

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 20, 2025

## TRINITY CHURCH A Warm – Thriving – Christian Community

**We are on Facebook! We invite you to “like” us!**

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityChurchUptownSJ>

**Our Parish Events Calendar is available on our Webpage!** <http://trinitysj.com>

*You are receiving this weekly Trinity Newsletter as you are a member of the Trinity family. Should you not wish to receive this, please indicate by return e mail.*

*Photo Credit – Uptown Saint John*

**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.



### St. Patrick followers alive and well at

**Trinity on Sunday:** Trinity celebrated St. Patrick’s Day a day early – what troupers they are to party hardy a day early! Thanks to all who made this after-service social memorable. Spencer and his Irish choir broke into a number of Irish ditties and all chiming in with such favourites as; Danny Boy, Galway Bay, Irish Lullaby, Molly Malone, My Wild Irish Rose and When Irish Eyes are Smiling.

The Irish treats were enjoyed by all present. Thanks to all who help make Sunday another welcoming event for all of us.

### Irish PROVERB



*A good laugh & a long sleep are the two best cares for anything.*

May your troubles be less,  
And your blessing be more.  
And nothing but happiness,  
Come through your door.

Irish Blessing







Your Trinity family wishes to extend a very happy birthday to Andrew Waldschutz, Catherine Hutchinson, Melita Freeze and Jacqueline Oland. We sincerely hope you have a wonderful day with your family and friends making memories for the years to come. Happy Birthday!

**E-Offering Stewardship Option** Thank you to all who are supporting Trinity through their regular stewardship, as this helps the Treasurer meet the ongoing financial needs of Trinity's ministry. Should you wish to join the E offering program, you can do so from your home by contacting Denise at 506-693-8558 or through the church email, [trinsj@nb.aibn.com](mailto:trinsj@nb.aibn.com). Trinity has currently 19 parishioners utilizing the E Offering option for ongoing stewardship. Thank you for your continued support.

**Last Sunday at Trinity:** Last Sunday Trinity celebrated the Second Sunday of Lent and we honored St. Patrick. We often these days love the celebration of St. Patrick as it is a day, March 17<sup>th</sup> to frequent our most-loved bars and restaurants wearing our rarely worn green apparel.

St. Patrick's story, one that most may not have heard or have since forgotten, dates back to his birth in the year 387 to a faithful family, having a father who was a Deacon and being a grandson of a Presbyterian – yet his



life went off in a different direction. He was carried off by pirates at the age of sixteen, sold to a heathen prince in Ireland who put him to work as a livestock handler. He lived this marginal life for some six years and it was during this time of isolation, that he grew in his prayer life. So much so, he, through a dream, changed his lot in life. As a result of his early life, he missed his formal education, and what some might think this would be his weakness became his strength as he focused upon his prayer life with the pagan kings.

As bishop he aligned himself with the theology of Paul and King David the Psalmist in that he was passionate about the extent of God's reign being of the whole of His creation. He used the three-leaf clover to visually explain the Trinity – asking if what they see is one leaf or three – to which they respond as both. It is both, the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit at the same time it is God. Three persons in one.

Luke's gospel for us on Sunday continued on theme I focused upon as being that of the interrupter we talked about the week prior with the 40 days and 40 nights in the desert. During this Lent, can we use this Lenten Season as an interrupter in our lives so that we take some much-needed time to focus upon ourselves, our own spiritual health. In doing so are we like Jesus who at times feel there are threats yet still speak out or do we keep ourselves quiet knowing our voice would matter. Jesus took His orders from His Father and we take ours from Jesus' teachings.

**Message Focus** – As St. Patrick had a sorted front end of life – the least likely may well become Saints

**Call to Action** – For us to use our voice and our actions consistent to what Jesus would have done.



**King Charles III** – On Sunday Trinity officially accepted the official portrait of King Charles III. We wish to thank Kyle Wells and Susanne Sutton for making this a reality for Trinity.

Heavenly Father, as we prepare to receive this portrait of King Charles III. May we pray that his Majesty be filled with courage and comfort in the time of his reign as our King.

May we entrust him to you, the creator of all, to bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all members of the Royal family.

Grant them wisdom and discernment in their leadership, strength to face challenges and peace in their hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

We followed this with all singing the Royal Anthem – God Save the King.

**This Sunday at Trinity** This Sunday we will celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent and look at the option during this Lenten Season to turn around or take a different road in life.

## 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

**Prayers for Russia** – We pray for all those in Russia who have been affected by this ongoing war of Ukraine. For the lives lost, the families torn apart and for those Ukrainians who reside in Russia along with Viktoriia and Alex and their boys. We ask for their continued safety, a speedy resolve to this unjust attack and for a lasting peace between these two countries. 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** La Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, the Most Rev Juan David Alvarado Melgar, Primate. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces Nigel Shaw and all military chaplains. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries and all diocesan education and formation. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

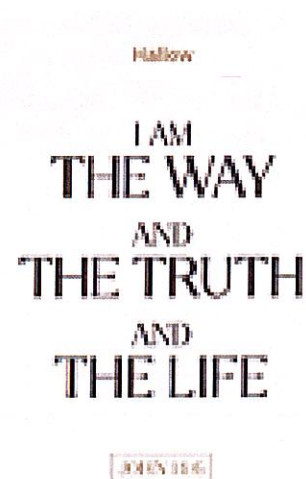
**Prayer for Israel and Palestine** –we pray for the current peace actions and the safe release of those taken captive. We hold both communities in our prayers as they commence rebuilding their lives and that the peace presently experiencing will live on. Amen

**Prayer for Canada, Mexico and the United States** – We pray for a resolve to the ensuing economic war being launched against Canada and Mexico which will also involve the United States in response. We ask for the calming of the rhetoric and power influences that appear to be fueling this initiative and a return to these countries working in harmony for the better of the world.

**Parish Prayer Requests** Arthur Kristoffersen, Katie Kassner, Shirley Shaw, Winston Wilson, Ann Campion, Frank Rodgers

**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.

Thoughts to live by:





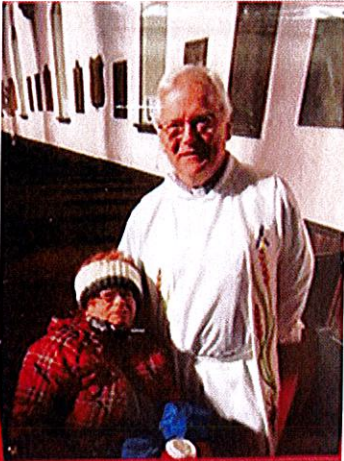
The Lenten Book, Practicing the Way, author spoke to Jesus' words; I am the WAY, and the TRUTH and the LIFE and in doing so emphasised it as such,

I am the WAY = being His lifestyle

I am the TRUTH = being His teaching

I am the LIFE = being life with God Himself.

## What if you had the opportunity to offer Jesus Communion?

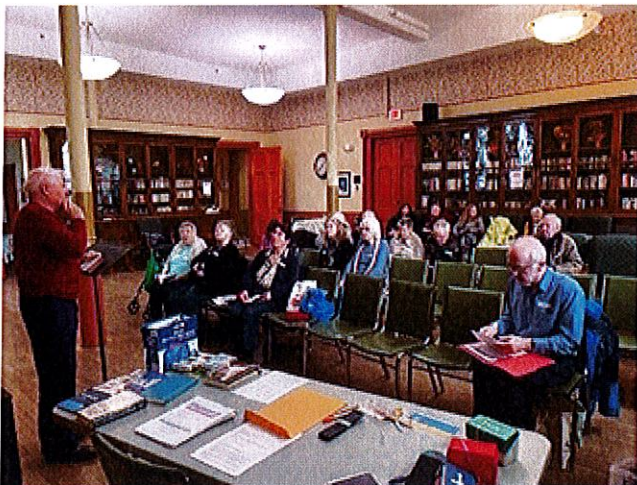


Well, that is just what actually happened on Sunday, February 2, 2025 – in a way. You see on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> we at Trinity were please to have the New Dawn Players under the direction of Rick Larder who presented their Mime titled Water? No, It's Wine?! Donna Thompson, pictured here played the all-important role that being Jesus.

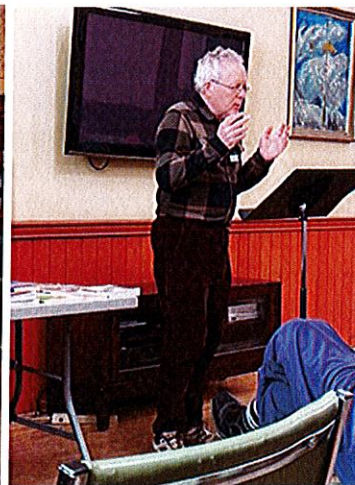
During Communion as Susanne Sutton and myself were about to serve Donna, Susanne remarked, "you are about to serve Jesus communion". What a great reminder for me and for us, "as you do for the least of these, you do unto me"

Rick Larder presented me with this picture the other day marking this day we had with his team of performers of which Mark Gamblin from our parish is one.

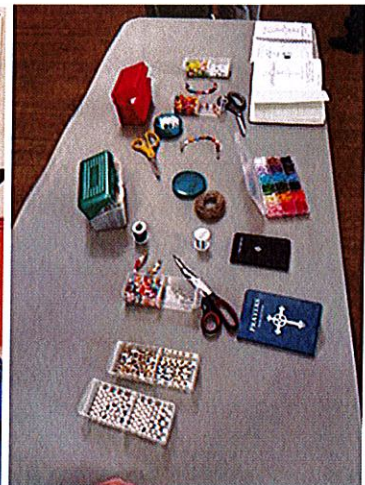
## Examining The 40 Words Of Lent:



Session kick off with David Goss

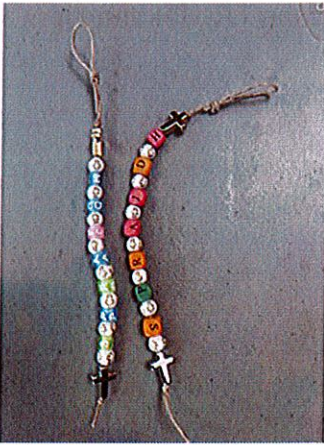


Chris Wanamaker



Prayer Bead Table

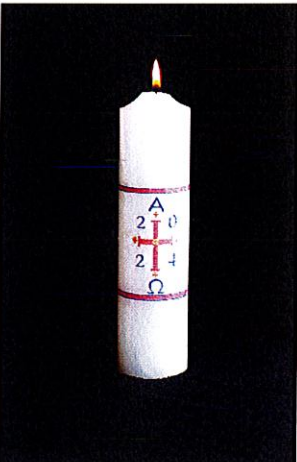




On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, David Goss lead some twenty-three Trinity parishioners and guests through a program of **Examining the Forty Words Of Lent**. He was assisted by Kyle Wells, Rev. Ed Powell, Rev. Jasmine Chandra, Rev. Steven Scribner, Christopher Wanamaker and Willow Edwards who each spoke on a specific word selected; **Repent, Holy, Suffering, Grief, New, and Lament**. There was time for the presentation, thoughtful questions and reflection. The morning started off with the Litany from the BCP followed by several of the presentations with prayers at lunchtime. Donna Goss provided a lovely hot lunch for all which was thoroughly enjoyed – thank you Donna for your culinary delights. Following lunch we had the final two presentations.

This program moved into a craft activity which for most of us, was something new. We had the materials supplied by David Goss to make our own Prayer Beads. One could use the different colors, objects and or letters to create a personal string of Prayer Beads which would be helpful as a Prayer Aid when entering into prayer. The photo of the two Prayer Beads has the initials of my family, one by one – reminding me to pray for each one as I go down from top to bottom. Thank you, David for bringing this very meaningful idea to our Lenten Retreat.

## Planning for the Finale!



This may seem odd to find in this weekly Newsletter however I continue to be brought into conversations with regard to planning ones' funeral. More often than nought it is when the person in question is no longer with us and the family, which is in the most delicate of times, is trying to navigate through what will be the last visible moments of their loved ones' physical time here on earth.

I have been, since my arrival at Trinity back in December 2016, been a supporter of the Parish Church, Trinity for us, to be there for our Trinity members at this time in their life journey and since my arrival there have been many who have taken this option at the appointed time.

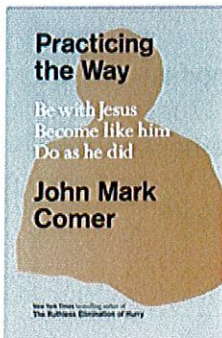
The regulations in New Brunswick, which differ from province to province in Canada, – requires the professional expertise of a licenced Funeral Director of your choice, to care for the body up to and including the body preparation (embalming or cremation) after which time the remaining services are optional to the family to arrange which

are offered fully by the Funeral business or for those who call Trinity home your Parish Church.

I offer my services to anyone who would wish to discuss any and all arrangements they would desire at your convenience. To this end, Trinity has several pre-planned funerals on file – which will be a starting point at the very least with your family when the time has arrived. Planning when we are in good spirits is a good thing, thus putting down on record our wishes and relieving our families of making decisions in one of the most stressful times in life with possibly having little information on what their loved one might have desired.

I am available should you wish to discuss this topic further at your convenience. Rev. Steven Scribner.

## 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.**

We can see what we can do to secure additional copies from the Diocese if required. They are listed on line [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) at \$14USD.

We are presently holding weekly lunch-hour Lenten Book Study sessions ocusing 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 23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	BAS HC	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Rev Steven Scribner
Mar 30	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 6	5 <sup>th</sup> 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:

Come and be a part of **TWO** VERY SPECIAL EVENINGS AT TRINITY CHURCH



FUNDY SEA SHANTY FESTIVAL

Celebrate Saint John's rich seafaring heritage and welcome spring with live music and dance. with special introductions and stories by DAVID GOSS

### THURSDAY 20th MARCH - SHANTY CONCERT

7pm  
Featuring Fredericton fiddler **KATHERINE MOLLER** accompanied by Tom Richards  
and **BEFORE THE MAST**  
Saint John's 9 man a cappella group

### SATURDAY 22nd MARCH - an 1880's Shanty Concert LAMPLIGHT AND CANDLES CONCERT

7:30 pm  
Moncton's **RIVERSONG** 10 woman a cappella group  
Ottawa's **BYTOWN SEA SHANTY COLLECTIVE**  
and the premier dance performance of  
**"Come All Ye.... and Dance"**  
performed by *Liam Caines and Melissa Page-Webster*

All events info at: [fundyseashantifest.com/springtide](http://fundyseashantifest.com/springtide)

"Friends of Trinity"- special \$20 for Trinity events only  
See JoAnne for tickets.

- Mar 15 – **40 Words of Lent - Saturday 10am – 3pm**
- 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



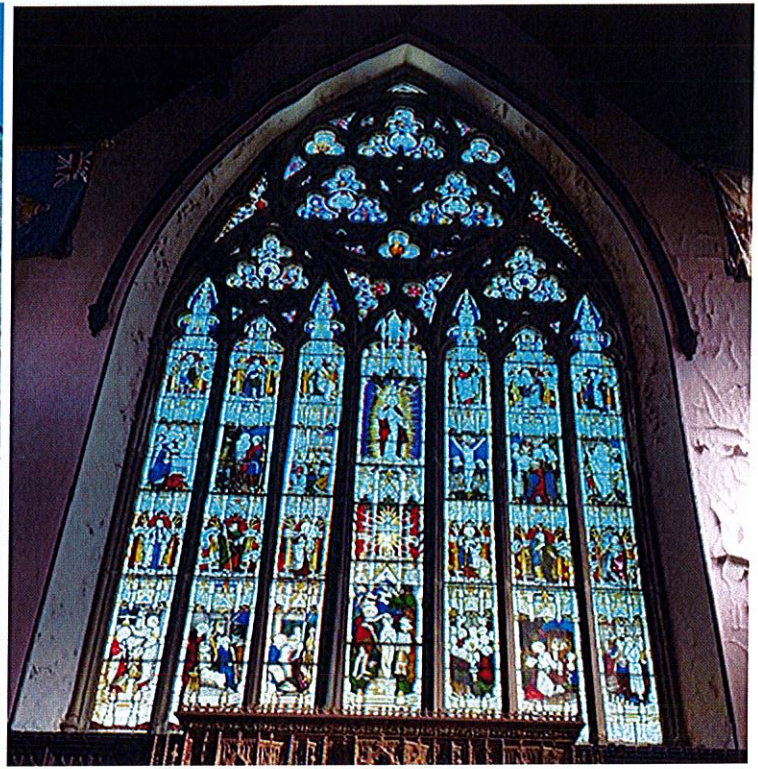
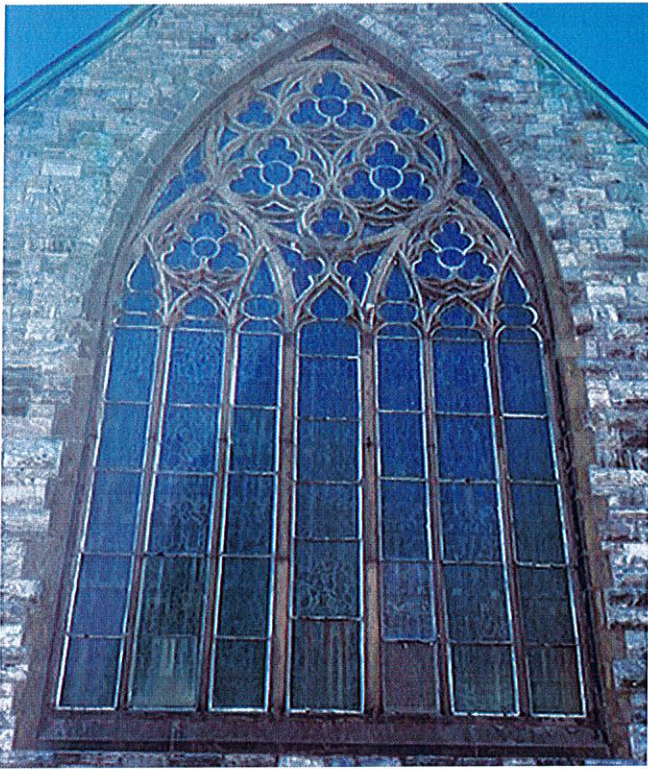
**Beacon Cove Donations** Toiletries in larger size (not travel size), feminine hygiene products, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Also looking for clothing, shoes, socks, blankets and larger towels. Gift cards in small denominations. Paper products, toilet tissue, 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.



## The Great East Window Campaign 2025



**The East Window Exterior**

**The East Window Interior**

The fundraising is actively underway and the challenge for Trinity is the short season for the work to be scheduled and completed as it requires commitment from all skilled workers, the Masonry Craft, the Window (protective glass) trades, the Stain Glass expertise along with the Plaster / Painters – their independent schedules to all align. As with the past capital projects over the past eight years, Trinity needs to have the funding in place / secured prior to committing the work as not to put undue strain on the ongoing finances of the parish. At this point all the contractors are awaiting confirmation from Trinity prior to committing their schedule for this project.

Unlike the Trinity Steeple project, this project does not lend itself to be broken up in phases as the key component for this project is access and the cost of multiple erection of scaffolding would increase the project costs significantly.

The ideal time to have this work done would have the project commence by June 1<sup>st</sup> and completed by early to mid August. This timeframe would be the least disruptive to Trinity and the use of its' facility with the second option being the fall, which would for the most part disrupt the tourism opportunities and early fall Trinity programing as the Sanctuary would be off limits during the majority of the project period.

This is the last of the known significant restoration projects for Trinity with the remainder of projects being part of ongoing maintenance of the buildings' elements.



Trinity appreciates any and all fundraising suggestions as the parish continues to firm up this projects' financial support. Should you require additional information you may contact the Great East Window Campaign Chair, Jacqueline Oland through the parish office or myself, Rev. Steven Scribner.

Thank you all for your consideration on this very critical restoration project for Trinity's future.

<b>The Great East Window Campaign 2025</b>			
Exterior	Masonry Scope of Work	CR&M	\$91,281
	Security Glass Replacement	Metcalf Glass	\$94,875
	Stain Glass Inspection & Cleaning	Ned Bowes	\$38,703
	Contingency		\$33,729
			<b>\$258,588</b>
Interior	Scaffold Access	CR&M	\$53,820
	Plaster & Painting	Carl's Fine Finishing	\$20,493
	Contingency		\$11,147
			<b>\$85,460</b>
Total			<b>\$344,048</b>
<b>Campaign Goal</b>			<b>\$350,000</b>

## Spring is on its' way!



As I was leaving Trinity this past Sunday, I notice the Trinity Spring Tulips had sprung up during our morning Worship. Always a positive sign of spring to see these flowers in the Charlotte Street Garden.





## We need to be reminded of the facts in light of so much mis-information:

As we, in Canada prepare to go into a Federal Election we need to do our part – to assure we are voting for who will best serve Canada – and it may mean we vote for a party that may be new to us or our families' history. Voting along generational family history is what has put Canada in such a unprecedented situation from our southern neighbour. One of the articles I recently read I thought was worth sharing. This does not in any way suggest one party over another, but it does suggest that as Canadian citizens we have some work to do. The article in part suggests; "It matters who endorses you in a pollical race. An endorsement is a sign of agreement, of similar value systems and political priorities. It's a public declaration of support for your platform and what you stand for as a politician and potentially as a person." There is a significant difference between the candidates running to be Canada's twenty-fourth Prime Minister – when it comes to

divisiveness verses sound financial and ethical approaches. What we need to do is not vote blindly, rather when we vote we are making a statement that that person has a value system that either matches my own or one I wish to have. This Federal election will go down as one of the most influential federal elections our generation will have ever been part of. Most important, let your voice be heard and make sure you get out and vote.

## Humour:



Thinking back to when a new hip joint meant someplace I wanted to go on Friday night.

