



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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The whole Trinity family extends our prayers to Ann, Beth and Tony at the death of Malcolm (Mac) Frederick Mowery – November 28th. Mac and I met back in the mid-1970s when I was working at the Saint John Iron Works as a 19 year-old apprentice machinist. A quiet gentleman outwardly, however a dedicated servant of God in all that he did. Rest Eternal Grant Unto Mac O Lord and Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Him. Amen



This week Trinity wishes to extend birthday wishes to Tracy Saunders, Father David Kierstead, Hudson Scaplen and Lynn Kristoffersen. We wish all a wonderful day with friends and family.

Note, if you are not seeing your birthday acknowledged and wish to, please forward your birthday (month / day – year optional) to the parish office.

Trinity Financial Update



October – Revenue – was \$3.2k under budget with regular offering showing still positive against plan. Donations were over plan by \$3.2k with Fundraiser income under plan by \$8.8k – due to the timing in the budget – the Union Club Dinner happened in the spring however budgeted in the fall.

October – Expenses – Salaries and Benefits on plan. Programs was under plan by \$6k attributed to fundraising expenses that did not occur associated with the aforementioned timing of the Union Club Dinner. Office and Administration along with Utilities were both basically on plan. Maintenance was over plan by \$1k. Total Expenses came in \$5.9k under plan mostly attributed to the fundraising expenses not incurred.

October – Net Income was improved by \$2.7k

Year to Date – October– 2024 – Revenue – YTD is \$19.4K ahead of plan. **Expenses –** were \$1k under plan. This results in a **Net Revenue** of (-\$18.8k) against a budget Net Revenue for Sept YTD of (-\$39.2k).

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 17 on E-Offering.

Thank you for your continued support.



Service of Light This past week, Trinity held its' annual Service of Light which is held on the Thursday just before Advent intentionally to help us with self-help as we prepare to enter into the Season of Advent. We had sixteen out for this service where in the past we have had upwards of twenty-five or more. It is designed to be one-on-one with our faith and our Lord through prayer, music, reflection and if so desired focused prayer through the minister. I thought the larger community would like to reflect on the message shared on this evening.

Service of Light 2024

We live in a fast pace world and if you don't think so, here we are again at this annual Service of Light – with the First Sunday of Advent this Sunday – just over 1 month till Christmas.

We are inundated with the society norms, and we for the most part are of a similar generation where we are expected to put ourselves in the background and hold it together for others – nothing going on here with me.

Then when do we do self-care.

If we truly take to heart our faith – we know that God knows all – everything we think or do.

So, we come here this evening with all of what makes us – us. With all our beauty and all our cares – and there are precious few who go through life with little or no cares – myself included. And we keep these cares very close to the chest.

So, what do we do with our cares? I can only speak for myself, in that I keep much of them inside, to myself and rarely ask God to step in. Why? Well, that is the generation I came from – 'suck-it-up-buttercup' was a worn phrasing I grew up with. Looking at my parents and my grandparents – they were even more-so stoic – never show your emotions, never complain or show your feelings -especially when something bad happens. We are a product of our upbringing for certain.

Here we are this evening, having handled all our cares on our own – how is that going for you – for me? It is like treading water I might suggest. I still have the cares and they surface at the most undesirable moments – triggers cause them to come alive – or my sub-conscience – in my dreams waking up wondering what is a dream and what is a reality at times.

This evening, we are in the presence of God – His Holy Spirit and He calls us to Him in a very real way – to be open to him and show that side of us that we like to keep hidden.

I see God's hand working in ways I could never have thought possible;

- 1) To watch an infant being cared for on 4AN in our Regional Hospital – the trust her parents have in the wonderful medical team working with them.
- 2) I see God working with families who have had to say good-bye to a loved one – who realize that this journey we are on is only but a part of the life God started when He created us.
- 3) To think about this very church one of thousands of Christs' churches which had some moments of uncertainty only a decade ago, to be on solid footing – having parishioners alive in their faith – sharing their particular gifts for the betterment of the larger community.
- 4) And I see God especially in this community at this time of year with the outpouring of support for those who have much less in the world – the care and compassion for God's children here in our midst.

Tonight is all about us, you and I and our self care. If we are not truly well, unsure of our life – the important picture which resides within us, how could we ever be of any help to those around us who need someone to step up and share their journey with them.

Jesus told His disciples life will not be easy and He tried to prepare them for this journey. We have the whole story – and He was right – life was anything but easy for His disciples, all but one were martyred. You and I are continuing on in life with life issues, and in the words of my dear friend, Ven. Deborah Kraft after her husband experienced a very serious stroke on the Camino 2022 – “God never promised us life would be easy and without hurt. What He did promise us was He would walk side-by-side with us and never leave our side.

So, as we come here this evening, I hope each and everyone of us can feel in our own ways, the companionship of our Lord and Saviour as we openly speak to Him and ask Him for his love and healing powers over our cares so that we can enter into this Advent with a positive, uplifted and a true excitement for what this years' Christmas message will have for us.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, you created each and every one of us. You knew us before we were born and you have watched over us and will continue to do so. You have reminded us to turn to you when in all life has to offer, the good and not so good. Fill us with the comfort of Your Holy Spirit as we prepare to share our story with you.

For some of us, we may be coming to you for the first time. Give us strength and the confidence that you will graciously welcome us with all our gifts and brokenness into Your arms. And as we prepare to leave this space this evening, we will trust in Your keeping some of our cares, our hurt and our pain in Your hands that we may enter into this Advent with a lighter heart. Amen.



Last Sunday at Trinity: Last Sunday Trinity celebrated the First Sunday of Advent. In the picture you will see Catherine (Steed) Bishop lighting the first of our Advent Candles – the Candle for Hope.

As Christians, we entered into the new Christian Year as this Sunday was the First Sunday of Advent. As we often seem thrust into this Season of Christmas which sometimes appears to start in August with the big box stores having their Christmas decorations out for sale.

We need to hit 'pause' on our hearts remote control and ask ourselves, "what does Christmas really mean to us, you and I as we enter into this period of preparation, we call Advent?"

I urge us all to roll back our memories of Christmas's past; when we were children, our first Christmas as married couples and then Christmas through the eyes of our children in their early years. What made these Christmas's special? Can we bring some of that magic forward into this Christmas?

For myself, Christ was always in Christmas as we were regular members of St. Luke's Anglican Church on Main St. Saint John NB. And, for all my formative years, and even up to Heather and I being married and our boys being baptized there we were blessed to have the same minister, the late Ven. Harry Quinn. Christmas was always centred around St. Luke's for me and that is where I spend much of my time with the girl of my dreams who one day said 'I do!'

Looking back at my grandparents, Christ was very much a part of our lives with them – and hearing their stories of their youth and what role the church played in their lives growing up. Having a grandfather who would have to go down to their church, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Whitehead and light the fire hours before the Sunday service would take place to make the church a welcoming and comfortable place to enter on those cold winter mornings. The role the church played in this farming and early shipbuilding community was central to the community itself.

In the past few years, hearing the stories of the grandchildren as they spoke of their grandparents' life at Trinity where Christmas centred around the whole family at Trinity and the rest of the holiday festivities had to wait until Christmas Eve services were complete.

So, what does Christmas mean to us today – with the pressures of the commercialization bombarding us from all angles. Statisticians are stating the past and predicting the spend rate of consumers for this coming season. Greeting cards with a religious message or just even 'Merry Christmas' are becoming increasingly harder to find.

With that cliché 'Jesus is the reason for the season' do we really think so? The fact would be that without the birth of Jesus Christ there would be no Christmas, rather just another secular holiday – like family day take two.

For us as Christians, we sometimes need to be reminded that Jesus left the glories in heaven, being incarnated, born in a stable, lived a perfect life for us as an example. It is time for us to rejoice in the Church. A time to share acts of generosity and service. A time for us to share with others the true reason for the season.

There are a number of ways in which we might take this journey'

- Take some time daily and read the Bible story once again
- Walk through the Old Testament prophecies which speak of the pending birth of Christ.
- Pick up an Advent Calendar – one with scripture or other meaningful thoughts day by day.
- Watch a Christ focused movie
- Seek out Christ-exalting Christmas music
- Be mindful of the dangers of materialism
- Spend time to select and give Christ centred gifts
- Look at ways you might highlight this Christmas by serving others
- And find ways to share Christ with others.

It is my hope and prayer each and every one of us seeks out through our memories why we have Christ in Christmas. What it meant growing up and share these memories with our family so that they may in a small way be enriched by our experiences and thus drawing them closer to the Reason for the Season – Christ in Christmas.

Advent Quiet Day 2024



Thank you to David Goss for organizing Trinity's Advent Quiet Day which was held this past Saturday and was greatly attended. The day unfolded with Opening Prayers followed by the word 'Jesus' (The Reason for the Season) then the word 'Mary' (using the selection Mary Did You Know). Then the word 'Joy', followed by the words 'Angel' and 'Shepherd'. This brought the group to a time of refreshment and a chance to look at the assembled materials David displayed much dealing with the Christmas story of the past. Thanks to Donna G. for the wonderful Trifle that was thoroughly enjoyed by all to top off our lunch. The day concluded with the word 'Emmanuel (God with us) and 'Noel'. All were very appreciative of David and his volunteers for offering this day of reflection in what has become a very busy season already. Thank you!



This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will be celebrating the Second Sunday of Advent and we will be re-lighting the first candle for Hope and then the second candle for Peace. It is hoped that we will strive to be regular at Trinity during this season of preparation – come and be part of this growing community. Thanks to those who have joined the Trinity family as of recent, our family is growing. Come and be part of this exciting time at Trinity.

Prayers

We offer special prayers for:



Prayers for Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft Bishop of Rupert's Land. Bishop Geoff has been recently diagnosed with a 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) Yezerkaya 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 people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, the Most Rev Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame, those retired from missionary service. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

A prayer for the Anglican Communion; Tender God, look with mercy on all who have experienced profound harm and any for whom faith is associated with hurt and damage. Bless those for whom this week's events have stirred up memories and emotions that evoke grief and woundedness. Send your Spirit on your Church, that it may be wiser and more rigorous even as it is sadder and humbler. Surround Archbishop Justin as he faces the glare of public scrutiny and blame. Guide your church to cherish all your children, exalted leaders and vulnerable members, that in your Son's broken body we may see not only sorrow but also your everlasting faithfulness to us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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 Katie Kassner, Richard (Dik) Coates, Theresa Wanamaker, Shirley Shaw, Winston Wilson, Ann Campion, Grace Gogan, Frank Rodgers, Kristin Gushurst, Alex Gushurst-Moore, Hannah Gushurst-Jones, Stephen James Du Plessis and Martin Palkovic.

Prayer Cards There will be prayer cards for you to fill out on Sunday's that will enable me to pray during the service for you - or your loved ones and friends by name – if you so wish. Please place them in the offertory plate and I will have them at the Altar for the intercessions. Thank you.

Trinity Building Care

2024 Focus



Chiming and Timing into the Future Campaign
Upcoming Campaign Event

12 Dec Appreciation Gala 6:30 – 7:30pm

What to expect at the Gala – It is not a dinner and black-tie event, rather it is designed by the Committee as a time to show their gratitude to many who have made this one-year campaign fast paced and very successful bringing the Trinity Clock and Carillon project a reality. History is indeed in the making for sure – in restoring the twelve-bell Carillon along with incorporating the latest of technology upgrading the four-face Trinity Tower Clock. There will be a video presentation, a few short speeches, recognition and a light sweet for our enjoyment. Come out and be part of this historic moment for our historic church. See you there

The target completion for this project has been achieved December 2024! 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.



On the very onset of the thought of restoring the twelve-bell carillon which had gone silent over the past couple of years, Susanne Sutton & Father David Kierstead put their heads together and thought 'what could we do in a small way to bring not only some attention to this valued project but also contribute to its' financial goal. Susanne found in her research that Lee Valley marketed a quality brass bell from an age-old manufacturer in the USA and off she went. These bells have been ordered over the past year in quantities of 50, 100, and 200 to the point when I pick up our next order in Lee Valley in Halifax NS, those in the shipping department always come out and want to meet the one who is ordering this product in mass. What a wonderful moment results as I can inform them of the significance of this little bell to the twelve -bell carillon system originally installed in Trinity's 1882 Steeple Tower.

As we prepare to officially close this very successful project – we have for your hard to buy for person this Christmas, or simply to treat yourself with a beautiful reminder of Trinity restoring the musical gifts of the 1882 bells this year – you can pick up one or more at Trinity on Sundays or through the week by contacting the office for a donation of \$20. They are nicely packaged in a black velvet bag with a red ribbon for ease to hang on your Christmas Tree or attach to a special present to those you love.

Let us continue to ring those bells – even at home with this 'little' brass bell.

When you hear the bells ring in their fullness for the first time Christmas 2024 you can proudly say, ***“I was there when we announced this project”, “I was a part of this project’s success” and I was there for the Gala as we together restored the Trinity Carillon. Well done!***

TRINITY’S SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Dec 8	Second Sunday of Advent	BCP HC	Malachi 3:1-4 C 19 (Luke 1:68-79) Philemon 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Rev. Steven Scribner
Dec 15	Third Sunday of Advent	BCP MP	Zephaniah 3:14-20 C 3 (Isaiah 12:2-6) Philemon 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Rev. Steven Scribner
Dec 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent Trinity Carol Service		Lessons and Carols	Rev. Steven Scribner
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Family Service @ 4:30pm	BAS Eucharist		Rev. Steven Scribner
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service @ 11pm	BCP HC		Rev. Steven Scribner
Dec 25	Christmas Day @ 10:30am	BCP HC		

Dec 29	First Sunday after Christmas	BCP HC	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52	Rev. Steven Scribner
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We can all thank God for our Teachers!



I have often mentioned the greatest of gratitude I have for the teachers in my life and wish that there was the opportunity to say thank you to them for their dedication and perseverance in trying to instill knowledge even when I and others may have been somewhat distracted.

It is terrific when an educational institution takes notice and shows their appreciation for those in their presence who have gone the 'extra mile' so to speak and they stop for a moment and say 'Thank You'.

The University of New Brunswick did just that a couple of weeks ago in presenting the University of New Brunswick Department Award for Teaching Excellence in the Business Faculty to Jan Waldshutz in recognition of the hard work she puts into the courses she teaches and for the dedication and care for her students in the Masters of Business programing.

In the photo left to right, Jennifer Waldschutz, Andrew, Jan, Neil and Colin Waldschutz. Side note, Neil is presently attending UNB Fredericton in his first year – we wish him all the success in his studies.

Well done – well deserved.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS at this time we are requesting donations for Trinity's Christmas Memorials to be honoured in our Christmas services. The cut off for these donations will be Wednesday December 18. Please remember to make note of your loved ones that you wish to be included.



Saint John Seafarers Mission

Seafarers Mission 2024 The Saint John Seafarers Mission operates year-round with their office near the port on the West Side of our city. One of the ways in which Trinity has been engaged, which dates back to Chi Rho was in providing Christmas packages in conjunction with a number of other churches and agencies in our city to the crews of visiting ships to our city over the Christmas Season.

Last year we encouraged as we will again this year for those interested in supporting this missional outreach to make a monetary donation through their church offerings if so inclined to support the Christmas Cheer for the Seafarers Christmas program.

David Goss has offered to head up this year's campaign for Trinity by kicking off its fundraising. Donations can be made by placing your

monetary gift in an envelope clearly marked specifically for the Seafarers Christmas Campaign. David along with Denise Clapham will tally up the campaign and present the funds to the Seafarers Office on December 18, 2024.

Thank you, David for your generous donation of time and treasury and all of you for your prayerful consideration of those sailors who will be in our port over the holidays and not with their families as this industry continues to support our needs by taking care of our imports and exports.



One of the items of many discussed at our November Vestry meeting this week, Nov 19th, was the ongoing efforts of Trinity's offering for a Sunday School program. We have been very thankful for Helen Webb for her support over the past year(s) and also for Lynda Lomax and Judi Harvey-Isaac for their leadership in this ministry. The consensus at the meeting has led the movement towards Trinity having a Sunday School Superintendent and a team of support on a roster rotation prepared for offering an educational experience each Sunday for the children and youth. This program will be designed to follow along with the theme read and discussed in worship as laid out by the Lectionary – for a children's understanding. To this end, Kyle Wells agreed to strike up a committee to set up the future Trinity Sunday School program. Please think about this as one if not the most important ministry Trinity needs to have in place for its' future and consider being part of the

solution when the meetings are arranged.

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

Nov 14-Dec 23	Trinity staffing the Salvation Army Red Kettle – Brunswick Square
December 6	Uptown Sparkles– Trinity is open for the evening @ 5pm
December 12	Chiming & Timing Appreciation Gala @ 6:30pm
December 17	Messiah at Trinity 7pm
December 22	Trinity's Carol Service – 10:30am Sunday service
December 24	Christmas Eve Family Service @ 4:30 pm, Candle Light Service @ 11pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service @ 10:30am



Trinity's Mitten Tree It is the time to decorate Trinity's Mitten Tree with those hats, mittens and socks for all ages. As in the past, these items are made available to those who come to Trinity for the Saint John Christmas Exchange – they being so pleased to be able to select items for their children for the winter season. The Mitten Trees will be set up for Sunday, December 1st, first Sunday of Advent. Please note, many like to choose those store-bought items, gloves, mittens, socks, hats and they can be reasonably obtained at the Dollar Store. Let us get ready to decorate our two mitten trees in a weeks' time.

Uptown Sparkles 2024



Trinity has been part of Uptown Sparkles for the past seven years (with the absence of the COVID year). We have welcomed in excess of 1000 through those huge Red Doors – many of which have never seen the inside of this Gothic Stone Church – they being neighbours of Trinity or have other connections with the uptown. We will welcome them with wonderful music, the option to spend some time relaxing in the cushioned pews as they sip on some Hot Chocolate and munch on a cookie or two. What a wonderful opportunity this is for Trinity to meet so many who have admired her from afar. Come out on Uptown Sparkles evening, Friday evening, December 6th – see you there.

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.

City of Saint John Police – Christmas Holiday in a Box Campaign – 4th Annual



The City of Saint John Police in partnership with the Five Priority Neighbourhoods, (Carleton Community Centre, Crescent Valley Resource Centre, P.U.L.S.E Inc. Saint John, The ONE Change Inc., the Waterloo Village Neighbourhood Association), started the Holiday in a Box as an annual campaign. Trinity has been with them from the very start and plans to be part of this, the 4th annual Holiday in a Box campaign. Last year, they collected 575 boxes and 65 gift cards thus providing some holiday cheer for the less fortunate adults in our community.

Suggested items; toothpaste, deodorant, soap, brush, socks, gloves, hats, washcloths, bus passes, pens & notebook, small tool kit, deck of cards, non-perishable treats, gift cards to coffee shop or dollar store, sanitary products, small crosswords, nail files & clippers. Many of these items can be found at the Dollar Store.

Trinity will plan on delivering them to the Police Station on 1 Peel Plaza on December 9th.



Trinity staffing the Salvation Army – Red Kettle – Brunswick Square

Trinity is once again staffing the Salvation Army Red Kettle in Brunswick Square – near the Tim Hortons outlet. Thanks again for our Trinity volunteers, Judi Harvey-Isaac, Lynda Lomax, Linda and Philip Webb, Louise Dodge-Hall, Nancy Young, Marie Goguen and Bryce Neill and Rev. Steven Scribner. This team is on duty from 2-4 Monday thru Friday commencing Nov 14th thru to Dec 23rd. Elizabeth Bastarache is also staffing this same Red Kettle location three days weekly from 12 noon to 2pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. What a great way for Trinity to be giving back to our community and wonderful conversations happen daily with those passing by. Thank you all for your gift of time.

T 'was the Night before Christmas!



I have such a respect for those quilters out there. My grandmothers were both quilters, as was my mother who made a quilt for each of her grandchildren and completed all just before she could quilt no longer. What a treasured gift she left each of her grandchildren. I hope you enjoy this take on "T 'was the Night before Christmas" honoring our quilters.

T 'was the night before Christmas
 And the quilts were not made
 The Threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
 The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
 The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
 Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
 Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
 But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
 They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
 Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
 The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,

Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.

Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
 Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.
 Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
 The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
 Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
 And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
 They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
 More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.

She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
 Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

Author Unknown.

The way things were:



The comparison of the Quality Street

Chocolate containers says it all. We see this in all products and food groups – the packaging shrinks and the pricing goes up.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



Humour

