



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 26, 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.



Your Trinity family wishes Daphne Wilson (who is presently enjoying some Florida sunshine) and Susanne Sutton who has a very special birthday date a very memorable special day. Hope you both get lots of cake and best wishes from your special people. Blessings to you both.

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.



Altar Flowers – As a reminder, Trinity does not arrange for flowers for the Altar and has no budget to cover any flower costs ongoingly. Those wishing to place flowers on the Altar make the arrangements and pay for same with the florist. If Kierstead’s are the florist, arrangements are made to have the vase inserts delivered to them for arranging. There are various options for purchasing flowers, from your local community stores, to Costco and also a number of florists and in the summer your garden. The cost from a florist

perspective for a minimal two-vase arrangement is between \$170 - \$200. Other options may be more financially acceptable and the flowers can be arranged at Trinity.



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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan), Primate David Eisho Uehara. Council of the North, Diocese of Athabasca, Bishop David Greenwood, clergy and people, as they seek to make the Anglican presence in Northern Alberta a vibrant and living one. Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Shane Parker. Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, Archbishop John Stephens and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Dease Lake (BC): St. Jude. Archbishop David, retired bishop William and their families.

Prayer for Israel and Palestine we pray for the current peace actions. 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 Melita Freeze, Bonnie Dean, 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.



Sunday's Message: This past Sunday was the First Sunday in Lent (not 'of' Lent) where we touched upon Matthew's scripture, Matt 4:1-11 which is about the three temptations of Christ. As we know, temptations are all around us – all of the time.

Humanity has always struggled with temptation. We know it from the Old Testament; we know it from the New Testament. Adam faced temptation, King David faced temptation, and we have it this morning in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus faced temptation. Fast forward to today, every one of us has faced temptation in our lives and for

certain we will continue to face temptations as we live on.

So, the issue is how do we deal with temptation? Can we live a life without temptation? No. But we don't have to yield to it unless we choose to. Our temptation may be something like gossip, anger, or our use of money and the list can go on. Throughout history, humanity has relentlessly fought against the reality of temptation.

From the least to the greatest, men and women have struggled with the reality of temptations. So, temptation can be both a temptation and a test. God can use it for testing for good, to prove that you can overcome. The devil can use it as a way to tempt you to fail. We all have heard that familiar saying, God will not give me anything I cannot handle. Well, we have to be careful on what we blame God for what is happening to us.

Matthew is presenting the temptation of Christ for at least two reasons from my perspective.

1. To demonstrate that Jesus is the King. If Satan is defeated by Christ, then Christ is established as the King of Kings.

2. To show how the believer is to tackle Testing and Temptation. Satan's whole desire is to seduce Christ into sin. If Satan was successful in having Christ submit to sin and commit an act of sin he would upset God's plan by overthrowing the Messiah.

There is a higher learning embedded in this timing of Satan's approach. Jesus is at a high point as just previously mentioned – what better time to catch Him off guard – attack Jesus when he feels the most secure. Think for a moment, is this not when we are most tempted – things are starting to go our way and then a windfall is dropped into our lap. If one steps back for a moment – one might say it is too good to be true – and if we take some time – we usually affirm that the opportunity is one we should pass on.

Temptation has three aspects: **First**, temptation usually places a certain doubt in our minds. The first word Satan said was 'If'. ***"If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."*** Satan wants to place the sense of doubt in Jesus' mind – for Him to distrust His Father. After all, did we not just hear a while back that ***'This is My Son, My Beloved, in whom I am well pleased'*** and now this same Father wills His Son to go out in the wilderness to starve? You have the power to save yourself by changing these stones into loaves of bread. Where do we hear these similar words? We will hear them at the Cross – ***"Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"*** Satan is saying to us, you're a Christian – you deserve better than this – take this opportunity – get on with it – don't give it another thought. However, we deep down know that the only ultimate governing motive for life is to do the will of God and He'll take care of the rest.

Secondly- having just passed through the first temptation which would have Jesus going against God's will, this second temptation was putting God at the forefront – 'God, here I go, catch me if you are truly God.' Presumptuous sin – deliberate sin – committed with the full knowledge that they are sins in the full presence of God Himself – premeditated sin. In Psalm 19:13 we read, ***"Keep your servant also from willful (presumptuous) sins."*** Where Jesus' states, ***"Do not put the Lord your God to the test"*** where Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy 6:16. Jesus was not about to pull off a miraculous stunt – knowing that once the show was over so would the following also be. This would be using God's power to test God Himself.

Thirdly, Satan offers everything to Jesus and He can get it by bypassing the cross and death. Take this offer; just worship me and I will give you the Father's will – your inheritance being all nations, the ends of the earth will be all Yours. You can have it all, no shame, no hatred, no persecution, no crucifying. Just what Satan told Eve "Just eat the fruit and you shall be as God." By this temptation Jesus would be advancing by retreating – to change the world by becoming like the world. To which Jesus told Satan you ***"Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."***

In today's scripture, temptation failed and the test succeeded. Jesus is the worthy King. By being so, the devil left and the angels came and attended to His needs. The obedient Son in whom His Father was well pleased. The angels came and came again; being there at His birth, during His earthly life and protected Him. They were there at His resurrection and the announcing of it and they will be there at His second coming.

A man had a dog as a pet. The master used to put a bit of meat or a biscuit or some kind of food on the ground, and he'd say to the dog, 'Don't eat that,' and the dog would run over and eat it; so, he'd hit the dog. And he'd put another piece of meat on the ground and say, 'Don't eat that.' The dog would go over and eat it, and he'd hit him again. Well, after a while, the dog got the message: eat, meat, get hit. So, the dog decided he wouldn't eat the meat."

But the man telling the story related how the dog never looked at the meat. The dog evidently felt that if he looked at the meat the temptation to disobey would be too great. So, the dog would look steadfastly into his master's face and never took his eyes off him, and thus the temptation never caused a problem.

Now, temptation works like that. As long as we stare at it, as long as we entertain ourselves on that we fall prey to it. Let's look into the Master's face, he will give us victory over temptation.

Amen

Baden-Powell Sunday – this past week we also recognized the wonderful ministries of Baden-Powell and here are a few more pictures of the display present at Trinity.



James McKenna displayed his Camping Blanket which was adorned with numerous mementos from his Boy Scout days. Louise Dodge-Hall had a wonderful Girl Guide display which you see covered the entire table – and apparently that was just a sampling. Carol Brophy brought in the newspaper clipping of a number of young lads who received their Queen Scout recognition (this highest award). Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Governor-General of Canada making the presentation. Although hard to see, the far-left picture, starting from the left, you have Kenneth Magee Lone Scout, Fair Vale, Ross Brophy St. Luke's Troop, Carol's husband, Richard Currie, Centenary-Queen Square Troop, His Excellency, Jack Buse, Centenary-

Queen Square Troop, Paul Blanchet, Centenary-Queen Square Troop and James Carr, District Commissioner of Boy Scouts. Note, Richard Currie would later go on to be the President of Loblaws. His father was my machinist mentor at the Saint John Iron Works. And I believe he had his mother cut the ribbon on the grand opening of Super Store on Rothesay Avenue in the day. At UNB Fredericton there is the Richard Currie Centre.

Carol (Liddell) Brophy reflects her Guiding experience;

On Sunday Feb. 21st as we honoured Lord Baden Powell, it brought back memories of my time in the Girl Guide Movement.

My first Captain at Trinity Church was Pearl Hazel followed by Audrey Straight. I fondly remember the tent camping on Crystal Beach with Captain Pearl Hazel. We didn't have sleeping bags then. We used "Bed Rolls" made of blankets held together with horse pins! When Captain Straight took over the Company, our tenting was at Boar's Head. My biggest thrill was having the honour, along with one other New Brunswicker, to be invited to the first ever International Girl Guide Camp in 1952. It was held on an island in Lake Utopia. Guiding was a big part of my growing up years.

My husband, Ross Brophy, received his Queen Scout Award in 1952 while being a St. Luke's Scout.

Carol

Thank you all for sharing and thank you David Goss for bringing this special day to our attention as we for the most part have lost the impact of the Scouting movement in these parts.

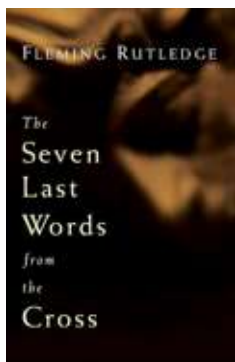
TRINITY's SERVICE CALENDAR

Date	Sunday	Service	Readings	Presider
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
Mar 8	Third Sunday in Lent	BCP HC	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Rev. Steven Scribner
Mar 15	Fourth Sunday in Lent AGM following the service	BCP MP	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Rev. Steven Scribner
Mar 22	Fifth Sunday in Lent	BAS Eucharist	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Rev. Steven Scribner
Mar 29	Palm Sunday	BCP HC	Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 31:9-16 Philemon 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54	Rev. Steven Scribner
Apr 5	Easter Sunday	BCP HC	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18	Rev. Steven Scribner

Apr 12	Second Sunday of Easter	BCP HC	Exodus 15:1-11 Psalm 111 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Rev. Peter Gillies
Apr 19	Third Sunday of Easter	BCP MP	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 34:1-10 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Susanne Sutton
Apr 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter	BAS Eucharis	Ezekiel 34:7-15 Psalm 100 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Rev. Peter Gillies

Upcoming Services and Events

Lenten Book Study / lunch



week #1 Thursday February 26 **12 noon – 1pm**
week #2 Thursday March 5 **12 noon – 1pm**
week #3 Thursday March 12 **12 noon – 1pm**
week #4 Thursday March 19 **12 noon – 1pm**
week #5 Thursday March 26 **12 noon – 1pm**

The 2026 Lenten Book Study Resource will be 'The Seven Last Words from the Cross' by Fleming Rutledge. Presently I have **one** book left that has not been reserved. Bring your lunch and join in the less formal discussions as we discuss the author's point of view. Discounted price is \$14.00 each.

Greater Chapter Meeting March 12th

The Good Shepherd Anglican Church

Palm Sunday March 29th

Maundy Thursday April 2nd Pot Luck Super 5:30pm Service at 7pm

Good Friday April 3rd 12 noon – 3pm

Easter Sunday April 5th

140th Diocesan Synod April 18th Fredericton – Topic- Future of Christ Church Cathedral

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
- Men and Women underwear and socks
- Towels and Blankets

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.

2026 Winter Olympics



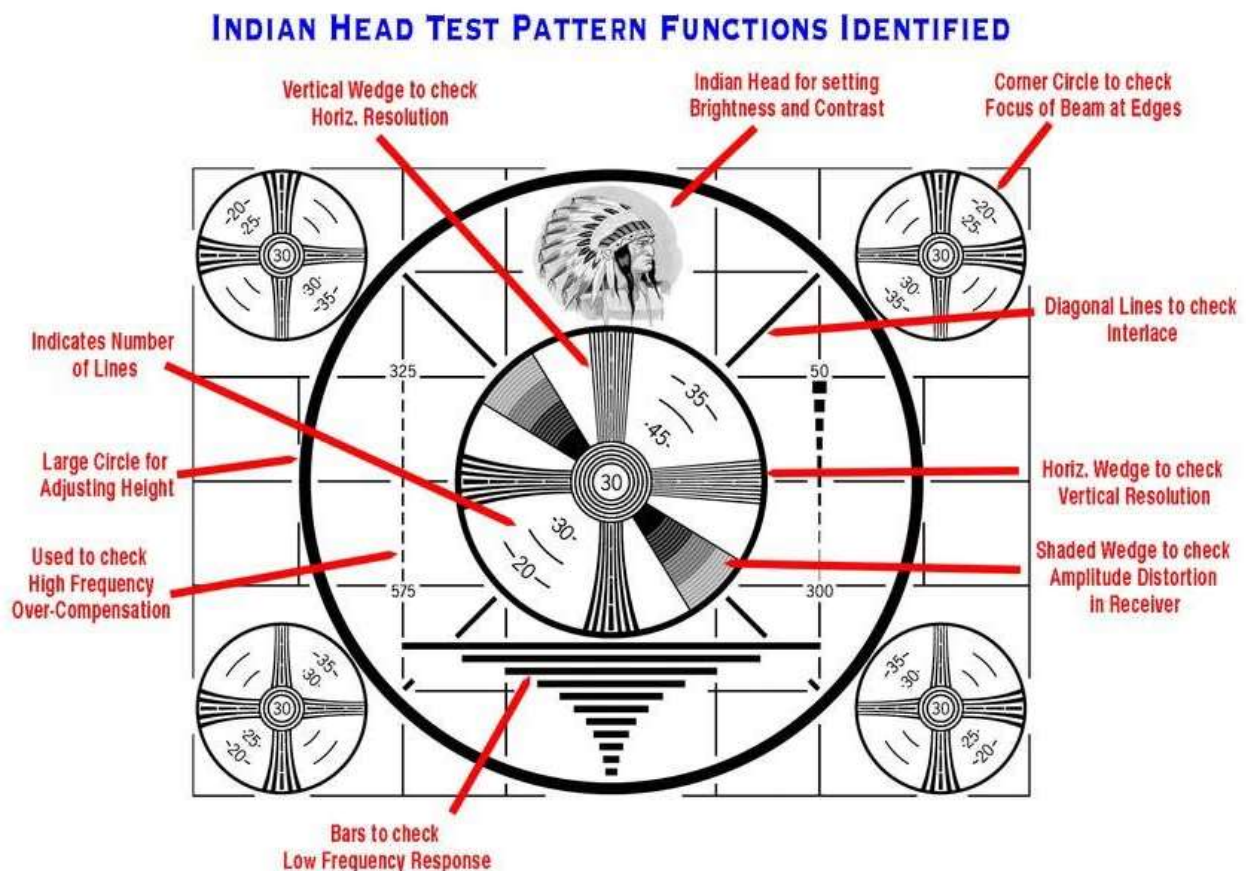
Medal winner	1	2	3	4
 All sports Canada	5	7	9	21
 Freestyle s...	2	1	2	5
 Short track	1	2	2	5
 Speed skati...	1	1	3	5
 Curling	1	0	1	2
 Ice hockey	0	2	0	2
 Snowboard...	0	1	0	1
 Figure skati...	0	0	1	1

For all those who travel the Rothesay Road, you would have seen this inventive, creative way in which this property owner displayed proudly the Maple Leaf no doubt a hockey fan true and true as he has the flag supported by two hockey sticks.

Now I know that we have complained over the past couple of decades that sports have taken priority over church when it comes to attending what is most important on Sunday mornings. Maybe the United Church has figured it out. Put the game up on the big screen during church so all are fully entertained. Multi-tasking at its finest. I know there was a church in Hampton which rescheduled their regular Sunday service to 1pm so all could watch Canada play for gold. I think this was done in Quispamsis as well. On the Global late news they showed a church in Halifax who had the game playing in their hall and members of the congregation could be seen wandering between the Worship service and the hall throughout the service time – with updates to all worshipping as the outcome of the game.

I guess we can stop blaming the kids for missing church when church reschedules around the games. As for Trinity we had a solid turnout to be with us as we entered into the First Sunday in Lent.

How many remember the Test Pattern?



My memory was this is when the channel would shut down for the day. I never knew the details behind the various details which form this total descriptive Test Pattern not that it would have had any bearing on our 1950's Motorola tube black & white TV.

Vestry Highlights

Your Corporation held its' February Vestry meeting on Tuesday February 24th.

The following are the highlights of the meeting.

- Main focus was the review and discussion on the Draft 2026 Operations Budget which will be tabled at the AGM on Sunday, March 15th for review and approvals. Areas of note;
- Revenue
 - Regular Offertory has been slipping over the past years and the approach taken has a 5% increase added to the actual received in 2025. Where possible your Corporation are encouraging all to take a look at their ongoing support – the enrollment into the E Offering may be one option for those who are yet to consider this method and those on E Offering to review if your support is where it needs to be for you.
 - Fundraising for Operations is an area which will need some intentional focus – forming a Fundraising Committee has commenced to firm up.
 - Direction by the Finance Committee members is to increase the draw from the Trust Portfolio by \$1500 / month added to the present \$2,500 / month to offset the decline in Regular Offertory.
 - All events, no exceptions, such as Tea's, Concerts, Parish Dinners and such, all will have a financial work sheet presented to Vestry for approvals. This is to assure that every event has been well thought through so Trinity does not end up losing financially for holding an event and the event will make a positive Net return.
 - Rental rates are being reviewed for the use of the Church or the various rooms and facilities in Trinity Centre. Holding events, awards presentations, concerts etc. have to contribute to the overall operation of Trinity as a whole –the utility costs are far outrunning the various returns being received.
- Expense
 - All the overhead categories have been maintained at past levels or lower where Trinity can have impact upon
 - The utilities (heat, light, water) is nearing a cost on average \$1,000 / month
 - At the AGM there will be a review of the employment of third-party security for the Charlotte St entrance for Sunday Worship and for other events.
 - Trinity is in the position to secure a new Treasurer effective July 1st as our present Treasure, Debbie Hughes, will be retiring June 30, 2026.

The remainder of the vestry meeting touched upon the upcoming services and programs which are included in the weekly newsletters ongoingly.

A Little Sunshine from Susanne

Bustin' a Move—from a Wheelchair!

In 2022, Pennsylvania dancer Desa Kaiser was involved in a car accident that left her with debilitating injuries and a long period of recovery in Shriners' Children's Hospital. Paralyzed from the waist down, she feared she would never dance again.

However, with a little ingenuity, and some modifications to an old piece of technology, 11-year-old Desa is back where she belongs—on the dance floor. She can spin around in ballet, jazz and funk dance classes, just as she did before her injury. And she can lean all the way back and touch the ground in her flexible “dancing wheelchair.”

It takes a lot of lung capacity to spin the chair around to the beat of music, and Desa still undergoes physical therapy for her trunk and arms. Her therapist, Maggie Reilly, is helping her build up the strength for it. “We wanted to bring her a chair that would allow her to dance and do what she loves,” Reilly relates. “One thing that we strive most to do here at Shriners' is letting children achieve their goals in whatever way that may be possible.”



And Desa says, “It’s cool to be different from other people and more unique in different ways. It’s an amazing chair that’s different from others, because you can be more free in it and you can express a lot more in it.”

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

Snow and more Snow:



Heather's friends' driveway marker Ontario
Unique bird high-rise



Paradise NFLD – hard to shovel
as you push it up and it slides down

Blessings 2026 – Reverend Steven