



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 2, 2025

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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.

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.



The Trinity family wishes to extend to a very happy birthday this week to Jennifer Waldschutz. 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 First Sunday after Christmas and thinking about the pending New Year fast approaching, we spoke about how we can become more Christ like in 2025. The scripture readings were focused upon the theme for this day, the **Dedication to the Lord** where Samuel who was given to God's service at his very young age by his mother had his life dedicated to the Lord's service. Paul's letter to the Colossians reminded us of our Christ-like qualities which we have and may not normally utilize, being compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Paul's instruction for us is to 'clothe ourselves with these as we clothe ourselves to be more Christ-like.

Paul reminds us that we do possess these qualities in Christ and now it is time we put them on. (*2 Peter 1:3*)

To get dressed (clothed) to be more Christ-like we need to;

- 1) Let the message of Christ dwell among us richly – continue to get to know who Jesus is and what He is like
- 2) Recognize Jesus is our mediator – and we need Him in all we do or say – in order that we live on in the name of the Lord Jesus in all that we are.
- 3) Finally, we need to give thanks to God the Father through Jesus as we draw upon the powers of the Holy Spirit to empower us to put on Christ in all that we are knowing that this life is not the easiest of lives. As we continue, we are more likely to extend empathy and grace to others as we enjoy God's forgiveness for ourselves.

As we continue in the blessings of this Christmas Season, we are reminded that Jesus came in the form of a little baby to rescue and redeem humanity. He came to reveal God and show us what love looks like. For this we have the opportunity to participate in the work that He started. It is now time for us to become more Christ-like and be clothed in Christ as we enter into 2025.

On Sunday I played the recorded Christmas composition by Vicktoriiia who is known to us at Trinity, originally from Ukraine and now with her husband Alex and sons Daniel and Samuel are missionaries living in Russia. She sent this original Christmas hymn titled **Noel Noel** and in keeping with our thought for this past Sunday, in her lyrics in part they say, "**Noel, Noel – Come and see what God has done.**" As we put on Christ more fully, we will be able to actually see what God has and is doing in our midst.



Interesting Guidance from the Roman Catholic Church

Just heard a posting from Pope Francis, the head of the Roman Catholic Church, urging his Priests to shorten their sermons. Preaching is a core value in the church however he is suggesting no more than eight to ten minutes in length. The twenty to thirty minutes or longer sermons are losing their audience as they begin to fade and lose the point being made as he suggests and after eight minutes most have disengaged. He offers the following as a guide; speak on an idea, a feeling and a call to action.

I have tried to keep mine to ten minutes on most Sundays.

This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will be celebrating **Epiphany** which is actually January 6th – the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles – what does Epiphany mean to you and to me?

Prayers

We offer special prayers for:



they journey in faith going forward.

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

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 Wales, the Most Rev Andrew John, Archbishop. Council of the North, Bishop David Lehmann, Chair, and all the members of the Council as they respond to God's call to mission and ministry in the northern regions of Canada. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark; community of Keno; the Rev Jeffrey Mackie-Deernsted.

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, Edmund Gallant, Helena Gomke, Katie Kassner, Richard (Dik) Coates, Theresa Wanamaker, Shirley Shaw, Winston Wilson, Ann Champion, Grace Gogan, Frank Rodgers, Kristin Gushurst, Alex Gushurst-Moore, Hannah Gushurst-Jones, Stephen James Du Plessis, Robert Signoretti, Jenny Bishop 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's Mitten Tree

Trinity's Mitten Tree was very plentiful once again this year. Many of the items were selected by those who came to pick up their Christmas Exchange offering and the remainder, a large bag full of mittens, hats and socks were delivered to Elizabeth Fry on Adelaide Street this week and will be shared by their residents and those who frequent the Nick Nicole Centre in the city's north end.

Thank you to all who helped the two Mitten Trees sprout their gifts this year.

Do you have your very own miniature brass bell?

BELLS OF THE NEW YEAR

Another year has come and gone.
Time does not wait, it travels on.
This chapter closed, we turn the page;
remembering all we've lost and gained.

Let's raise our hearts, and turn to face
the dawning light of this new day.
May courage be the song we sing
as hopeful bells of the new year ring.

—John Mark Green



On the very onset of the thought of restoring the twelve-bell carillon which had gone silent over the past couple of years and now play proudly, Susanne Sutton & Father David Kierstead brought to us these tiny brass bells.

The Trinity Church records date Trinity's first bell to the 1790's, but was lost in the 1877 Saint John fire. Nine of the current twelve bells were first rung at Christmas 1882 for the 1st service in the rebuilt Trinity we still enjoy today. In addition to the original nine bells, an additional bell was added in 1916 and two more in 1926 providing the full twelve-bell carillon we presently enjoy.

This bell was made by Bevin Brothers (est. 1832) of East Hampton CT, the only dedicated bell manufacturer in the US, now in its' sixth generation of family ownership. They have made gongs for the New York Stock Exchange and bells for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles; and, most famously, it was one of their bells that gave Clarence his wings in "It's a Wonderful life."

Let us continue to ring those bells – even at home with this 'little' brass bell. **Do you have yours – there are still some available for \$20 by contacting the church office or on Sunday's while supplies last.**

The bells rang in their fullness for the first time once again on Christmas morning 2024 playing loudly those favourite hymns and enjoyed by all in musical reach. Well done all, as you have restored Trinity's bells for the generation to come.

TRINITY'S SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Jan 5	Epiphany of the Lord	BCP HC	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1- 12	Rev. Steven Scribner
Jan 12	The Baptism of the Lord	BCP HC	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Rev. Steven Scribner
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

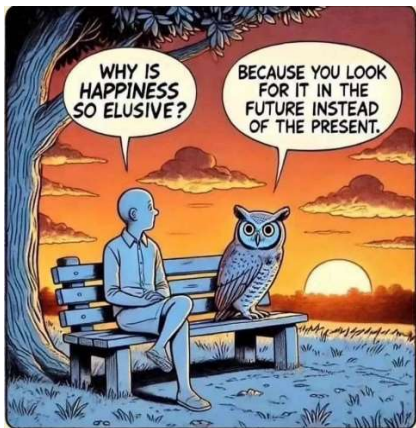
Jan 26	Third Sunday after Epiphany	BAS Eucharist	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthian 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Rev. Steven Scribner
Feb 2	The Presentation of the Lord	BCP HC	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	Rev. Steven Scribner

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>.

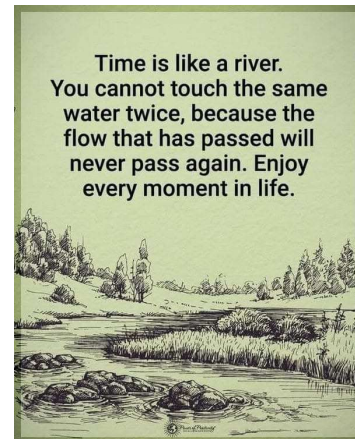
Keep up the great work and remember the great work Beacon Cove is doing in our community

Thoughts to Ponder



The real Luxuries in life:

- time
- health
- a quiet mind
- slow mornings
- ability to travel
- rest without guilt
- a good night's sleep
- calm and "boring" days
- meaningful conversations
- home-cooked meals
- people you love
- people who love you back



Love the Trinity Steeple



I love to see how many pictures actually capture the Trinity Steeple – especially watching the evening news on Global – the back drop is the uptown peninsula and Trinity’s Steeple standing proudly.

This picture of two very well-known proud Saint Johners are showcasing the newly opened ice surface at Market Slip. Thanks Stephen and David for showing off Saint John’s newest ice surface and Saint John’s founding parish’s Steeple in the background.

Trinity Wintery Scene



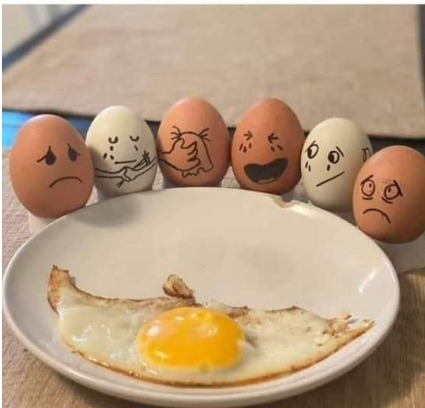
Pictures taken on Sunday, December 29, 2024. I took these pictures prior to leaving Trinity on Sunday for a few reasons; one, how beautiful the icicles are hanging off the lower roofs, second how risky they are to our parking tenants who would be parking along side of these in a few hours come Monday morning and third – showing how much heat loss Trinity experiences which is the cause of the icicles in the first place. Prior to my leaving on Sunday, I knocked them down and then called our snowplowing contractor to make a clean sweep on both sides of the church so our parking tenants would have easy access come Monday morning.

New Years Left Overs



Humour

He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.



Puzzle Humour This puzzle was made by Mel D'Souza. Can you find the 12 sneaky changes to the second picture?

