



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 3, 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.

Happy Belated Birthday to Kyle Wells – well-kept secret till you let it out – We hope your day was filled with good food, good friends and lasting memories.

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.

Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Supper is Back!



Trinity is returning to pre-COVID with its’ Maundy Thursday Pot-Luck Supper – followed by the Maundy Thursday Worship Service.

When You Ask? – Thursday, April 17, 2025

Kitchen Open at 4pm

Supper Served – 5pm

Worship Service – 7pm

Let us gather as community around the table prior to joining together for Worship.



Last Sunday at Trinity: Last Sunday Trinity celebrated the Fourth Sunday of Lent with the Gospel Scripture Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 which raised the question on 'Where would you believe Jesus would be if He were in Saint John on this day?

During my seminary studies we had a required reading which spoke to where Jesus might be in our present day.

The story went like this. One beautiful summer morning in Florida, a pastor was walking a few blocks from his home to his church. The morning was still, a few birds singing softly and very little traffic on the side streets he was on creating a very quiet, enjoyable walk on this day. Enjoying the

tranquility of the morning only to have it interrupted by the roar of motorcycles coming from a distance towards him. As they approached, he got increasingly more agitated that these bikes / bikers who had no respect for ones' peace. It was when they were passing by him, his rage peaked its' highest, as he noticed a flag flying on the last bike with the words 'Jesus Rides with Us'. He was fit to be tied. What right would this group of patched motorcyclists have to make such a statement. They passed, and a few blocks later as the pastor went from rage to a sense of questioning – asked himself. If Jesus was here this morning, where would He be – with him and his staff in the church or with this group of motorcyclists? His answer was the latter – and that is what we are reading about in this mornings' Gospel.

Luke in his Gospel writings supports this very situation in Jesus' days where the Pharisees and scribes were taken aside that this Jesus was welcoming and eating with tax collectors and sinners. With those that society of the day would have been on the margin of the elite. What Jesus did through His use of the parable of the Prodigal Son was to demonstrate the extent of God's grace, forgiveness and compassion. In doing so He demonstrated His unconditional love for all, inclusiveness of all and did this by challenging the norms of society then – and would I might suggest would do it today should Jesus arrive in person once again.

Why might one say? Well we find part of the answer in Mark 2:17 . we have Jesus saying in response to the Pharisees grumbling regarding his dining guests, ***"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners"***, reinforcing the theme of Jesus' mission to seek and save the lost.

Through stories like the parable of the Prodigal Son and the encounter with the woman caught in adultery, we witness Jesus' unwavering compassion and willingness to extend grace to those in

need. These narratives serve as poignant reminders of the transformative power of forgiveness and acceptance, urging us to embody these virtues in our relationships with others.

We are called to embrace the spirit of Jesus by extending a hand to those around you who may be overlooked or struggling. To share kindness with someone who needs it like a beacon of light in a dark world and to let our actions speak louder than words, embodying the love and acceptance Jesus showed.

Message Focus Understand Jesus' ministry that we might mirror His teachings

Call to Action To take that step today to spread love and compassion?

This Sunday at Trinity This Sunday we will celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We will look at Love's Extravagance.

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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, the Most Rev Enrique Lago Zugadi, Primate. Council of the North, Diocese of Brandon, Bishop Rachael Parker, the Henry Budd College for Ministry in The Pas and coordinators, indigenous parishes of the Diocese. Anglican Church of Canada, Acting Primate Anne Germond. Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame, those retired from missionary service.

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

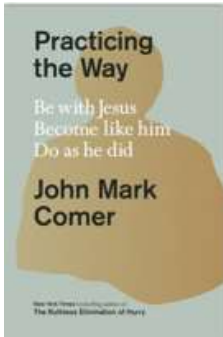
Prayer for Canada, Mexico and the United States – We pray for a resolve to the ensuing economic war being launched against Canada and Mexico which will also involve the United States in response. We ask for

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.

Prayers for House of Bishops The House of Bishops are meeting this week, March 31- April 4, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London ON. Their main agenda item is to nominate 3-5 Bishops for the ballot for the Primate Election in June. The prayer for the Nominations Process: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a Primate for this Church, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen The nominated Bishops names will be made known by April 3rd.

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



Want to know what you are missing on Thursdays through Lent – 12 noon thru to 1pm – here is the group who have made the Lenten Book Study “**Practicing the Way**” part of their Lenten additions. Sometimes we even get to chat about the book – great conversation always for the betterment of all present. Looking forward to our next weeks discussion. Thank you all for being part of this community.

TRINITY’S SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Apr 6	5 th Sunday in Lent	BCP HC	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4-14 John 12:1-8	Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 13	Palm Sunday	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday Supper – 5pm served			
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday – 7PM	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 18	Good Friday 12 noon – 3PM			Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 20	Easter Sunday	BCP HC		Rev Steven Scribner
Apr 27	2 nd Sunday of Easter Baptism – Oliver Lawrence Bell- Estabrooks	BAS Baptism & Eucharist		Rev. Steven Scribner

Lenten Season:

Words to live by shared by Nancy Young – Thank you.

The Fast Life

Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them

Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of GOD.

Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.

Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self concern;
Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.

Fast from gossip;
feast on purposeful silence.

Fast on problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayers that sustain.

Fast on anxiety;
Feast on faith.

Blessings



If only we were this smart?



An anthropologist showed a game to the children of an African tribe ...
 He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them: The first child to reach the tree will get the basket.
 When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they were walking together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit!
 When he asked them why you did that when every one of you could get the basket only for him!
 They answered with astonishment: Ubuntu.
 "That is, how can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?"
 Ubuntu in their civilization means: (I am because we are).
 That tribe knows the secret of happiness that has been lost in all societies that transcend them and which consider themselves civilized societies !!

Winter Season at Trinity in a Glance:

- April 17 –
 - Maundy Thursday Parish Pot Luck Supper – 5pm
 - Maundy Thursday Worship Service – 7pm
- April 18 –
 - Good Friday – three-hour service – 12 noon – 3pm
 - 12noon – 1pm
 - 1pm – 2pm
 - 2pm – 3pm
 - 3pm – retire to the Bennett Room for the traditional Hot Cross Bun social
- April 20 –
 - Easter Sunday 10:30am –
 - Bringing in the light to the Church
 - Flowering the Cross

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.

Trinity Memories of Trinity Choir and Organists of our past:



This picture is taken from the 1931 Year Book – picture dated November 23, 1930.

Organist: Mr. James S. Ford.

Soprano	Miss Monica Best Miss Marion Blakslee Mrs. N. L. Brenan Mrs. W. S. Clark Mrs. H. S Gregory	Mrs. J. R. Haycock Mrs. A. L. Lugin Miss Maud O. Magee Mrs. H. McKinney Miss Hazel Parsons	Miss Mary A Patton Miss Reynolds Miss Eva Reynolds Mrs. James Ross
Alto	Miss Pauline Biderman Miss Agnes Forbes	Mrs. G. B. Fisher Miss Grace Robertson	Miss Muriel Ellis
Tenor	Rev. H. J. Best Mr. T. Kingsmill	Mr. P.A. Clarke Mr. F. E. Pritchard	Mr. Roland Bustin
Bass	Mr. B. Bate Mr. H. McKinney Mr. A. S. Emery Mr. W. W. Webber	Mr. Harold Holder Mr. J. Davidson Mr. Harold Vincent	Mr. N. L. Brenan Mr. Percy Ring Mr. Robert Holder
Boys	Robert Bishop Albert Kelly Lloyde Yeomans	Eric Hoyt William Vail John Harding	John Thorne Bartlett Dick Jack Long
			John Carrick Kenneth Logue Walter Yeomans

Victor Hoyt

Douglas Stevens

Interesting notes included by the Organist & Choir Director, James S. Ford;

- Choir imminent about to finish another year of satisfactory work
- Special mention of the Cantata being sung on Good Friday evening “The Lamb of God” by Dr. Chasty Hector. The most difficult Cantata undertaken and most likely the first for this in Canada.

The Great East Window Campaign 2025

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

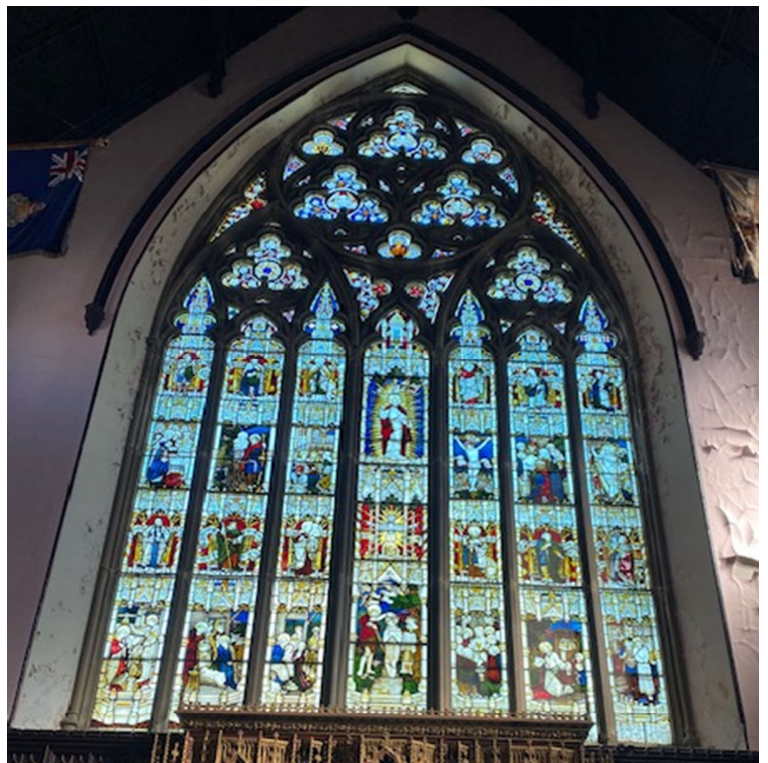
Trinity has received the Heritage Permit for this project. The application for the Saint John Heritage Grant for this project has been submitted.

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.

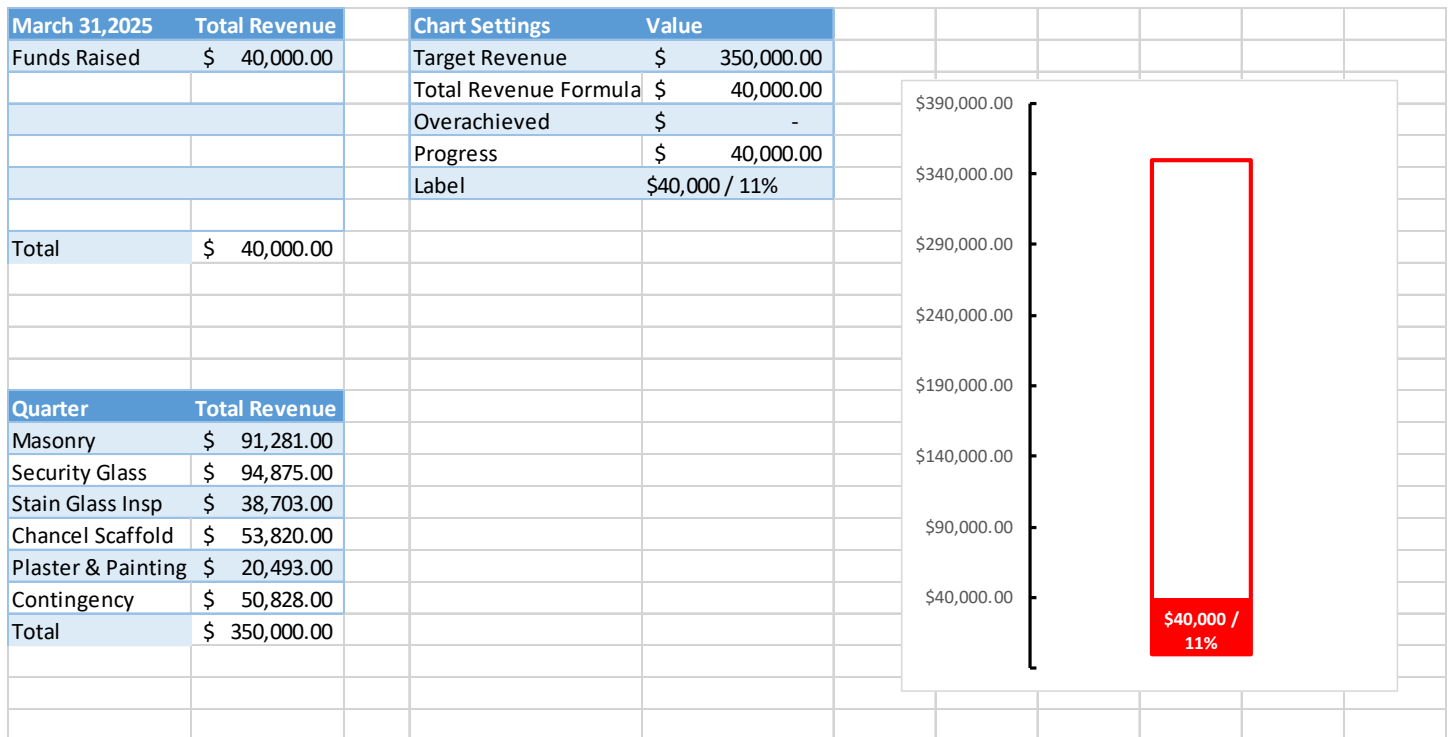


The East Window Exterior

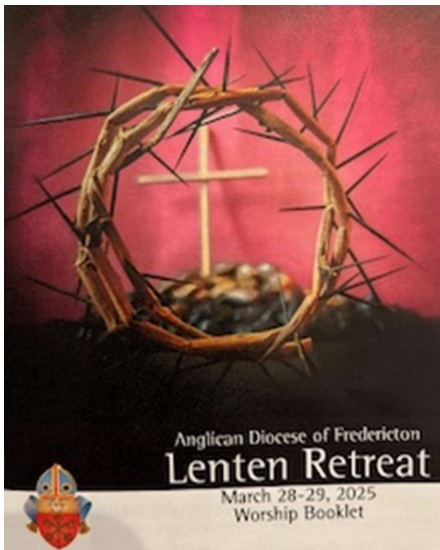


The East Window Interior

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



LENTEN RETREAT 2025



In keeping with my earlier message about Lent 2025 – how we need to take some time and interrupt our life if you will, as I had made mention that was what I saw Jesus doing when he went out into the desert – making a definite interruption from being fully human age up to thirty and the life He was meant to be after His Baptism and for the next three and one half years.

Well, this Lenten Retreat is one way in which I interrupt my life – for the most part, however I would do better if I left my phone and responding to emails while there – life still goes on – with the expectation I am available 24 x 7. In the end it did accomplish 90% of what I desired to be my interruption.

This Lenten Retreat was attended by some thirty folks from around our Diocese and always a highlight for me is to be with my, our Bishop (Archbishop) The Most Reverend David Edwards. The Retreat Leader was our Diocesan Youth Leader – Kurt Schmidt with the topic, Disciplines for a Holy Lent.

We were asked straight up what we were desiring by attending this Lenten Retreat – and I noted in my journal “To quiet my life for this period of time – reducing outside influences & focusing on what God has for me – to enhance my Lenten Season.”

Humor is always a great way to have folks settle in, and Kurt shared this little joke. A rural church needed to have their steeple repainted. It was in desperate need of a refresh coat of paint. Eventually a fellow parishioner came forward to offer his assistance and went up on the steeple and started to paint. As the work progressed he became increasingly aware that he very well might run short of paint to complete the entire steeple, so he added a little paint thinner to the mix. As he continued his fears were becoming more real and added even more paint thinner. As he was finishing a bolt of lightning struck him, he fell to the ground. As he came to and looked up at the steeple which looked almost as bad as it was when he started to paint it he heard a heavenly voice saying, ‘Repaint, Repaint and Thin No More!’

We participated in four Meditations which had Kurt lead us in each with a thoughtful message, a time of reflection and some table sharing. Through Friday Evening and Saturday, we touched on words and actions such as Repent, Discipline, POMO (Position of Maximum Opportunity), Lent, Obedience, the Monastic Movement Teachings, Anthropology (which requires one to look up and wonder), the Psalms (connection with Jesus who prayed them and was also in them), Prayer Exercises. Listen more Deeply, Commitment, Fasting, Lectio Divina (Latin – meditative reading of Scripture) and Alms Giving.

As a Retreat Community we shared in Compline, Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Mid-Day Prayers. The weekend Retreat was equally impacted by the sharing of meals together where we reacquainted with friends of our past and made new ones.

With all the reasons I may have had not to go, my reason to go – over powered – and I am glad I went.

Humour:

