



## TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 16, 2025

### TRINITY CHURCH A Warm – Thriving – Christian Community

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**Trinity OFFICE HOURS:** Our parish administrator works in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12-3 pm while working from the home office on Monday and Friday. All telephone messages regarding church business are to be directed to the office 506-693-8558 or [trinsj@nb.aibn.com](mailto:trinsj@nb.aibn.com).

**You Tube Trinity Services:** You can view Trinity’s recorded services by going onto YouTube and typing in Trinity Anglican Church SJ. That will bring you to our channel and all of the previously recorded services.



We at Trinity were saddened by the announcement of the passing of Reverend Canon Wally Corey on January 11, 2025. Reverend Wally was a great supporter of Trinity having served as interim ministry at Trinity as well as other parishes in our Deanery during his active retirement (Stone and St. Luke’s to name a couple). Reverend Wally and his wife Lynne would show up at Trinity in the worst of weather at times to be present to support a number of events over these past years of my ministry here at Trinity.

His genuine love for people shone through and he would always part with his personal blessing, “Bless your heart.”

The family received guests at St. Mary and St. Bartholomew’s on Tuesday January 14th with the Funeral Service held on Wednesday Jan15th.

Rest Eternal Grant unto Reverend Wally Corey O Lord and Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Him. Amen

The Trinity family wishes to extend to a very happy birthday this week to Heather Scribner, JoAnne Rivers and Lila Scaplen. We hope your special day is made even more special with family and friends sharing the day with you.



### Trinity Financial Update



**November – Revenue** – was \$1.8k under budget with regular offering showing \$2k under against plan. Donations and Fundraising income were slightly over plan for the month.

**November– Expenses** – Salaries and Benefits, Programs, Office and Administration, Maintenance and Financing were all slightly under plan. Utilities

was under plan by \$2.6k due to timing of the invoice for the month of November and will correct itself in December prior to year end.

**November – Net Income** was improved by \$1.8 on this report however with the delayed invoice for Utilities November was in actual

**Year to Date – November– 2024 – Revenue** – YTD is \$17.6K ahead of plan. **Expenses** – were \$4.61k under plan. This results in a **Net Revenue** of (-\$22.2k) against a budget Net Revenue for Sept YTD of (-\$49.5k).

**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 2024 Trinity had 17 parishioners utilizing the E Offering option for ongoing stewardship. Thank you for your continued support.

**Last Sunday at Trinity:** Last Sunday Trinity celebrated The Baptism of the Lord and we looked at the Gift of Baptism and how much we really understand this gift as we journey through life today.

In our younger days many of us would have played the board game, Monopoly, and remembering this game there was the dreaded ‘Jail’ space where one would if landed upon miss a turn. Getting there one might land on the space, or pick up a chance or community chest card directing us to go there or throw three sets of double dice in succession. However, there was also a chance card that would be a Get out of Jail free card which would be insurance against such an unfortunate stroke of bad luck.

Well, is that what we think Baptism is – a sort of ‘get out of jail free (trouble) card’?

Not really, our baptism was never marketed as to prevent us from experiencing loss or hurt, life struggles or difficulties or avoid the challenges in life. What baptism is, is it changes us and offers us a way through those difficulties, sorrows, problems, circumstances and yes even more importantly, a way through what we would call our physical death. It provides a source of light that the darkness of life’s circumstances does not overcome us.

By baptism the Holy Spirit became the main distinctive blessing of the New Age. A New Age that Christ Himself inaugurated and by doing so, made possible for you and I our salvation by the sanctification of water for our baptism.

As we journey through life, we would be well advised to revisit -often, our Baptismal Covenant where we;

- We confess our belief in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, because God first believed in and chose us.
- We continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers because the Holy Spirit has descended upon and filled us.
- We persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord because the heavens have been opened to us and we have seen our true home.
- We proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ because we have heard the voice from heaven declare us beloved children in whom He is well pleased.
- We seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; striving for justice, peace, and dignity for every human being because that is how God has treated us and how could we do any less for another one of his children.

When we find ourselves challenged, open ones’ prayerbook to the Baptismal Covenant and quietly read and take to heart the promise we have made and then try to live life more in line with these promises.

In keeping with Pope Francis guide for us preachers;  
Focus of the message: Christ is the centre of our Baptism  
Call to Action: Live life according to our Baptismal Covenant

**This Sunday at Trinity** This Sunday we will be looking into the first miracle that is recorded for us that Jesus performed publicly. We will talk about why His mother asked of Him to do this and why Jesus did what His mother asked of Him.

## 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, the Ven Jennifer Sissons, 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. If you receive the Anglican Journal you will find in the December issue a note on Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft.

**We Pray for California:** Dear Lord, as we gather all our thoughts in prayer at this time for all who have lost life, those who are suffering and those who have lost so much in these recent days as a result of the numerous fires in California. We ask your continued grace for those affected. For support and protection for those who are fighting these fires and we ask your guidance for the municipal, state and federal governmental leaders to act in harmony for the betterment of these communities. Amen

**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** The Church in the Province of the West Indies, the Most Rev Howard Gregory, Primate. 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, Haines Junction: St. Christopher's; Beaver Creek: St. Columba; Alaska Highway mile 918-1202. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

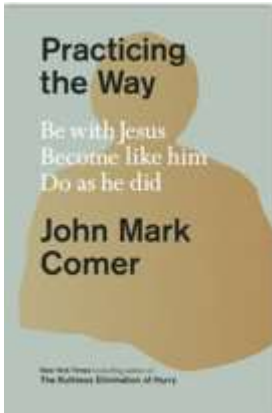
**Prayer for Israel and Palestine** – Isaiah 11:9 "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." God of mercy, we pray earnestly, send your Holy Spirit of peace and comfort, to surround all those whose lives have been torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. Amen

**Parish Prayer Requests** Arthur Kristoffersen, Neil Patterson, Edmund Gallant, Helena Gomke, 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, Robert Signoretti, Jenny Bishop and Martin Palkovic.

**Prayers requested for Neil Patterson**, coworker of Rev Steven's from his Thunder Bay mill days who is being treated for a brain tumor. Please keep Neil in your prayers, he having completed his next round of Chemo and Radiation this week.

**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.

## Educational & Spiritual Opportunities:



Our Archbishop David Edwards has recommended this book for our Diocese Lenten study – **Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did.**

I have ordered ten copies for us at Trinity. These will be made available once received for a price of \$20 each. Please let me know if you would like to reserve a copy. There are seven of the ten available. If we need more, we can see what we can do to secure additional copies. They are listed on line [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) at \$14USD.

We will plan to hold a weekly lunch-hour Lenten Book Study focusing on the work of this book and where these words might inspire our discussion.

- Session 1 Thursday March 13 – 12 noon - 1pm
- Session 2 Thursday March 20 – 12 noon - 1pm
- Session 3 Thursday March 27 – 12 noon - 1pm
- Session 4 Thursday April 3 – 12 noon - 1pm
- Session 5 Thursday April 10 – 12 noon - 1pm

## TRINITY'S SERVICE CALENDAR

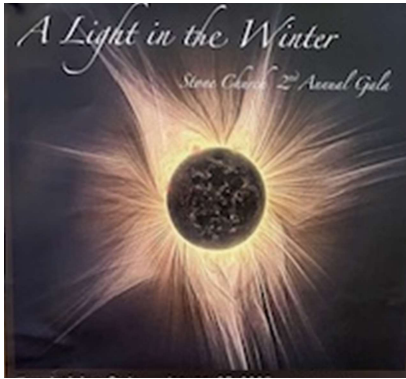
Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Jan 19	Second Sunday after Epiphany	BCP MP	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthian 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Rev. Steven Scribner
Jan 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany	BAS Eucharist	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthian 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Rev. Steven Scribner
Feb 2	The Presentation of the Lord	BCP HC	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	Rev. Steven Scribner

**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.





**Stone Church is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraising**

**Gala** with hosts Julia Wright and Bob McVicar on January 25, 2025. Tickets available for \$100 each – take out meals available at Thandi’s from 4-6pm by calling 506-648-2377.

The evening program:

- 5:30pm Hors D’oeuvres at the Saint John Art Centre
- 6:30pm Dinner at Stone Church

All are invited for an evening of great food and great entertainment in support of Stone Church.

Door prizes. Music by Miriam Westen and other guests. Poetry reading by Clyde Wray, Silent Auction and food by ‘Thandi’.

**7th Trinity Speaker Dinner Series** By way of this announcement please be advised the opportunity to reserve your ticket and/or sponsorship is open for Trinity’s 7<sup>th</sup> Speakers’ Dinner Series.

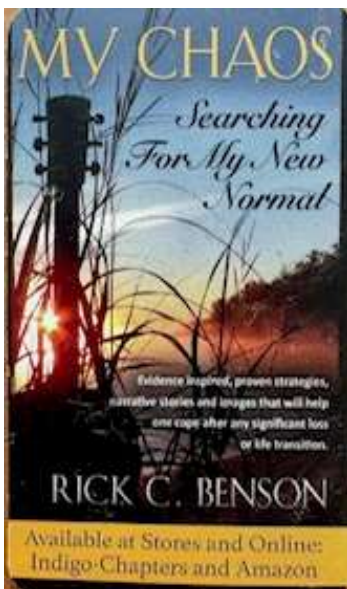


This Speakers’ Dinner series has been an over-the-top success and we thank Jacqueline Oland for her initiative dating back to December 9, 2016 when she brought forth the idea of a signature fund – fun raising event for Trinity.

We are very pleased to have two of New Brunswick’s great comedians who will be joined by none other than our Archbishop David Edwards – who’s sense of humor keeps us all grounded in this Diocese.

Mark your calendars as you will not want to miss this exciting evening – tickets will sell quickly as the word gets out. Don’t be on the outside looking in and saying I wished I went!

**There are presently 30 tickets available with the preference to go to Trinity Parishioners first. The tickets not reserved by February 10<sup>th</sup> will be made available to all interested parties.**



**Thoughts to Ponder**

**It’s ok not to be ok.**

Personal note as I completed my CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education – Chaplaincy Training) at Riverside Mental Health in Selkirk MB, I quickly learned we all have a level of mental health sensitivities and depending on our personal experiences and circumstances our mental health can become fragile.

Please think about this opportunity to be guided in a number of life challenging pressures we accept but rarely know what to do with them to keep our health – healthy.

I have set up with Mr. Rick C. Benson, B.A. B.Ed., M.A. Licensed Counselling Therapist, Grief Loss & Life Transitions, Spiritual Health Counsellor / Educator, Author/Speaker to offer a two day session which will cover many areas we all find challenging to navigate when life throws us those curve balls. I have personally attended two of Rick’s programs in the past and have a copy of his book which I have read a couple of times.

**Session 1**      **Saturday February 8, 2025**      **10am – 3pm (light lunch will be provided)**  
**Session 2**      **Saturday February 15, 2025**      **10am – 3pm (light lunch will be provided)**  
*\* Place Bennett Room Trinity Centre*

Registration is required with a fee of \$40 to secure your participation for the two-session program. Registration will be limited to a maximum of Sixteen (16).

The workshop will cross a number of topics that Rick has included in his book, My Chaos – Searching for my new normal - shown here and he presently has 6 hard cover copies at \$29 each and 1 soft cover copy at \$25. Indigo has a number in store copies or one can buy through Indigo online and shipped free to the store. Also available through Amazon.ca.

I will let the wider community know of this program offering after January 26<sup>th</sup> – allowing Trinity parishioners first option. Heather and I are planning on attending, therefore there are fourteen (14) available seats left. Please let me or Denise know your desire ASAP.



**New member welcomed into our home** We sadly had to say good-bye to our ten-year-old sheltie Maisey this past fall upon our return from Myrtle Beach due to a sudden decline in health. Maisey was our third Sheltie and left a huge gap in our home. Heather had been talking to the breeder and had suggested her next Sheltie might be a more mature dog and there was some discussion about a breeder dog's retirement. Well, lo and behold this conversation got some traction come the New Year and our breeder offered us one of her breeding males.

We welcome GCH Highledge Lyricisle Buster Brown to our family. Highledge was the kennel in Ontario where he was born and Lyricisle is the kennel we got Buddy from. The same kennel here in Quispamsis that Maisey came from. He is known as Buddy as the kennel family did not like Buster I guess. He having best in show credentials himself and his Sire (father) carries six Canadian and 2 US champion titles. Buddy is just over three years old and will remain 'intact' so that he can be used in breeding for another couple of years at which time he will retire. His latest litter pending has a total of seven puppies due January 17th.

Buddy is a kennel male and although he is a very affectionate and beautiful Sheltie, he needs some adjustments to become a home pet. There are challenges with puppies and different ones with mature kennel breeders. Heather is up for the challenge as we are followed around the house repeatedly. We were told and are finding out, Buddy desires affection and that is ok by Heather. He left a kennel home of eleven Shelties to a private home with one somewhat welcoming three-year-old cat. All is good.

## Music History Trivia



**The Guess Who**



**Randy Bachman**



**Burton Cummings**



**The Guess Who** band hailed from Winnipeg MB. From Randy Bachman's story telling he mentioned the start of this band having cut a single, sent it out with a band name which was refused as it was infringing on another bands name. After a couple of attempts to get their single pressed, they sent it in – in desperation with a white label and put the band name on it as the 'Guess Who'. The name stuck and they were a very successful band in their day. While living in Winnipeg MB Heather and I were treated to a number of Burton Cummings's and Randy Bachman concerts. There is a concert hall named in Wpg as the Burton Cummings theater in honor of a local boy's success. Burton and Randy wrote a couple of their hits in Burton's grandmothers' home as I remember the stories told. The drummer lived next door to one of my parishioners in Wpg and his stories of the parties held there while the parents were away for the weekends were legionary.

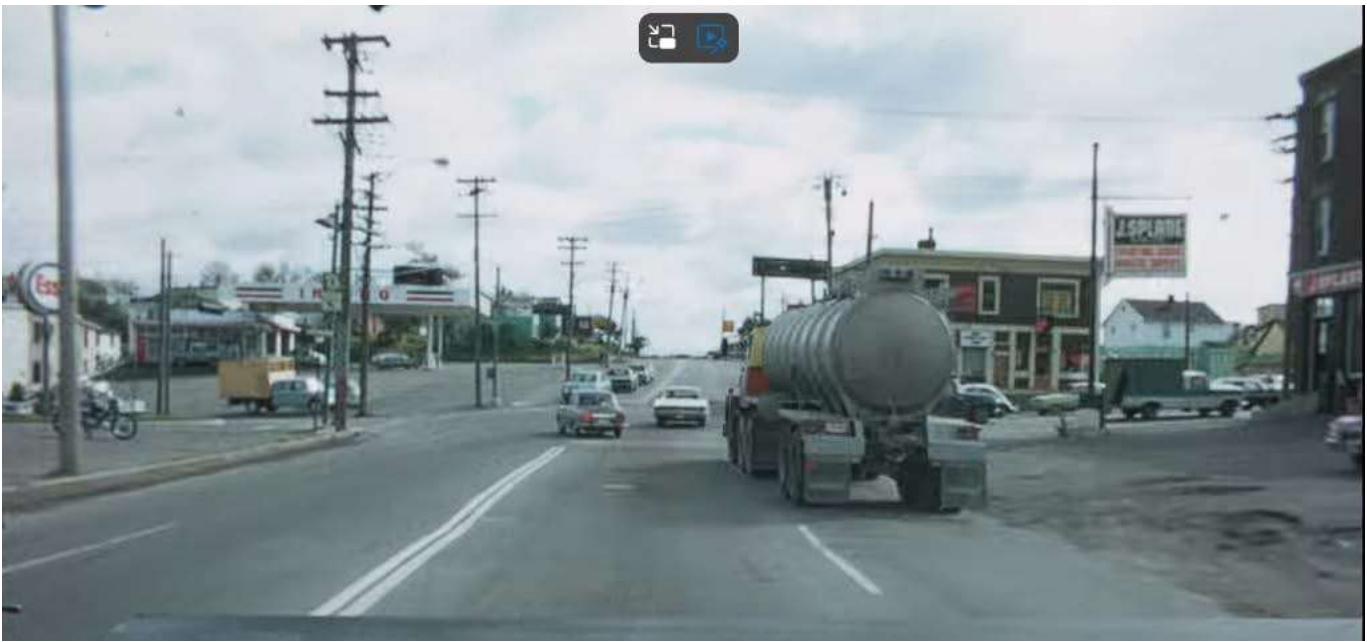
**Remember when?** Remember when one could take typing in High School as a credit course? Not sure when they discontinued the course, however in my grade twelve year at Millidgeville North High School I enrolled in grade 10 typing. Not overly sure why, probably looking for an easy credit – lazy student, but it may also had something to do about meeting girls. The odds were better for us boys in this class. What turned out to be a lark at the time, resulted in one of the most beneficial courses in my high school years as within a couple of years post high school, computers were coming on strong and I could type over 45 words a minute all due to my decision back in grade 12. Still today, I can type along with the best of them and what a benefit in my numerous university courses this turned out to be.



## Vintage Uptown Pictures:



South-west corner of King Square – Charlotte Street looking South. We see the Riviera Restaurant & Starboard Lounge, the Odeon Cinema and the Admiral Beatty Hotel and Air Canada and other businesses on the East side of Charlotte St heading South. Recent re-work of Charlotte St. and King Square South has changed this yet once again.



Kanes Corner with J. Spplane Sporting Goods store on the right corner of Thorne Ave and Bayside Drive – they having moved there from Main Street where Keddy Hotel was built I believe. With the Esso and Irving competing on the other side of the intersection. There must have been a business by the name of Kane's there at one time to get the name attached and remains with those of us of a certain vintage.



Haymarket Square area heading East with the Irving gas bar and garage on the right just prior to crossing the Marsh Creek bridge. Crystal Ice I believe was on the left on the other side of the bridge. I remember the Crystal Ice truck delivering blocks of ice on those hot summer days to our next-door neighbour in the early 1960's. We would jump up on truck and grab chunks of ice while the delivery was being made. By the looks of the vehicles the photo would appear to be dated in the late 1960's. I was always in awe of the use of limestone in the Irving construction – very distinctive and expect somewhat costly as they continued with this signature style for their gas stations back in the day.



## Request for all of our readers.

Here we have Trinity's Organist and Choir Director Mr. Fred Horton.



**Can we check our old photos for pictures of past choirs and Organists / Choir Directors.**

In assembling the history of Trinity, I would like to capture pictures of Trinity's past choirs and organists over the years. We have two choir members who are regular readers of this newsletter weekly who sang in the Trinity Choir over thirty plus years ago under the Organist and Choir Director Ruth Clarke.

## Humour



An Englishman and an Irishman walked into a bakery. As they browsed the shelves, the Englishman eyes the fresh buns on the counter. In a flash, he swipes three buns, tucks them into his pockets, and strolls out of the bakery with a sly grin.

Once outside, he nudges the Irishman and says, "Now that's skill! Did you see how I managed to steal those buns without the owner even noticing? That's the art of clever thievery."

The Irishman shakes his head and chuckles. "Stealing? That's just dishonesty. Let me show you how to get the same result, but with wit and charm instead."

Curious, the Englishman follows the Irishman back into the bakery. The Irishman boldly approaches the owner and says, "Good day, sir! I'd like to show you a magic trick that will amaze you."

The owner, intrigued and a little flattered, steps forward. "A magic trick, you say? Go on, then. Show me what you've got!"

The Irishman smiles and says, "Alright, for this trick, I'll need three of your finest buns."

The owner hands him a bun, which the Irishman promptly eats. He then asks for a second bun, devours that one too, and does the same with a third. After finishing, he stands there, smiling contently.

The bakery owner frowns, crossing his arms. "Alright, where's the magic? All I see is you eating my buns!"

The Irishman grins, points to the Englishman, and says, "Check his pockets."

## Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven