



## TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 6, 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 a very happy birthday this week to Lorraine Hamm. We hope your special day is made even more special with family and friends sharing the day with you.

**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:

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.



**The Chiming & Timing into the Future Campaign** has officially ended as of January 31, 2025. Thanks to the Campaign Chair and Co-Chair, Kyle Wells and Jennifer Waldschutz along with their inventive approach to unique and exciting fundraising activities and most of all to you, the supporters of this 2024 capital initiative. By the success of this campaign the restoration of the Trinity Clock and the Twelve Bell Carillon have been brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century technologically wise. There will be a full report tabled at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> immediately following Sunday Worship. By your collective leadership and support, Trinity has secured two of the most iconic features of the ‘new’ Trinity (1880) for future generations. Well done all!

**Last Sunday at Trinity:** Last Sunday Trinity celebrated The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany and



**The Presentation of the Lord.** Trinity welcomed back The New Dawn Players under the direction of Rick Larder. This group by name originated with the onset of L’ARCHE coming to Saint John back in 2000 and in the present cast of actors, Margaret Boyer who played Jesus’ mother in this Sunday’s mime, “**Water? No, it’s Wine?**” is the only original cast member dating back to the founding of this group.

The mime was centred on Jesus' first miracle, changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana as we read in the Gospel Luke 2:1-11 back on Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>. This was Jesus' first miracle where His mother, Mary asked Him to help out the bridegroom as it became apparent that the host was running out of wine for the party. The actors' expressions during the mime accentuated the story lines immensely providing pause and causing the congregation time for reflection on what was truly happening with each line of the scripture that otherwise is quickly read.

Trinity was very proud to have one of our own, Mark Gamblin as one of the New Dawn Players performers pictured in the first picture, second from the left. Also of note, the lady who played Jesus' mother, Margaret Boyer is Jim McKenna's next-door neighbour in East Riverside and she and her whole family join us each year for Christmas morning service here at Trinity. And as mentioned in the Newsletter last week, the New Dawn Players completed their 103<sup>rd</sup> performance this past Sunday at Trinity. What a remarkable ministry!

At Communion, as Susanne Sutton, Trinity's Layreader and myself were going down to offer communion to one of the performers, she said quietly to me, "It is not every day, you get to serve communion to Jesus." You see the lady we were going to serve played the part of Jesus in the mime. How fitting this comment was when you remember scripture where Jesus says in Matthew 25:40, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it to Me". I believe this saying could well be extended to this situation as well. For certain this experience will remain with me for my lifetime.

Our thanks go out to Rick Larder and his whole team of supporters and performers for bringing us at Trinity the first miracle of Jesus changing the water into wine 'mime'.

**This Sunday at Trinity** This Sunday Trinity will be touching on Simon Peter's statement to Jesus where he said, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Do we struggle at feeling worthy of our Lord's grace?

## 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.

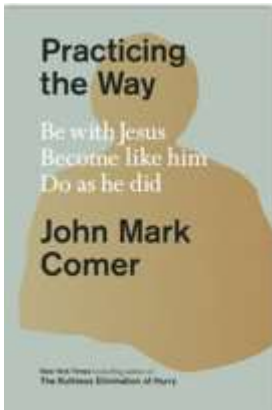
**Anglican Cycle of Prayer** The Anglican Church of Australia, the Most Rev Geoffrey Smith, Primate. Diocese of Québec, Bishop Bruce Myers. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Watson Lake: St. John the Baptist; Swift River, Upper Liard and Lower Post; licensed lay minister Dr. Tim Liverton. 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, Neil Patterson, Michael Rickett (open heart surgery), 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.**

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](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 9	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	BCP HC	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Rev. Steven Scribner
Feb 16	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	BCP MP	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 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

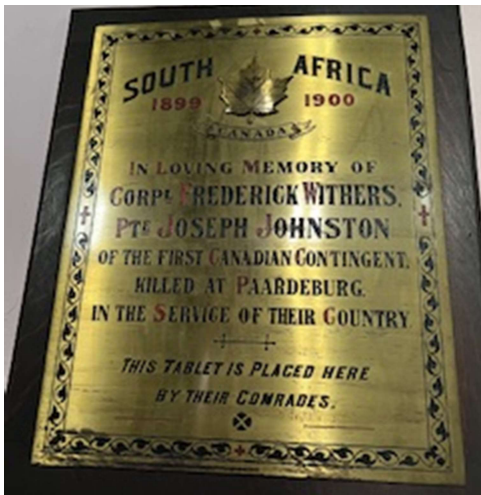
## Winter Season at Trinity in a Glance



- 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 – 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 Shantyfest
- 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

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

**E-transfer:** trinsj@rib.aibn.com  
Please remark: Trinity dinner

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.

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 10 tickets available with the preference to go to Trinity Parishioners – The tickets not reserved by February 10<sup>th</sup> will be made available to all interested parties.**

**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.

I have set up with Mr. Rick C. Benson, B.A. B.Ed, M.A. Licensed Counselling Therapist, Grief Loss & Life Transitions, Spiritual Health Counsellor / Educator, Author / Speaker to offer a two-day session which will cover many areas we all find challenging to navigate when life throws us those curve balls

### 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?**
- 5.

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)**  
**Session 2      Saturday February 15, 2025 10am – 3pm (light lunch will be provided)**

Registration is required with a fee of \$40 to secure your participation for the two-session program. Registration will be limited to a maximum of sixteen (16). **Currently there are eight registered to attend. Please do not let this opportunity pass you by.** Place Bennett Room Trinity Centre

The workshop will cross a number of topics that Rick has included in his book, My Chaos – Searching for my new normal - and he presently has 5 hard cover copies at \$29 each, and 1 soft cover copies at \$25. Indigo has a number of in store copies or one can buy through Indigo online and shipped free to the store. Also available through Amazon.ca. **It's OK to not be OK**

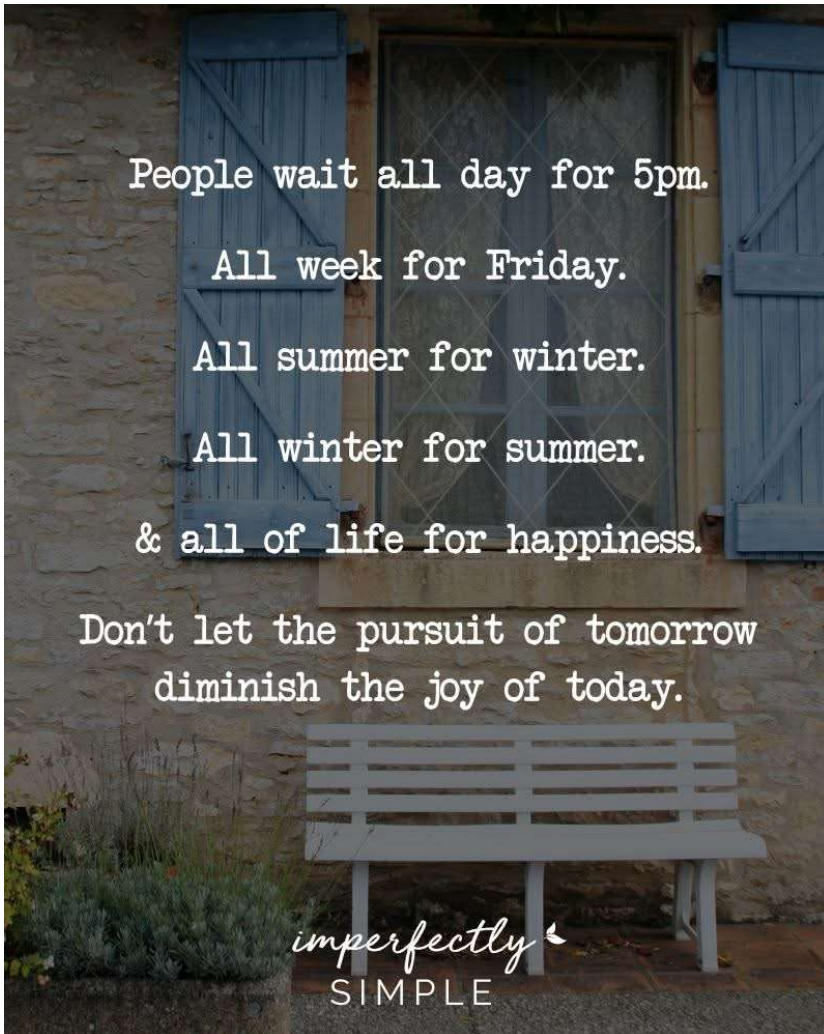
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## Thoughts to Ponder



### A Little Mixup

Just a line to say I'm living  
That I'm not among the dead  
Though I'm getting more forgetful  
And more mixed up in my head.

For sometimes, I can't remember  
When I stand at the foot of the stair  
If I must go up for something  
Or I've just come down from there.

And before the "fridge" so often  
My mind is filled with doubt  
Have I just put food away or  
Have I come to take some out?

And there's times when it's dark out  
With my nightcap on my head  
I don't know if I'm retiring  
Or just getting out of bed.

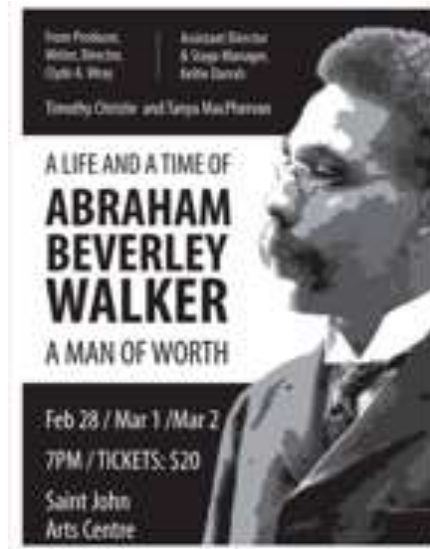
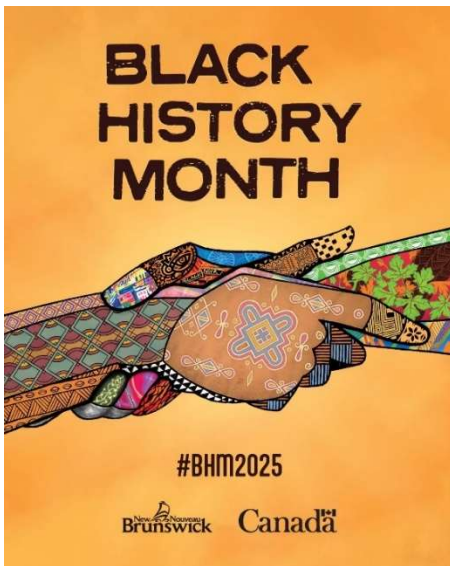
So, if it's my turn to write you  
There's no need for getting sore  
I may think that I've written  
And don't want to be a bore.

So, remember that I love you  
And wish that you were here  
But now it's nearly mail time  
So, I must say "Goodbye, dear."

There I stood beside the mailbox  
With a face so very red  
Instead of mailing you my letter  
I have opened it instead...

(Author Unknown)  
(a note Heather's Grandmother had in her files)





I truly love all the history of our great country and in particular that of our great city. It is not without its' embarrassing moments and the injustice of our past, our ancestors and yes, our church – the Church of England of which we are a member of. The hope and prayers of all of us is that we learn from our past so that never ever will we tread on those same paths in our future.

It was only a few years ago that the name Abraham Beverley Walker came on my radar. And much of this was in the movement

to have a grave marker placed on his grave in the Church of England Cemetery which is located on the right side of Thorne Avenue as you pass what was once the Canadian Tire Store – now storage rental space. Abraham Beverley Walker, lawyer & journalist was born August 23, 1851 and died April 21, 1909. He was New Brunswick's first back lawyer and the first black lawyer born in what is now Canada. You can pick up tickets to one of the performances depicting Abraham Beverley Walker – note above advertisement.

Notes from Kelly VanBuskirk on the subject of Black History Month. Kelly was in the company of Peter Little this past week who is a historian and biographer along with Dr. Tim Christie who plays Walker in the theatre production noted above. They had discussions on all things A B Walker as well as the efforts of Walker in his day to address racism in North America. This interview can be accessed; <https://go.screenpal.com/watch/cTnn22nfK74>.

## What do we do with the unfairness of this world we live in?



This past week we all had reason to question the fairness in this world when we heard of the tragic accident where sixty-seven precious souls perished in the freezing Potomac.

Then a couple of days later we were shocked by the medivac plane that crashed returning a young boy and his mother from the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia.

How do we even come to grips with the pain, the suffering and the loss that is experienced by all those families, workmates and the first responders and investigators who have the task to continue to work on these and other accidents.



I just heard one way in which we can embrace what has happened and find some peace so I thought I would share it. The person shared her thoughts, and it was through the Beatles song titled 'Let it Be' which Paul McCartney wrote. Paul McCartney was only fourteen when his mother, Mary, died. He has said she came to him in a dream and said, "Let it BE". He goes on to say, "it is up to you what these words mean to you".

The lyrics of this song are this.

### Let It Be

Song by [Paul McCartney](#)

When I find myself in times of trouble  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be  
And in my hour of darkness  
She is standing right in front of me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Oh, let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

When the broken hearted people  
Living in the world agree  
There will be an answer, let it be  
For though they may be parted  
There is still a chance that they will see  
There will be an answer, let it be

Oh, let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Yes, there will be an answer, let it be  
Oh, let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be  
Oh, let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
There will be an answer, let it be

And when the night is cloudy  
There is still a light that shines on me  
Shine until tomorrow, let it be  
I wake up to the sound of music  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
There will be an answer, let it be  
Oh, let it be, won't you let it be, let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be  
Oh now let it be

**Let our thoughts and prayers for all those precious souls continue and let our love for the human race be enough.**

## Vintage Uptown Pictures:

# Rare Georgian farmhouse 'stuff

By **GEORGE NIKIDES**  
The Evening Times-Globe

The two-storey, white farmhouse was once the home of James Quinton, the first British subject born in New Brunswick.

And 1260 Manawagonish Road marks the site of the Battle of Quinton's Cornfield, a short but crucial skirmish that repulsed American invaders in 1778.

That's some of the historical ammunition the city's heritage board is hoping

will sway Common Council and city residents to rally around a 180-year-old West Side farmhouse, one of Saint John's few remaining examples of Georgian architecture.

In a 27-page study released yesterday, the Preservation Review Board outlines with maps, photographs and diagrams why the building should be saved.

"This is rich stuff," Nick Hill, the city's heritage planner, said in an interview. "This is the real stuff of legend and of New Brunswick history."

The farmhouse was built about 1810

by the Quintons, a family that moved to New Brunswick from New Hampshire in 1762. Hugh Quinton trekked here on snowshoes with 12 other settlers.

First meant to serve as an inn, the farmhouse became the Quinton's home. Earlier this century it was the roost of MLA James Quinton.

Stella Hall, a descendent of the Quintons, sold 1260 Manawagonish in December to developer Manford Thompson. Thompson plans to build garden homes on the property and says he's open to selling the farmhouse separate-

## f of legend, history'

ly. "It's a house of exceptional architectural interest and historic value," Hill said. "It's a very important piece of New Brunswick history."

The board estimates Saint John is home to only about six other Georgian-style buildings, an architectural form popular in England from 1790 to 1830.

Last night Common Council agreed to begin the process of protecting the building — hearings will follow to find out if neighbors think the farmhouse is worth designating as a heritage area.

Hill said the building could be spruced up for as little as \$15,000 for plumbing, electrical and heating work. The two-storey wooden farmhouse is in good shape despite its age, he said.

Councillor Joe Coughlan said the study should be made available to Quinton Heights residents, who in the fall rejected a project that would have restored the farmhouse.

Stephen Bedford, the city planning director, said the city would make "as much information as possible" available to residents.



I came across this vintage newspaper article on Facebook the other day as I was on the ferry putting in time. I always gaze at this house as I pass by somewhat frequently in my city travels. So, I took a drive over while on the West Side on Monday and snapped this picture. Then I read another article on the same home which spoke of Common Council's conditional alignment with the developer should the house not be sold — with the area residents and half short of one on council inline against the developer from tearing down the house for further garden-home development. Well, the years have certainly passed and as you can see, the home is in fine form for the present time.

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# The Evening Times-Globe

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MON. FEB. 20 '77 14 PAGES IN TWO SECTIONS SAINT JOHN'S, N.F. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1976 PRICE 15 CENTS

## Mayor Declares 'Disaster'

# This Storm Spared No One

## City Blacked Out, Several Roofs Off



Street poles along uppermost Union Street snapped

A violent rainstorm, packing winds of more than 100 miles per hour, pelted Saint John yesterday tearing shops from their moorings, ripping off roofs, blowing out windows, toppling trees and hydro and telephone poles.

Virtually no one escaped the brunt of the storm, which halted power service all over the city, cut transportation, and reduced telephone service to an emergency level only.

Although no official estimate of damage is expected for several days, the tally is expected to run into the millions of dollars in the city. Hampton RCMP said one man believed fishing on the Antigonish River is missing.

**Cable Test**  
Thousands of miles of twisted copper wires were blown away in Saint John's during the storm. The city's telephone system, which is a vital lifeline to the city, was completely out of service. The city's power lines were also downed, leaving the city in a state of total darkness. The storm also caused several roofs to be blown off buildings, and many trees were uprooted. The damage was widespread and the cleanup is expected to take several days.

See also Pages 2, 5, 19, 20, 21, 23

## School Tomorrow? They Don't Know

Whether or not the school will be open tomorrow is still a question mark. The school board is still trying to determine the extent of the damage to the school buildings. The school board is still trying to determine the extent of the damage to the school buildings. The school board is still trying to determine the extent of the damage to the school buildings.

## Churches With Generators Give Warmth

Churches in Saint John's are providing a place of warmth for the homeless and those who have lost their homes. The churches are providing a place of warmth for the homeless and those who have lost their homes. The churches are providing a place of warmth for the homeless and those who have lost their homes.

# Wind Shears Off Roof Of Moncton City Hall

The roof of Moncton City Hall was sheared off by the wind during the storm. The damage was extensive and the cleanup is expected to take several days. The city is still trying to determine the extent of the damage to the city hall.

Where were you on the morning of February 2, 1976? The day that will be forever remembered in Saint John as the Ground Hog Gale.

I was just starting the machinist apprenticeship block release training module No 2 – registration day when all was cancelled. I then drove out to Milledgeville North High School and picked up my sister and Heather and drove them home. With the city out of power for days, many homes were freezing up by the hour. That evening. I remember my father calling my grandfather in the middle of the night, waking up a mid eighties fellow and telling him that he was coming out to pick up the oil stove that he had in his back shop to heat our home on Millidge Avenue. I remember that earie drive out to Quispamsis at 2am through the aftermath of the storm's destruction. Then it was a couple of days fixing plumbing leaks for our selves and neighbours as the power was being reinstated and water / heating leaks presented themselves. Heather's family were over at our home for the early part of this event, as with the oil stove, we had it fairly comfortable compared to others at the time.



## 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.



**Inner City Youth Ministry -ICYM** – Pictured here is Samantha Stordy from Irving Oil Ltd. and Bonnie Hunt, Director of ICYM. Irving Oil has over the past years arranged for the shipping cooler bags to be picked up from the dozen or more schools in our city and returned to the Lunch Program for the next days shipments. They were unable to continue this support, however Irving Oil Ltd. is seen here presenting ICYM with \$5,000 in Irving Oil gas cards which ICYM will distribute to the volunteers who are picking up this task on a weekly basis. As Chair of ICYM I do get to see the many generous supporters in this city and beyond that continually support the great work done by two staff members and a huge number of volunteers. Trinity has been a founding member of ICYM and provides an annual financial support of \$6,000 along with Linda Webb, board

member & volunteer and me as Chair working with Rev. Jasmine Chandra as Co-Chair, Erin Rideout, Ben Gillcrist, secretary and Kath Grant, treasurer.

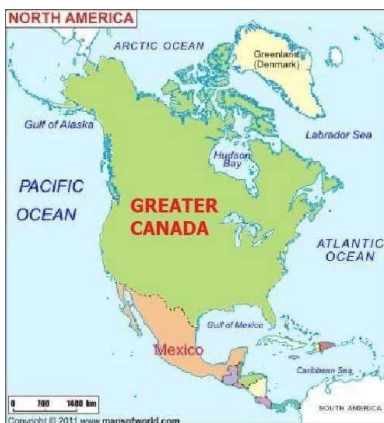
## Not so funny!



**6 Weeks more of Winter** As we mentioned on Sunday, the Ground Hog saw his shadow on Sunday morning – so superstition has it – we have another 6 weeks of winter. Shubenacadie Sam, our Canadian groundhog who resides in the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park in the town of Shubenacadie NS also saw his (her) shadow. I heard that he is a she and she is Samantha now. You see back in 2021, this seven-year-old female groundhog assumed the prediction duties.

**Any Road will Do!** - Who needs an airport in Northern Ontario? Certainly

not this pilot. Many years ago, Heather and I were returning to Saint John from visiting her grandmother in Atikokan ON – north-west of Thunder Bay ON when we saw a small private prop plane heading west lining up to the highway we were driving on heading east. Shortly after we heard on the radio that the pilot had to make an emergency landing on Highway xx. Thank goodness for straight sections of highway and no potholes in Northern ON.



**Humour Canada Declares War on USA!** (I came across this piece of NFLD humor – for the second time and thought it was amusing to say the least)

President Trump was in the Oval Office when his telephone rang.

“Hello, President Trump” a heavy accented voice said. “This is Archie, up ‘ere at the Harp Seal Pub in Badger’s Cove, Newfoundland, Canada, eh? I am callin’ to tells ya dat we are officially declaring war on ya!”

“Well, Archie,” Trump said, “This is indeed important news! How big is your army?”

“Right now,” said Archie, after a moment’s calculation “der is myself, me cousin Harold, me next-door neighbor Mick, and the whole dart team from the pub. That makes eight!”

Trump paused. “I must tell you Archie that I have one million men in my army waiting to move on my command.”

“Wow” said Archie. “I’ll hafta call ya back!”

Sure enough, the next day, Archie called again. “Mr. Trump, the war is still on! We have managed to acquire some infantry equipment! We have two combines, a bulldozer and Harry’s farm tractor.”

President Trump sighed. "I must tell you Archie, that I have 16,000 tanks and 14,000 armored personnel carriers. Also, I've increased my army to one and a half million men since we last spoke."

"Lord above" said Archie, "I'll be getting back to ya."

Sure enough, Archie rang again the next day. "President Trump, the war is still on! We have managed to git ourselves airborne! We up and modified Harrigans' ultra-light wit a couple of shot guns in the cockpit and four boys from the Legion have joined us as well."

Trump was silent for a minute and then cleared his throat. "I must tell you Archie that I have 10,000 bombers and 20,000 fighter planes. My military complex is surrounded by laser-guided surface-to-air missile sites. And since we last spoke, I've increased my army to TWO Million!"

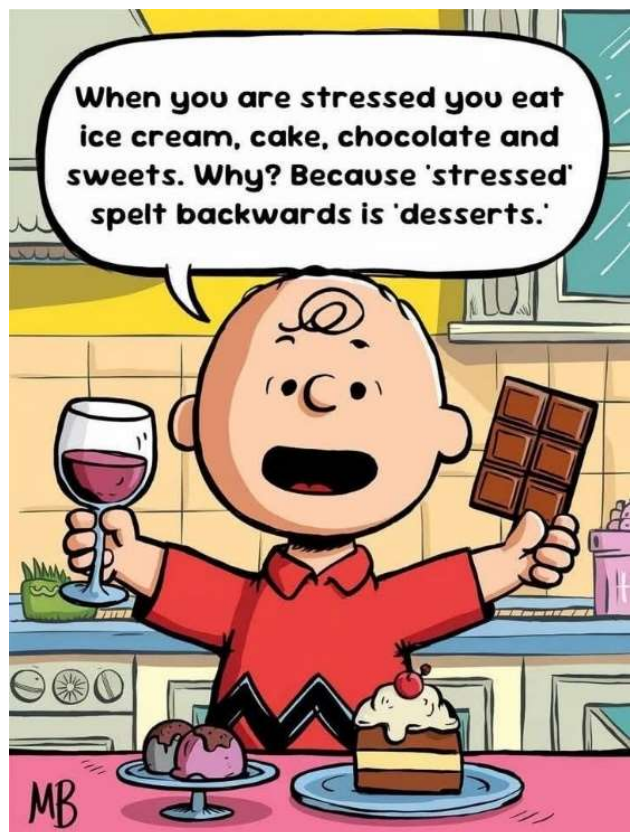
"Jumpins, Lord tunderin! Two million, ye say!" said Archie. "I'll hafta call youse back."

Sure enough, Archie called again the next day. "President Trump! I am sorry to have to tell you dat we have had to call off dis 'ere war."

"I'm sorry to hear that," said Trump. "Why the sudden change of heart?"

"Well, sir," said Archie, "we've all sat ourselves down, and had a long chat over a bunch of pints, and come to realize dat dere's no way we can feed two million prisoners."

God Bless Newfoundland! Canada's Confidence Cannot Be Shaken.





**Buddy** (the name the Kennel owners gave him – real name was Buster Brown – but they chose Buddy) and I watching the Jets win another game.

He is more of a lap dog than our other three were, he being half the size and weight and cannot get enough of human attention which is why the Kennel owners offered him up for adoption.

Buddy was one of eleven, and they could not meet his need for affection along with the other ten. He is constantly around Heather and chooses me as a default when Heather is not around.

We have had him nearly a month now and it seems much longer. Buddy has almost got us trained.

**Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven**