



## TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**April 24, 2025**

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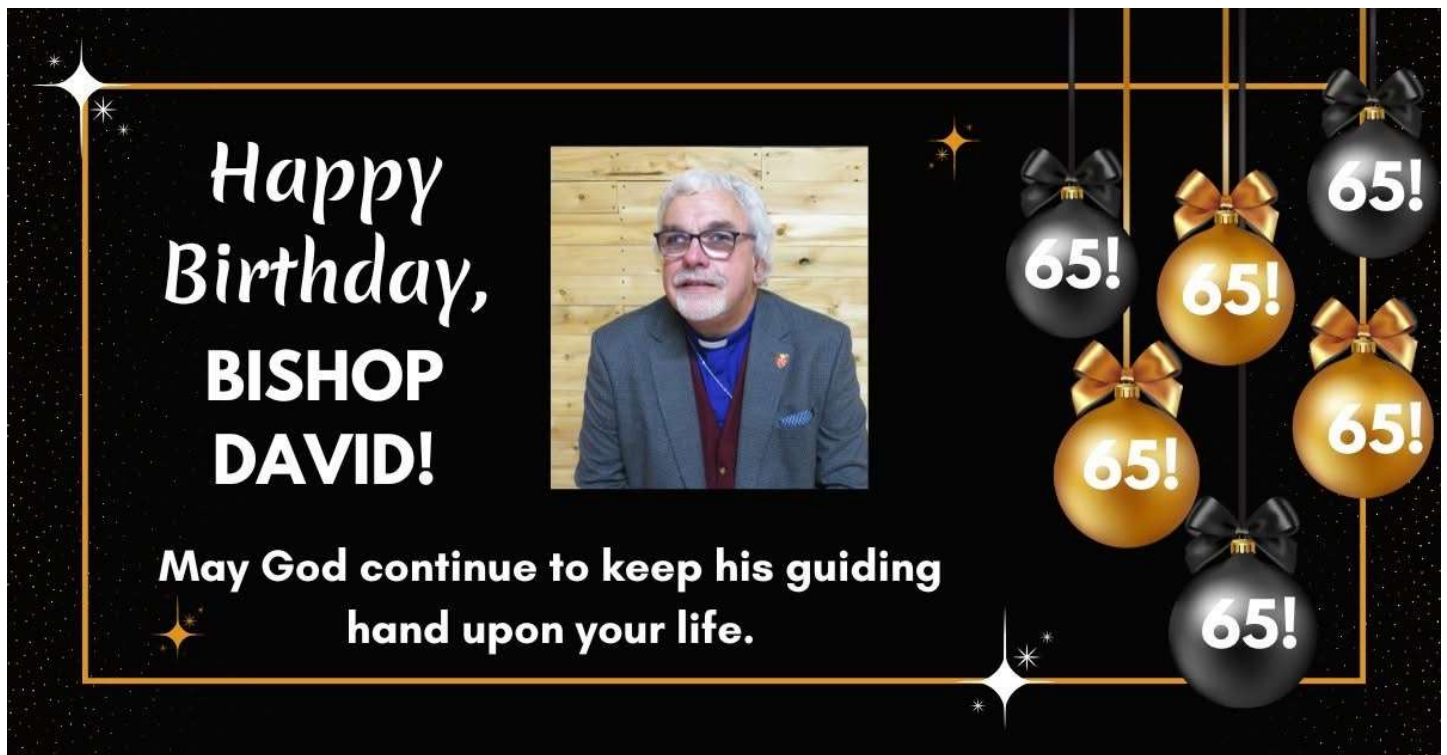
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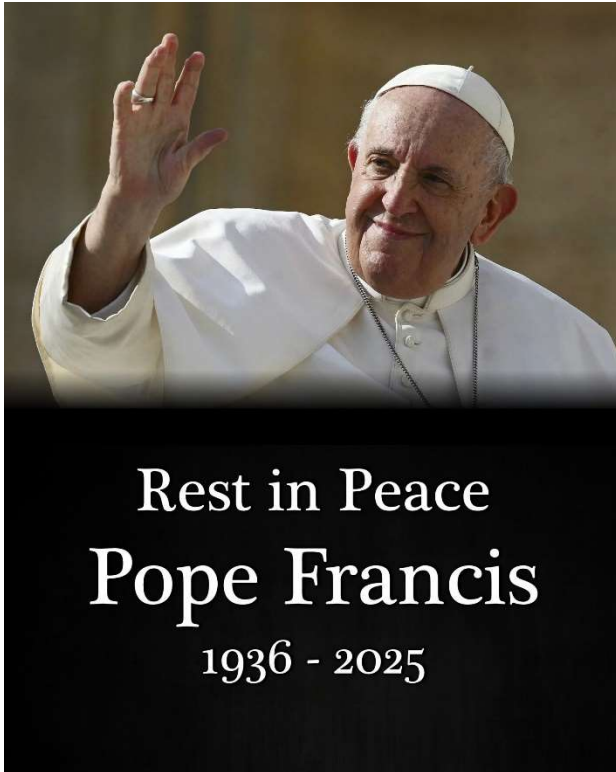
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**Trinity OFFICE HOURS:** Our parish administrator works in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12-3 pm while working from the home office on Monday and Friday. All telephone messages regarding church business are to be directed to the office 506-693-8558 or [trinsj@nb.aibn.com](mailto:trinsj@nb.aibn.com).

**You Tube Trinity Services:** You can view Trinity’s recorded services by going onto YouTube and typing in Trinity Anglican Church SJ. That will bring you to our channel and all of the previously recorded services.



A belated happy birthday to Ruth Ross – sorry for missing your date last week, however pleased to see your creative Easter bonnet proudly worn on Easter Sunday. Expect the ‘greens’ are calling you!



**Pope Francis's Easter Message** In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon himself all the evil in this world and in his infinite mercy has defeated it. The Lamb of God is victorious! That is why, today, we can joyfully cry out: 'Christ, my hope, has risen!' Pope Francis final message Easter 2025.

**Let us pray:** Father in heaven, we praise your name for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives, and the life and grace you gave them and the peace in which they rest. We praise you today for your servant Francis and for all that you did through him. Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Words from our Archbishop David Edwards:** The death of Pope Francis came as a shock to us all. The blessing for him was that he was able to continue his ministry amongst the people until his last day here on earth. Please remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church and people across the world as they mourn the loss of the Pope.

Francis was someone who exemplified the humility and resilience required of a leader in the church and wider society. In an increasingly turbulent world, his voice will be missed. This will especially be the case for those to whom he ministered quietly and privately, some of whom have been testifying, since his death, to this little-known aspect of his ministry. Please pray for the church as they lay Francis to rest and for wisdom as they move towards the election of a new Pope. Archbishop David Edwards.

**Pope Francis quote:** "Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is ... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you."



**Thank You** To say thank you does not adequately express my gratitude for all the support I receive at Trinity – and especially throughout this Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter. Trinity has experienced a full Easter Season – with the offerings Strove Tuesday pancake supper, Ash Wednesday, the Lenten Book Study – well attended, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday shared supper and service, Good Friday three-hour service and Easter. To Spencer and his choir and choir leads, to Louise Dodge-Hall for her support and decorations, Father Thomas Graham for his support, Marie Goguen for recording all of our services and posting them on Trinity's Web Site for those unable to be with us. To Lynda

Lomax and Judi Harvey-Isaac and their team for their expression of hospitality. To Susanne Sutton, Jennifer Waldschutz and Andrew Waldschutz for the joyous Trinity bells welcoming all to worship. To Sean Ezeocha for leading the procession on Easter morning and for Darrell and Andre Ezeocha for bringing in the Light of Christ into Trinity on Easter morning. For Tracey Saunders for always keeping Trinity well prepared to welcome all and to Denise Clapham for her support in making everything run seamlessly – especially during this extremely tasking period in the church year. For those I have missed, thank you and to all of you who continue to call Trinity home – thank you!

**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.

## Services and Gatherings over Holy Week & Easter:

### Maundy Thursday



It was great to return to the tradition of a Shared Meal together prior to the Maundy Thursday Service. Thank you to all the great cooks, Trinity faithful kitchen angels and the twenty-three who came out and made this a great supper. We were all quite well fed as we entered into the Maundy Thursday service.

### Good Friday



The Good Friday three-hour service was well attended once again. Thank you to Louise Dodge-Hall for the wonderful staging of the four stations shown below; The Upper Room & Foot Washing, The Garden of Gethsemane, The Trial and Golgotha – The Cross. This was the second year for having this journey part of the Good Friday program. Upon arrival, those present were given the opportunity to pick up a small stone. To hold this through the first part of the service and bring it with them through the walk around the stations in the second hour. All were encouraged to put their cares and worries into the stone and place it at the foot of the cross at the completion of the stations.

**The First Hour** was focused on Reflections on the Cross.

What the Cross means in its' physical form and what it means to us as Christians. During this time, we listened to the lyrics of the song titled, New Again – by Brad Paisley and Sara Evans – worth the listen to if you can access it on your mobile devise.

**The Second Hour** was focused upon Christ's Last 24 Hours – where we revisited Christ's moments in the Upper Room where he shared His Last Supper with His Disciples and Washed their feet. Then on to the Garden of Gethsemane where Christ was arrested, on to the Mock Trial we and then on upwards to the top of Golgotha for the Crucifixion.



**Upper Room**



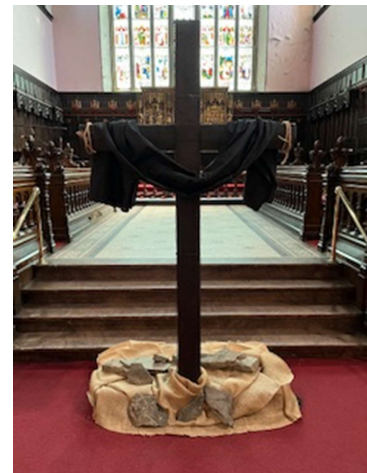
**Foot Washing**



**The Garden of Gethsemane**



**Trial**



**Golgotha - Cross**

**The Third Hour** the focus was upon the Christ's Seven Last Words. Father Thomas Graham narrated the Seven Last Words and as each word was completed a candle was extinguished. At the completion of our three-hour Good Friday service – all were encouraged to pick up a small wooden cross.

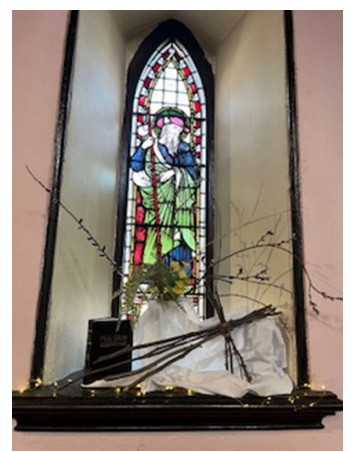
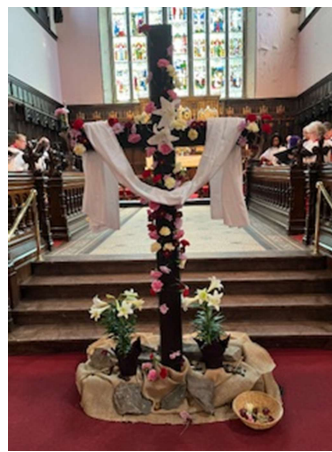


The small wooden cross has been part of my ministry since my days back in St. Mark's Anglican Church Wpg MB, 2006, where my friend, Modest Demchuk, would make them for us. Upon his last wishes, he asked me to keep the small wooden cross ministry going. I have made over 3,000 of these small wooden crosses and they are all over the world – as a number of these were given out during my Camino pilgrimages in 2017 and 2022.

These crosses you see here around the edge of the candle table – are somewhat unique as they are made from 1880 Trinity wood.



## Easter Sunday 2025



**Last Sunday at Trinity:** Last Sunday Trinity celebrated the **Resurrection of our Lord** – Easter Sunday having the Easter Story from the Gospel of John, John 20:1-18. This Easter I chose to call our reflection to the role of Mary Magdalene and why of all the ones' Jesus could have revealed Himself to, He chose Mary Magdalene



The Gospel of John's record of the Resurrection account is a little different than the other three gospel writers remembering that John wrote his gospel well after Jesus' death and we hear from his words what we are to embrace because Jesus was born, lived, died and was resurrected for us. The Gospel of John provides us with what is considered the most personal Resurrection story of all the Gospel accounts.

We often focus upon the male characters in scripture leaving the women barely a footnote in our conversation. This Easter, I switched it up and brought Mary Magdalene to the forefront not to lessen what Easter is all about, the Resurrection of our Lord, however if we did not have Mary's story, we would not have had the first-person account reveal of the resurrected Jesus.

So, we should ask ourselves, why did Jesus choose Mary Magdalene over all the others He had access to, to reveal Himself on this Easter morning? What message was Jesus sending them and us today by choosing Mary Magdalene over the others? We know there was nothing that Jesus did that was accidental. He had it firmly in his plans all along to reveal Himself to Mary Magdalene.

We have it in scripture, Luke's Gospel, that Jesus cured Mary Magdalene of her evil spirits, her past life and by this, Mary came into her new life, following and providing for Jesus and His Disciples for their basic needs. One would say from this experience Mary's 'eyes of her heart' were fully opened at this time.

Mary arrives first at the empty tomb in the early morning in the dark. She was there because of her devoted relationship of caring for Jesus over these past years and wished to be there showing her love for Him even at his death. She sees what she sees, the stone rolled away and runs to tell the others. How does what we see or what are willing to see determine what we believe? Jesus teaches us that we need to look with the 'eyes of our heart' and not just our physical eyes to recognize the Risen Lord among us in this world.

The account of the Empty Tomb continues and we have Mary in her state of shock speaking to whom she believed to be the gardener and it was not until the moment that the man said her name, **Mary**, did she understand the one she was talking to was indeed her Lord, Jesus. From the sound of her name, she recognized truly who this man was.

In Jesus' last command to Mary, He says to her, ***"Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."*** This has a very powerful message for them and us today. For them, they needed to recognize that Jesus (God) in human form cannot be forever no different that it is for us to say goodbye to our loved ones – there is a time for our physical time together and there will be a time for our eternal presence with one another at God's bidding. We, as Christians, are fortunate that God gives us the path of comfort for us to handle this separation and that path for us is the promise of the Resurrection. For this to be a reality, Jesus needed to ascend to His Father and by doing this Jesus gives us HOPE.

Jesus chose to spread the word that His Church will forever be built upon would come through Mary Magdalene where she had first account when she said, ***"I have seen the Lord"*** to which we say, ***"Alleluia! Christ is Risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."***

**This Sunday at Trinity** This Sunday we will celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter and Trinity will be welcoming Oliver Lawrence Bell-Estabrooks and his family as Oliver will be welcomed into Christs' Church through his baptism.

## 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. Archbishop David Edwards updated me on Geoff's health, as he completed his first round of Chemotherapy and now starting round two. Keep Bishop Geoff and his wife Ven. Jennifer Sissons in your prayers.

**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 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Most Rev Andrew Chan, Archbishop. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Old Crow: St. Luke's, the Rev Jeffrey Mackie-Deernsted and the Rev Marion Schafer. 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.

## **Rev. Canon Channing Gordon Lawrence M.A. - Revisited:**



### **Rev. Canon C. Gordon Lawrence M.A. Ian MacPherson & daughter Skye Laferriere**

This spring I received an email from Ian MacPherson, Rev. Canon C. Gordon Lawrence's grandson from Swastika (yes this is the name of his town), Ontario wishing to have a visit at Trinity. We arranged the time at Trinity for Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> where I met Ian and his daughter Skye and we spent an enjoyable time together at Trinity, reminiscing much of his grandfather's story, as they have been active in putting his grandfathers' story together. They spent a valued morning having pre-arranged a time at the NB Museum. After Trinity they were going to the Masonic Hall next door where his grandfather was active in the fraternity. On Thursday, the Hampton Museum has pulled a number of items out for them to review and then on to Corinthian Masonic Lodge in Hampton where he served as Master of the Lodge and then on to St. Paul's Anglican Church Hampton. As they have researched, Ian's parents were married at Trinity in 1941.

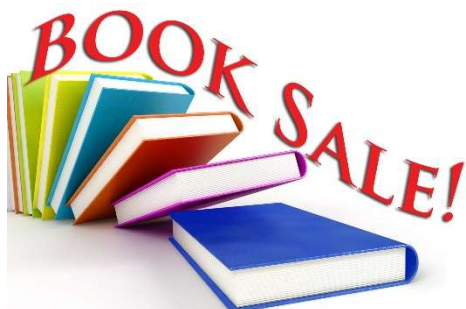
On our parting, I gave them a package of four small wooden crosses made from Trinity 1880 wood which they warmly accepted. Ian plans to send me some of his research which I will share and place in Trinity's archives. In turn, I offered to copy the Rector's Report from the Trinity Year Books over the years of his grandfather's tenure 1924 thru 1948 – twenty-four years as Rector of Trinity and send these to him.

## **TRINITY's SERVICE CALENDAR**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Sunday</b>                                                                        | <b>Service</b>                | <b>Readings</b>                                                      | <b>Presider</b>                            |
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| Apr 27      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Baptism – Oliver<br>Lawrence Bell-<br>Estabrooks | BAS<br>Baptism &<br>Eucharist | Acts 5:27-32<br>Psalm 118:14-29<br>Revelation 1:4-8<br>John 20:19-31 | Rev. Steven Scribner                       |
| May 4       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter                                                     | BCP HC                        | Acts 9:1-6<br>Psalm 30<br>Revelation 5:11-14<br>John 21:1-19         | Rev. Steven Scribner<br>Susanne Sutton     |
| May 11      | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Loyalist Sunday Service                          | BCP MP                        | Acts 9:36-43<br>Psalm 23<br>Revelation 7:9-17<br>John 10:20-30       | Rev. Steven Scribner<br>Rev. Peter Gillies |
| May 18      | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Rogation Sunday                                  | BCP HC                        | Acts 11:1-18<br>Psalm 148                                            | Rev. Steven Scribner                       |

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|        |                                                                      |                               | Revelation 21:1-6<br>John 13:31-35                                    |                                           |
| May 25 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Baptism – Lucy Logan-<br>Phinney | BAS<br>Baptism &<br>Eucharist | Acts 16:9-15<br>Psalm 67<br>Revelation 21:10,22-22:5<br>John 14:23-29 | Rev. Steven Scribner<br>Rev. Eric Phinney |
| June 1 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Ascension Sunday                 | BCP HC                        | Acts 1:1-11<br>Psalm 47<br>Ephesians 1:15-23<br>Luke 24:44-53         | Rev. Peter Gillies                        |
| June 8 | The Day of Pentecost                                                 | BCP HC                        | Acts 2:1-21<br>Psalm 104:24-34<br>Romans 8:14-17<br>John 14:8-17      | Rev. Steven Scribner                      |

### Trinity in a Glance:



#### Trinity's Spring Used Book and Cookie /Coffee Corner is on!

Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 7:00pm

Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 1:00pm

Pricing: \$1.00 each or a Bag Full for \$5.00

**Come out to find your summer reading – all topics – and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cookie for a nominal fee.**



**Trinity Spring Yard Sale** It is time once again to do a closet, garage or shed cleanout. Bring in your unwanted, but still like new items to Trinity for the Spring Yard Sale.

**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.

### Trinity Memories of Trinity Choir and Organists of our past & present:

*Missing your pictures this week*

Reviewing the 1926 Trinity Church Year Book – the Organist and Choirmaster was Mr. James S. Ford with a choir made up of 14 Sopranos (Mrs. J.R. Haycock was one), 4 Altos, 6 Tenors, 9 bass, 16 in the Boys Choir (Basil Stead was one).



## The Great East Window Campaign 2025



**The caption in the photo: Stained glass depends not on reflected light, like most forms of art do, but on transmitted light.**

It is anticipated with the East Window cleaned on both sides and new protective clear covering on the external window face the East Window will be once again brilliant in its' colors having last been cleaned in 1958.

The fundraising is actively underway – below you will see the fundraising progress to date graphically displayed in the Thermometer.

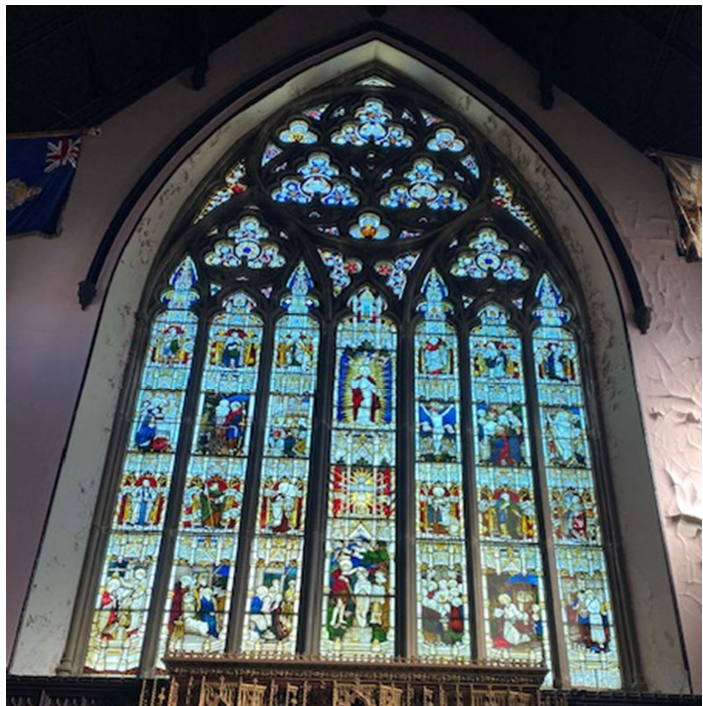
Trinity has received the Heritage Permit for this project. The application for the Saint John Heritage Grant for this project has been submitted.

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**

**The East Window Story** – in brief; The East Window consists of seven large lights, fifteen feet high, surmounted with a head of decorated tracery. It was a gift to the rebuild of Trinity post the Great Fire of 1877 by a past Trinity parishioner then living in London England, Lewis Bliss, Esq.

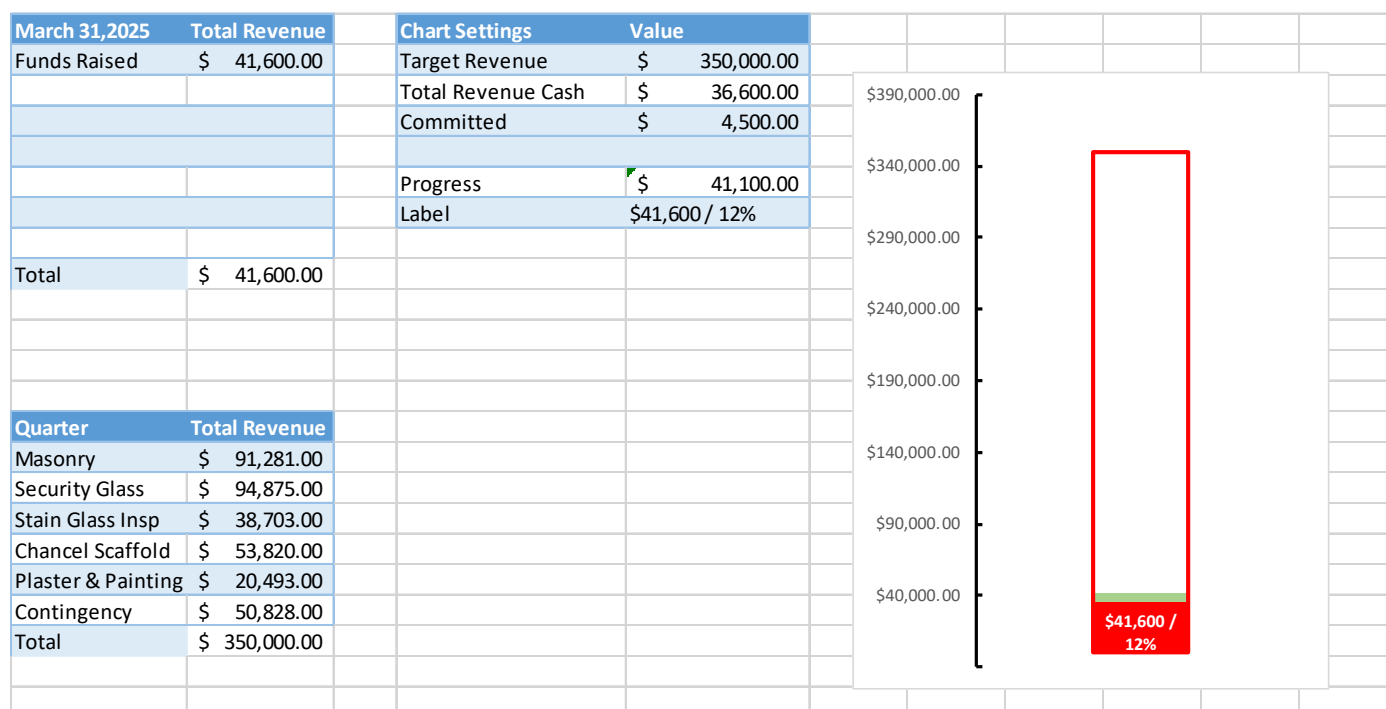
The East Window is described as an epitome of our Lord's life. The artist created scenes of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, The Nativity, The Visit of the Magi, The Presentation in the Temple, The Flight into Egypt, Jesus in the Temple, The Last Supper, The Agony in the Garden, Our Lord before Pilate, The Crucifixion, The Burial and the Resurrection. The East Window also captures images of Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Micah, Hosea, Malachi together with the four Evangelists.

At the bottom of the light on the south side is inscribed:

***“To the honor and glory of God, and in thankful acknowledgement of many mercies received throughout a life of 87 years and also in loving memory of his father, the Honorable Jonathan Bliss, late Chief Justice and President of the Executive and Legislative Council of the Province of New Brunswick and of his mother, Mary Bliss and of his three brothers, John Worthington, William Blowers and Henry, this window is dedicated by Lewis Bliss, A.D. 1880.”***

The designer and manufacturer, as noted in the Trinity Church Memorials booklet, – was J. Kempe, Esq. London.

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



## Camino 2022 Memories – spirited by Camino 2025:



Daniel Klein – 2022 Camino



Rev. Steven & son David Scribner – 2022 Camino





What a surprise when I opened my email back a couple of weeks ago to learn that one of my walking mates from our 2022 Camino was going back to complete the St. Francis Camino again this spring. Daniel Klein, who lives in Thunder Bay ON, by the time you read this weeks Newsletter will be finishing day thirteen. The top two pictures here were taken after we climbed the Pyrenees France 2022 – an aggressive hike for certain ending day one back then at Roncesvalles. This Camino route through to Santiago de Compostela is posted at 800 kms (36 days hiking) – it was less than encouraging that first morning that reportedly we only covered 10 kms climbing the Pyrenees. Daniel had posed at the same signage **Daniel Klein – 2025 Camino** upon leaving Roncesvalles on his day three. Another learning from our Camino

2022 – there is lodging half way up the Pyrenees which Daniel took part of this time. For those familiar with the St. Francis Camino Daniel has passed through the following; Orisson / Borda, Roncesvalles, Zubiri, Pamplona (where the running of the bulls takes place), Puente la Reina, Estella, Los Arcos, Logrono and Najera.



Pyrenees



Puente la Reina



Estella



Puente la Reina

A few pictures Daniel is sharing of his second Camino Pilgrimage 2025.

**The Pilgrims Prayer:** Be for Daniel his companion on the walk. His guide at the crossroads. His breath in his weariness. His protection in danger. His home (Albergue) on the Camino. His shade in the heat. His light in the darkness. His consolation in his discouragements and his strength in his intentions. Amen.

I thank Daniel for allowing me to vicariously experience the St. Francis Camino once again as I pulled out my Camino Journal and Camino Guide Book. Without a doubt one of the most memorable moments in my life – would love to do it again one day. During my 2017 half Camino I experienced only 1 hour of rain during my seventeen days walking from Leon through to Santiago and during the 2022 full Camino only 1 ½ hours of rain over 36 days walking – to date Daniel has had more rain than we experienced in his first 3 days – more normal weather this year than my past two experiences

## For those Stanley Cup Fans





Not sure of the image for those Montreal Canadian fans – ship may be sailing away, 0 for 2 thus far. Toronto and the Winnipeg Jets on the other hand are 2 for 2 – lots of hockey yet – keep the faith. The Winnipeg supporters are known for their 'whiteout' image during the playoffs. I remember one of my last conversations with Trinity's most loyal Montreal Canadian fan, Dorothy Jackson, when I mentioned a year ago that I would come in and watch the game with her when the Winnipeg Jets were playing her beloved Montreal Canadians. Her words in response were, "If the game is going poorly, you will be asked to leave" said with a huge grin. Oh, how she loved her Montreal Canadians and her Toronto Blue Jays.

## Being Canadian – The Envy of the United States



## Humor



Turns out the answer to my problems wasn't at the bottom of this pint of ice cream... but the important thing is I tried. 🍦 😊

P.E.I Easter Bunny

## Blessings 2025 – Reverend Steven