



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 27, 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.

Notice – The scheduled 40 words for Lent originally planned for Saturday March 1 has been rescheduled for Saturday March 15 – 10am thru to 3pm. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, however it has been unavoidable. We hope all can join us in two weeks.

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.

Timeline:

AGM Booklet available for distribution Sunday March 2nd

AGM Meeting Sunday March 9th immediately following the service – light lunch will be provided.

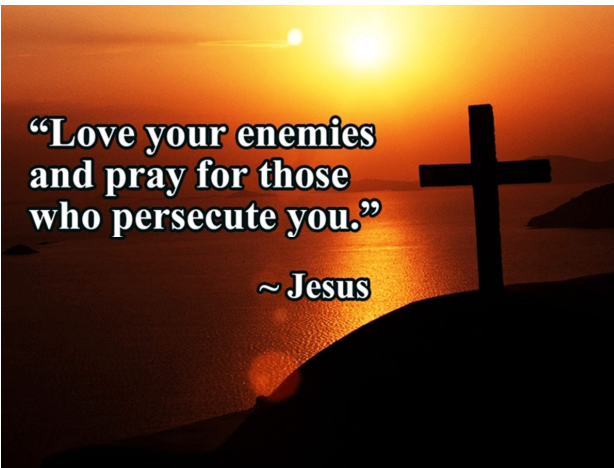
E-Offering Stewardship Option Thank you to all who are supporting Trinity through their regular stewardship, as this helps the Treasurer meet the ongoing financial needs of Trinity’s ministry. Should you wish to join the E offering program, you can do so from your home by contacting Denise at 506-693-8558 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 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany and looked at Jesus’ teachings which followed those of the Beatitudes. We are told to Love thy neighbour as thyself – Love thy enemies – Love those who do wrong to you.

The issue for us is that we have a very singular definition of Love for the most part while the Greeks had a number of words for Love which using their vocabulary helps us understand what Jesus is saying when He asks us to Love those who are not very Lovely.

The Greeks use the following: Eros = which is that passionate love we have between couples. Philia = which describes that warm affection we have towards others and / Agape = which is the benevolence towards others.



The love that Jesus is referring to is Agape where we will extend the best we can to all, even when they do not do the same towards us. In this scripture we have what know as the Golden Rule – Do unto others as we would have them do unto us. By doing this we are an extension of God’s love through our actions.

In other words, when our Lord calls us to a love that extends even to the enemy—even to those who hate us and revile us—He is calling us to the love by which He Himself loved us and the world. Christ died for sinners who hated him. He prayed for the forgiveness of those who nailed him to the cross. He never met hatred in kind but always sought to overcome it with love. This is the higher love displayed in Christ that the world simply does not know or comprehend.

Taking the higher road always – often the road less travelled – and often not the easiest of road to take. Human nature urges us to get into the ditch and battle it out ill deed for ill deed – and by this we think we get some sort of satisfaction.

We read in scripture over and over that Jesus was all for those who would turn around their lives. Right up to the end, we have that exchange in Luke’s gospel with the criminal on the cross, only one of the two with Jesus who, by recognizing Jesus for whom He truly was, was promised paradise with Jesus. We receive our Absolution within the BCP Morning Prayer service, where I say in part, “Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live ...” Speaks about His overall desire be there for us and never against us.

As hard as it may be, for our better health, we need to always try to lean towards loving our neighbour or our so-called enemy as any other option will cost us dearly.

Message Focus – Identify the type of Love that Jesus is speaking of – being that of benevolence

Call to Action – Try to take the higher road always – resist in joining in the fray of the issue

This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will be looking at the Transfiguration and why this event was pivotable to Jesus coming days.

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 Anglican Church of Burundi, the Most Rev Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop. Council of the North, Diocese of Athabasca, Bishop David Greenwood, clergy and people, as they seek to make the Anglican presence in Northern Alberta a vibrant and living one. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, their new Metropolitan and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Fort Nelson (BC): St. Mary Magdalene; Toad River, Alaska Highway, Mile 150-506, the Ven Walter Kagura, the Rev Glen Gough, licensed lay minister Mark Tudor. 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, Shirley Shaw, Winston Wilson, Ann Campion, Frank Rodgers, Jason Doucette (Cancer), Mary Quartely, Denis Langevin (Stroke)

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 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.

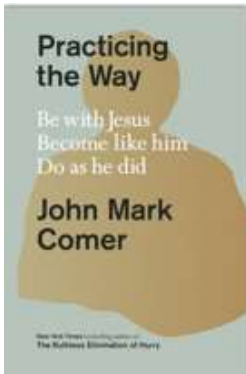
You are invited to Trinity's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper – menu – Pancakes, Sausage, home made beans, Gingerbread c/w Whip Cream – Tea and Coffee.

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 online 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

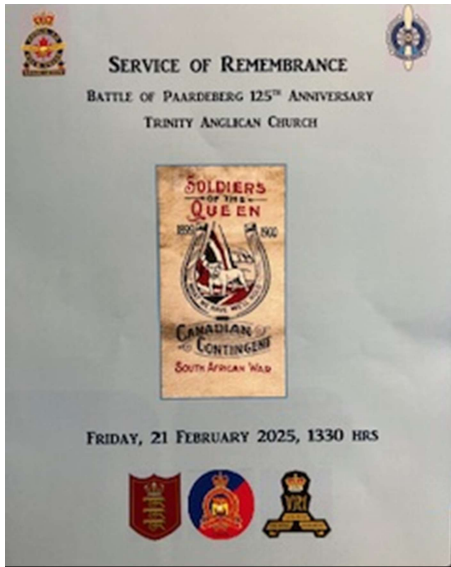
Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Mar 2	Transfiguration Sunday	BCP HC	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:	Rev Steven Scribner
Mar 5	Ash Wednesday	BCP HC	Joel 2:1-2,12-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Rev Steven Scribner
Mar 9	1 st Sunday in Lent AGM	BCP MP	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:6-13 Luke 4:1-13	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:



- Mar 1 – 40 Words of Lent – Saturday 10am – 3pm **Rescheduled to Saturday March 15th**
- 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 – **40 Words of Lent - Saturday 10am – 3pm**
- Mar 20-22 - Spring Tide Shantymfest
- 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



On Friday February 21st Trinity hosted the 125th Anniversary service of the Battle of Paardeberg – of the Boer War 1899-1900. We owe a great thanks to Harold Wright for his organization of this very worthy memorial service. In the words of the Minister of Veteran's Affairs 1960 Alfred J. Brooks stated that "Paardeberg Day is an anniversary comparable to Vimy Ridge of the Battle of Britain."

Fourteen New Brunswickers died during the Battle of Paardeberg and the Boer War. The Honour Roll was read with a representative reading a short biography of each – providing a very personal reference for each of the fallen.

Private Montrose Clinton Chappell
Trooper Gordon Cummings
Private Melvin Gotro
Captain Charles Frederick Harrison
Private Russell Cripps Hubley
Private Joseph Marshall Johnston
Private Patrick H. McCreary
Trooper Edward L. Mullins
Trooper Thomas Lansdowne Patton
Doctor Nelson Oswald Price
Private Jacob Boyd Scott

Staff Sergeant Harry Albert Wetmore
Corporal Frederick William Withers

The two soldiers' biographies honoured on the Trinity South Africa Memorial are included below.

Corporal Frederick William Withers Great Great Grand nephew Officer Cadett Connor Withers read his biography.

Corporal Frederick William Withers had previous militia service with the 3rd (NB) Regiment, Canadian Artillery for six years prior to his Boer War enlistment. Born in Saint John in 1871, Frederick worked as a machinist with the Maritime Nail Works. Apparently, he was ill the night before the battle for Cronje's Laager at Paardeberg, but he insisted on going into the fight. He was killed in action with G Company, Royal Canadian Regiment on 27 February 1900. He was buried at the Vendusiedrift Gardend n of Remembrance (Paardeberg).

Private Joseph Marshall Johnston - The Royal NB Regiment presented the biography of Private Joseph Marshall Johnston had previous militia service with the 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusilers which he joined in 1898. He was born in the former City of Portland, N.B. in 1877. Joseph worked on the railway at the time of his enlistment. He was killed in action at the Battle of Paardeberg on 27 February 1900 as a member of G Company, Royal Canadian Regiment. He was buried at the Vendusiedrift Garden of Remembrance Paardeberg.

The presentation was recorded and uploaded on Trinity's U Tube platform for all to access.

Heritage Fair – February 22 – Organized by David Goss and Harold E. Wright



The 2nd annual Heritage (Mini) Fair was a huge success. The fair welcomed many from all walks of life and there was lots of time for one-on-one conversation with the presenters. I personally enjoyed time talking with Melynda Jarratt, BA, MA Curator with the New Brunswick Military History Museum which is located at Base Gagetown. Our conversation was enhancing our knowledge on John Joseph Weatherhead, who is listed on Trinity's Honor Roll for WWII. The NB Military History Museum

It is wonderful that we have so many interested in not only keeping our history alive, but also in enhancing the sources and this happens by such events as these, Heritage Fairs.

Thank you, David and Harold, for making this day happen.

Hot Air Balloons During the War



The New Brunswick Historical Society's February Speakers Series hosted Saint John historian Harold E. Wright in presenting the use of Hot Air Balloons during War along with New Brunswick's connections to the Boer and the US Civil Wars.

