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TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 31, 2024

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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 Security Message On Sundays, the Charlotte Street door will be locked at 10:30 am. There will be appropriate signage affixed at the Charlotte Street entrance directing all who arrive after 10:30 am to the West entrance of Trinity through the large Red Doors which will be open and welcoming to all.



I always enjoy watching late Anglicans entering church as the service is about to finish – as those who forgot to turn their clocks back before they went to bed on Saturday evening.

This Sunday will be the first trial on Trinity’s new clock where it is to correct automatically to the end of Day-Light Savings Time – the first Sunday in November - all on its’ own. The Modem programing is to make the correction at 2am – as opposed to having our Bell / Clock maintenance fellow climb the Steeple Tower and manually make this adjustment before we all arrive on Sunday morning.

We will see you for 10:30am or 11:30am depending on your pre-planning and setting up your clocks for the ‘Fall Back’ winter time adjustment.



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.

This week Trinity wishes a very happy birthday to Rev. Steven Scribner and he will be spending his 68th birthday attending Diocesan Synod Saturday in Fredericton with the Bishop and friends of the Diocese.





I would like to thank the many who continue to make it possible for Heather and I to escape to the beaches, sand and sun for my fall break. First and foremost, I thank the one who actually coordinates the many irons in the fire keeping Trinity running smoothly. A huge thank you to Denise Clapham, Trinity's Parish Administrator. Also, to both Spencer Belyea and Tracy Saunders for their steady influences taking care of their areas of expertise. My absence would not be even possible without the generosity of my fellow retired clergy and Trinity's Layreaders for their support. This fall, Trinity was blessed to have Rev. Peter Gillies, Rev. Terry Doncaster and Susanne Sutton who led the four services during my absence, our Layreaders and Judi Harvey-Isaac, Catherine McIntyre, Marie Goguen and Lynda Lomax for assisting them in making the services run smoothly. By the efforts of those mentioned and the grace of Trinity's faithful, our month away has truly been a month of rest and relaxation. Thank you!

Trinity Financial Update



August – Revenue – was \$8.5k under budget with the following areas contributing to this shortfall, \$1.5k below in Regular Offering, \$1.8k below in the monthly donations and \$5k below in Unrestricted Investment Income (timing issue for this revenue stream)

August – Expenses – Salaries and Benefits, Programs and Office and Administration on plan. Maintenance was over plan by \$1.3k due to unplanned Fire Marshall testing and certifications. Total Expenses came in \$1.5k over plan.

August – Net Income was under plan by \$10k

Year to Date – August – 2024 – Revenue – YTD is \$18.8K ahead of plan. **Expenses** – were \$7.1 over plan. This results in a **Net Revenue** of (-\$26.3k) against a budget Net Revenue for April YTD of (-\$38k).

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? As of this week, Trinity remains at 16 on E-Offering.

Thank you for your continued support.

Last Sunday at Trinity Last Sunday, Trinity celebrated the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. We were pleased to have Rev. Peter Gillies with us once again providing clergy coverage for Rev. Steven's fall absence with James McKenna assisting as Layreader.

The gospel reading from Mark 10:46-52 provides us with an experience where ones' faith results in answered prayers having Jesus performing yet again another miracle. Bartimaeus, who was blind and identified as a beggar was on the side of the road as Jesus and His disciples were walking by. From the scripture we can assume that those near him must have identified it was Jesus who was passing by and from this, he called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me". As Rev. Peter mentioned, one might well have some reference of who Jesus was, but having Bartimaeus call out Jesus for whom He truly is, "Jesus of Nazareth, Son of David" would be nothing short of sacrilege – so those near him urged him to be quiet (silent) – not to bring any undue

attention on himself or them from possible authorities or those who might inform the authorities. He, not taking their guidance, repeated, "Jesus of Nazareth, Son of David, have mercy on me." From this second cry, Jesus heard Bartimaeus. He may well have heard the first cry but waited to see if Bartimaeus would bow down to those around him and be silent – however he was ever more insistent and by this Jesus recognized

Bartimaeus depth of his faith. By this, his request to have his eyesight restored was granted. And we are told by this Bartimaeus joined in the group following Jesus on His way after this miracle took place.

Rev. Peter would suggest that Bartimaeus is representative of you and I. In other words, an experience that occurred over 2000 years ago is as relevant today as it was in its' day. It is up to us to affirm whether our faith is as firm as Bartimaeus's when life throws us a curve. We are not informed how long Bartimaeus had been blind, but suffice to say it has been years not months to have him identified as a beggar on the side of the road when Jesus and His disciples passed by. If we had an equally disabling illness, would we maintain our faith like he did? That is our challenge as we all have time to work on our faith journey as we are all still alive and able to be more intentional with our spiritual life.

Rev. Peter shared his call as a Christian dating back to 1980 and it happened through a relationship he had with the Rector of Trinity back in the day – where he explored his perceived life changing experiences which by the assistance of the Rector, recognized his life was changing. By Rev. Peter's shared story of conversion or Christian awareness he mentioned for some this awareness might well happen as it did for him however for others it may be alike a bolt of lightning – sudden or for others it is like a tonne of bricks with one brick at a time.

Trinity – Myrtle Beach: In the Isaiah reading selected for Trinity on this Sunday, Isaiah 59:9-20 we are reminded that justice, righteousness, hope and fairness seem to be far off if not unreachable at times.

As this was being referenced, I allowed my mind to wander somewhat to the upcoming US election which is only nine days away from this day. All of the above are at great risk with one of the options that will be on the ballot – however it would appear many, even most I know in this parish are parking their faith principals and voting for one that has done everything against ones' faith and staying true to their party colors. Enough of my personal comments.

The message went on to the Gospel and picked up on a level of popular pressure. Bartimaeus was urged to be silent when it came to his faith – not to be vocal on identifying Jesus for whom He was as it might cause unpleasant political outcomes to happen to him and those around him. This pressure to step back happens to most of us from time to time where we pull back in conversation rather than be vocal for fairness, justice and what is right under the umbrella of ones' faith – as it may not be the popular.


Jesus, Himself underwent a series of temptations, most notably after His Baptism and we see temptations occurring ongoingly through scripture where often those tempted, step back and become silent. The most crucial of these experiences happened during Jesus' trial – where all present were silent Would we have been any different if we were standing there in the courtyard. The fact is temptations are part of our life and are the product of Satan. I recalled, during this message, the learning shared with me a couple of decades ago, by Rev. Hugh Walker in Thunder Bay ON where he was making the reference with regard to addiction pressures, referencing this negative force being that of Satan who is always on our shoulder waiting for us to invite him in. The reality remains, the difference between those addicted to what ever vice they have and others is the defence systems ones has built up. We need this defence as Christians and we need to keep our guard up continually so that we don't step back and be silent when it is our turn to share our voice or actions in the name of our faith.



Next Sunday at Trinity - All Saints Sunday On Sunday, November 3rd Trinity will celebrate All Saints Sunday and we will recognize all the 'saints' in our lives who have helped shape us to be the people we are today. In recognition of honoring 'our' saints there will be tables set up at the foot of the Chancel steps for your cherished love-ones' photographs. We will be bringing intentional focus to 'our' saints on this Sunday. Please bring out 'your' saints' photographs to have them more physically present as we honor them. Pictured here are my grandparents, Helen (Nellie) & Roy Scribner who had the farm in Kingston where I spent every available moment of time growing up.

November 10th – Remembrance Sunday



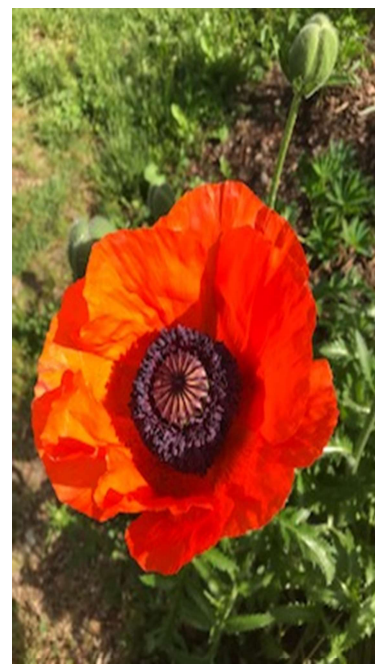
 **Lest We Forget - Follow**
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In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Wear Your Poppy With Pride



On Sunday, November 10th Trinity will be honouring all those who simply said 'Yes' when called to serve their (our) country. We will continue to have our Tables of Honour at the front of the church for all to display items, pictures or mementos that keep them ever present in your memories. We will stop for a moment in time and say thanks to all who served and to those who continue to serve in our present day forces. Please plan to be with us at Trinity on this very important service.

Prayers

We offer special prayers for:



Prayers for Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft Bishop of Rupert's Land. – Bishop Geoff has been recently diagnosed with terminal illness at the young age of 63. He was a fellow minister in Winnipeg when I was there and his wife was my Archdeacon who jointly presented me to my bishop for Ordination ten years ago. His leadership in his diocese will live on. Please uphold Bishop Geoff, his family and the Diocese of Rupert's Land as they journey in faith going forward.

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 (34) and Alex (34) Yezerskaya and their children, Daniel (4) and Samuel (7). 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: Church of the Province of South East Asia, The Rt Rev Dr Titus Chung Khiam Boon, Primate. Council of the North: Diocese of Caledonia, Bishop David Lehmann, the people and clergy, as they seek to be faithful in living the Great Commission. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Dease Lake (BC): St. Jude. 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 Richard (Dik) Coates (workmate of Rev. Steven from Wpg who suffered a severe heart attack and is recovering), Theresa Wanamaker, Shirley Shaw, Winston Wilson, Ann Campion, Grace Gogan, Frank Rodgers, and Diane Cameron.

I would also ask your prayers for our dear friend Katie Kassner, who lives on PEI who is going through a very tough diagnosis at this time as she started a very aggressive round of Chemo Therapy. Please pray for Katie, her husband David, son Adam and Sophia, her mom, who lives here in Saint John.

Prayers for North Carolina and Florida – Remember those who were affected by the most recent hurricanes Helene and Milton. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, who have lost much of their belongings and we give thanks and pray for those first responders and teams that are tirelessly working to provide relief and restore the services for these communities.

Trinity Building Care

2024 Focus



Chiming and Timing into the Future Campaign Upcoming Campaign Event

12 Dec Appreciation Gala

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."***



The ERAS Silent Auction was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended as you can see by the pictures included. Even captured Trinity's Diocesan Layreader, James McKenna 'cutting the rug'.

ERAS Auction – October 24th – An over-the-top success by all accounts



First of all, we, Trinity, need to extend our sincere appreciation to the ERAS Auction organization team pictured here; Cynthia VanBuskirk Helen Seely, Jennifer Waldschutz and Kyle Wells – a great team delivered a great event for the final fundraising event for the restoration of the iconic 1882 Trinity Carillon Bells.

Event Highlights:

- The Back in Time Band provided the period perfect music for the evening.
- The dancers and the dancing instructors shared their talents with a number of those attending. (one of Trinity's parishioners is pictured below showing off his moves - cutting the rug).
- The silent auction bidding kept the evening very exciting.
- The evenings' emcee, Jonathan Mitchell, shared his talents and noted the timing of the events departure, 9:55pm, aligned such that all would hear the Trinity Westminster Chimes along with the 10pm hours rung out on the Loyalist Bell calling attention to the closing of the final fundraising event for the Trinity Bells being rung out by the Bells themselves.
- The photo booth which was an enormous photo of Trinity's

Germain Street Red Doors by Mark Hemmings provided a perfect back drop – as you can see in the photos attached. Trinity owns the rights to use this photo for future events for the parish – thanks to Chiming & Timing committee and Mark Hemmings.

- Chiming & Timing into the Future purchased the 'square' machine and it is connected to the church bank account for direct payments by card, debit, etc. This payment device has been graciously gifted to Trinity for future use at such fundraisers as yard sales, dinners etc.
- This event was a sold-out event having eighty tickets pre-purchased in support of the Trinity Bells.
- All present participated in the silent auction including band members, dancers, serving staff and bar tenders all were caught up in the action of a vibrant auction and were successful in winning items.
- As mentioned in Trinity on Sunday, Kyle Wells confirmed that the ERAS Auction netted a profit of \$8,000. Well done all – the organizing team pictured here, those who donated items for the silent auction, ticket purchasers, auction item bidders and the Union Club for hosting this wonderful evening.

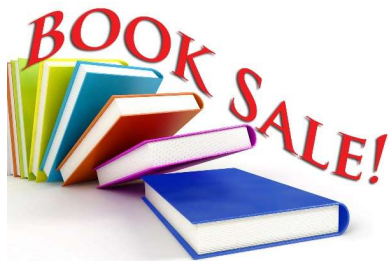
A few action shots from the ERAS Auction evening;



TRINITY'S SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Nov 3	24 th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday	BCP HC	Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6 John 11:32-44	Rev. Steven Scribner Layreader Susanne Sutton
Nov 10	25 th Sunday after Pentecost Remembrance Sunday	BCP HC	Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 116:1-8 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 6:37-40	Rev. Steven Scribner
Nov 17	26 th Sunday after Pentecost	BCP MP	1 Samuel 1:4-20	Rev. Steven Scribner

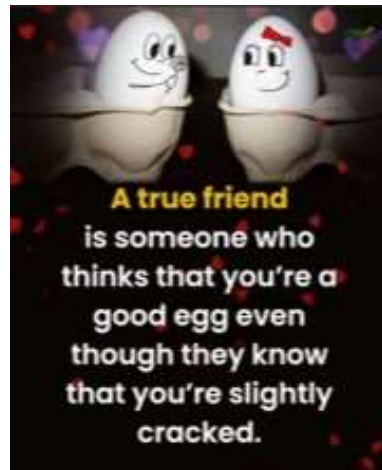
			Canticle 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-1 Mark 13:1-8	
Nov 24	Last Sunday after Pentecost The Reign of Christ Sunday Baptism	BAS Eucharist	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132: 1-13 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Rev Steven Scribner



Trinity will be holding its' annual Fall Book and Christmas sale on Friday and Saturday November 22nd & 23rd in the Bennett Room. There will be three significant book collections featured along with many other contributions. There will be a huge culinary selection (donated by Jim Brittain), a spiritual library (donated by the hospital Chaplain) and an assortment of books donated by Jim Mckenna as he reduced his personal library.

If you have books or Christmas decorations/novelties to donate for the sale they can be dropped off at the church during the week or on Sundays. Should you require them to be picked up please let the Church Office know leaving your name and phone number and arrangements will be made for pick up. Rev. Steven Scribner

Thoughts to Ponder!



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

- Nov 4 **Final Cruise Ship Tour**
- Nov 2** **139th Session of Diocesan Synod - Christ Church Cathedral – Fredericton**
 - **Synod Delegates along with Rev. Steven Scribner will be attending.**
- Nov 22 & 23 **Trinity Fall Book Sale**
- Nov 28 **Service of Light**
- Nov 30 **Quiet Day at Trinity**
- Dec 6 **Sparkles UpTown – Trinity is open for the evening**
- Dec 12 **Chiming & Timing Appreciation Gala**
- Dec 17 **Messiah at Trinity**
- Dec 22 **Trinity's Carol Service – 10:30am Sunday service**
- Dec 24 **Christmas Eve Family Service @ 4:30 pm, Candle Light Service @ 11pm**
- Dec 25 **Christmas Day Service @ 10:30am**

Beacon Cove Donations Toiletries in larger size (not travel size), feminine hygiene products, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Also looking for clothing, 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>.

Keep up the great work and remember the great work Beacon Cove is doing in our community.

Cruise Ship Schedule 2024 Thank you all who offered your time so willingly to keep Trinity’s Red Doors open. The schedule below indicates the end of the 2024 Cruise Ship season for Saint John. Many thanks go out to all of you who volunteered for a wonderful Cruise Ship season, having welcomed 75 cruise ships to our city and our church.

2024 August Cruise Ship Schedule				
Date	Arrival	Departure	Ship	Passengers
Monday Nov 4	10:00 am	7:00 pm	Insignia	684

Myrtle Beach



There should be an extra month of the year called **BEACHEMBER.**



Halloween gets two weekends here at Myrtle Beach and as you can see there are many who get into the spirit 110%. On Saturday evening the kiddies go around the campsite, mostly on golf carts all dressed up trick-or-treating.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a thirteenth month? The centre lower picture is a Banna flower by our campsite entrance. Heather and Maisey in their happy place – on the beach by the sea. We had 24 days of full sunshine as of Monday, October 25th.

Times have Changed – for better or worse?



I remember well in high school and university first years the library card file and as a youth going to the library and being amazed at the rows and rows of bookshelves. Now some have moved to on-line resources and subject searches – however one can see by my home office, I still love the hand-held printed word.

Humour

