



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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.



Happy Birthday – Your Trinity family extends birthday greetings to Andre Ezeocha. 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:



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 The Church of England, Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Hon Sarah Mullally. Council of the North, Diocese of the Arctic, Bishop Alexander Pryor, Suffragan Bishops Annie Ittoshat, Ann Martha Keenainak and Jared Osborn, clergy and people, the Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtung. Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Shane Parker. Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias

Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Carcross: St. Saviour's; Tagish and Johnson's Crossing. 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 and return to a healthier state of life.

TRINITY'S SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
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
Feb 8	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	BCP HC	Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Matthew 5:13-20	Rev. Steven Scribner
Feb 15	Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday	BCP HC	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	Rev. Steven Scribner
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday	BCP HC	James 4:6-11 Matthew 6: 16-21	Rev. Steven Scribner
Feb 22	First Sunday in Lent	BAS Eucharist	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Rev. Steven Scribner
Mar 1	Second Sunday in Lent	BCP HC	Genesis 12:1-4 Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Rev. Steven Scribner

Upcoming Services and Events

Shrove Tuesday
Ash Wednesday
Heritage Day

February 17th
February 18th
February 21st

Pancake Supper at 5:00pm
Service at 7pm
Bennett Room 10:00am thru to 2:00pm

Lenten Book Study / lunch

week #1
week #2
week #3

Thursday February 19
Thursday February 26
Thursday March 5

12 noon – 1pm
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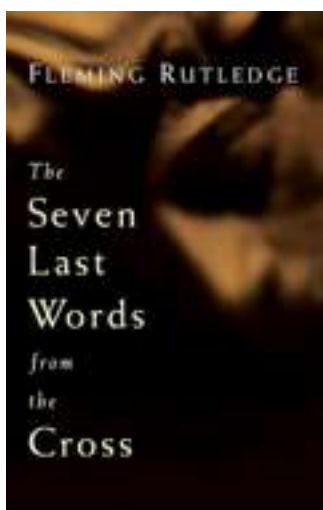
week #4	Thursday March 12	12 noon – 1pm
week #5	Thursday March 19	12 noon – 1pm
week #6	Thursday March 26	12 noon – 1pm

**Greater Chapter Meeting
Palm Sunday**

**March 12th Place and time to be announced
March 29th**

**Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter Sunday
140th Diocesan Synod**

**April 2nd Pot Luck Super 5:30pm Service at 7pm
April 3rd 12 noon – 3pm
April 5th
April 18th Fredericton
Topic - Future of Christ Church Cathedral**



The 2026 Lenten Book Study Resource will be 'The Seven Last Words from the Cross' by Fleming Rutledge [ISBN-10 9780802827869](https://www.isbn-international.org/product/9780802827869) or [ISBN-13 978-0802827869](https://www.isbn-international.org/product/9780802827869). Available wherever you buy your books.

Presently I am in the process of ordering a number of copies, please let me know if you wish to acquire one and / or plan to attend the lunch hour Lenten study in the Bennett Room as noted above. Bring your lunch and join in the less formal discussions as we discuss the author's point of view. Discounted price will be \$14.00 each.



Sunday's Message: Matthew commences with the Genealogy of the 'human' Jesus, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Then Matthew records the birth of Jesus Christ and the story that accompanies the birth narrative. Then Matthew fast paces some thirty years forward to John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus – which is the marker for Jesus' earthly ministry which brings us to this mornings' gospel Matthew 4:12-23.

Jesus has learned that His cousin John the Baptist has been imprisoned for calling out a tyrant leader, Herod, for his taking on his brothers' wife while ridding himself of his own wife.

This is truly the time for Jesus to take upon Himself the role in His physical life for which He was born in the flesh to fulfill. This was the turning point in His life for Him to put his past thirty years behind him – step forward into a new physical reality.

At this point He left Nazareth and made Capernaum his new home thus drawing a close to the first chapter of His life and never to return to live there. For Jesus His former world albeit not totally gone, has changed and will be forever. One chapter has ended and another has begun.

Jesus chose to move to Capernaum in Galilee an area compressed, highly populated and extremely fertile in both agriculture and socially acceptable, fertile ground for a new gospel to be preached. Galilee was considered to be open to new ideas in a way that no other part of Palestine was. In addition, the great roads of the world passed through Galilee with the Way to the Sea leading from Damascus through Galilee down to Egypt and to Africa. With the road east through Galilee out to the frontiers. Suffice to say the world traffic passed through Galilee – and is said Galilee is on the way to everywhere. With this influx of travelers – Galilee was bound to be exposed to new ideas.

By the unrest and being a resettled area, Galilee was by all accounts the one place where a new teacher with a new message would have a real chance to be heard and it was the chosen land that Jesus began His mission and where He first began to share His message.

Matthew tells us in a brief one-sentence summary as recorded for us in our Bible translations, “From that time on Jesus began to preach.” Vs 17 The word in Greek is *kerussein* which is the word for a herald’s proclamation from a king – a message being brought directly from the king which should be characteristic of all preaching;

- 1) There is a voice of certainty – no question on the validity of the message – no perhaps or maybes or probablys rather definite truths. A German poet once said; “Tell me of your certainties, I have doubts enough of my own.”
- 2) There is a voice of authority – for He was speaking for the king. A good preacher would never say, “He did not guess nor surmise; rather he would say he knew” – placing authority in what was preached.
- 3) The message came from a source beyond himself – it came from the king. Preaching speaks from a source beyond the preacher and ones’ personal opinions should not be entertained. It is the voice of God transmitted through the person speaking to the people.

The message from Jesus on this day was; “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” Vs 17b In other words, ‘Repent!, Turn from your own ways and turn to God. Lift your eyes from earth and look to heaven. Reverse your direction, and stop walking away from God and begin walking towards God.’

As we close, let us leave with the reflection that this past week, World Week of Prayer, prompted world wide – looking for us to Share the Light and Share the Hope.

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 \$196,009 which represents 56% of the goal achieved to date.

This project involves the East Window maintenance, renewing the exterior safety glass, masonry repointing of the East Wall along with refacing the East Window sandstone tracery coupled with a total refinishing of the Sanctuary. It is the goal to commence this project by June 2026.

New Signage Posted



Trinity Parking

There has been an ongoing misuse of the rented parking spaces on the Trinity property. Trinity rents out on a monthly basis twenty-two spaces at \$115 per space / \$2,530 monthly or \$30,360 annually. In effort to protect these parking spaces Trinity has posted No Parking Signage with the message Non-Permit Holders will be towed at the vehicle owners' expense and risk. Suffice to say, the subtle approaches over the years have failed to work.

Shared Light / Shared Hope – Ecumenical Prayer Service – January 22

Hosted by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception – Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck, CC



Cathedral Centre Isle



Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck



Most Rev. David Edwards



Pastor AJ Thomas



Maranatha Prayer Group



Small Sliver of the Cross*

The Cathedral was at 90% capacity on Thursday evening for this Ecumenical Prayer Service. Pictures above capture a number of those participating and others representing the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Baptist (River Cross), Wesleyan (Kings) to mention those identified.

The last picture identified as 'Small Sliver of the Cross' was identified by Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck as an actual piece of the wood believed to be from the cross Jesus was crucified on. The story retold this evening went as follows; 'There was a mission set where the ground was carefully excavated, the area where it was believed the three crosses were buried, and a lady of known need for healing, touched one, no effect. Then another with no effect and then the third and was cured. It was then believed the one which she touched and was cured must have been the cross that Jesus was crucified on'. That is the legend – and present at the Cathedral this evening was a sliver of this particular cross. Many lined up to either pray or touch the display.

The service was centred around unity – and AJ Thomas (Kings) urged all, that although we are from many different faith beliefs, we all agree with one set of facts; 'We believe in Jesus Christ – He is the Son of God – was born of the Virgin Mary, lived, was arrested, was crucified and died for us – for the forgiveness of our sins'. We all have this in common although we differ on many other lesser important facts. We were all charged to Share the Light and Share the Hope.

Kids Bible School Anniversary Program January 24th Chateau de Champlain



I was honored to be invited to participate in a small way in the presentation some twenty young children and youth shared the Christmas narrative of our Lord Jesus Christ. They performed a number of presentations from a welcoming speech, introduction talk, special dance, choreography, group song, red-tie presentation, special music, a mime along with reciting scripture and the sharing of the Word of God all creatively knit together to tell the complete Christmas narrative.

I was so impressed, as all in attendance, at the amount of memory in narrative, dance and singing these young people accomplished as they presented the Christmas story through the various modes of communication – word, song and visual arts.

You will recognize two of Trinity's younger members, Sechiel (at the microphone) and Gia (receiving a gift from Rev Christopher Ketch).

The program kept the audience captivated for an hour and one half. Well done all!

Archbishop Sarah Mullally 106th Archbishop of Canterbury – St. Paul's Cathedral UK



We all join with the Anglican Communion in wishing Archbishop Sarah Mullally every blessing as she embarks on this historic and significant role in the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion.



Celebration of New Ministry Rev. Christopher Ketch Church of the Good Shepherd

On Sunday, January 25th, the Diocese and in particular, the Saint John Deanery welcomed Rev. Christopher Ketch to the Deanery as the newest of Ordained Ministers among us. Archbishop David Edwards officiated in the Celebration of New Ministry with a welcoming congregation from clergy and lay from across our province. Rev. Christopher is

returning to his roots, having been raised in the lower north end and lived on the westside prior to

moving to Kent where he continues on a 50/50 split between his existing parish in Kent and now with The Good Shepherd over the next year prior to fully relocating to Saint John. Immediately following the service all shared in a lovely dinner carrying on the celebration over a wonderful meal. Congratulations to the Parish of The Good Shepherd and to the Rev. Christopher Ketch and his family.



Congratulations, Fr. David!

Last Sunday, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, marked the 50th anniversary of the priesting of the Rev. Canon David Kierstead by Archbishop Nutter at St. Luke's, Woodstock.

Following his theological studies with the brothers of the Society of the Sacred Mission at Kelham in Nottinghamshire, England, Fr. David served back home in the parishes of Richmond (1975-1985), St. Mary's (1985-1995) and Victoria (1995-2009). In 2003, he was made a Canon by Bishop Hockin.

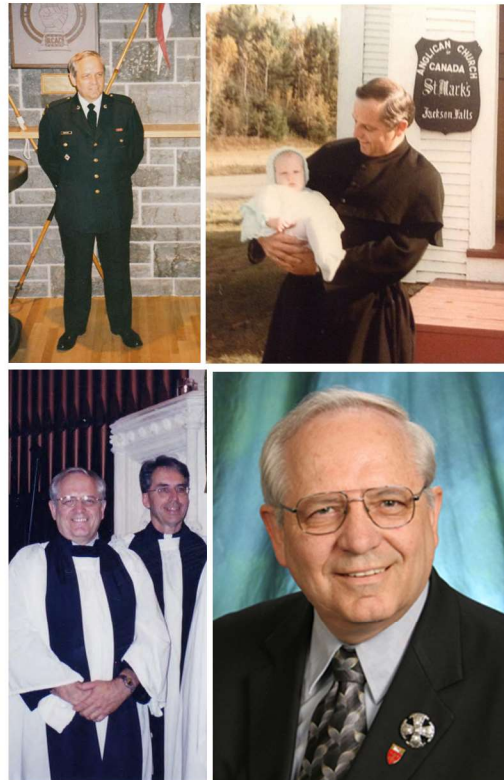
In addition to parish ministry, he served the diocese in various other capacities, most notably as an Examining Chaplain, Chair of the Diocesan Property Committee and interim Treasurer. He retired in 2009.

Between 1981 and 1998, he also served as a Padre in the 3rd Field Royal Canadian Artillery and 1st Royal New Brunswick Regiment and as the District Chaplain for Western New Brunswick District. He retired as a Major. He is still involved in various ways in the Royal Canadian Legion, both Branch 69 and Saint John District.

Since his return to his native Saint John in 1995, he has volunteered for a number of outreach organizations. He began serving at Romero House on a weekly basis while he was at St. Jude's and joined the north and south end food banks following his retirement. This service is very much a ministry for him, but he often comments that he gets even more out of it than the clients do.

And in addition to all of that, he is the most sensitive, caring, forbearing partner a girl could ask for. Congratulations, Sweetheart!

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



History in the making – within the Beer Industry SJ:



The absolute last bottle of Moosehead Beer bottled by Moosehead Breweries here in Saint John came off the production line. If you want to capture bottled Moosehead you best run – not walk - to your nearest Liquor establishment – before all have been scooped up. The Moosehead bottle line was the envy of many in the industry and certainly of mine back in the day when I was the Production and Maintenance Manager at that other Saint John Brewery back in the late nineteen-eighties and early nineteen-nineties. As they say the only thing that is constant in our world is change.

Who ever is praying for snow – you can stop now!

This is a picture taken at the Murray Avenue apartments, Fredericton north side back in the winter of



1981 while I was in third year Engineering at UNB. The three cars next to the trees belonged to myself and my other two roommates, 1976 Plymouth Fury (Mine), Ford Pinto Station-wagon and a Volkswagen Rabbit. It was a winter where we were constantly snowed in. This winter appears to be on the same schedule. Here at Trinity, we all, on vestry, struggle when we approve the contract for Trinity's snow plowing, shovelling and sanding as we have a fixed contract. When we have an open winter like last year, we think we pay too much, however this winter thus far we have relied on our snow plowing contractor significantly and there is much winter ahead of us.

Humour:

