

TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 28, 2024

TRINITY CHURCH A Warm – Thriving – Christian Community

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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.

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Trinity Security Message:

The Charlotte Street door will be locked at 10:30 am on Sunday morning. 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. This will remain in place until Trinity moves into winter operation when the West Entrance is closed for the season (to conserve heat). At that time the Charlotte Street doors will remain open with due diligence in place to monitor this entrance during worship.



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 to extend birthday wishes to Winston Mott. We wish Winston a wonderful day with his 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.

Last Sunday at Trinity Last Sunday Trinity celebrated the Last Sunday after Pentecost, The Reign of



Christ or Christ the King Sunday. Also, we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism, where Olivia Scout Dumville-Wilson was welcomed into Christs' Church.

The Gospel reading from John 18:33-37 provides us the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate centred around the title of King being applied to Jesus. This was troublesome to Pilate and would be to any earthly ruler as not to have his / their authority undermined.

We read from John's writings in Revelations 1:4-8 when he was banished off to a remote island, Patmos, which spoke loudly of Christ being very much alive. John's writings come after the cross and having him in circulation speaking of the living Christ was again troublesome to Pilate – hence the efforts to silence him by placing him on an island.

The Romans thought they had dealt with Christ by the physical death and public display of same – yet John spoke differently in that Christ was alive.

John wrote of who Jesus is by calling our attention to; Jesus' as the faithful witness encouraging others who might follow in faith to be strong and stand fast regardless of the persecution that might happen. He also cited that Jesus was the first one to overcome death paving the way for all believers and all would one day have to answer to Christ – no ruler will escape this reality. John also referenced what Jesus has done; having freed us from our sins by His blood. Informing us that His return will be very visible reminding us that He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Through Olivia Scout's baptism, all present were invited to once again reminded of the promises we are all to live up to in our own lives and by doing so are forever treasured possessions of our Lord's blessings. The Sacrament of Baptism embraces three facets of Christ's Church, being, repentance through the water, recalling the work done on the Cross and the ever presence of the Holy Spirit. Through ones' baptism we are forever grafted into both Christ and the Christian Church thus making us stronger than we would be on our own. Olivia Scout received the Light of Christ (Baptismal Candle) and a Children's picture Bible from the parish.

A great day at Trinity – celebrating Christ the King Sunday along with welcoming Olivia Scout into His Church.

This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will be entering into the New Year of the Christian Church as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. It is a time of preparation – a time where we should take stock in our own lives, our spiritual well being and maybe this Advent Season we reflect upon the years of our past which we fondly embraced and maybe we can get some of that feeling back by being more attentive to our own spiritual journey, being with our Trinity family on a regular basis – recreating that habit of not missing church on Sunday mornings up to and including Christmas Eve – the long awaited arrival of our Lord and Saviour.

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) 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 people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Most Rev Justin Badi Arama, Archbishop and Primate. Council of the North: Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh, Bishop Lydia Mamakwa, Suffragan Bishop for the Northern Manitoba Area Mission Isaiah Larry Beardy, Suffragan Bishop Morris Fiddler and all the leadership of the diocese. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Samuel Rose. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries and all diocesan education and formation. 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 and Frank Rodgers.

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 December 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 and 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 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
Nov 28	Service of Light 7-8pm	Prayers		Rev. Steven Scribner
Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent	BCP HC	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	Rev. Steven Scribner
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

The Trinity Fall Book and Christmas Table Sale was an over-the-top success – setting a new record high in traffic and overall monetary totals which will go towards supporting the work of the parish ongoing. We could

A brand new collection of books from three estates. A large range of subject matter

ESTATE BOOKS - STATE BOOKS -

not have had a more challenging weather situation on both Friday evening and especially Saturday during the day. However this did not deter those who still want to hold printed material in their hands as opposed to the e-readers of the day. Also the Christmas Tables were filled with wonderful novelties from decorations, pewter gifts, games and not to be missed a great array of Christmas home cooking.

The financial report of the day was as follows

Grand Total	\$1,758.25
Additional Sales	\$ 35.00
Christmas Table(s)	\$1023.25
Book Sale	\$ 700.00

This was a result of many generous donations of books, Christmas novelties and baking along with those who volunteered their time to set up, work the rooms and clean up. A huge part of this success was the signage that grabbed many of the passers-by to come in out of the rain and take a bag or two of books home at a deal few could pass up. Thanks to all!



Service of Light (Blue Christmas) Trinity's Service of Light will be held on Thursday November 28th at 7pm. This will be the 7th annual Service of Light here at Trinity. In some faiths, this service is referred to as the Blue Christmas service. We see this not as being 'blue' but rather full of light as we come before the cross in our music, scripture and prayers raising up our cares to the one and only one who truly can take care of them. There will be a candle stand, as you see pictured where you may light as many candles as you wish, one for each care you have. Some light them for those in their lives they don't see physically anymore. Others light them for those who need healing. And still others light candles for relationships or special circumstances that are ongoing in their lives that they would like improved. There will be a time during the service where you may come forward on a one-to-one basis with myself, Rev. Steven Scribner and ask for prayers for something that is weighing you down.

The Service of Light is intentionally scheduled just prior to Advent which commences on Sunday December 1st with the objective that we might leave some of our cares at the foot of the cross for God to take care of. By doing this we hope to have a lighter step in our walk as we prepare to enter into Advent and it is hoped that we might embrace a more memorable journey as we walk together to the manger on Christmas morning to see the New Born King. Please consider adding this service to your 'must do's' this Christmas Season.

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

Saint John Seafarers Mission

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.

Sunday School 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

November 28 Service of Light @ 7pm
November 30 Quiet Day at Trinity @ 10am

December 6 Uptown Sparkles– Trinity is open for the evening @ 5pm

December 12 Chiming & Timing Appreciation Gala @ 6:30pm

December 17 Messiah at Trinity

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.

The Words of Christmas

A day of reflection led by David Goss

Trinity Anglican Church, Saint John

Saturday, November 30 2024 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Bethlehem, Angels, Shepherds, Donkey, Star, Magi,

Joy, Noel, Carol, Emmanuel, Hallelujah, Saviour,

Peace.

David works with words daily and has for decades. Through his long held interest in all things Christmas, which began with his father's guidance in staging pageants at St. George's Church in the 50s, David has collected a variety of stories, poems, reflections that give insight into these familiar words of Advent and Christmas. He will share these in 20 minute segments during this day of quiet and reflection. There will be time in each segment for comment from the participants, and also time for quiet reflection and for perusal of the many books of Christmas detail that David has collected.

Bring a sandwich for the noon break. Coffee, tea, and a delicious trifle will be available.

Register with David at gosswalk@nbnet.nb.ca by Thursday, November 28.

There is no cost but your time.

Schedule

- 10:00 Opening prayers and explanation of how day will work. Kyle Wells and David Goss
- 10:20 Word Jesus- the reason for the season. Led by David Goss
- 10:40 Word Mary -Mary's role Using music "Mary, did you know?" as jump off point.
- 11:00 Word **Joy** with Reverend Jasmine Chandra leading this session.
- 11:20 Word Angel -Finding an Angel in Saint John in slide show led by David Goss
- 11:40 Word **Shepherd -** Using book Certain Poor Shepherds: What we can learn from their experience with reading by Willow Edwards.
- 12:00 Lunch and chance to review books and other guide material and chat. Donna Goss will provide trifle.
- 1:00 Word **Emmanuel (Immanuel)** God with us: What does it mean? Reverend Steven Scribner will prepare notes and reflection and deliver if he can be present. If not, Kyle Wells will read Steven's notes.
- 1:20 Word **Noel** a slide show of a Victorian illustrated poem brings this idea to life led by David Goss.
- 1:40 Concluding remarks

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 took 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 or before December 12th.

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.

Christmas Concerts







Handel's *MESSIAH*TUESDAY DECEMBER 17th - 7pm

Trinity Church, SJ

Open CHORUS REHEARSALS - Sundays 2-4:30 Oct. 20 | Nov. 3 | Nov. 17 | Dec. 8

For more info and involvement, contact
The Symphony Chorus & Conductor
Spencer Belyea at symphonychorus@live.com



Thoughts to Ponder:



Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B.I.B.L.E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

Adaptability

Adaptability is the ability to adjust to new situations and challenges. Life is always changing, and adaptable helps us cope with these changes. It's about staying open to new ideas and trying different Adaptable approaches. people can handle stress better and find creative solutions. This skill makes us more resilient and ready to face whatever life brings.

Integrity

Integrity means doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. It's about being honest and having strong moral principles. People with integrity keep their promises and stand by their values. Integrity helps us earn respect and trust, as it shows we are reliable and ethical. Living with integrity makes us proud of who we are and strengthens our character.

You have to love the South Shore of Nova Scotia!







The annual South Shore Christmas Trees made from Lobster Traps and Buoys commemorating the lives of those fishing communities. Always a treat to see them on Live at Five programing.

Humour



Want to feel old? Bonanza premiered 65 years ago. The Beatles split 54 years ago. Laugh-In premiered nearly 56 years ago The Wizard of Oz is 85 years old. Elvis is dead 47 years. He'd be 89 today. The Thriller video is 41 years old. Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin dead 54 years John Lennon dead 44 years. Mickey Mantle retired 56 years ago. Back to the Future is 39 years old. Saturday Night Fever is 47 years old. The Ed Sullivan show ended 53 years ago. The Brady Bunch premiered 55 years ago. The triplets on My Three Sons are 55. Tabitha from Bewitched is 58. The Corvette turned 71 this year. The Mustang is 60.