



## TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 13, 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](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 Marion Freeze. We hope your special day is made even more special with family and friends sharing the day with you.

## Happy Valentine’s Day



Hope you have your special day.

Flowers are always a hit so says our cat, Maddie.

She felt that the picture was made more complete with her in it.

**Annual General Meeting AGM** - for the Parish of Saint John, Trinity Anglican Church will be held on March 9, 2025 immediately following the regular Sunday Worship Service. The meeting will be held in the Bennett Room and a light lunch will be provided. Please plan to attend as we review the great year the parish has had in 2024, the successful trending over the past number of years and be part of the planning for yet another great year 2025.

Time Line:

All reports due no later than end of day Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> – sent to the Office email

AGM Booklet available for distribution Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

AGM Meeting Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>

## Trinity Financial Update



**December – Revenue** – was \$38k over budget with regular offering showing \$7k under against plan. Donations were over plan by \$36k due to the McKean Family Foundation being reconciled by RBC Wealth Management Toronto and funds that were deemed under distributed over past years were made current – with the sum of \$32,942 being received along with \$2.4k donation through Canada Helps site from an individual donor.

**December– Expenses** – Salaries and Benefits, Programs and Office and Administration were on or near plan for the month. Utilities was over plan by \$2.7k attributed by delayed billing from Liberty thus Nov & Dec billing received in Dec. Maintenance was over plan by \$2.5k attributed to the resolve of the domestic hot water issue that has been ongoing for the past couple of years in Trinity Centre resulting in replacement of a pump and valves. Financing was over plan by \$3.3k due to timing of the invoice for the annual professional fees.

**December – Net Income** was improved by \$30k due to the above unexpected funds received as noted

**Important to note** – The December numbers will have a couple of adjustments due to the delay in invoicing as a result of the Postal Strike however in essence the month was a very good month for Trinity financially.

**Year to Date – December– 2024 – Revenue** – YTD is \$55.7K ahead of plan. **Expenses** – were \$2.8k over plan. This results in a **Net Revenue** of \$15K against a budget Net Revenue for Dec YTD of (-\$37.7k). An overall improvement against the deficit budget of \$52.9k.

**Important to note** – The December year end numbers will have a couple of adjustments due to the delay in invoicing as a result of the Postal Strike however in essence 2024 ended very good for Trinity financially.

**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.

Trinity has currently 18 parishioners utilizing the E Offering option for ongoing stewardship. Thank you for your continued support.

**Last Sunday at Trinity:** Last Sunday Trinity celebrated The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany and focused on the frustration that Simon must have felt when he and his partners had fished all night long and came up empty only to be approached by Jesus to push out and drop his clean gear once again in the water.



Frustration comes wrapped in many different packages; when we were much younger the dating scene would have been a source of frustration. Move forward a few years and for some, waiting to be blessed by becoming a mother or father for the first or subsequent times. Raising children brings on its' own stresses and frustrations. In the working world, career ups and downs often are sources of frustrations.

This in a small way may help us appreciate Simon's state when approached by Jesus on this morning. How many times have we been in a situation, frustrated and approached by someone who we feel has little to offer technically to the situation at hand and gives direction. Here, Simon might have thought, oh, great, a rabbi telling me, a professional fisherman, how to fish. He may have initially objected, but as we know the story, he conceded and out they went and dropped his nets.

This scripture provides us three reminders embedded in this story for us today;

- 1) What the eye sees. Did Jesus actually create the abundance of fishes for this occasion or did Jesus have the discerning eye to know which shoal would be the one to drop the nets on that morning. We need the eye that really sees. When we think about it, many saw steam rise from the lid of a kettle; only James Watt went on to invent the Steam Engine. Many saw the apple fall; only Isaac Newton saw it for what it was, and developed the Law of Gravity.
- 2) The Spirit of effort. It takes some effort for us to get up and get going at times. We get urges at times and yet we continue to sit back. Simon, tired and frustrated as he was, was prepared to try against all known odds – to put his cleaned gear back in the water – not giving up that morning. How many of us when facing our own frustrations give up one effort too soon?
- 3) Willing to attempt the hopeless. All the circumstances at play this particular morning would have convinced the skilled fisherman that going out at this late time in the day, based upon he fishing timetable, is all but hopeless. Simon, putting his gut feelings aside, saying, "If you say so, lets' go." How often do we wait for everything to be perfect? If we do subscribe to this belief, we will never begin at all.

In keeping with Pope Francis' guide for us preachers; - keep it to ten – twelve minutes and provide a;

**Focus of the Message:** We are worthy of God's graces regardless. In reality our future miracles rests with us.

**Call to action:** If we want a miracle, we must open our eyes, get up and get going and accept that what we believe needs to happen is not conditional on the miracle happening in our presence.

**This Sunday at Trinity** This Sunday Trinity will be touching the teachings of Jesus through the Beatitudes – what do they say literally and what did Jesus want to convey to His listeners to help guide them in their future days and years?

## 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.

**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 of Bangladesh, the Most Rev Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Bishop John Organ. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Baduhu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Atlin (BC): St. Martin; the Rev Dorothy Odian, the Rev George Holman. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

**Prayer for Israel and Palestine** –we pray for the current peace actions and the safe release of those taken captive. We hold both communities in our prayers as they commence rebuilding their lives and that the peace presently experiencing will live on. 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 Sundays 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.



Shrove Tuesday - otherwise known as Pancake Tuesday - originated with a way for a family to use up the rich foods like eggs, milk and sugar before Lent's fasting and abstinence begin. This is the reason pancakes became associated with this day – they're a dish that can use all these ingredients.

This is a time we as Christians give up some of our luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray. The word shrove comes from a Roman Catholic practice – to 'shrive' meant going to confess your sins and being absolved by a priest. In times past there would be the ringing of the 'shriving' bell calling people to the church to confess their sins before Lent began.

## You are invited to Trinity's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

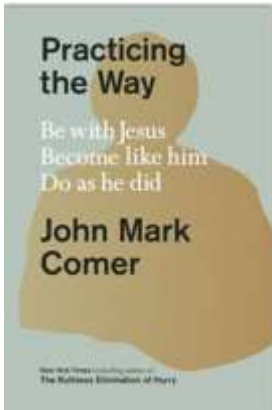
MENU Pancakes, Sausage, Home Made Beans, Ginger Bread with Whip Cream, Tea and Coffee.

When: Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30pm

Where: Bennett Room

Cost: Free Will Donation

## 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.**

There are FIVE copies still available for a price of \$20 each. 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

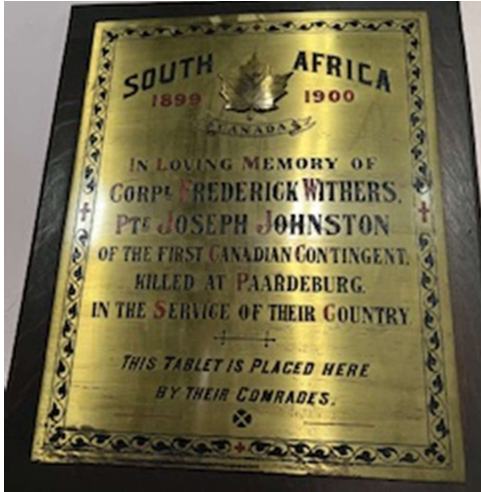
Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Feb 16	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	BCP MP	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthian 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26	Rev. Steven Scribner
Feb 23	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	BAS Eucharist	Genesis 45:3-11 Psalm 37: 1-12,42-42 1Corinthian 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38	Rev Steven Scribner

## Winter Season at Trinity in a Glance:



- Feb 8 & 15 - Rick C Benson's two-part series on Grief Loss & Life Transitions (10am – 3pm)
- Feb 21 - 125th Anniversary Memorial service – Battle of Paardeburg (Boer War) - 1:30 – 2:30pm – Trinity Church
- Feb 22 - Heritage Fair – Bennett Room
- Feb 22 - 2pm - The use of Balloons in the war effort – Trinity Church
- Mar 1 – 40 Words of Lent – Saturday 10am – 3pm Bennett Room
- Mar 4 Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper – 5pm
- Mar 5 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm
- Mar 9 - Annual General Meeting AMG – immediately following church service
- Mar 15 - Lent Bead Workshop – Prayer Chai / Beads – 4hr – Saturday
- Mar 20-22 - Spring Tide Shantifest
- April 17 - Maundy Thursday – 7pm
- April 18 - Good Friday – three-hour service – 12 noon – 3pm
- April 20 - Easter Sunday 10:30am

**Heritage Week at Trinity** David Goss and Harold Wright are organizing the Heritage Fair once again at Trinity – with displays being presented in the Bennett Room on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Harold Wright is organizing the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Service for the Battle of Paardeburg which was a significant battle in the Boer War which involved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. This was the Regiment's first overseas action, and was the first loss of the Regiment's troops during that war, including the first Canadian who was from New Brunswick. Of significant historical reference, the first Memorial service for the South Africa war was held here at Trinity in 1900 with the only original Order of Service held at the New Brunswick Museum archives. You can see there is a plaque proudly displayed on Trinity's wall near the north-east of the Nave – pictured here.

This memorial service will be held in Trinity on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm.

On Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm Harold Wright will be presenting a talk on the use of Balloons in the war – with this presentation being held in Trinity church also.

Mark your calendars. Last year was a resounding success with many wonderful and informative displays of historic memorabilia with stories and facts shared by a number of dedicated individuals and organizations passionate in sharing our history.

**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. Last week I delivered two large bags mostly of winter jackets / clothing which is much in need during these winter days and nights.

## 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> Speaker Dinner Series.

This Speaker 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.

**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: [trinsj@rib.aibn.com](mailto:trinsj@rib.aibn.com)  
Please indicate: *Trinity dinner*

Trinity Anglican Church  
115 Charlotte St  
Saint John, NB E2L 2J2  
506-693-8558

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

**There are presently 4 tickets available.**

**GRIEF, LOSS and LIFE TRANSITIONS**  
*Group Education Sessions*

Saturday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (2 Days)  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm ... Lunches included

Trinity Anglican Church  
115 Charlotte St.  
Saint John N.B.

All Welcome  
\$40.00  
Must Pre Register  
506-693-8558

*Limited Numbers Please Register in Advance*



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.

Rick Benson kept all present in his grasp as he shared his vast experience aligning to many circumstances that cause us to grieve. His light hearted approach in sharing what one might consider a difficult topic along with utilizing his musical talents was appreciated by those present at Session 1 on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Grief Loss and Life Transitions – Educational Group Sessions

TRINITY CHURCH - February 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

Rick C Benson BA, BEd, MA, LCT

***Then, they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him because they saw how great his suffering was.***

**Job 2:13**

We will learn how to develop stronger “Listening Hearts.”

These sessions are for anyone who is finding their experience challenging or hopes to support loved ones who are finding it challenging to cope with a variety of grief, loss, and life transitions. They are not meant as training sessions. We will have an interactive format where participants can share 1:1 and, if they choose, within the group.

Loss of life is often what we think of when we think about Grief. It involves many other descriptions and experiences as below, but not limited to,

Death, Divorce, Serious Illness like Cancer, Dementia, Addictions and much more.

Loss of Relationships, Work, Homes, Health (Mental and Physical), Pets, Faith

**FOUR PILLARS - Proven Strategies from *MY CHAOS, Searching for My New Normal***

- 1. We are not meant to deal with grief loss and life transitions alone. Resiliency is more effective when we involve OTHERS.**
- 2. Your experience is UNIQUE ... no exceptions.**
- 3. You are on a SPIRITUAL journey. There is a mystery and not a coincidence.**
- 4. To search for MEANING is more realistic than searching for happiness. Who am I now?**

There are many proven strategies, including mindfulness, Meditation, Nature, Exercise, Music, Groups, and more. We will learn about these coping mechanisms and practice them.

It is recommended that you purchase a copy of *MY CHAOS-Searching for My New Normal*.

Session 1      Saturday February 8, 2025    10am – 3pm (light lunch will be provided) - completed  
Session 2      Saturday February 15, 2025    10am – 3pm (light lunch will be provided)

Place   Bennett Room Trinity Centre

It's ok not to be ok. If you would like to join for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this program please feel free to do so.

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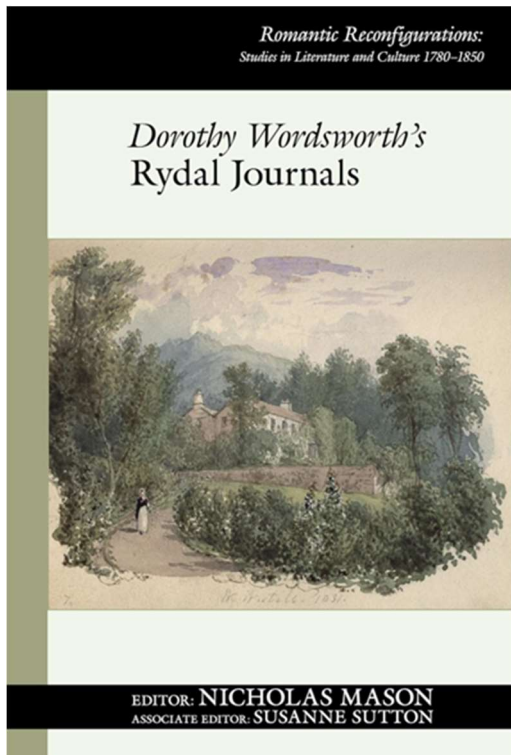
**Trinity in the News this week** For those who watched CTV Live at 5PM on Tuesday Feb 11th you might have heard Kalin Mitchell introduce this wonderful picture of Trinity. What a great picture and wonderful that Trinity was being showcased on the Atlantic News program.

However, Kalin Mitchell's information was a little off in that the photo was introduced as Stone Church which was 250 years old.

We know this is Trinity, and this present Trinity is the rebuild after the 1791 original Trinity burnt to the ground in the Great Fire of 1877. This 'new' Trinity is the 1880 rebuild.

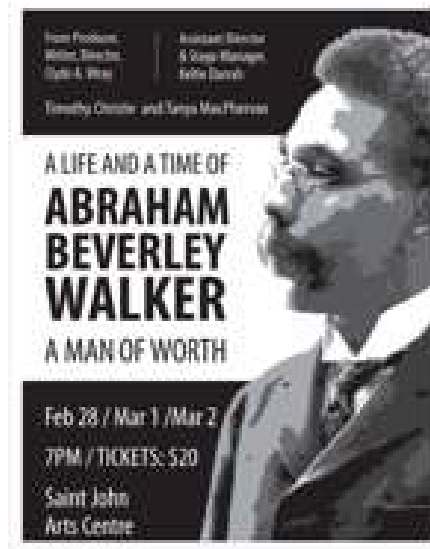
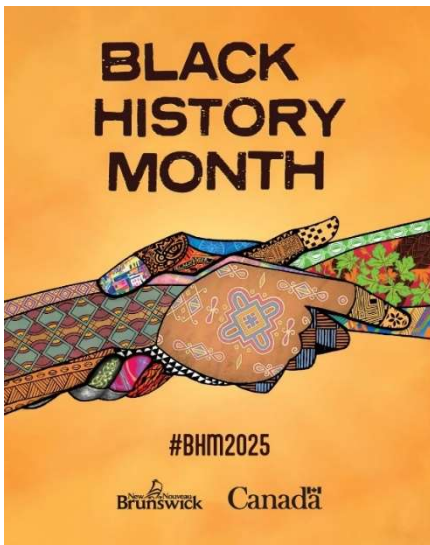
Stone Church, the Parish of St. Mark's, was built in 1825 and is celebrating its' 200 years this year. So, at the very least, both Stone and Trinity got the shout out on the News program.

## Congratulations Susanne!



Susanne Sutton, one of our Trinity layreaders, along with a colleague in Utah, has been working since 2021 on the upcoming edition of Dorothy Wordsworth's Rydal Journals, a set of 15 notebooks covering the years 1824-1835 that have never before been published in their entirety. She began working on Dorothy in 1989 for her Master's degree and visited Gasmere, in England's Lake District, during the summers of 2008-10 and 2013 to transcribe from the original notebooks. When she retired from teaching in 2021, she and Nick Mason, head of English at Brigham Young University, were contracted by Liverpool University Press to produce a manuscript for publication, working from high-quality photographs of the notebook pages so that further travel to England wasn't necessary. The 900-plus-page book is due out sometime in the next few months and is available for pre-order on Amazon for \$270 CAD. If you're interested, though, a much less expensive abridged version will be available in paperback about 3 years from now. Susanne says this is a dream come true for her, but she's also looking forward to a bit more down time, now that it's finished, and the opportunity to become more involved in events at Trinity.

Congratulations from your Trinity family Susanne for your achievement in having your work published.



**What is more Canadian than Hockey and Curling?** Well I'm not sure about all of you, but in our home we love to watch curling. The Scotties' Tournament starts this week and it is being hosted in Thunder Bay ON where we lived for ten years.



McCarville is my best friend's neighbour and a teacher in the school our boys went to so we have an easy time cheering for her along with the NB team.

I used to work for Labatt's back in the days of the Labatt Brier which was my (our) initiation to the spectator sport from the comfort of my couch.

After the Scotties, the Brier will keep us going then the Worlds. So for the next couple of months, we will be entertained. Along with keeping an eye on the

Winnipeg Jets who are presently in first place in their division.

## Vintage Uptown Pictures



Some subtle changes to this intersection – this is Rothesay Avenue. On the left that would be Alden Mcnight's – Mcnight Motors with the Texaco service station just beyond. With the Irving service station on the right, which

I remember as having the first 'touchless' car wash – a real hit for us as kids to have dad get his car washed here at times which seemed back then as we were in a vessel under the Niagara Falls. Then the 3 Mile Tavern and the ESSO service station beyond the intersection.

## Request for all of our readers

Keep looking if you will and we will be able to assemble a Choir and Organist / Choir Director history for Trinity over the years. **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 who sang in the Trinity Choir over thirty plus years ago under the Organist and Choir Director Ruth Clarke.



## Time to be more Canadian!

With the ongoing politics there are a few learnings for us to consider;

- 1) Take a moment and look at the source of manufacturing or supply of the products we are purchasing
- 2) Be knowledgeable that US markets for our farmers, vegetables, fruit and meat products will be strained, support local supply realizing that as time goes on, foreign supplies might be 'dumped' into our market – stay strong and support Canadian suppliers.
- 3) Be supportive of our collective political leaders, municipal, provincial and federal – be aligned beyond political stripe – be Canadian first.
- 4) And please make certain the facts you hear are actually true facts and not the messaging that seems to be full of drama.

5)



## The Beatles – who does not love them?



A few years ago, Heather and I went ashore from our cruise ship to the music of the Beatles in Liverpool UK. What was surprising was the music coming from four senior fellows playing electric Ukulele's and electric drums. I could have stayed there for the whole shore excursion. The Imperial has a Tribute Beatles Band coming August 16<sup>th</sup> – we have our tickets - looking forward to hearing those favourite tunes. Our son lived just down the road from Abby Road Studios outside of London UK. Each trip overseas I would take a walk up the hill to explore this historic music studio.

## Humour

Pre internet chat room using  
An old version of windows...



**Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven**