



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 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.



Your Trinity family wishes to extend a very happy birthday to Russel Pitt, Julian Webb, Jan Waldschutz, and Joanne McGraw. 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. 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 Third Sunday of Lent with the Gospel Scripture Luke 13:1-9 where Jesus was desiring those listening and for us today to change the path we are on which in the Christian language is Repent. Webster would say Repent means “to turn from sin and resolve to reform’s ones’ life.”

Repent, change the path you are on, reminded me of my 2017 and 2022 Camino pilgrimage where multiple times per day over the thirty-six days walking from France through to Santiago Spain we would be faced with forks in the trail.

That is our life, is it not? On any given day we have decisions to make. Do I do this or that? Do I say this or not? Do I attend church and be part of our community or not? The list goes on and on. The end game is really very simple – which is what Jesus was telling them and is telling us today – no matter what path we are on – there is no limit to God’s Grace.

Jesus uses the parable of the Fig Tree to explain just this. The fictitious Fig Tree had not provided the owner any fruit for three years – frustrated, told his gardener – cut it down – for it is just a waste of soil. The gardener

pleads for the life of the Fig Tree – just one more year. What this reflects is the patience of God who will give us just one more year – to come into a more intentional relationship with Him. Oh, by the way, the one more year for us – is our remainder of our earthly life.

We saw this first hand with the conversation with one of the criminals on the cross and Jesus where Jesus told him, “Today, you will be with me in Paradise.”

Life is short and to some degree uncertain. Most of us are in our more senior years. It is our invitation by Jesus to not let this Lenten Season invitation pass, but rather take the ring and become a little more intentional about our faith – and that may involve us to take a different path or possibly to walk more in the centre of the path we are on.

Message Focus – Life is Short – We have an invitation to act upon

Call to Action – Check the path we are on – move to the centre or take another path

This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We will chat about who would Jesus be with if He were here in our city this morning?

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 The Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, the Most Rev Titre Ande Georges, Archbishop. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond, Council of General Synod, 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, Diocesan social & ecological justice ministries, ACW and Mother's Union leadership and members. 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. We pray for Ven. Canon Brent Hamm – Archdeacon in Moncton – who is in a treatment regiment in isolation in the Moncton Hospital – He is doing much better – with more improvement needed.

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.

Spring Time Shantifest 2025



Trinity has been transformed into a nautical theme from the very entrance down the hall to the church and the church itself thanks to the artistry of JoAnne Rivers. Everywhere you turn and gaze you will see some picture, object or other symbol reminding us of the days back in 1880 when this region, this city was a leader in the shipbuilding trade and commerce.



The pews were period lit with lanterns, the Three Sisters replica was towering over the audience on one side and a five foot Lighthouse, lit was on the other side bookending the performers with the nautical theme.



On Thursday, March 20th Trinity hosted the Shanty Concert featuring **Before the Mast** who are in their eighteenth year, the only Sea Shanty group performing in our city and our province to date. They entertained all with their various styles of Sea Shanty selections from Long Haul, Short Haul and yes even a Love shanty. They featured **Katherine Moller with Chris** on acoustic guitar. Trinity provided the excellent venue for this concert.

Saturday Evening, March 22nd, was another great performance which was the finale of the weekend Shantifest – again held at Trinity.



Corsa - Fredericton



Riversong- Moncton



Liam Caines & Melissa Page Webster



Three Sisters



Eagle got into the act

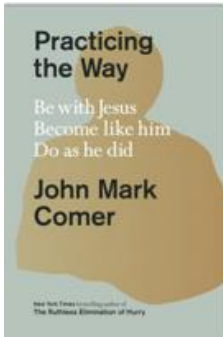


Bytown Sea Shanty Collective – Quartet from Ottawa.
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On all accounts this weekend Spring Tide Shantifest was a huge success. Saturday evening welcomed nearly 200 into Trinity and all enjoyed the entertainment, David Goss's snippets of Trinity and the City's history as well as the comfortable cushioned pews. The two-hour performance left all wanting more.

Thank you to Gary Caines and his team of volunteers for this inaugural Spring Tide Shantifest. Well done!

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 are presently holding weekly lunch-hour Lenten Book Study sessions 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 30	4 th Sunday in Lent	BCP MP	Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-32	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



If you know a Canadian engineer, you may have noticed them wearing a ring on their pinky finger. Far from a fashion accessory, the iron ring symbolizes an obligation, or verbal commitment, that engineering graduates make – a tradition known as the **Calling of an Engineer**. The Obligation Ceremony has been modernized and updated in honour of its' 100th anniversary this year.

In 1907, a bridge over the St. Lawrence River west of Quebec City collapsed during construction. Seventy-six workers were killed, many of them Mohawk from Kahnawake, near Montreal. The collapse was caused by flawed design and human arrogance: several engineers, including the designer and the on-site lead, ignored or refuted workers' concerns.

Hubert Haultain, a mining engineer and University of Toronto professor, made it his priority to prevent a similar disaster from occurring again in Canada. He believed the way to do this was to invite new engineering graduates to make a formal obligation, or commitment, to conduct themselves professional, uphold the highest ethical principals, and remember their responsibility to society.

In 1922, he proposed his idea at the Engineering Institute of Canada's annual meeting and received a positive response. A committee of seven past presidents of the Institute was formed to champion what became The Calling of an Engineer.

Haultain invited British author Rudyard Kipling, who referred to engineers in several of his poems, to write the text for the obligation ceremony. He agreed, and also proposed the design of the iron ring with rough facets that symbolizes the challenges engineers face during their careers.

On April 5, 1925, six engineering graduates were the first to take the obligation at an inaugural ceremony held in Montreal, and each received the iron ring that has become a symbol of engineering in Canada.

Why the Iron Ring matters? The iron ring is worn on the pinky finger of the working hand: right if the engineer is right-handed and left if they are left-handed. Leonard Shara, Chief Warden of the Corporation of the Seven Wardens, says there's a good reason for that.

"Many times a day, when you are using that hand, whether it's type on the computer, to sign a document, to point out something, to work with tools – it's constant reminder to you of that obligation, that at every given moment of your working life and personal life, you commit to doing the best you can, to protect society, to not pass bad materials or workmanship and to support your colleagues."

This was my dilemma when I came to Trinity back in December 2016 with the uncertainty the Trinity Steeple Tower presented for public safety. The options were limited, as I your minister and a Professional Engineer – wearing my Iron Ring and constantly reflecting on my Obligation taken in 1982 – Fix it, take it down or I would not be able to stay. Glad to say, the parish moved to do the very costly restoration which has initiated the ongoing physical building restorations and ongoing.

So, when you see a lady or man wearing the Iron Ring on their Pinky – you know, no matter where in the world you see them, they were or are a Canadian Engineer.

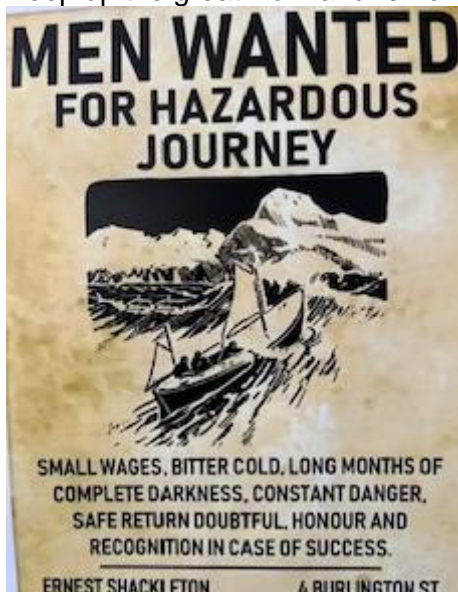
Winter Season at Trinity in a Glance:

- 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.



I wonder how many applicants they received for this posted employment opportunity. This was one of the items that were posted in the hallway to the church.

Wonderfully selected and placed – I never saw so many take notice of all the framed items on either side of the hallway as our guests entered into the Spring Tide Shantifest. Thanks JoAnne!

Did You Know this about Trinity?



The Sanctuary as pictured in a postcard which has a post mark dated 1907 and as it is presently 2025



Have you ever wondered when this Minton China Floor was gifted and installed in Trinity. Well, we all walk by the memorial plaque which is placed on the north Choir Pew facing the floor. The Rector of the day, in his letter to the Annual General Meeting for the year 1908 makes mention of this wonderful gift as stated;

As regards the fabric of the church, a beautiful mosaic tile floor has been placed in the choir to the memory of the late J. M. Robinson Esq. The pattern consists of fleurs-de-lis, quatre-foils, and in the centre a monogram I.H.S. It was placed there by Mrs. J. M. Robinson, and a brass plate on the north choir stall reads as follows;

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
John Morris Robinson,
A Vestryman of This Church,
Who died 2nd February, 1907, in the 58th year of his age.
These tiles are placed in the Choir by his wife.

The Vestry had the old wooden steps removed and steps of Tennessee marble placed in their stead, and the whole was consecrated on Sunday morning, Mach 28th by the Right Reverend Dr. Richardson, Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

Note: Minton was a major company in Staffordshire pottery, Europe's leading ceramic factory during the Victorian era 1793-1968.

Trinity Memories of Trinity Choir and Organists



Well, almost Trinity Choir – This picture was shared by the Trinity Parishioner who is pictured here as a member of the Girls Choir – although at the time Trinity Anglican Church did not have a Girls' Choir so she sang in St. James Anglican Church, Broad Street Girls' Choir – remembering the stiff white collar they had to wear. Thank you, Carol Brophy for sharing this.

More pictures to share in next weeks Newsletter – keep looking for pictures as we wish to assemble the Choir & Organist history of Trinity.

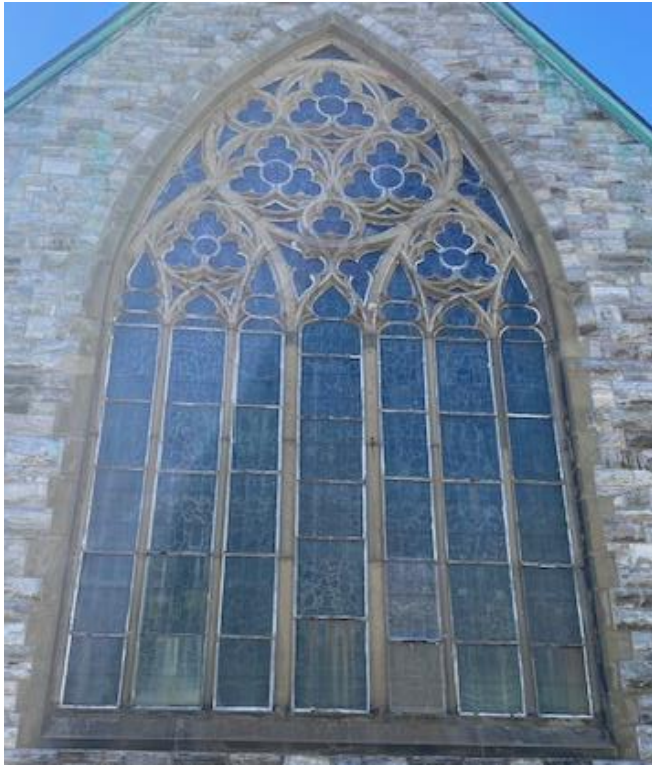
The Great East Window Campaign 2025

The fundraising is actively underway

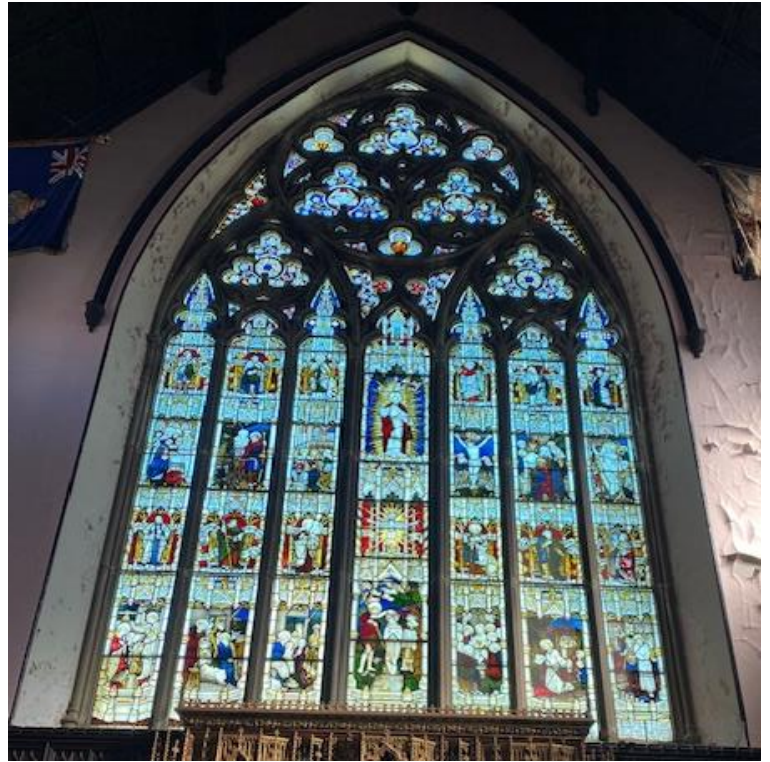
Trinity has submitted the application for the Saint John Heritage permit along with the application for the Saint John Heritage Grant for this project.

There are ongoing approaches being made to other options for grant support for this monumental project which will ensure the protection and life ongoing for The Great East Window.

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.



The East Window Exterior



The East Window Interior

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

The Great East Window Campaign 2025			
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
			\$258,588
Interior	Scaffold Access	CR&M	\$53,820
	Plaster & Painting	Carl’s Fine Finishing	\$20,493
	Contingency		\$11,147
			\$85,460
Total			\$344,048
Campaign Goal			\$350,000

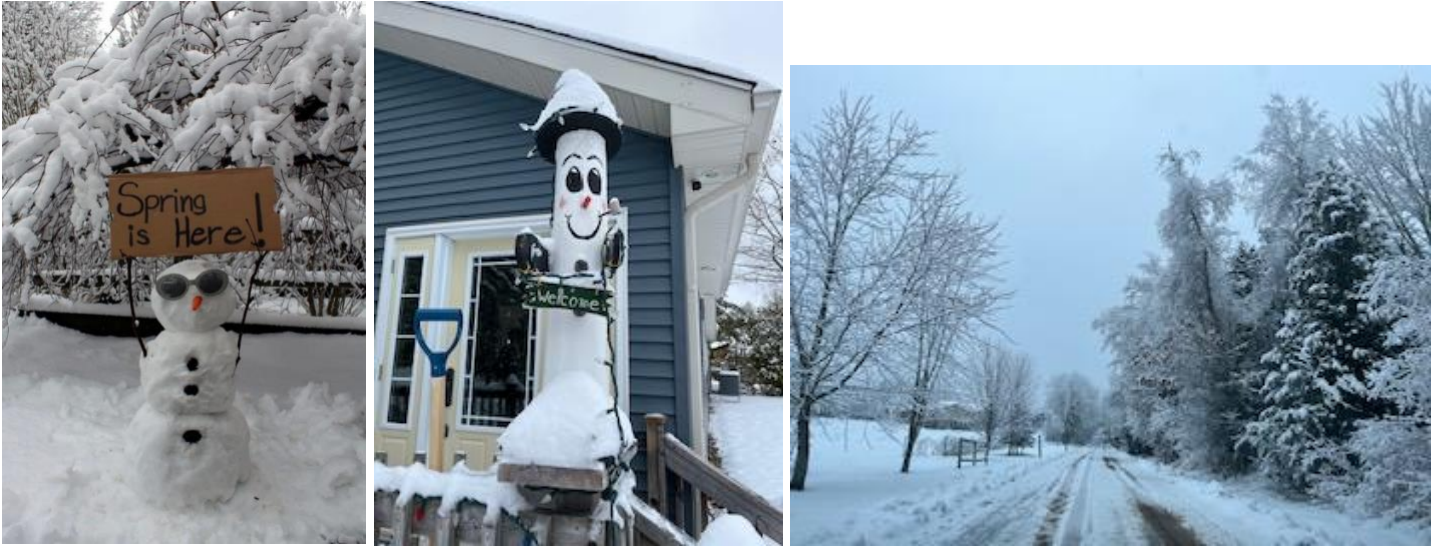


We need to be reminded of the facts in light of so much mis-information:

Heather’s cousin on her way back from the United States due to the ongoing issues between Canada and US – came out to find their vehicle and trailer blocked in – very welcoming.

Think twice before going across the southern border – check things out before going and be safe. This picture was taken last week.

So you say?



The second picture is of our home on Tuesday morning, March 25th – had to plow snow in the morning and it was plus 5 degrees in the afternoon and we sat in the sun on the deck on Wednesday afternoon this week. The third picture is what greeted me this morning on my way to town – driving out our lane. All seasons on one week.

Humour:



Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven