aug 2024- Afternoon Tea**

**26 Sep2024 “Yesterday, Today & Forever” Big Band Dance & Silent Auction\***

**24 Oct 2024 Guest Speaker**

**6 Dec 2024- Appreciation Gala**

\* The Chiming & Timing into the Future Silent Auction Team are looking for special items in good condition from a variety of decades to be donated to the Silent Auction. If you have an item to contribute please contact Kyle (506-871-6162) or Jennifer (506-651-5366).

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Phase 3**- The upgrade of the bell system to include the remaining seven bells. (See table below.) Equipment on order January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Trinity Bell Restoration Project					
	Estrabrooks Engineering	CR&M	Verdin Bell Co Project design	Contingency 10%	Total Cost
<b>Phase 1a</b>	\$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
<b>Total Project</b>					<b>\$177,109</b>

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](mailto:chimingandtimingtrinitysj@gmail.com) or 506-651-5366.

## Thank you!

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
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 <b>Ascension Sunday</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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:

We find ourselves this morning reading in our Gospel's message about Thomas – doubting Thomas. Or did we just read of the message of our present world where we are all like Thomas – where we are of a world where we need to see for ourselves, touch for ourselves, hear for ourselves in order to believe for ourselves something that is in fact true for ourselves.

We arrived here just a week ago on Easter Sunday in celebration of the Risen Christ where we gathered at the entrance of Trinity and lit the new Paschal Candle (Christ Candle) and carried the light of Christ into Trinity followed by us all 'Flowering the Cross'. Whereas one of our Trinity parishioners shared with me this week, "**is one of the most beautiful traditions we now celebrate here at Trinity**" – as it takes us from that bare wooden cross of Good Friday where Hope is in question to bring that same wooden cross to life – clearly implying Hope is a certainty.

1<sup>st</sup> John gives us a straight-up teaching – not possibly what we want to hear – but something we must hear. The author, John, by his writing makes us look into the mirror of humanity and by doing so, if we are truly upright about ourselves, we will see much of ourselves in what the mirror is illuminating back to us.

For John it is clearly to produce fellowship with the community and fellowship with God as he states, "**We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with the Son, Jesus Christ**". (1John 3). John continues to tell us his aim is to make them and us complete in joy, "**We write this to make our joy complete**".(1John 4).

As mentioned, we are of a society of seeing, touching and hearing – not that different from the community in which Jesus was born into. Jesus understood this first-hand where He told Thomas, "**Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.**" For God revealed Himself in a way in which He could be seen, heard and touched. And by Jesus' birth, death and resurrection, provided all with the ability to be cleansed from sin manifested in our lives, our bodies – sins that can be seen, heard and touched.

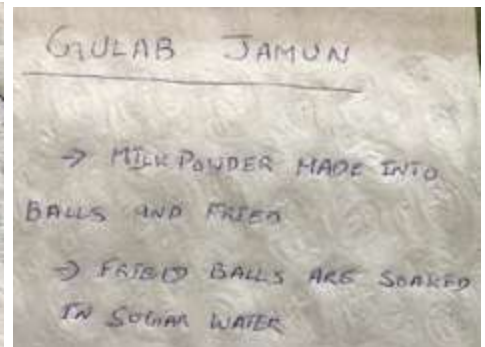
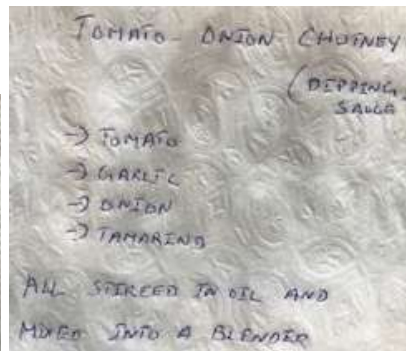
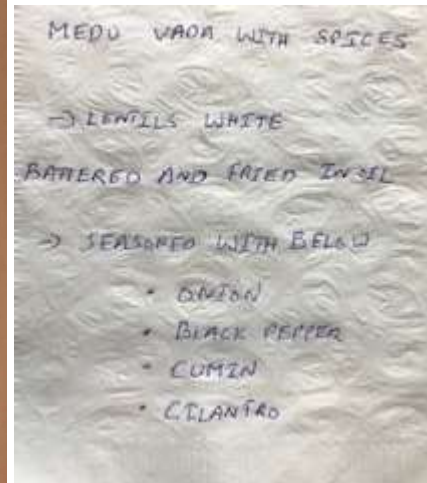
So, as we leave here today, let us not lose the feeling we all had last Sunday, Easter Sunday, where we received the Light of Christ into our midst. Where we welcomed one of Christ's newest members into His church and where we shared together in our Lord's offering at His Table – Let us carry this joy onward in our lives today and for the todays to come.

## What to expect this Sunday!

This Sunday Trinity will be Celebrating the Third Sunday of Easter. Trinity will welcome Rev. John Firmston as our Officiant for celebrating Holy Communion. I hear there is something of another special treat awaiting all at the after-service social – come out and be surprised. Sorry I will be away for this.

**Good News Network** We talked about the need for Good News today - Here's the link for the GNN. To the right of the page is a box you can use to sign up for weekday morning emails of good-news-only headlines and links to the articles. <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>. Thank you Susanne Sutton for this option to receive only Good News daily.

## Trinity wishes to thank Glory and Bala Mani Chelladurai



Glory and Bala treated all to a number of their special recipes to which all were very pleased to come back for seconds and thirds. What a wonderful treat after a well-attended Trinity service.

You do not want to miss next Sunday for certain – just a heads up for all!

Thank you for sharing your favourite recipes.

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

April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
May 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday / Saturday  
Sunday

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



## Thoughts to live by:



## Humor:

George Hamilton IV

Abilene / 'Gasoline'

George sings the first verse.

Abilene – Abilene, the prettiest town I ever seen – folks down there don't treat you mean in Abilene – my Abilene.

George goes on to share the following;

### Did you know that Abilene is Biblical?

George Hamilton IV was in church one day and the preacher asked him to sing Abilene. He asked the preacher if he thought it appropriate to sing Abilene in church. The Preacher responded and said it is Biblical. He said it is? And the Preacher responded it is. When you are having your next bible look up Luke chapter 3 verse 1 refers to "Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene" back in the days of John the Baptist when he began his ministry. Then he went on to say the capital of ancient Abilene is Abila – about eighteen miles north-west of present -ay Damascus Syria. One never knows what one might discover by listening to old country music.

Then George shares the story of a fellow, Scott Bowen from SC who sent him new words to his old hit and thought they resonated with what was going on back in the day and after filling my gas tank up the other day and listening to the news the other evening – it speaks to us today. Words put to the same tune of Abilene.

Gasoline, Gasoline – highest prices I've ever seen – what on earth is going on with Gasoline – O' Gasoline.

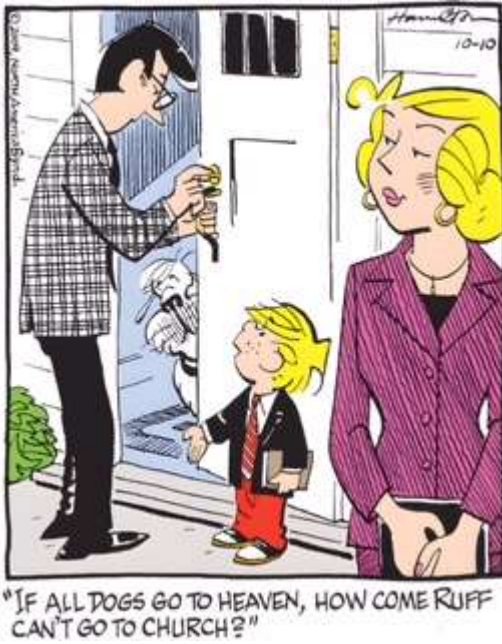
Fill my tank the other night – watch that meter just spin out of sight – don't I wish they would lower the price of Gasoline – O' Gasoline.

Now a-days my old car – she spends a lot of time in my back yard – Can't afford to take it very far Gasoline – O' Gasoline.

Gasoline, Gasoline – highest prices I've ever seen – what on earth is going on with Gasoline – O' Gasoline.



Aren't we tired of getting reamed by Gasoline – O' Gasoline.



I might want to agree and disagree with this thought – as when you read this Newsletter Heather and I will be actually at Myrtle Beach where we have vacationed since 2005. The temperatures in mid-April – mid May gives us a month head start on a NB summer climate and we from Canada find it quite comfortable as the local residents still feel it is a bit cool. Future Newsletters will be written from the Beach so hopefully you can shake out the sand.

**Blessings 2024 - Reverend Steven**