



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 20, 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.

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 24th** – sent to the Office e mail

AGM Booklet available for distribution Sunday March 2nd

AGM Meeting Sunday March 9th

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 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany with a reflection on Luke’s shorten version of the Beatitudes. We are also reminded of Matthew’s longer version of the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount.



A dear friend of mine, fellow Layreader, from our parish of St. Mark's Winnipeg, MB, the late Joan Spencer, very much loved the Beatitudes often saying, "if we only had the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Beatitudes we would have all we need to live a full Christian life and what a better world we would live in if we lived to these teachings." I thank Joan for giving me a greater appreciation for Jesus' teachings through the Beatitudes.

These teachings are anchored from Isaiah 61:1 ***"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me To preach the Good News to the poor."***

Jesus takes the accepted standards and turns them upside down. By His teachings the worlds values are greatly disrupted.

- Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God
- Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled
- Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh
- Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Let us look at what might be embedded here for us to learn?

- Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God
- Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation

If we just take these at their face values, we find it hard to understand. Let us take the first Beatitude and see what might be included for us to learn in these two statements.

Jesus is not condemning anyone from being successful in life – however if that is ones' whole focus and not following His teachings, then one might have received all there is to receive.

Luke has an abbreviated first Beatitude where he says, ***"Blessed are you who are poor"*** while Matthew expands this to read, ***"Blessed are you who are poor in Spirit"***.

When we were young, we were told to not only look after our present day needs but put a little away for our more senior years – RRSP investment being one of the more popular options. We bought our first car, our first home, raised our children and then on to university and for many of us we are appreciative of having followed some of youthful guidance. By doing so we have some funds to support our more senior years – these years for many of us. Similarly, we were taught to look after our spiritual life – as many of us were taken or dragged to church in our younger years and then took on the responsibility for ourselves. How are we doing with our Spiritual wellness? Hopefully we are on a solid foundation as we continue to journey through life.

Looking at our Spiritual health, is it possible to live a Beatitude life in todays' world? An author I recently read described our spiritual health – being poor or rich in spirit needs to go beyond our own personal references. It is also highly leveraged on the greater community, country and world injustices ongoing. And if this is the case it should keep us a little more-humble as we look deeper in what we might be able to do to assist in a small way those in need locally or more worldly. The author continues that good spiritual health is highly dependent on relationships. Starting from our own circle, family, friends and parish community to forming wider relationships and by these we will be more inspired and motivated to take on life as it plays out for us.

Message Focus – Our Spiritual Health – rich or poor is highly linked to the greater world issues we are knowledgeable.

Call to Action – What relationships do we have or should we have that would enhance our overall spiritual health?

This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday Trinity will be touching on loving the hard to love – where Jesus' tells us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. Come and see what we can sort out on this very difficult command.

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.

Debbie Edwards Most may have heard by now, the Archbishop David Edwards wife Debbie ended up in the hospital in Nairobi, Kenya on her trip there with the PWRDF team. She has had a digestive track ailment and is receiving treatment. On top of all of this, she lost her father, Jack who passed away this past weekend and the funeral has been shifted to Monday of next week. It is hoped that Debbie will be able to fly home on Thursday this week. Keep Debbie and Archbishop David in your prayers for her return to health and prayers of comfort as she journeys the path of losing her dad.

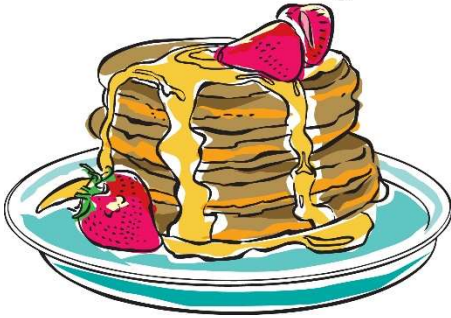
Anglican Cycle of Prayer Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, the Most Rev Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto, Primate. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. National Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper and The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Dease Lake (BC): St. Jude. 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, Katie Kassner, Theresa Wanamaker, Shirley Shaw, Winston Wilson, Ann Campion, Frank Rodgers, Jason Doucette (Cancer), Mary Quartely, Denis Langevin (Stroke), Koby & Gerard Goguen (in Regional – Marie's brother and sister-in-law)

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.

Shrove Tuesday

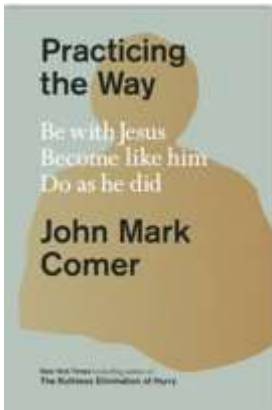


Shrove Tuesday otherwise known as Pancake Tuesday originated with a way for a family to use up the rich foods like eggs, milk and sugar before Lent's fasting and abstinence begin. This is the reason pancakes became associated with this day – they're a dish that can use all these ingredients. This is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

- When: Tuesday, March 4th 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 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 – Apprentice to Jesus pg 3-31
- Session 2 Thursday March 20 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 1 Be with Jesus pg 32-64
- Session 3 Thursday March 27 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 2 – Become like him pg 64-117
- Session 4 Thursday April 3 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 3 – Do as he did – pg 118 - 155
- Session 5 Thursday April 10 – 12 noon - `1pm Goal 4 - How? Rule of Life / wrap up pg 156 - 221

TRINITY's SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
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 S28-36teven Scribner

Mar 2	Transfiguration Sunday	BCP HC	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:	Rev Steven Scribner
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Mar 9	1 st Sunday in Lent AGM	BCP MP		Rev Steven Scribner
Mar 16	2 nd Sunday in Lent	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Mar 23	3 rd Sunday in Lent	BAS HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Mar 30	4 th Sunday in Lent	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 6	5 th Sunday in Lent	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 13	Palm Sunday	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 18	Good Friday			Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 20	Easter Sunday	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner

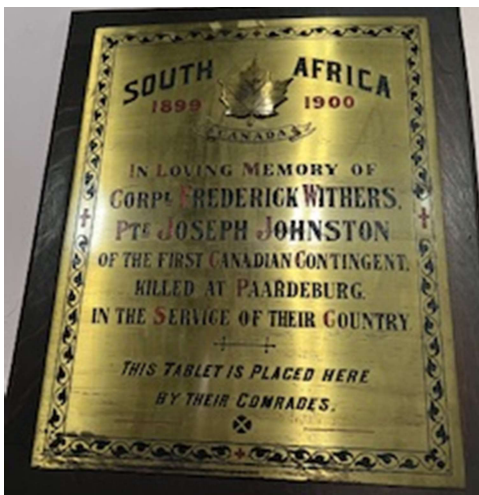
Winter Season at Trinity in a Glance:



- Feb 21 - 125th Anniversary Memorial service – Battle of Paardeburg (Boer War) - 1:30 – 2:30pm – Trinity Church
- Feb 22 - Heritage Fair – Sat 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 22nd.



Harold Wright is organizing the 125th Anniversary Memorial Service for the Battle of Paardeburg which was a significant battle in the Boer War which involved the 2nd 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 21st at 1:30pm.

On Saturday, February 22nd 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

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Annual
HUMOUR & WISDOM
MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH IS NO JOKE
An evening with:

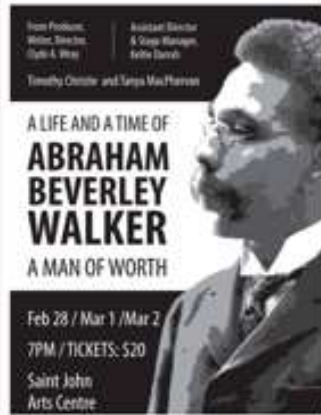
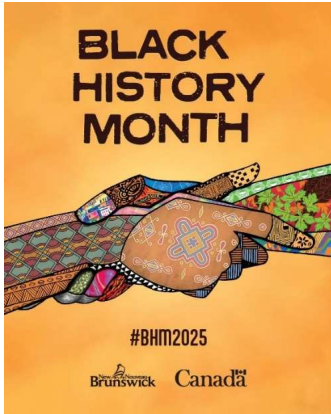
James Mullinger Marshall Button + Archbishop David Edwards
moderator
Wednesday 30th April, 2025
6pm for 7pm
at the Union Club, 125 Germain St
Tickets: \$150
Sponsors: \$750
Includes one drink
Reservations
E-transfer: trinsj@nb.aibn.com
Please mention Trinity dinner
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By way of this announcement please be advised the opportunity to reserve your ticket and or sponsorship is open for Trinity's 7th 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.

Mark your calendars and 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 and saying I wished I went! **There are presently 2 tickets available.**



Dr. Carrie Best



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Carrie Best began her fight for social equality and justice at an early age. Influenced by the strength and support of her mother, Carrie developed her sense of fairness and dignity which would span her ninety-seven years. Carrie Best was born on March 4th, 1903, in the Town of New Glasgow. She was a crusader in every sense of the word and made it her mission to stand up for those who faced adversity and racial discrimination especially in her African Nova Scotian community.