The presentation was recorded and uploaded on Trinity's U Tube platform for all to access.

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



7th Trinity Speakers Dinner
Annual

HUMOUR & WISDOM
MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH IS NO JOKE

An evening with:



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

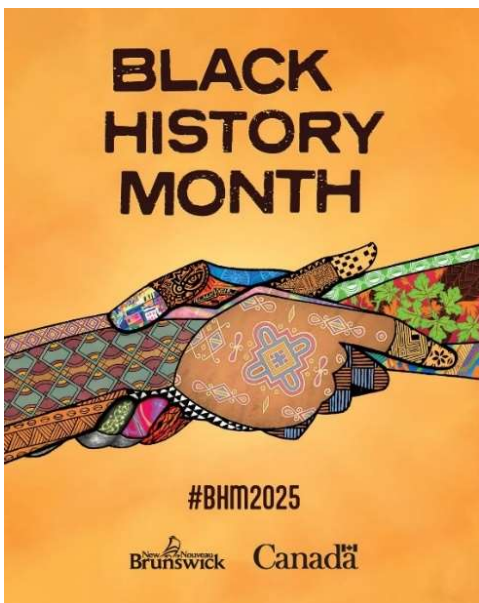
Wednesday 30th April, 2025
6pm for 7pm
at the Union Club, 125 Germain St
Tickets: \$150
Sponsors: \$750
(Includes one ticket)

Reservations
E-transfer: trinsj@nb.aibn.com
Please include: Trinity dinner


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

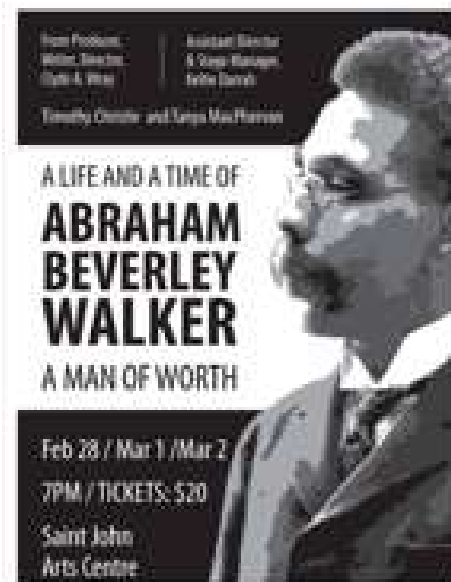


BLACK HISTORY MONTH



#BHM2025

New Brunswick Canada



From Program: Walter, Michael, Glenn & Peter Assistant Director & Stage Manager: John Darrin

Trinity Centre and Tanya MacPherson

A LIFE AND A TIME OF
ABRAHAM BEVERLEY WALKER
A MAN OF WORTH

Feb 28 / Mar 1 / Mar 2
7PM / TICKETS: \$20
Saint John Arts Centre

The Ultimate Result of Mechanical Failure on the High Seas



The recent grounding of the MSC Baltic III on Newfoundland's west coast on February 15th is reminiscent of the 1981 grounding of the MV OPAL here in Saint John.

The Baltic's stern is wedged into the seabed with 75% of the hull is now on the seabed. The vessel has cracks and holes in the hull and looks like the ship's back is broken – as there appears to be a bend mid ship. No pollution has been reported to date.

The Opal was a 6,000-ton cargo ship which similarly suffered mechanical failure while navigating the Bay of Fundy near Saint John during high winds and rough seas. The ship was under tow towards Saint John harbour when the tow line broke and the ship was driven ashore by the powerful waves resting the ship on the shore near Red Head.

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. Thank you, David Goss for these two pictures.

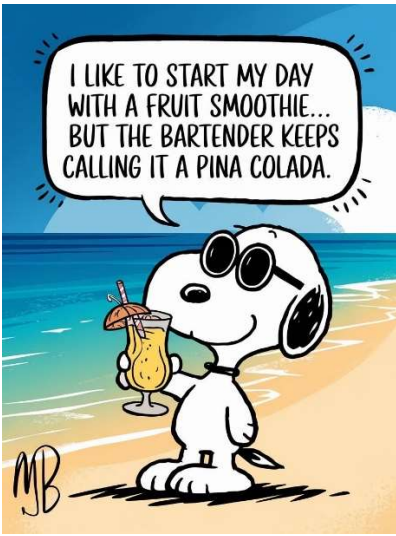
Can we check our old photos for pictures of past choirs and Organists / Choir Directors.

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.



Items of our past- How many of these did you have. For me the top four and my uncle let me use his Viewfinder and the for-runner to the Rubik's Cube.

Humour:



Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven