



## TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 9, 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.



The Trinity family wishes to extend to a very happy birthday this week to Elizabeth Bastarache, Dr. Bill Irving and Erik Kristoffersen. 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](mailto: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 Epiphany of the Lord – We often use the term Epiphany to reflect what monumental event, experience or moment in time that changed your life as one might ask us ‘What was your Epiphany?’ As I write this portion of this Newsletter, it is actually Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

For us as Christians, Epiphany is the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as is relayed to us in Matthew’s reading Matt 2:1-12. Prior to the Gospel reading we had scripture from Isaiah 60:1-6 which speaks of God’s light that has and continues to outshine the worlds’ darkness. We may experience darkness in our times from our health, relationships or missing those dear to us – all of which can cast a sense of darkness over us – however if we are able to settle back in a comfortable chair, quiet our thoughts and become one with our faith – we can experience God’s light outshining our darker moments. Paul in his writings to the Ephesians, Eph3:1-12 likewise speaks of his awakening having Christ made known to him by the Spirit of God. Through God’s light and glory we like Paul, by our faith can experience the freedom and confidence to take on life’s darker moments realizing the light of Christ will prevail.

Our Gospel holds the story of the Maji, the Gentiles, who would travel for over two years from the far east to seek out the newly born King which was marked by the Star they were following. They brought with them gifts and most importantly, they themselves paid this young King homage which by their adherence of their dream journeyed home a different way indicating this experience was life changing – or one might say they had an Epiphany.

As we journey through this season of Epiphany, let us find those things we need to set at Christ’s feet in order that we might experience our own Epiphany and set ourselves up for 2025 to be a year we will look back as being an Epiphany for our lives.

In keeping with Pope Francis – the idea shared = is the light that God shines upon our lives. The Call to Action is for us to embrace this light so that the darkness does not hold the last word.

**This Sunday at Trinity** This Sunday we will be celebrating The Baptism of the Lord where we will explore what our own Baptism was all about and what it means to us today.

## 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.

**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. We were blessed this Christmas by an original composition by Viktoriia titled **Noel, Noel** which we played on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

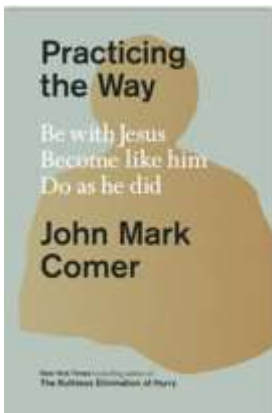
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer** the Church of the Province of West Africa, the Most Rev Dr Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, Primate. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Samuel Rose. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother; communities of Carmacks, Faro and Ross River. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

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

**Parish Prayer Requests** Arthur Kristoffersen, 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.

**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 nine of the ten available. If we need more, we can see what we can do to secure additional copies. They are listed online at [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) at \$14US.

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

## Do you have your very own miniature brass bell?



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

Thanks to Susanne Sutton and Jennifer Waldshutz we can hear those rich Trinity Bells playing our favourite hymns as a call to Worship on Sunday mornings.

## TRINITY'S SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
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

## 7th Trinity Speaker Dinner Series

**7<sup>th</sup> Trinity Speakers Dinner**  
Annual  
**HUMOUR & WISDOM**  
An evening with: **MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH IS NO JOKE**

**James Mullinger** **Marshall Button** + **Archbishop David Edwards**  
*moderator*

**Wednesday 30th April, 2025**  
6pm for 7pm  
at the Union Club, 125 Germain St  
Tickets: \$150  
Sponsors: \$750  
(Includes one ticket)

**Reservations**  
E-transfer: [trimsj@rib.aibn.com](mailto:trimsj@rib.aibn.com)  
Please confirm: Trinity dinner

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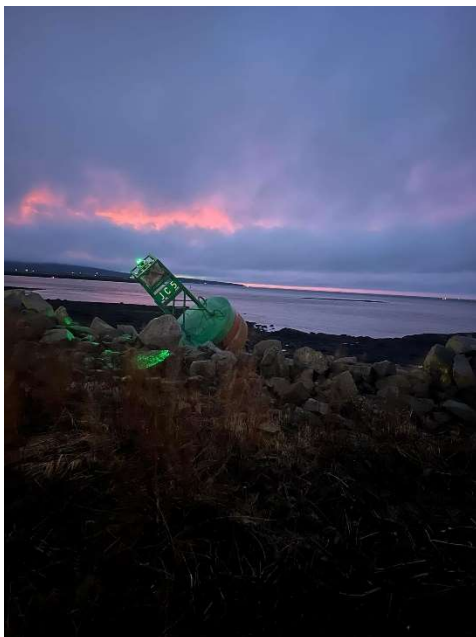
By way of this announcement please be advised the opportunity to reserve your ticket and or sponsorship is open for Trinity's 7<sup>th</sup> Speakers Dinner Series.

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 – whose sense of humour keeps us all grounded in this Diocese.

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

## Thoughts to Ponder



### The Stranded Buoy

Looks completely normal, capable and functional but not very effective.

You can look normal and act normal, not even realizing that you're stuck and keep working away. I'm sure JC5's friends are concerned that he's on these rocks and seems to be a little lost.

It would be foolish for the other buoys to go join JC5, as they too would become stuck and ineffective. It's clear that JC5 needs help and that his friends aren't capable of saving him, watching him slowly get destroyed by his environment.

I'm sure JC5 didn't choose to become stuck, after all he was a master in riding every wave that he's encountered in life, survived every storm until something broke in him and he's become helpless, a liability to others while maintaining his appearance of being ok, when he's clearly not.

JC5 had some trauma at no fault of his own he finds himself in a position where he's a danger not only to himself but the community as well.

If you're stuck reach out because no-one is coming to save you.

Or maybe JC5 is chasing his dreams of becoming a traffic light on the Corner of Sydney Street?



When do you step in to help if they can't help themselves?

It's ok not to be ok.

#mentalhealth – Not sure if you have seen these signs which have been posted over the past year in the valley. They speak volumes on this topic of mental health.

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.

### Option in the works:

I am looking into a series by a professional licensed counsellor on the topic of Grief, Loss & Life Transitions. This would most likely be a six-part series and there would be a cost. I will share more details in the near future on this idea.

## Season Greetings from down South!

One of our choir members seems to have found a place where her sleigh is grounded. Not the case here for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day 2024.



We wish Donna a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year – looking forward to her return in the spring.

## Did you know?

### Why is a ship's speed measured in knots?



Have you ever wondered why a ship's speed is measured in knots?

The measurement of a ship's speed in knots originates from a traditional method known as the chip log. Sailors tied knots at regular intervals along a rope, which was attached to a wooden chip. When the chip was thrown overboard, the rope was allowed to unfurl freely for a set time measured by an hour glass. The number of knots that passed over the stern indicated the ship's speed. One knot equals one nautical mile per hour, with a nautical mile standardized at 6,076 feet in 1929. This differs from a land mile, which is 5,280 feet, established by Queen Elizabeth in 1593.

## Traffic Changes Uptown



As of this Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Charlotte Street between Union and King Street will be closed for five days. This closure and detour are necessary to install traffic signal lights at the intersection of Charlotte Street and King Square North.

Saint John Transit will resume its regular route, servicing King Square North and King Street and businesses will remain open during construction.

## Parishioners show up in Social Media posts



David Goss and Peter Irish in the above picture



Jill Bambury from the Good Shepherd

## Vintage Uptown Pictures



How many of you remember Woolco? Well I do, as it was an event when it first opened. We as a family went out to walk the aisles. Saint John had its' first with MRAs on King Street then there was Simpson's (Sears) on Lansdowne Plaza in the North End, Woolco, Kmart and then the heavens opened and we have the malls and big box stores of our present day.

Steve Murphy mentioned during his monologue at the 5<sup>th</sup> Speakers



Dinner that it was at Woolco where he had his first paying announcement gig – announcing the \$1.44 day sales.

Woolco came to light to me once again at the height of COVID when the out of country fuel delivery driver called me for directions to Trinity. I asked him where he was presently, to which he responded, “I am at Woolco.” Which was a direct indication this was a Saint John driver by his roots. Yes, born on the East Side, but spent most of his life in Main US.

We, as James Mullinger, often state, give directions by the color of a house (once was) or a business which once was at a corner and it makes perfect sense to us, born and raised Saint Johners. Remember where the old Canadian Tire Store was (depending on your vintage – you might say Waterloo Street or later Thorne Avenue), How about Kaness’ Corner, the 1 mile or 3 mile house, Simms Corner, the Gladstone Tavern and now we might add where soon to be forgotten the Exhibition Raceway or the Three Mile Tavern. Yet these often get into our vocabulary for giving directions.

On that cold desperate evening, I was glad I had a driver who knew where the Woolco was and Trinity was soon to have its’ much-needed furnace fuel.



On the left we have Woolworth Department Store which the property is currently under construction for a new high-rise commercial / residential building. Of particular note, the land in which the Woolworth building sat was the last section on King Street that Trinity Anglican Church once owned. On the right it is a walk down memory lane – Beneficial Loans, Canada & Trust, White Sign ??, Vern’s Bakery and four or five other businesses that lined the upper southern portion of Kings Street.





As you will notice, this picture was the preceding picture of the one above – as this vehicle is parked on the side in the upper picture. This picture avails of additional businesses along King Street – Left side we see MRA's and three other businesses up to the corner with the Royal Hotel. On the right we see another Loans business along with other businesses upwards to the head of King. These pictures are dated at 1971.

## Request for all of our readers



Thanks to David Goss for organizing his files, we have the above two pictures.

Here we have Trinity's Organist and Choir Director Mr. Fred Horton, David Goss and Peter Garner during the Bicentennial for the city of Saint John.

**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



I couldn't resist. 😊



**Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven**