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TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 25, 2024

TRINITY CHURCH A Warm – Thriving – Christian Community

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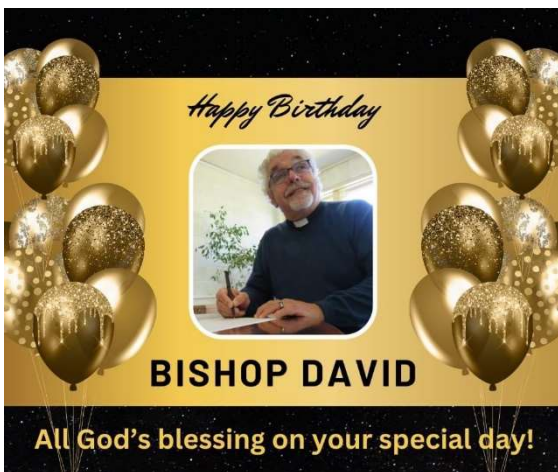
Our Parish Events Calendar is now available on our Webpage!

<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 messages regarding church business are to be directed to the office at 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.



We as the Parish of Trinity wished Archbishop David Edwards a happy birthday this week. Bishop David is the tenth Anglican Bishop of Fredericton, elected coadjutor bishop at a synod in Fredericton on May 10, 2014 and subsequently installed as diocesan bishop on September 20, 2014 succeeding Most Reverend Claude Miller. Bishop David Edwards was elected Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada and assumed this role on August 1, 2020.

Archbishop David Edwards was born in Shropshire, England, attended Loughborough University, Homerton College and the University of Kent at Canterbury. Having worked as a high school teacher prior to completing diplomas in Religious and Evangelism Studies and the Masters of Arts in Applied Theology.

Archbishop David moved to Saint John NB as the Principal of Taylor College of Evangelism (Threshold Ministries) in 1998 and served as Rector at Stone Church and Parish Development Officer for the Diocese of Fredericton prior to being elected Bishop of Fredericton. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Wycliffe College, Toronto in 2015 and serves on the College’s Board of Trustees and also serves on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada to the Mission to Seafarers Canada.

Archbishop David Edwards will be with us here at Trinity on May 19th for Trinity’s Confirmation – please mark your calendars as a Sunday not to be missed.



THANK YOU to David Goss and his team of volunteers for running another successful Book Sale – raising \$406 for Trinity.

Those bells will ring again!

Trinity Financial Update:



Trinity continues to be on a solid start for 2024

February

Regular Giving, Mission & Donation down by \$1500 to budget. Salaries & Benefits on plan, Programing Costs slightly over by \$800, Office & Administration under spent by \$630 with Utilities on plan (note there is an invoice yet to be taken in on the books), Maintenance over by \$1,300 which covered a cost from 2023

invoiced in 2024 for the repairs to Trinity Centre heating system resulting in Net Revenue for the month over by \$1k.

Year to Date – February

Revenue over plan by \$6.8k, Salaries & Benefits, Programing, Utilities for the most part on or near plan with Maintenance over plan as noted above resulting in Total Expenses under plan by \$4.6k supporting a Net Revenue position two months into 2024 \$11.4k improved over budget.

This improved position as we all remember is against a deficit budget therefore, we must not take our eye off the plan to achieve a position of \$33k over plan by year end to have a break-even year thus stemming the tide of deficit year-end results for Trinity.

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.

As of year-end 2023 Trinity had 16 parishioners utilizing the E Offering option for ongoing stewardship. Can we move this number upwards of 25 in 2024?

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Trinity Welcomes Reverend Peter Gillies as our Officiant for this Sunday's service of BAS Eucharist. Rev. Gillies should be well known to Trinity as it is at Trinity that he served as Curate back in the day and was well documented in Trinity's history recorded in the monthly Newsletter in the day. Rev. Peter and Greer in their so-called retirement are neighbours of Trinity and very active in our Trinity Loyalist Service which is scheduled for Sunday May 12th. Please welcome Rev. Peter to Trinity this Sunday.

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 Church of Bangladesh, the Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator. Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces Nigel Shaw and all military chaplains. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Whitehorse: Church of the Northern Apostles and Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev Bert Chestnut, the Rev Elsa Kolm Cheeseman & Don Cheeseman, the Rev Dn Deb Bartlette & Ted Ackerman, licensed lay ministers, David Robertson, Linda Gerein, Cheri Malo, Monica Dempster. 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

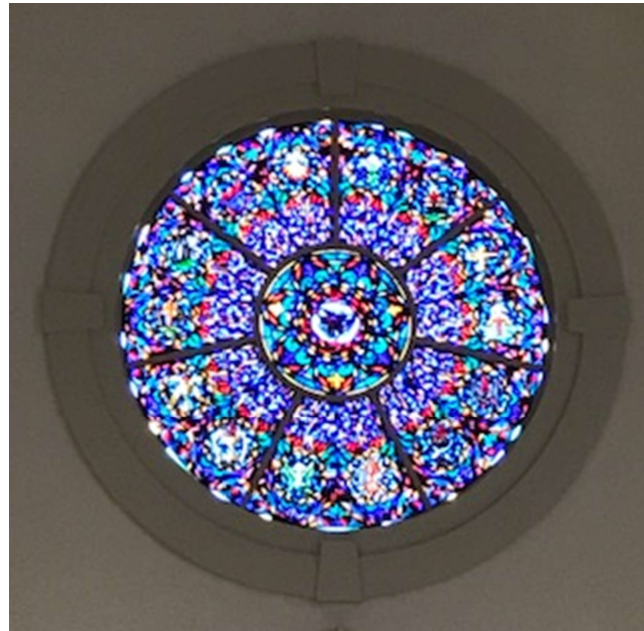
Both King Charles III and his daughter-in-law, Catherine, Princess of Wales, are undergoing treatment for cancer. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.



Myrtle Beach SC



Trinity Anglican Church – Myrtle Beach SC



Trinity Sanctuary

Rose Window

Heather & I have been coming to Myrtle Beach SC having our first visit dating back in 2005. It would then become our place to spend a spring and or fall vacation from 2010 when we purchased our East Riverside neighbour's vacation trailer while we were living in Winnipeg MB.

We have always stayed at a Christian campground - family owned and operated - called Pirate Land which is one of the largest in the area with an uninterrupted sandy beach between two great ocean piers. Church for us was always an open church setting here at the campground up to and including the day after the US election in 2016 when the wind changed. One of the greatest sins, if one can say it as such, would be for a preacher to preach politics from the pulpit. It was by this a number of couples got up and walked out of the service, while Heather and I decided to move on to another Sunday option for the following week.

We knew of the Trinity Episcopal Church a couple of kms down the beach so we tried this out. This option quickly has become our Myrtle Beach Community and we look forward to our visits each year where we are warmly welcomed each time we arrive and stay in touch while we are distant.

Trinity Myrtle Beach has an equally strong history in this community dating back to 1935 as this area was for the most part a seasonal resort community. By the efforts of a Rev. Thomas S. Tisdale who ministered in a neighbouring community worked with those of Myrtle Beach to organize a congregation here. The land was donated for the building of the church in 1937, constructed in 1939 and was admitted into the Diocese of South Carolina in 1940 and the church named Trinity Episcopal Church. The building was expanded in 1957, 1968 and 1973 and raised a sum of more than \$1.2M to do so. The church in which we worship in today here was completed and consecrated in 1991 and is

responsible for the church planting in nearby Surfside Beach back in 1958 along with another in North Myrtle Beach in 1960.

Now as Anglicans we can be labeled as a denomination that does not like change – much. The old joke used to be, ‘how many Anglicans does it take to change a light-bulb?’ – change, my grandfather installed that light-bulb, why change it?’ Well, when it comes to this Trinity Episcopal community change has come here as well. A number of years ago upon our arrival on this particular visit when Heather Google searched for their service time and there was no longer a Trinity Episcopal Church here but rather Trinity Anglican Church. Same address and for the most part same community when we arrived on that Sunday morning.

The change that has happened, they joined the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) which has broken ties with the Archbishop of Canterbury and that is a choice they freely made. As we do by attending worship with this community. This is not the Anglican denomination sector that I am ordained nor plan to as it has restrictions within the overall community of God’s children which I would never align – however what I find still with great understanding is a community who share a great deal of love, compassion and grace for which I gravitate to being in their presence while here on vacation.

When I was starting out in my career as an apprentice machinist back in the summer of 1975, my mentor of the day, a very ‘old’ at the time a, 55-year-old, tradesman told me to pay attention to all whom I will interact with and take the good practices of all and make them part of whom I would like to become. This is something I have continued all my life and still do – adopting the greatness from those I meet. That is where I find myself within this community – as they have so many great gifts – some of which I have incorporated into my style of worship at Trinity Saint John. Those I do not align with I leave behind.

The pictures placed here are of the sanctuary and their east window which a friend of mine here mentioned to me on Sunday past, that it was designed and created by one of their past parishioners at a cost of \$50,000. I did mention that the East Window at Trinity Saint John is insured at \$1M with the great history having been designed in England and sent over for the 1880 rebuild of Trinity after the Great Fire.

When the dust settles with all the changes that happen in life, we can get upset over this or that however where do we rest with who we are and what we are about as one of God’s children here on this earth for just a spec of time to make a difference. In the words of my great friend the late Mod (Modest) Demchuk (small wooden cross originator) who was on his last days in Wpg MB at the age of 91 asked of his priest, “Do you think I have done what God willed of me to do when He created me?” That should be a question we all ask ourselves not at our last hour but repeatedly as we go through this journey we call life.

I will be off to join this group for the weekly Bible Study on Wednesday’s at 7:30am where we will be looking at chapter 4 of Paul’s letter to the Romans. As I say, I love this community with all their differences seeing what we have in common is significantly much more that what differs in our doctrine.

The lesson for all of us is that we have in common far out weighs what we differ. Let us continue to be that Warm Welcoming community that God wills of us here at Trinity. God bless us all.

Trinity Building Care

2024 Focus

Chiming and Timing into the Future Campaign

Upcoming Campaign Event Fundraisers



Lobster (or Chicken alternative) Dinner
Saturday, 25 May 6:00 PM
Location: Bennett Room
Tickets: \$50
Additional Lobster: \$10

I hear the tickets are going fast – don't miss out on this evening!

Chiming & Timing High Tea
Saturday, 24 August 2:00PM – 5:00 PM
Location: Bennett Room
Tickets: \$20

***The Chiming & Timing Team is looking to borrow tiered plates and teapots. If you can lend us anything, please contact us directly.*

Yesterday, Today & Forever
Big Band Dance & Era Silent Auction
Saturday, 26 September 7:00PM – 10:00PM
Location: Bennett Room
Tickets: TBD (potentially \$25)

**The Chiming & Timing Team are looking for special items from any era in good condition to be donated to the Silent Auction. Contact the Team directly.*

For tickets to these events please contact the Chiming & Timing Team directly at:

Phone: 506-651-5366

Email: chimingandtimingtrinitysj@gmail.com



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.

Reminder! 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.

Thank you!

West Entrance Granite Stairs

By the gracious gift from our parish members, the uneven granite steps will be removed, the underpinning secured and the granite steps reset to their original rise and run thus reducing the risk of trips and falls. This work will commence on May 20th and is anticipated to be completed in two weeks.

Trinity's Service Calendar

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
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

What to expect this Sunday!

This Sunday Trinity will be Celebrating the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Trinity will welcome one of Trinity's own the Reverend Peter Gillies as our Officiant for the leadership in the BAS Eucharist. Plan to come out and welcome home Rev. Peter to the parish where his ministry was started back in his day. Ask him about his time at Trinity.

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.

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



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 25th
June 1st

Saturday
Saturday

Lobster Dinner in the Bennett Room
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, 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.

Loyalist Flag Raising 2024

Celebrate the 241st Anniversary of the Landing of the Loyalist with US!

When: Thursday May 16th 2024 at 10am

Where: In front of City Hall – Saint John

Greetings from City of Saint John Dignitaries and the Loyalist Proclamation from our very own Town Crier!

All Welcome!

Sunset at Myrtle Beach



Heather's sunset photo – Monday April 22, 2024 – as we were walking about the park – due to the high-tide which makes walking on the beach sand somewhat difficult. How can one get tired of this view?

Thoughts to live by



Russia – a long way off from us - REALLY?

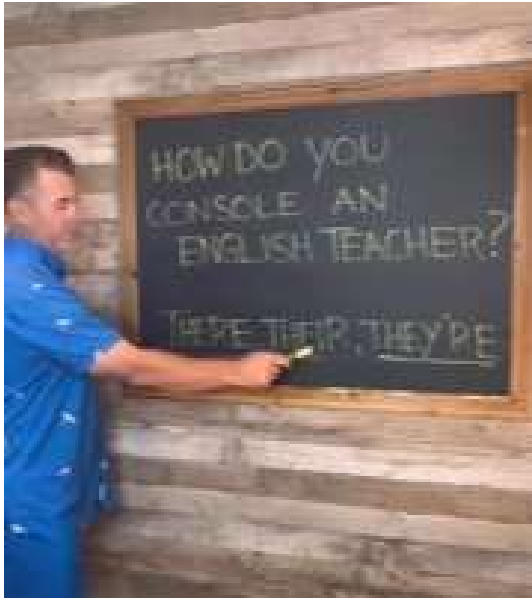


For those who think Russia is all the way on the other side of the world. It is approximately 55 miles from the United States at the Bering Strait's narrow point. However, in the body of water between Alaska and Russia, known as the Bering Strait, there lies two small islands known as Big Diomedes and Little Diomedes. Interesting enough, Big Diomedes is owned by Russia while Little Diomedes is owned by the US.

The stretch of water between these two islands is only about 2.5 miles wide and actually freezes over during the winter so you could technically walk from the US to Russia on this seasonal sea ice.

So, if one needs a reason to support both Canada and the United States with the attacks of Russia on Ukraine – this might help.

Humor



For all the teachers we have in our midst!



And we complain about getting held up for a red light