Her accomplishments were many. In 1944 she established the "Clarion" which was the first African Nova Scotian owned newspaper. It was here that she found her public voice and wrote many articles outlining the injustices that she saw around her. In 1952, she began a radio show entitled "The Quiet Corner" showcasing poetry and music. She herself was a poet. The Pictou Advocate hired her in 1968 to write a human rights column.



In 1974 she received the Order of Canada and in 1975 an honorary Doctorate of Law degree from St. Francis Xavier University. It was the publishing of her autobiography "That Lonesome Road" in 1977 where we get a full appreciation for this remarkable woman and the journey she took along that road of life. Dr. Carrie Best died in July of 2001, leaving her community all the better for her wisdom and dedication to human rights.



Vintage Uptown Pictures:

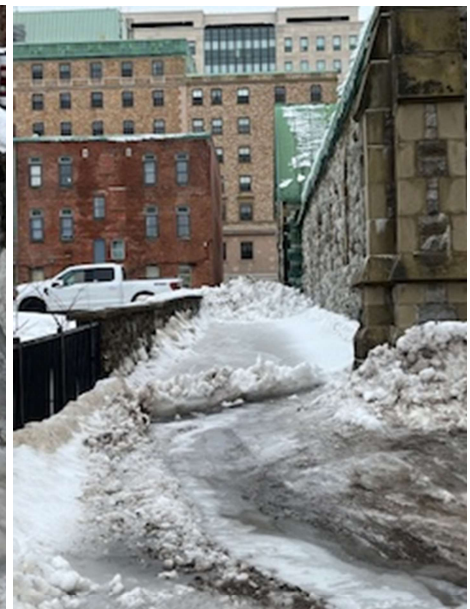


QUIGG MOTORS LTD., Mercedes Benz, Buick, Oldsmobile



Quigg Motors Rothesay Avenue 1950's

Same building decades later – Spring Works storage



This past Sunday New Brunswick and certainly Saint John and surrounding area received a right and a left blow from Mother Nature with the snow, followed by rain and freezing temperatures. Snow clearing for Trinity is a challenge at the best of times, but when you get rain weighted snow / ice it becomes almost unbearable. Monday at noon these three pictures were taken showing the north-lane totally blocked off. This was a result of the snow slipping off the copper roof coupled by the shear ice underfoot. The wall of snow / ice was more than the plow trucks could handle. Our contractor had to return to Trinity on Monday afternoon with a loader and even with this heavy construction equipment was barely able to open the north-lane.

Our contract for the winter is for both snow removal and sanding / salting. The top two pictures speak to this issue. On the left you see the once Mercedes / Plymouth dealership of Mr. Johnny Quigg (the three-quarter mile speed skating champion 1949 – and NB Sport Hall of Fame skater / businessman– retiring from competitive skating at the age of 29). I worked for Mr. Quigg the summer of 1974 detailing the new cars for the showroom floor and for new buyers back in the day. It is hard to drive bay the present building, still standing, to think of the pristine car dealership back in the mid-seventies. Fast forward to Sunday evening, the picture on the right is the same building, the former Quigg Motors – which has been repurposed into a storage building with the garage space in the back for the Spring Works equipment, spare parts, new snowplows along with the winter stock of sand & salt. This building went up in flames around 2am Monday morning with probable cause

being that of intruders. The report indicated that there were upwards of 37 firefighters on site attacking this fire originally from inside, then moved out side due to the hazardous smoke and fumes. Fortunately there were no injuries however the supply of sand & salt has been compromised for both our contractor and the Spring Works who work together on many winter contracts. Coupled with what appears to be shortage of salt as Halifax was without salt for a couple of days as well.

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 weekly who sang in the Trinity Choir over thirty plus years ago under the Organist and Choir Director Ruth Clarke.

Time to be more Canadian!



This has about as much chance of happening as Canada becoming the 51st State.

Thought it was a shot over the bow right back at the ridiculous comments coming in from the other side.

As we talked about last Sunday, it is time for our spiritual well being to strengthen our own relationships as it is with our country's well being to strengthen our European relationships as we very well need these relationships for commerce, political and our ongoing well being.

Humour

I hired a handyman and gave him a to-do list.

When I got home only items 1, 3, and 5 got done.

Turns out he only does odd jobs.

5 yr old daughter: mom, why is some of your hair white?

Me: *smiles* every time you make me sad, another hair turns white.

Daughter: *wide eyes* wow mom, what did you do to

grandma?

Had enough of winter yet?



West Leyden NY 2025 – it could be worse!

Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven