



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 6, 2025

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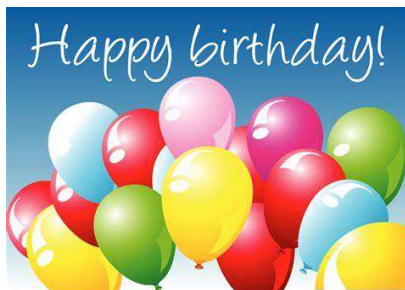
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Don’t forget to move your clocks ahead an hour Saturday night. Would not want you to stroll into Trinity an hour late for Worship.

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Last Sunday at Trinity: Last Sunday Trinity celebrated Transfiguration Sunday of our Lord. We explored why the Transfiguration was so critical to Jesus and His timing for his continued journey into Jerusalem.

Jesus was, based upon His own knowledge at the time, in belief that it was His time to go on into Jerusalem fully knowing this would be His last time entering this city and that His trip would end at the cross. Was this His Father's timeline for Him at this time or did He miss read the signs?

So, He took Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray. While there He was met by Moses and Elijah who by their presence reassured Him that what they had prophesied about the Messiah and His pending journey into Jerusalem and His death was now about to take place. Further to their

affirmation, God spoke to Peter, James and John saying, ***“This is my Son, my Chosen, Listen to Him.”*** This was also an affirmation that Jesus needed to have the three understand. You see, about a week earlier when Jesus had His chosen twelve together, He questioned them to see if those around them truly understood who He was, by asking, ***“Who do the crowds say I am?”*** Not hearing the answer, He wanted to hear, asked the twelve themselves, ***“Who do you say I am?”*** To which Peter responded, ***“The Christ of God.”*** By this then and by God speaking to the three on the mountain where He said, ***“This is my Son, my Chosen, Listen to Him”*** gave Jesus the reassurance that when He departed from this world physically, His efforts, teachings and His very examples would not be lost, rather carried on at least by this chosen few.

During the time on the mountain, we are told the three, Peter, James and John were tired – although they stayed physically awake. We may often find ourselves in a similar state, awake but not truly awake and in part due to such feelings of prejudice – averse to seeing anything that does not align to our own thoughts. Lethargy – we get lazy not investing in the time we need to discern the issues we struggle with or also fall into the Love of Ease where we just shut the door on anything that we find disturbing.

Our challenge as we go through life is to be more fully awake and life provides us stimulants to wake us up such as Sorrow. Sorrow will bring us to our knees, a hard stop if you will and by it will cause us to truly take stock on what is and what is not totally important in our lives. We have Love – the love of a partner in life or very close friend who by their involvement in our lives have kept us growing. Then there is the Sense of Need where the smooth straight road we travel upon gets a speedbump or two, a twist or a turn and these cause us to take the effort to respond appropriately to the issues at hand.

In short, a little prayer might be helpful for us to remember – **“Lord, keep me always awake to you”**

Message Focus – For us to understand the importance of the Transfiguration to the church's story

Call to Action – For us to be more fully awake to actually see God's Kingdom here and now.

This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will celebrate Morning Prayer – the message will be in print form for those who wish to take a copy. The shorten service time is to facilitate the congregation to move to the Bennett Room for a light lunch and the Annual General Meeting which will commence at 12 noon. It is hoped that all will stay and be part of this time where we honor our past year(s) and be part of the present and future years of Trinity.



Ash Wednesday Services:

The Season of Lent is official launched with the Ash Wednesday service held at Trinity last evening. We have pictured here four of our younger members who all came forward with their parents for the Imposition of Ashes – Ryan, Gia Abrah, Regan and Sachiel.

Known as the Day of Ashes its' significance for us a Christians starts a reflective period in our lives where we recognize that the world is not totally alright and we, individually also have areas in our lives that could, should need tweaking.

The Ashes are placed on our forehead in the image of a cross to remind us of the price Christ paid for us and still claims us in our broken stated. The ashes are a sign of repentance with the hope that we will do what is required of us to lean closer to the way in which God would will for each and everyone of us.

Ashes remind us we are not as good as we could or should be and the Cross reminds us, we have a Saviour.

There will come a day when we will get that opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation with God – and today, this season of Lent, is a great time to hopefully change that narrative slightly.

Let us enter into this Season of Lent 2025 with Joy as we are afforded the opportunity to tweak the corners of our lives for our immediate benefit and for our ultimate conversation with our Father when it is our time.

I was honored to have the Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes – service at the Loch Lomond Villa, Loch Lomond Village and the Chateau de Champlain during the day.

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 Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev Anne Germond, Acting Primate. Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Telegraph Creek (BC): St. Aidan. 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.

Shrove Tuesday at Trinity:



From the desk of our Shrove Tuesday 'Chief of the Griddle' Ruth Ross – "We did it again! Now we go forward into the Lenten period with "no calories, no joy". Well, more to say from the Ash Wednesday message on the 'joy' part. Thanks to the many who worked tirelessly to make over ninety diners feel welcome and well served. The Bennett Room was beautifully set up and decorated, the kitchen staff which you see bustling around all engaged in the preparation and the finished product laid out. The Trinity traditional Shrove Tuesday offering included expertly prepared (by Marie) and flipped (by Ruth and Rev. Steven) pancakes, best sausages this side of Saint John, home made brown beans, Ginger Cake with fresh whipped cream (by Kyle) along with drinks of choice and wonderful conversation had by all.

As Ruth mentioned the “best part was we used all the food and there were only three pieces of gingerbread left in the kitchen, and they disappeared while the dishes were being washed!”

“I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the event a success: our excellent Bean Bakers; our exceptional Gingerbread Chefs; the Set Up Crew that came early to get everything ready; our Sexton, Tracy Saunders who shuttled equipment up and down from the basement, and the Pancake Crew, our chef Marie Goguen, the Big Flipper, Rev Steven Scribner who was instructed by our Chief Flipper Ruth Ross. Everyone pitched in and did whatever needed to be done, and that was our secret sauce. Thank you to everyone who donated their skills and time, who worked so cheerfully from start to end of the evening, and to all our patrons. It was a privilege to share this event with you all. Trinity received over \$900 in free will offering for the dinner.”
Ruth Ross



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



2025

"I Made You Wonderful"

Psalm 139: 1-18

"Wonderfully Made" Artwork by Halima Aziz

Ecumenical Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Polynesian Cook Islands

Everyone is Invited! Bring a Friend!

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
2 HAMMOND RIVER ROAD QUISPAMISIS, NB**

Day, Time

FRIDAY MARCH 7, 2025 AT 2 PM
Snow Date Friday March 14th at 2 pm

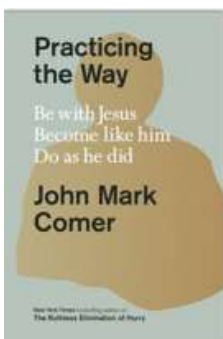
Additional Information

**Tea/Coffee & Snacks to follow the service.
Call 506-647-8170 for more information**

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Cook Islands prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada



Educational & Spiritual Opportunities



Our Archbishop David Edwards has recommended this book for our Diocese Lenten study – **Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did.**

There are FIVE copies still available for a price of \$20 each. If we need more, we can see what we can do to secure additional copies. They are listed on line christianbook.com at \$14USD.

We will plan to hold a weekly lunch-hour Lenten Book Study focusing on the work of this book and where these words might inspire our discussion.

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| 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 |
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| 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

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



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: fundyseashantyfest.com/springtide

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

- Mar 9 - Annual General Meeting AMG – immediately following church service
- 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. 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

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.

7th Trinity Speakers Dinner
Annual
HUMOUR & WISDOM
An evening with: **MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH IS NO JOKE**



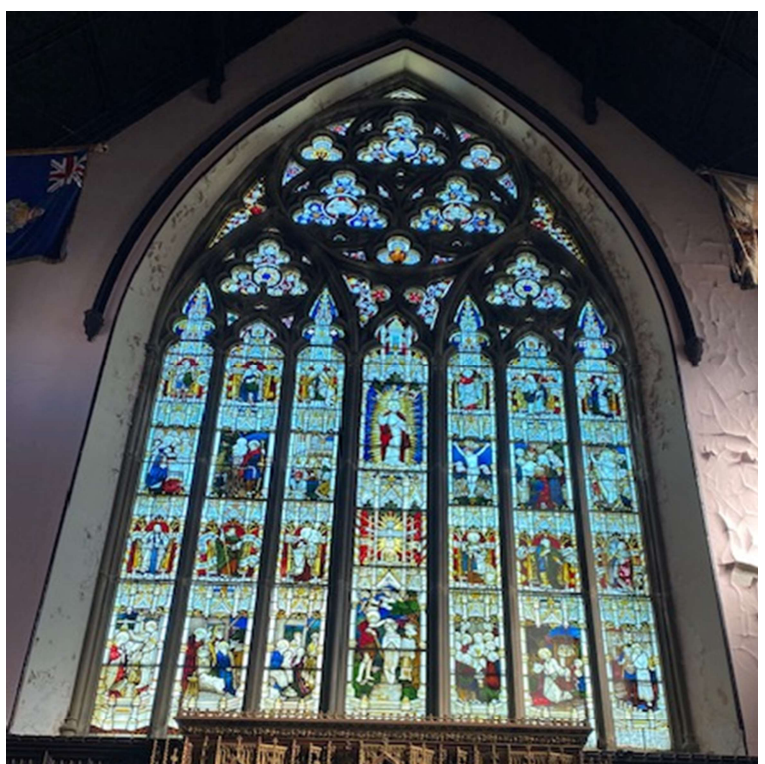
James Mullinger **Marshall Button** + **Archbishop David Edwards**
moderator

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

Reservations
E-transfer: trinity@rib.aibn.com
Please confirm: Trinity dinner

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115 Charlotte St
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506-653-6658

The Great East Window Campaign 2025



The East Window

This is a work of the highest art. It consists of seven large lights, fifteen feet high, surmounted with a head of decorated tracery. It was a gift of Lewis Bliss, Esq. London, England, once a member of the congregation. The subject of the window may be described as an epitome of our Lord's life, comprising its first and last scenes. Of the former, there are the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, The Nativity, The Visit of the Magi, The Presentation in the Temple, The Flight into Egypt, Jesus in the Temple; of the latter, The Last Supper, The Agony in the Garden, Our Lord Before Pilate, The Crucifixion, The Burial and the Resurrection. There are also the Prophets who foretold the several events, Viz.: Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Micah, Hosea, Malachi, together with the four Evangelists who recorded them.

The tracery at the top of the window has cherubim in three compartments with the words "Te Invocamus," " Te adoramus." "O beata Trinitas." In the apex are the arms of the donor, with the motto "Virtus sola felicitas."

The designer and manufacturer was J. Kempe, Esq. London. The window was dedicated in 1880.

As part of the 2017review (1-10 year Capital Maintenance) of the Trinity Church and Trinity Centre infrastructure the East Window – inside and outside along with the Masonry East Wall components were identified as being critical to the future integrity of Trinity's building envelope. In 2022 the scope of work was estimated utilizing the expertise of the various skilled craftsmen.

Upon review of old articles etc. it has been determined that the East Wall exterior stonework was totally rebuilt in 1958. During this time the East Window was removed from its' Sandstone framework and required the skill of the local Stain Glass expertise to repair areas of fractured glass resulting in the procurement of equally vintage glass from Europe to be recolored and the repairs completed upon reassembly of the East Window. There is an article that David Goss uncovered recently in the local paper where the East Wall had its' rededicated service in 1958 thus bookmarking the date of the work being completed.

Upon closer inspection the areas previously noted as high risks are showing their high degree of need and without immediate repairs the integrity of this magnificent window is of great risk in the near term. The deterioration of the Plaster/ Paint and if one looks reasonably close to the East Window Sandstone framing are indicative of moisture migration. The two main exterior Sandstone window frame columns are both showing cracking at the transition point from the vertical to the window's arch elevation on the inside. The fact that the window has survived as it has over these past decades is highly attributed to the protective glass installed in 1958 when the East Wall and Window were redone as noted above.

The project requires all the exterior work to be completed prior to the finish work in the inside for the Chancel restoration.

This project costs has been revisited and the updated quotations are nearly complete for the following scope of work.

Exterior

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| • Masonry Repointing & Window Sandstone Refinishing | \$91,281 |
| • Security Glass removal and reinstallation (new product) | \$94,875 |
| • Stain Glass Inspection, Cleaning, Repairs (estimated at this time) | \$35,000 |
| • Loss in Parking Revenues | \$ 2,000 |
| • Contingency (15%) | \$33,473 |
| • Total Exterior | \$256,629 |

Interior

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| • Scaffold Access (Window and Plaster & Painting Chancel) | \$53,820 |
| • Plaster & Painting | \$20,493 |
| • Contingency (15%) | \$11,147 |
| • Total Interior | \$85,460 |

Total East Window Campaign Budget (rounded up)**\$350,000**

This is a very intricate project not without risk. The preferred timing would ideally to have the exterior work commencing in Mid May and the project has a timeline of upwards of two-three months finishing in mid to late summer. As in the past, all such projects at Trinity are totally driven on the ability to raise the necessary funds to support the work ongoing.

This project will be further discussed at the AGM on Sunday March 9th under Trinity's plans for 2025.

Request for all of our readers.

Keep looking if you will and we will be able to assemble a Choir and Organist / Choir Director History for Trinity over the years.

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

In assembling the history of Trinity, I would like to capture pictures of Trinity's past choirs and organists over the years. We have two choir members who are regular readers of this newsletter weekly who sang in the Trinity Choir over thirty plus years ago under the Organist and Choir Director Ruth Clarke.

We need to be reminded of the facts in light of so much misinformation:

Published this week.

Lloyd Axworthy is a former foreign minister and current chair of the World Refugee and Migration Council. He recently authored his memoir: *Lloyd Axworthy: My Life in Politics*.

Canadians now face a stark reality: living beside a powerful neighbour presided over by an uber-President who seeks to erode our sovereignty and absorb us into his imperfect union.

What was once dismissed as a joke or a negotiating tactic is beginning to look disturbingly real. Donald Trump wants Canada – not for our social – safety net, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms or our history of cultural tolerance, but for our resources: our minerals, water, oil and Arctic region.

How far will he go? We already know he's wielding tariffs as a weapon. We've seen his daily insults directed to our leaders, his mockery of our national identity – all well-worn techniques of ambitious autocrats.

We should also brace for a more insidious threat: election interference. With his tech-obsessed ally Elon Musk, Mr. Trump will likely work to manipulate our upcoming election, amplifying far-right candidates and undermining trust in our democratic system. Compared to what these two could unleash, past Russian and Chinese meddling might seem amateurish, just softening us up for the kill.

While the immediate focus is on the tariff war, the larger issue at stake is nothing less than Canada's survival as an independent state. We must prepare our democracy to withstand the onslaught, and to do that, we should look to Ukraine – as a warning.

In early 2019, then-foreign minister Chrystia Freeland asked me to lead the Canadian observer mission for Ukraine's presidential election. She recognized this as a turning point in Ukraine's democratic survival. Upon arrival the threat was obvious. The Putin regime was working to discredit the election and install its loyalist in key positions. A previous pro-Kremlin Ukrainian president, Victor Yanukovich, had already tried to drag Ukraine back into Russia's orbit- until Ukrainians forced him out. Yet Russia's disinformation and intimidation tactics continued. Ukraine responded with unity, military preparedness and international partnerships. But here's the sobering truth: despite all its resilience, despite the heroism of its people, Ukraine may soon find itself outmuscled. If Mr. Trump and Mr. Putin negotiate a settlement, Ukraine could be forced into territorial concessions or a weakened sovereignty.

This should serve as a wake-up call for Canada. Ukraine's struggle shows the dangers of underestimating authoritarian threats, of relying too much on U.S. protection, and of failing to build strong alliances. There are signs that Canadians are already pushing back – boycotting U.S. goods, cancelling winter vacations, voicing their defiance in arenas and grocery stores. But the real test is yet to come. Will we set aside partisan divides, power struggles and media bias to use our election as a unified rebuke of Mr. Trump's delusions?

Even former prime minister Stephen Harper – no stranger to economic pragmatism – said that citizens should “accept any level of damage” to ensure the country preserves its independence. Five former PM's called for Canadians to fly our flag.

Parliament must now be recalled, ending its past churlish behaviour to pass an all-party resolution affirming Canadian independence, and asking Canadians to follow suit (and no, there should not be any non-confidence votes at this moment). Active efforts to overcome internal trade barriers must be a provincial priority, not just talking points. There must be reckoning on the financial plight of our colleges and universities following the snafu on international students. The recruitment for our military must be streamlined and peacekeeping restored as a career path. Housing the homeless is an imperative.

Beyond our borders, we must forge new diplomatic and economic partnerships with allies who recognize the danger of Mr. Trump's autocratic vision. The world order he seeks to dismantle – built on law, co-operation, and stability – must be defended.

Canada should take bold action, starting with Ukraine. We should secure a defence agreement that deepens military ties, including procurement of Ukraine's advanced drone technology for our Arctic security. No more hand-me-downs from the U.S. We should also signal to European allies, now rattled by JD Vance's threats to gut NATO, that Canada remains steadfast in its commitments.

Beyond defence, we should help in forging a multilateral effort to fill the void left by America's retreat from global leadership. Canada has pioneered international initiatives before – on land mines, the international Criminal Court and human rights. Now, we must step up again to combat climate change, corruption and poverty.

Our chairing of the G7 meetings this spring is a prime opportunity – and Russia should not be in attendance, no matter how hard Mr. Trump tries to swing an invite.

Ukraine's experience is not just a lesson in defiance – it's a cautionary tale. Canada must act now, while we still have the power to shape our own future.

Note: As of this Newsletter, the trade wars have begun.

"The UN Charter was drafted in 1945 by people who had learned the lessons that the aggression, isolationism and tariff barriers of the 20's and 30's had led the world into a conflagration.

Article One makes it clear: threats of annexation are illegal. So are unilateral tariffs in breach of a trade agreement."

- Bob Rae, Canadian Ambassador to the UN 

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Canada vs. USA



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| -Minimum Wage | \$17.30 cdn | \$7.25 usd |
| -Federal Median Income Tax Rate | 20.5% | 22% |
| -Health Costs | Free | \$4,316 avg. |
| -Bank Regulations | Strong | Weak |
| -Unionization Rate | 30% | 10% |
| -Median Annual Income | Ranked #1 in World | Ranked #2 in World |
| -Paid Maternity Leave | 15 Weeks | 0 |
| -Number of Tolls | 18 | 7,200+ |

Photos of our past



Rothesay Avenue where the Wandlyn Motor Inn on the left and Brown Street - Glen Falls School on the right. The sign was for the Kwik Pic Grocery store which was set up more like a food warehouse as I remember. Photo Credit – Kevin Morris.

Humour:



In a fire drill meeting at work they asked me what steps I'd take in a fire. Apparently "Really big and fast ones" was the wrong answer.

I remember during my indoctrination as a newly minted Engineer at the Oil Refinery back in the spring of 1982 we, as staff were trained in many of the emergency response efforts that might be required at the refinery should the situation arise. I remember telling the then Fire Chief as we were being trained in the fire suppression area that "if there was ever fire in the Propane Bullet area – I would be taking "really big steps in the opposite direction." As I remember he was less than amused.

Fortunately, this never occurred and for the most part it is because of the excellent training all workers received and were updated in keeping the refinery safe as the years progressed. Well done!

Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven



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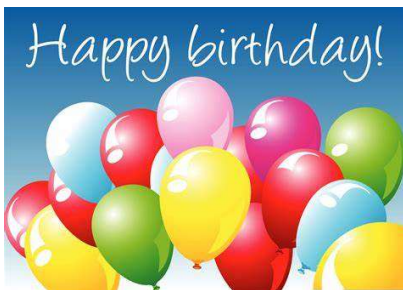
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Last Sunday at Trinity: Last Sunday Trinity celebrated Transfiguration Sunday of our Lord. We explored why the Transfiguration was so critical to Jesus and His timing for his continued journey into Jerusalem.

Jesus was, based upon His own knowledge at the time, in belief that it was His time to go on into Jerusalem fully knowing this would be His last time entering this city and that His trip would end at the cross. Was this His Father's timeline for Him at this time or did He miss read the signs?

So, He took Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray. While there He was met by Moses and Elijah who by their presence reassured Him that what they had prophesied about the Messiah and His pending journey into Jerusalem and His death was now about to take place. Further to their

affirmation, God spoke to Peter, James and John saying, ***"This is my Son, my Chosen, Listen to Him."*** This was also an affirmation that Jesus needed to have the three understand. You see, about a week earlier when Jesus had His chosen twelve together, He questioned them to see if those around them truly understood who He was, by asking, ***"Who do the crowds say I am?"*** Not hearing the answer, He wanted to hear, asked the twelve themselves, ***"Who do you say I am?"*** To which Peter responded, ***"The Christ of God."*** By this then and by God speaking to the three on the mountain where He said, ***"This is my Son, my Chosen, Listen to Him"*** gave Jesus the reassurance that when He departed from this world physically, His efforts, teachings and His very examples would not be lost, rather carried on at least by this chosen few.

During the time on the mountain, we are told the three, Peter, James and John were tired – although they stayed physically awake. We may often find ourselves in a similar state, awake but not truly awake and in part due to such feelings of prejudice – averse to seeing anything that does not align to our own thoughts. Lethargy – we get lazy not investing in the time we need to discern the issues we struggle with or also fall into the Love of Ease where we just shut the door on anything that we find disturbing.

Our challenge as we go through life is to be more fully awake and life provides us stimulants to wake us up such as Sorrow. Sorrow will bring us to our knees, a hard stop if you will and by it will cause us to truly take stock on what is and what is not totally important in our lives. We have Love – the love of a partner in life or very close friend who by their involvement in our lives have kept us growing. Then there is the Sense of Need where the smooth straight road we travel upon gets a speedbump or two, a twist or a turn and these cause us to take the effort to respond appropriately to the issues at hand.

In short, a little prayer might be helpful for us to remember – **"Lord, keep me always awake to you"**

Message Focus – For us to understand the importance of the Transfiguration to the church's story

Call to Action – For us to be more fully awake to actually see God's Kingdom here and now.

This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will celebrate Morning Prayer – the message will be in print form for those who wish to take a copy. The shorten service time is to facilitate the congregation to move to the Bennett Room for a light lunch and the Annual General Meeting which will commence at 12 noon. It is hoped that all will stay and be part of this time where we honor our past year(s) and be part of the present and future years of Trinity.



Ash Wednesday Services:

The Season of Lent is official launched with the Ash Wednesday service held at Trinity last evening. We have pictured here four of our younger members who all came forward with their parents for the Imposition of Ashes – Ryan, Gia Abrah, Regan and Sachiel.

Known as the Day of Ashes its' significance for us a Christians starts a reflective period in our lives where we recognize that the world is not totally alright and we, individually also have areas in our lives that could, should need tweaking.

The Ashes are placed on our forehead in the image of a cross to remind us of the price Christ paid for us and still claims us in our broken stated. The ashes are a sign of repentance with the hope that we will do what is required of us to lean closer to the way in which God would will for each and everyone of us.

Ashes remind us we are not as good as we could or should be and the Cross reminds us, we have a Saviour.

There will come a day when we will get that opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation with God – and today, this season of Lent, is a great time to hopefully change that narrative slightly.

Let us enter into this Season of Lent 2025 with Joy as we are afforded the opportunity to tweak the corners of our lives for our immediate benefit and for our ultimate conversation with our Father when it is our time.

I was honored to have the Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes – service at the Loch Lomond Villa, Loch Lomond Village and the Chateau de Champlain during the day.

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 Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev Anne Germond, Acting Primate. Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Telegraph Creek (BC): St. Aidan. 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.

Shrove Tuesday at Trinity:



From the desk of our Shrove Tuesday 'Chief of the Griddle' Ruth Ross – "We did it again! Now we go forward into the Lenten period with "no calories, no joy". Well, more to say from the Ash Wednesday message on the 'joy' part. Thanks to the many who worked tirelessly to make over ninety diners feel welcome and well served. The Bennett Room was beautifully set up and decorated, the kitchen staff which you see bustling around all engaged in the preparation and the finished product laid out. The Trinity traditional Shrove Tuesday offering included expertly prepared (by Marie) and flipped (by Ruth and Rev. Steven) pancakes, best sausages this side of Saint John, home made brown beans, Ginger Cake with fresh whipped cream (by Kyle) along with drinks of choice and wonderful conversation had by all.

As Ruth mentioned the “best part was we used all the food and there were only three pieces of gingerbread left in the kitchen, and they disappeared while the dishes were being washed!”

“I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the event a success: our excellent Bean Bakers; our exceptional Gingerbread Chefs; the Set Up Crew that came early to get everything ready; our Sexton, Tracy Saunders who shuttled equipment up and down from the basement, and the Pancake Crew, our chef Marie Goguen, the Big Flipper, Rev Steven Scribner who was instructed by our Chief Flipper Ruth Ross. Everyone pitched in and did whatever needed to be done, and that was our secret sauce. Thank you to everyone who donated their skills and time, who worked so cheerfully from start to end of the evening, and to all our patrons. It was a privilege to share this event with you all. Trinity received over \$900 in free will offering for the dinner.”
Ruth Ross



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



2025

"I Made You Wonderful"

Psalm 139: 1-18

"Wonderfully Made" Artwork by Halima Aziz

Ecumenical Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Polynesian Cook Islands

Everyone is Invited! Bring a Friend!

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
2 HAMMOND RIVER ROAD QUISPAMISIS, NB**

Day, Time

FRIDAY MARCH 7, 2025 AT 2 PM
Snow Date Friday March 14th at 2 pm

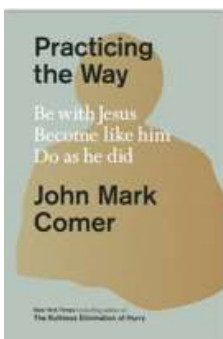
Additional Information

**Tea/Coffee & Snacks to follow the service.
Call 506-647-8170 for more information**

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Cook Islands prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada



Educational & Spiritual Opportunities



Our Archbishop David Edwards has recommended this book for our Diocese Lenten study – **Practicing the Way: Be with Jesus. Become like him. Do as he did.**

There are FIVE copies still available for a price of \$20 each. If we need more, we can see what we can do to secure additional copies. They are listed on line christianbook.com at \$14USD.

We will plan to hold a weekly lunch-hour Lenten Book Study focusing on the work of this book and where these words might inspire our discussion.

- Session 1 Thursday March 13 – 12 noon - `1pm – Apprentice to Jesus pg 3-31
- Session 2 Thursday March 20 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 1 Be with Jesus pg 32-64
- Session 3 Thursday March 27 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 2 – Become like him pg 64-117
- Session 4 Thursday April 3 – 12 noon - `1pm – Goal 3 – Do as he did – pg 118 - 155
- Session 5 Thursday April 10 – 12 noon - `1pm Goal 4 - How? Rule of Life / wrap up pg 156 - 221

TRINITY’S SERVICE CALENDAR

| Date | Sunday | Service | Readings | Presider |
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| 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

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

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: fundyseashantyfest.com/springtide

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

- Mar 9 - Annual General Meeting AMG – immediately following church service
- 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. 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

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.

7th Trinity Speakers Dinner
Annual
HUMOUR & WISDOM
An evening with: **MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH IS NO JOKE**



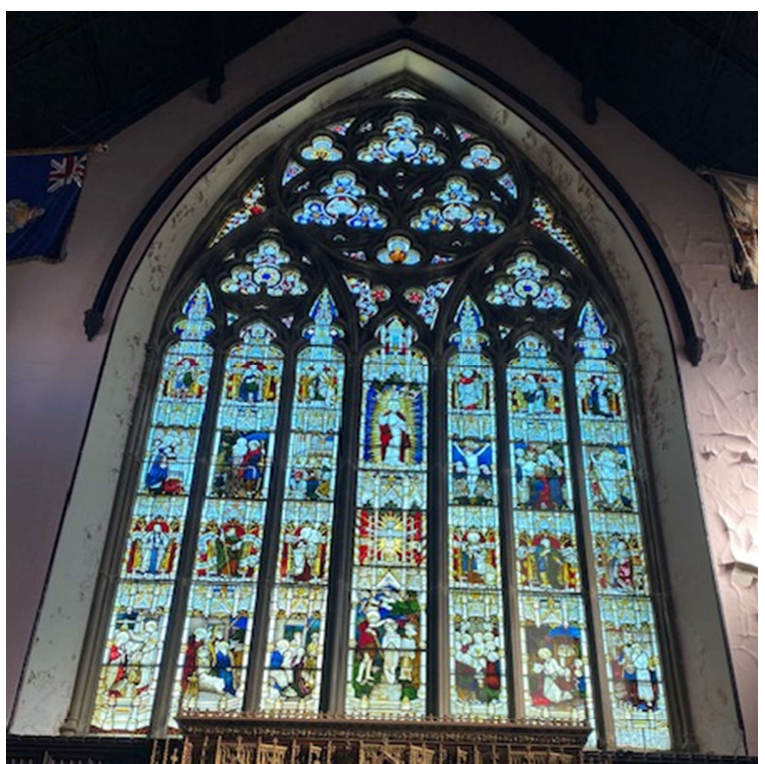
James Mullinger **Marshall Button** + **Archbishop David Edwards**
moderator

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

Reservations
E-transfer: trinity@rib.aibn.com
Please confirm: Trinity dinner

Trinity Anglican Church
115 Charlotte St
Saint John, NB E2L 2J2
506-653-6658

The Great East Window Campaign 2025



The East Window

This is a work of the highest art. It consists of seven large lights, fifteen feet high, surmounted with a head of decorated tracery. It was a gift of Lewis Bliss, Esq. London, England, once a member of the congregation. The subject of the window may be described as an epitome of our Lord's life, comprising its first and last scenes. Of the former, there are the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, The Nativity, The Visit of the Magi, The Presentation in the Temple, The Flight into Egypt, Jesus in the Temple; of the latter, The Last Supper, The Agony in the Garden, Our Lord Before Pilate, The Crucifixion, The Burial and the Resurrection. There are also the Prophets who foretold the several events, Viz.: Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Micah, Hosea, Malachi, together with the four Evangelists who recorded them.

The tracery at the top of the window has cherubim in three compartments with the words "Te Invocamus," " Te adoramus." "O beata Trinitas." In the apex are the arms of the donor, with the motto "Virtus sola felicitas."

The designer and manufacturer was J. Kempe, Esq. London. The window was dedicated in 1880.

As part of the 2017review (1-10 year Capital Maintenance) of the Trinity Church and Trinity Centre infrastructure the East Window – inside and outside along with the Masonry East Wall components were identified as being critical to the future integrity of Trinity's building envelope. In 2022 the scope of work was estimated utilizing the expertise of the various skilled craftsmen.

Upon review of old articles etc. it has been determined that the East Wall exterior stonework was totally rebuilt in 1958. During this time the East Window was removed from its' Sandstone framework and required the skill of the local Stain Glass expertise to repair areas of fractured glass resulting in the procurement of equally vintage glass from Europe to be recolored and the repairs completed upon reassembly of the East Window. There is an article that David Goss uncovered recently in the local paper where the East Wall had its' rededicated service in 1958 thus bookmarking the date of the work being completed.

Upon closer inspection the areas previously noted as high risks are showing their high degree of need and without immediate repairs the integrity of this magnificent window is of great risk in the near term. The deterioration of the Plaster/ Paint and if one looks reasonably close to the East Window Sandstone framing are indicative of moisture migration. The two main exterior Sandstone window frame columns are both showing cracking at the transition point from the vertical to the window's arch elevation on the inside. The fact that the window has survived as it has over these past decades is highly attributed to the protective glass installed in 1958 when the East Wall and Window were redone as noted above.

The project requires all the exterior work to be completed prior to the finish work in the inside for the Chancel restoration.

This project costs has been revisited and the updated quotations are nearly complete for the following scope of work.

Exterior

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| • Masonry Repointing & Window Sandstone Refinishing | \$91,281 |
| • Security Glass removal and reinstallation (new product) | \$94,875 |
| • Stain Glass Inspection, Cleaning, Repairs (estimated at this time) | \$35,000 |
| • Loss in Parking Revenues | \$ 2,000 |
| • Contingency (15%) | \$33,473 |
| • Total Exterior | \$256,629 |

Interior

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| • Scaffold Access (Window and Plaster & Painting Chancel) | \$53,820 |
| • Plaster & Painting | \$20,493 |
| • Contingency (15%) | \$11,147 |
| • Total Interior | \$85,460 |

Total East Window Campaign Budget (rounded up)**\$350,000**

This is a very intricate project not without risk. The preferred timing would ideally to have the exterior work commencing in Mid May and the project has a timeline of upwards of two-three months finishing in mid to late summer. As in the past, all such projects at Trinity are totally driven on the ability to raise the necessary funds to support the work ongoing.

This project will be further discussed at the AGM on Sunday March 9th under Trinity's plans for 2025.

Request for all of our readers.

Keep looking if you will and we will be able to assemble a Choir and Organist / Choir Director History for Trinity over the years.

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

In assembling the history of Trinity, I would like to capture pictures of Trinity's past choirs and organists over the years. We have two choir members who are regular readers of this newsletter weekly who sang in the Trinity Choir over thirty plus years ago under the Organist and Choir Director Ruth Clarke.

We need to be reminded of the facts in light of so much misinformation:

Published this week.

Lloyd Axworthy is a former foreign minister and current chair of the World Refugee and Migration Council. He recently authored his memoir: *Lloyd Axworthy: My Life in Politics*.

Canadians now face a stark reality: living beside a powerful neighbour presided over by an uber-President who seeks to erode our sovereignty and absorb us into his imperfect union.

What was once dismissed as a joke or a negotiating tactic is beginning to look disturbingly real. Donald Trump wants Canada – not for our social – safety net, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms or our history of cultural tolerance, but for our resources: our minerals, water, oil and Arctic region.

How far will he go? We already know he's wielding tariffs as a weapon. We've seen his daily insults directed to our leaders, his mockery of our national identity – all well-worn techniques of ambitious autocrats.

We should also brace for a more insidious threat: election interference. With his tech-obsessed ally Elon Musk, Mr. Trump will likely work to manipulate our upcoming election, amplifying far-right candidates and undermining trust in our democratic system. Compared to what these two could unleash, past Russian and Chinese meddling might seem amateurish, just softening us up for the kill.

While the immediate focus is on the tariff war, the larger issue at stake is nothing less than Canada's survival as an independent state. We must prepare our democracy to withstand the onslaught, and to do that, we should look to Ukraine – as a warning.

In early 2019, then-foreign minister Chrystia Freeland asked me to lead the Canadian observer mission for Ukraine's presidential election. She recognized this as a turning point in Ukraine's democratic survival. Upon arrival the threat was obvious. The Putin regime was working to discredit the election and install its loyalist in key positions. A previous pro-Kremlin Ukrainian president, Victor Yanukovich, had already tried to drag Ukraine back into Russia's orbit- until Ukrainians forced him out. Yet Russia's disinformation and intimidation tactics continued. Ukraine responded with unity, military preparedness and international partnerships. But here's the sobering truth: despite all its resilience, despite the heroism of its people, Ukraine may soon find itself outmuscled. If Mr. Trump and Mr. Putin negotiate a settlement, Ukraine could be forced into territorial concessions or a weakened sovereignty.

This should serve as a wake-up call for Canada. Ukraine's struggle shows the dangers of underestimating authoritarian threats, of relying too much on U.S. protection, and of failing to build strong alliances. There are signs that Canadians are already pushing back – boycotting U.S. goods, cancelling winter vacations, voicing their defiance in arenas and grocery stores. But the real test is yet to come. Will we set aside partisan divides, power struggles and media bias to use our election as a unified rebuke of Mr. Trump's delusions?

Even former prime minister Stephen Harper – no stranger to economic pragmatism – said that citizens should “accept any level of damage” to ensure the country preserves its independence. Five former PM's called for Canadians to fly our flag.

Parliament must now be recalled, ending its past churlish behaviour to pass an all-party resolution affirming Canadian independence, and asking Canadians to follow suit (and no, there should not be any non-confidence votes at this moment). Active efforts to overcome internal trade barriers must be a provincial priority, not just talking points. There must be reckoning on the financial plight of our colleges and universities following the snafu on international students. The recruitment for our military must be streamlined and peacekeeping restored as a career path. Housing the homeless is an imperative.

Beyond our borders, we must forge new diplomatic and economic partnerships with allies who recognize the danger of Mr. Trump's autocratic vision. The world order he seeks to dismantle – built on law, co-operation, and stability – must be defended.

Canada should take bold action, starting with Ukraine. We should secure a defence agreement that deepens military ties, including procurement of Ukraine's advanced drone technology for our Arctic security. No more hand-me-downs from the U.S. We should also signal to European allies, now rattled by JD Vance's threats to gut NATO, that Canada remains steadfast in its commitments.

Beyond defence, we should help in forging a multilateral effort to fill the void left by America's retreat from global leadership. Canada has pioneered international initiatives before – on land mines, the international Criminal Court and human rights. Now, we must step up again to combat climate change, corruption and poverty.

Our chairing of the G7 meetings this spring is a prime opportunity – and Russia should not be in attendance, no matter how hard Mr. Trump tries to swing an invite.

Ukraine's experience is not just a lesson in defiance – it's a cautionary tale. Canada must act now, while we still have the power to shape our own future.

Note: As of this Newsletter, the trade wars have begun.

"The UN Charter was drafted in 1945 by people who had learned the lessons that the aggression, isolationism and tariff barriers of the 20's and 30's had led the world into a conflagration.

Article One makes it clear: threats of annexation are illegal. So are unilateral tariffs in breach of a trade agreement."

- Bob Rae, Canadian Ambassador to the UN 

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Canada vs. USA



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| -Minimum Wage | \$17.30 cdn | \$7.25 usd |
| -Federal Median Income Tax Rate | 20.5% | 22% |
| -Health Costs | Free | \$4,316 avg. |
| -Bank Regulations | Strong | Weak |
| -Unionization Rate | 30% | 10% |
| -Median Annual Income | Ranked #1 in World | Ranked #2 in World |
| -Paid Maternity Leave | 15 Weeks | 0 |
| -Number of Tolls | 18 | 7,200+ |

Photos of our past



Rothesay Avenue where the Wandlyn Motor Inn on the left and Brown Street - Glen Falls School on the right. The sign was for the Kwik Pic Grocery store which was set up more like a food warehouse as I remember. Photo Credit – Kevin Morris.

Humour:



In a fire drill meeting at work they asked me what steps I'd take in a fire. Apparently "Really big and fast ones" was the wrong answer.

I remember during my indoctrination as a newly minted Engineer at the Oil Refinery back in the spring of 1982 we, as staff were trained in many of the emergency response efforts that might be required at the refinery should the situation arise. I remember telling the then Fire Chief as we were being trained in the fire suppression area that "if there was ever fire in the Propane Bullet area – I would be taking "really big steps in the opposite direction." As I remember he was less than amused.

Fortunately, this never occurred and for the most part it is because of the excellent training all workers received and were updated in keeping the refinery safe as the years progressed. Well done!

Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven