



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 8, 2026

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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.



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Frances Bambury.

Funeral arrangements have yet to be finalized.

Rest Eternal Grant unto Frances O Lord and let Light Perpetual Shine upon her. Amen



Happy Birthday – Your Trinity family extends birthday greetings to Elizabeth Bastarache who will be celebrating her special day in the upcoming week. Happy Birthday from your Trinity family.

E-Offering Stewardship Option Trinity has presently 20 signed up using the E Offering Stewardship method. 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. **If you are not currently a subscriber your**



Vestry members encourage you to check it out. By doing so no matter what happens during your week, month or year, once signed up you can rest assured your Trinity is being supported. Should you wish to join the E offering program, you can do so from your home by contacting the Parish Office at 506-693-8558 or trinsj@nb.aibn.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Prayers

We offer special prayers for:



Archbishop David Edward’s Father – We hold Archbishop David’s father, Jack Edwards (97 1/2) up in prayer. He is much improved and back home. Archbishop David and Debbie are back home in Fredericton. Thank you all for keeping them 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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer La Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, Primate Juan David Alvarado Melgar. Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Shane Parker. Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Samuel Rose. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Baduhu. Diocese of Yukon, Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark; community of Keno; the Rev Jeffrey Mackie-Deernsted. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

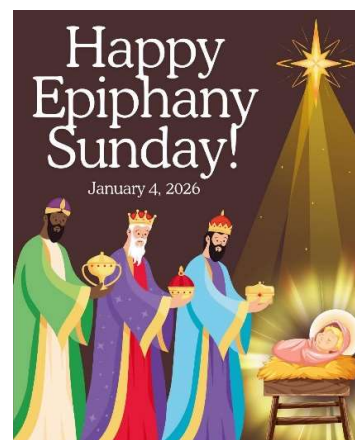
Prayer for Israel and Palestine we pray for the current peace actions and the safe release of those taken captive. We hold both communities in our prayers as they commence rebuilding their lives and that the peace presently experiencing will live on. Amen

Prayers for the people of Venezuela that they will return to a democratic lead government and oppression and unjust treatment of their people will come to an end.

Parish Prayer Requests Judith Miller, Katie Kassner, Shirley Shaw, and William Teed. We also pray for those who suffer from any form of addiction that they may have the strength to overcome their desires and return to a healthier state of life.

TRINITY's SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
Jan 11	The Baptism of the Lord	BCP HC	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	Rev. Steven Scribner
Jan 18	Second Sunday after Epiphany	BCP MP	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Rev. Steven Scribner
Jan 25	Third Sunday after Epiphany	BAS Eucharist	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 5-13 1 Corinthians 1"10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Rev. Steven Scribner
Feb 1	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	BCP HC	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Rev. Steven Scribner



The three gifts were full of a deeper meaning than outwardly they would indicate. Gold – being of value, however symbolized kingship. Frankincense being an ingredient of incense symbolizing deity – Jesus the sacrificial King. Myrrh used with other spices for anointing all things holy and also used for embalming and would be used for Jesus Himself – the holy King! These three gifts were very



appropriate for Jesus, being a very different king than Herod. These three gifts would have formed a further message to a humble girl named Mary who in her heart knew her son would be a very special King.

Paul made it clear to the Colossians that they needed to change their ways as it would only be through the power of Jesus Christ their lives would be saved. Changed attitudes for them and for us are on the stage; our attitude towards others, being a little more generous and sharing more empathy. Live life showing love, peace, thanksgiving while worshiping and giving our loyalty to Christ.

So, as we enter into this new year, 2026, let us look optimistically at the new opportunities that will present themselves to us. An opportunity for us to continually grow more in the likeness of the one who gave it all, His life for us. When we look back at 2026 in twelve months, let us be amazed at what God called us to do.

Neighbour Missional Outreach Opportunities

12 Neighbours

The following items are being asked for in order to make their residents feel at home and cared for;

- Coffee Creamers (shelf-stable or refrigerated), coffee, sugar or sugar packets, coffee cups.
- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, liners)
- Shampoo and conditioner (full size or travel size)
- Personal care items, Irish Spring, razors, shaving cream, towels, face cloths, skin care products
- Non-perishable food items: instant oatmeal, different types of snacks, KD microwaveable, Ramen bowls, bread or bagels, peanut butter, cheese whiz, juice boxes, pop, ensure
- Plastic or wooden cutlery, good winter socks, men and women underwear, flip flops for our showers, Tim cards, paper plates

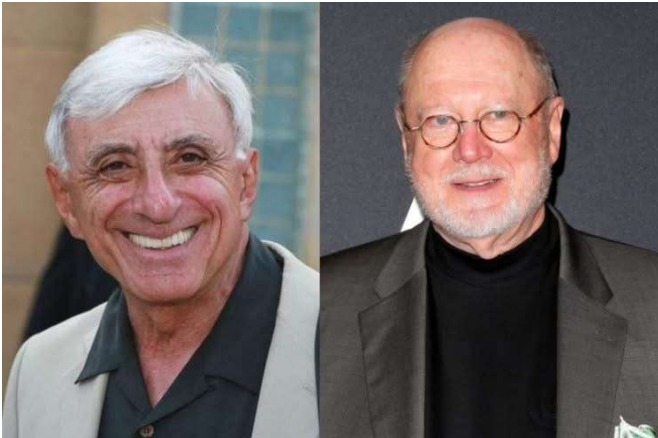
Let us focus on being a contributor to 12 Neighbours throughout 2026.

The Great East Window Campaign 2025 - 2026

The project is estimated at \$350,000 and at present the revenue on hand and committed totals \$170,040 (Revised) which represents 49% of the goal achieved to date. Two recent amounts, one a personal donation and the other a grant to be received.

A story worth telling!

You most likely know who the gentleman on the left – however the one on the right may be somewhat a mystery. These two fellows were part of the main cast of MASH – Klinger and Charles Winchester III. Their story, which I just read, is well worth reprinting – as there are messages for all of us that no matter what our success or fame has been in this life our calling distills down to the basics of human friendship and love for humanity. Hope you find this thought provoking and insightful as we age and have opportunities to be that servant God calls us to be.



The story goes as such:

By February 2018, the hospital staff all knew them. The tall, dignified man with the gentle voice – David Ogden Stiers and the older man with the warm eyes and quiet humor, pushing his wheelchair – Jamie Farr.

For eight months, Jamie had flown back and forth to Oregon, helping David through radiation treatments. Every appointment. Every scan. Every long, silent wait in those cold, fluorescent hallways.

On the day of David's final radiation session, the doctor came in, eyes heavy. "Mr. Stiers," he said softly, "the cancer has spread. The radiation isn't working anymore. There's nothing more we can do Medically."

David nodded calmly. "Thank you, doctor," he said. "I understand." Next to him, Jamie couldn't hold it together. He turned away, tears already spilling over. Out in the parking lot, they sat together in Jamie's car and said nothing for a long time. Then David turned to him. "Jamie," he said gently, "don't cry.

"How am I not suppose to cry?" Jamie burst out. "They just told us you're dying. Eight months I've been bringing you here. Eight months I've been praying, hoping and now they say there's nothing left to do?" "How am I not supposed to cry, David?"

David reached over and took his hand, his own fingers weak but steady, "Jamie," he said, in that calm, steady Charles Winchester voice fans knew so well, "I'm seventy-five. I've had a long life. But these last eight months ... these have been the most beautiful months I've ever had."

Jamie stared at him.

"Because for the first time," David continued, "I knew what it felt like to have a family." He took a breath. "My parents cut me off when they found out I was gay," he said quietly. "My siblings stopped calling I never married. No children. No one waiting at home." "I spent seventy-five years mostly alone, Jamie. I thought I'd die the way I lived – by myself. He squeezed Jamie's hand. "But then there was you." "Eighty-three years old and flying to Oregon. Sitting through every treatment. Waiting in plastic chairs while I was in that machine. Walking me to the bathroom when my legs wouldn't work. Cleaning me up when I was sick. Holding my hand when I was scared." He smiled through the pain.

"That's what family does," David whispered. "You gave me something cancer could never touch: you made sure I didn't go through this alone."

Jamie shook his head, tears streaming. "David," he said, voice breaking, "you're not my charity case. You're my family. Not for eight months – for forty years. "Since MASH. Since Charles walked into the 4077th. Since you made us laugh and made us crazy and made us better." "You're my brother," he said. "And I'm not going anywhere. I'll be with you to the very last second. You will not die alone. I promise you that."

For the first time that day, David's composure cracked. His eyes filled. "Shukran," he whispered – Arabic for "thank you," slipping into the language they'd heard so often on set all those years ago. "Shukran jazilan, Jamie," he said. "Thank you ... for everything. For forty years. For showing me what it means to have a family."

In that parked car, outside a cancer centre on a grey February day, two old friends – a Lebanese kid from Toledo and a classically trained actor from Oregon – held onto each other and cried. Not as TV co-stars / As brothers.

Another Church hit with Vandalism!



Senseless Vandalism hits a church once again. This rural Fredericton church had its' historic Church Bell stolen. Fredericton Police recovered a piece of it discarded in a ditch nearby thanks to a tip from the public. The 200-year-old brass bell was smashed by a sledgehammer and left in a ditch. The bell weighted between 300 and 400 pounds. The thieves removed it from its place on the grounds of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Fredericton last week. Unfortunately, we at

Trinity are all too aware of the senseless vandalism that our church and grounds are exposed to on an ongoing rate. Sad there remains so little respect for the church and graveyards in our society as of late.

Did you know how Trinity is viewed by others?



Original Trinity – Burnt 1877



The Rebuilt Trinity – 1880

In the words that accompanied this picture on Facebook I restate – great reflection on what Trinity stood, stands and continues to stand for.



I took this photo of Trinity Church uptown on a cold quiet night, and it had me reflecting and appreciating the strength of what endures.

So much has changed around it over the years: the streets, the buildings, the people, the pace of life. And yet, it stands firm. Solid. Grounded. Unmoved by trends or time.

Our past matters. It is the foundation that allows everything else to rise. When we respect it, protect it, and build with it and not over, it's then that we don't dim progress; rather we strengthen it.

Trinity Church doesn't compete with its' surroundings. It enhances them. By staying true to what it is, it gives the whole space more character, more meaning, and more beauty.

There's a lesson in that for cities and for people alike. Change is inevitable, and strong roots are essential for growth.

Photo Credit – AJM 2026

From the Incumbent's perspective: First, one could never have put it so succinctly as the photographer has done in just a few lines as reprinted above.

When we look at Trinity 2016 - 2025 in the rear view mirror – much has been done to fulfill what the photographer has penned having completed upwards of 30 restoration projects from the largest the restoration of the steeple tower, new roofs, the grounds, restoring the Bells and Clock – the list goes on and on having raised over \$1.7M to date with a huge project in front of us being the Great East Window which involves the East wall and Chancel restoration targeted at \$350,000.

The challenge is to fill the pews and become as active as Trinity was back in the 1950's – 1960's where attending church on Sundays was the priority for the whole family – setting the week on its' firm foundation. We are not there these days!

The readership of this Newsletter goes to many who are loyal Trinity members however are truly missing out in the community of Trinity which is a fundamental aspect of our faith community. This is where we connect from week to week – check up on what has been happening with one another socially and otherwise – sharing our wins and losses and our plans for the near future.

Attending worship weekly has a number of benefits; first and foremost, it is where we continue to grow in our Christian Faith through Worship, Prayer, Music and quieting our lives so we can actually hear God's will on our lives. As important, it is where we are in community with one another. Our mere presence in church on Sunday affects all those who are also there as they come to be in community. Your presence assures that Trinity's community remains strong and inviting to those who call themselves long-term Trinitarians and especially important to those who find us as new members to our parish.

So, as we enter into 2026, think back to the day when we all got a star for attending Sunday School – and how we all wanted that perfect attendance star / certificate at the end of the year – which encouraged us on Sundays when we might have thought otherwise, but put that aside and attended church. Your attendance is an encouragement to your other parishioner family members and I would suggest will help you as your week unfolds become filled with grace and love.

Last Sunday, the coldest we have had, -26 C standing temperature, we had a strong choir, and a total of fifty-eight in church. For those remembering our services in 2017 when we used the Bennett Room for winter services, the goal was to grow in numbers that would make this option not an option. We are there and with those who are Trinitarians all attending our numbers would be north of eighty or ninety without a stretch.

Hope to see our numbers surpass seventy-five on a given Sunday – see you Sunday!

A Little Sunshine from Susanne

A Homemade Christmas

This crocheted Christmas tree was designed and manufactured by 25 incredible women in India's state of Goa who felt another fake plastic Christmas tree was something the world didn't need.

The 1000+ granny squares were made by The Crochet Collective, an inter-generational, inter-continental group organized by Sheena Pereira, Sharmila Majumdar, and Sophy Sivaraman. They initially met over Zoom during Covid but gradually evolved into an "in person" group that met to crochet, to share, and to help revive a fading craft. When they conceived of the tree in August, they had no idea how big it would be, how it would be shaped, or how long it would take to finish. They began anyway.

Things really accelerated when a local civil engineer welded an 18-foot conical tree frame out of metal and donated it, along with the transportation, to the Collective without charging a rupee. They were given space inside the Museum of Goa, and suddenly, the project had momentum.

"It wasn't supposed to be this big," Sivaraman admitted, laughing. "But then again, none of us knew how big it would become."



Thank you, Susanne for contributing to the Trinity Newsletter weekly. Love the stories you share.



Note: This speaks volumes about Trinity's newest Christmas Tradition – in the Memory Tree – where many brought in photos of those who have passed beyond our sight however are very much with us all year long, especially around Christmas. The Memory Tree will have to be expanded for 2026 as 2025 filled it to capacity.

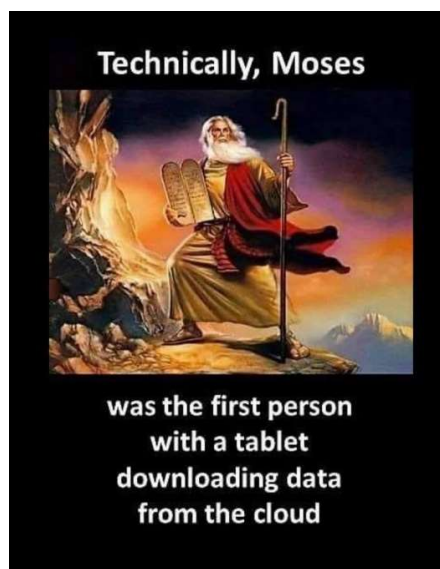
HUMOUR



WHAT IF THE THREE WISE MEN WHO CAME TO HONOUR THE BABY JESUS WERE...

THREE WISE WOMEN, who would have asked directions, arrived on time, would have helped deliver the baby, brought practical gifts, cleaned the stable and made a casserole... and there would be PEACE ON EARTH!

To fully get the humor of wedding picture you have to do some homework and read Psalm 199 in its' entirety. The message speaks for itself and the wedding ceremony has just been extended by another half-hour. Suffice to say, I have never been asked for this scripture for any service in my time.



A captain notices a light in the distance on a collision course with his ship.
He signals, "Change your course 10 degrees west."
The light signals back, "Change your course 10 degrees east."
Annoyed, the captain signals, "I'm a U.S. Navy captain. You must change your course, sir."
The reply comes back, "I'm a Seaman First Class. You must change your course, sir."
Now furious, the captain signals, "I'm an aircraft carrier. I'm not changing my course!"
The light signals back one final message: "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."

New Years' Blessings 2026 – Reverend Steven