



TRINITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 15, 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.



Thank-you Reverend Terry Doncaster for officiating at Trinity last Sunday, 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Thanksgiving Sunday. We have much to be thankful for and for myself, I am thankful for those who offer Trinity their blessings in officiating while I take my fall break.

E-Offering Stewardship Option Trinity currently has 19 members 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:

Pope Leo XIV - We offer our healing prayers for Pope Leo XIV who underwent lung surgery on Tuesday October 13th in Rome. We pray for a speedy recovery and that the surgeons were able to remove all of the infected tissue eliminating further health issues.

Prayers for the Middle East: Holy One, we seek your mercy. For those in fear, bring safety. For those in pain, bring consolation. For those awaiting news, nurture hope. For those providing care, bring resilience. Loving God, we seek your peace that passes all understanding. May the violence cease and Your deep peace come. Amen

Prayers for Ukraine God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious

children, at risk that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen (Archbishop Justin Welby / Archbishop Stephen Cottrell).

We continue to pray for Victoria, Alex, Samuel and Daniel who were with us and then returned to Russia as missionaries – we pray for their safety – their health – and maybe one day soon – we pray that they may find their way back to Canada which is their wish.

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: Anglican Church of Canada, Primate Shane Parker. Council of General Synod, National Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples. Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Meduadues-Badohu, Coadjutor Bishop Selorm Mereku. Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Vincent Fenga, the Synod Office staff and ministry. Archbishop David, retired bishop William, all clergy in this diocese 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

Parish Prayer Requests Allison Homer, Ruth Corston, Melita Freeze, Judith Miller, Katie Kassner, and Bryce Neill. 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. I would ask your healing prayers for Taylor who is in hospital in Ontario, having a failed liver transplant and recovering from a heart attack.

Horizon Health – Regional Hospital – What you need to know!



Horizon Health Clergy / Pastoral Visitation Training – Horizon Health requires all clergy and those who wish access for Pastoral Visitations after visiting hours to take their 3 plus hour e-training. Once a year, Rev. Kelly Hudson-Lewis, Manager of the Spiritual Care Department for the Saint John area of Horizon Health Network, offers a group learning experience. This was held at Villa Madonna Retreat facility this past Tuesday afternoon highly attended by all faiths and in particular our Anglican clergy. This program focuses on the Privacy responsibilities we Clergy have with regards to those we are visiting. It also goes into great length to educate us on the various codes one hears when in the hospital along with the protocols for our own hygiene and necessary precautions when entering the hospital, preparing to visit, post visit etc. to keep us as safe as possible against the varied viruses that are present at all times.

We were informed that no longer are those being admitted, most of which come through the Emergency Department, are being asked of their religious affiliation or if they would like to have a Chaplain visit them. At present, at the Regional

Hospital 'only', the signage you see here is displayed in every patient's room and one can scan the QR code and go on line to fill in this information for the patient.

As Rev. Kelly mentioned when she was the United Church minister in her Hampton parish, "I am a lot of things as your minister, but being a mind-reader is not one of them. So, if you know of anyone who is in the hospital that would like a visit, please let me know." This goes for me as well. And following this training I went to the hospital to visit two who have recently been admitted.



Letter from our Primate - The Diocese recently received this letter of appreciation from The Most Reverend Shane Parker Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada based upon his most recent visit to our Diocese. We were blessed he was able to spend a week with us and experience much of our ministries and meet a wide cross-section of our parishes and parishioners.

October 12, 2026

The Most Reverend David Edwards
Archbishop of Fredericton
Dear Archbishop David,

I write on this Thanksgiving Monday to extend my sincere thanks for your very generous and thoughtful hospitality during my visit to your diocese last month. Throughout, I was received with warmth and friendship.

Driving with you from Moncton and your clergy retreat provided a welcome break. I truly appreciated being with your clergy as we contemplated the thoughtful words of Bishop Stephen. I was grateful to be able to share something of what is happening at the national level with your clergy—and to enjoy the raucous talent night and meaningful worship with them. It was also nice to have quiet conversation over a delicious meal with you and Canon Shawn.

I was very taken by the tour of your ministries in St John and look forward to telling others what is happening there. The trip to St Andrews and lunch at the home of Judith Moses in that corner of your beautiful diocese was most pleasant and interesting—followed by seeing the truly remarkable ministry at the Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield. The added benefit of visiting one of your Camps rounded off my exposure to your thriving diocese.

My thanks to you and Debbie for hosting a delicious meal in Fredericton after being with your healthy Diocesan Council on Saturday, before we worshipped together on Sunday in your striking Cathedral. My heart was full as I flew out later that afternoon.

Please extend my thanks to Shawn and all the others who graciously opened the doors of their ministries to me and made every aspect of my visit so wonderful. I am most grateful to all.

I enjoyed the beauty of your diocese and the spirit of service it exudes. With sincere gratitude and kindest blessings as you continue to be a blessing in your part of creation.

Yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Shane Parker
Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

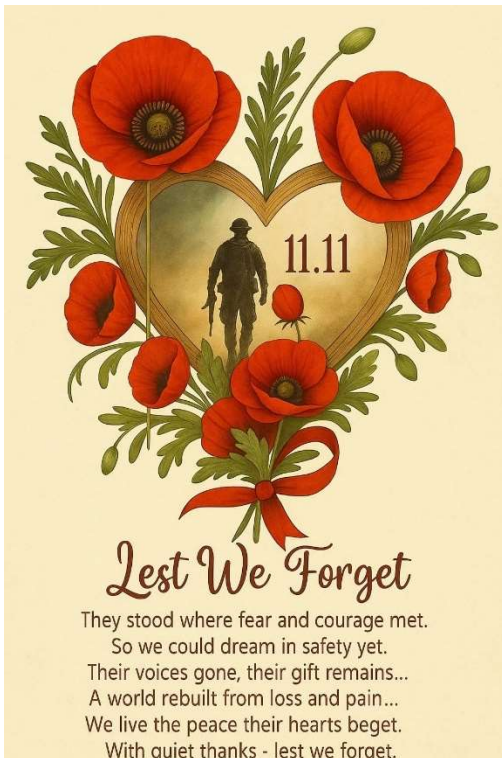
TRINITY's SERVICE CALENDAR

	Sunday	Service	Readings
Oct 18	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	BCP MP	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 25	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	BAS Eucharist	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
Nov 1	All Saints' Day	BCP HC	Revelations 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12
Nov 8	24 th Sunday after Pentecost Remembrance Sunday	BCP HC	Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 116:1-8 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 11:21-27

Last Sunday – Thanksgiving Sunday at Trinity:



Thank you Louise Dodge-Hall for organizing the beautiful Harvest Thanksgiving decorations that adorned Trinity last Sunday. What a beautiful representation of the blessings we take for granted too often.



Remembrance Sunday – November 8th

Trinity will be honouring the fallen and all who have served and continue to serve for our freedom on Sunday, November 8th.

As in the past there will be two large tables arranged at the foot of the Chancel steps for you to place your photos and mementoes from your family history of those who served or are serving in the forces presently.

It is our responsibility to make certain the sacrifices of our ancestors are not forgotten and more importantly are so much appreciated especially today when we look at our world around us and not that too far distant from our borders.

Please take some time and dig out those photos and memories for you to share on Sunday, November 8th.

Lest We Forget!



Princess Louise - Last Saturday, October 10th, I attended a presentation hosted by the Kings County Museum, Hampton NB where N.B. author, Andrew Maclean presented a talk on Princess Louise I. Many may know the story, as I did, however I knew very little of the details of this very special colt and how she came to be part of the Kings County WWII story. The story highlights shared are thus;

Princess Louise, a colt that served in WWII was born in Coriano Italy in 1944. That fall she was injured, her mother killed and she was rescued from the battlefield on

September 15th by the soldiers of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) and taken to their medical officer for treatment. They named her after Queen Victoria's daughter, whom the regiment was named after, making her their mascot.

Princess Louise continued with the regiment for the remainder of the war. They concealed her in a stall built in a truck and took her everywhere they went.

Andrew Maclean has written Princess Louise's story in his second book titled, *Backyard History*, Forgotten stories from Atlantic Canada's Past volume two. He went on to mention that Princess Louise had German DNA noticeable by her features as not being that of pure Italian descent. She was a fit for the 8th Hussar's as their origin dating back to 1775 was that of horsemen up to 1935. During WWII they were an armoured regiment with tanks going to the front line. In his article he cites Lt. Col. Bob Ross who headed up the 8th Hussars in Italy at the time saw the horse while they were out on a mission to retrieve their tanks that they abandoned the day before. Their recovery mission netted one tank and one horse for which they were not overly rewarded for when they arrived back at

camp. The horse retrieved was then named 'little horse' then honorably given the more royal title, Princess Louise, mascot of the Princess Louise 8th Hussars.

The 8th Hussars were to relocate to Holland – and what were they to do with this horse? They fixed up a truck with empty machine gun crates and disguised the shipment hiding the horse inside along with her handler as they boarded a ship and then on a train to Belgium. They would arrive in time for the Victory Parade after which they were off to the Netherlands to fight there. It was there that Princess Louise would gain the status of being a war-horse moving supplies and soldiers.

The war ends and now the 8th Hussars are faced with the challenge on how to bring Princess Louise back home to Kings County. Well, a fellow named J.C. Patterson, who was in scripted to assist in the movement of their mascot to the front lines was called upon once again to assist in her journey home to New Brunswick. Over an eight-month period, the soldiers were returned home however Princess Louise remained in the care of Mr. Patterson. It was not till mid March 1946 that Princess Louise would step ashore in Saint John to the surprise of many New Brunswickers who had no idea of her existence or the part she played in the 8th Hussars life overseas. She would join the parade up King Street around King Square and then on to Rothesay and to her ultimate destination Hampton NB.

She was cared for originally by J.S. Bayer of Hampton. Andrew Maclean read the speech Magistrate Judge Kelly gave in Hampton at the steps of the Court House in 1946 where in part this Royal Lady, having travelled some 16,000 miles by rail and ship, wounded on the battle field in Italy became the only horse to be awarded Canadian Citizenship at which time it was reported that Princess Louise authenticated the document with her hoof. It was stated in Judge Kelly's statement, the Princess Louise had the full freedom to graze and wander where ever she wished, partaking of any gardens. Should anyone cause Princess Louise any harm, they would answer to the full letter of the law.

She was noted as being very fond of her handlers, the foot soldiers, however taking an immediate dislike to those from CFB Gagetown who were present – not liking the artillery soldiers and also took a dislike to Politian's and a couple of reporters as mentioned she ate a reporters note book at her swearing in ceremony in Hampton on the day. It was also noted she had a somewhat unhealthy diet, hanging out at the Officer's Mess, being known to eat cigarettes, paper and having a desired taste for beer although she was noted as having a dislike for cheese.

In 1969, at 25yrs of age she was officially retired and in 1973 she died in Hampton with a full Military Funeral and buried in Hampton with full Military Honours.

Now the local Funeral Director, Thad Stevens, was a primary care-giver to Princess Louise and would be seen back in the day with a cart hooked up to her trotting around Hampton. Thad Steven's story is another one for the books, he having gained his first experiences addressing the needs of many of the bodies retrieved in Halifax from the Titanic. He would later reside in Hampton, become the Funeral Director, which business would later be sold to Mr. Cecil Reid and then on to Brennans who presently are the proprietors of Reid's Funeral Home in Hampton. Thad Stevens was a Sergeant in WW1 and a Captain in WW11 and his family had a love of horses so his fit with Princess Louise was a natural one.

To our delight on this beautiful Saturday afternoon at the Kings County Museum, in attendance was Thad Steven's nephew who shared a number of stories of his uncle and Princess Louise along with other humorous stories of his uncles' life.

Princess Louise was the only four-legged WWII veteran with a Legion membership where she had a silver bowl at the ready for a refreshing beer upon her arrival.

The story, which I hope to read in full one day is in Andrew's Backyard History Volume 2. Suffice to say, having my grandparents on the farm in Kingston, I have heard some stories about Princess Louise in my younger days.

Maintenance Updates:

Trinity Steeple Bells: The ongoing saga!



After spending another two hours up in the Tower on Tuesday, I believe we may have found the culprit of the phantom electrical issues with the Trinity Bell system. Pictured on the left you will see the No 1 Bell, The Loyalist Bell's, striker solenoids. The large bells have two solenoids while the smaller bells only require one. The Loyalist bell strikes the hour count ie 1pm – one strike, 12 noon – twelve strikes. Well after having exhausted all possibilities that could be thought of for a short circuit etc. that might be the cause of a blown 240v 10 amp fuses, I left the cover off No 1 Solenoid striker enclosure when 12 noon arrived on Tuesday, Oct 13th. Lo and behold, the left solenoid only operated once and the other eleven strikes of the Loyalist bell was totally done by the right solenoid. So it would appear we have a faulty left solenoid. Fortunate for Trinity upon the initial shipment of the Verdin Bell package back two years ago, they accidentally shipped an extra solenoid which was stored in the circuit cabinet. I have plans to change this out on Friday this week – as it required additional tools other than what I was carrying. Until then, No 1 bell is not powered, the remaining ten (no 12 is missing its circuit board- shipped back to Verdin for checks). This should result in the quarter hours and the westminster chimes at the hours still being played. Hopefully this will be the resolve to our two month old issue with the bell operations. Fingers crossed!

Trinity Centre Air Conditioner Condensers – Copper Theft:



Present A/C Condensers

With the enclosure completed A.E.M was on site this week to complete the necessary work to reinstate the A/C system – anticipated that this work will be done by end of week.

Trinity is in conversation with the Diocese property insurance for some of the costs being covered by the insurance policy – awaiting final billing from A.E.M. for filing.

Upcoming Services and Events:

Candlelight Concerts by Fever:



Trinity has entered into a contractual agreement with Fever who will be presenting their fall – winter Candlelight Concerts in historic Trinity Church. The following dates are set for Saturday evenings 2026 – 2027:

Saturday October 24, 2026
 6:30pm Candlelight: Tribute to Michael Jackson
 8:30pm Candlelight: Queen vs ABBA

Saturday November 21, 2026
 6:30pm Candlelight: Vivaldi's Four Seasons
 8:30pm Candlelight: Ed Sheeran Meets Coldplay

Saturday December 19, 2026
 8:30pm Candlelight: Christmas Carols on Strings

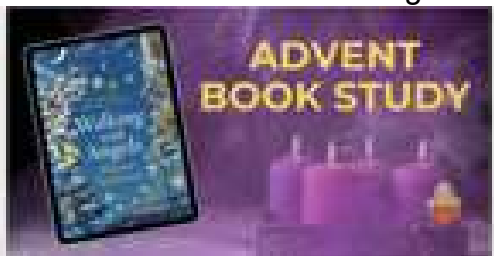
Saturday January 16, 2027
 6:30pm Candlelight: Tribute to Adele
 8:30pm Candlelight: Queen vs ABBA

Saturday February 20, 2027
 6:30pm Candlelight: Tribute to Michael Jackson

Saturday February 27, 2027
 An additional date added to the fall / winter program

Tickets are available on line at [Events in Saint John & things to do | Fever](#). Please do not call Trinity's office, as this program is being handled through Fever's ticket sales.

This Advent we will be looking at the Diocesan recommended book titled **Walking with Angels: The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2026**. This is a time for us to slow down and prepare for Christmas through prayer, Scripture and reflection. This book draws on the words spoken by angels in the Bible.



The author is The Right Reverend Dr. Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop of Hull in the Church of England's Diocese of York.

The book is available on line with Amazon.ca for about \$25.00 paperback.

As in the past, we will gather at lunch time, bring your lunch – 12noon thru 1pm. After session chats always welcome, however the book study will end at 1pm each week.

Mark your calendars – for the upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

Tuesday,	October 20 th @ 7pm – Vestry Meeting
Wednesday,	October 21 st @ 6pm – Greater Chapter Mtg – Preparation for 141 st Synod – St. Luke's
Saturday,	October 24 th – Candlelight Concert
Saturday,	November 7 th - 141 st Diocesan Synod – Fredericton
Sunday,	November 8 th – Remembrance Day Church Service
Sunday,	November 15 th @ 1pm – East Window Recognition Service
Tuesday,	November 17 th @ 7pm – Vestry Meeting
Saturday	November 21 st – Candlelight Concert
Thursday,	November 26 th @ 7pm – Service of Light
Wednesday	December 2 nd @ 12 noon – Advent Book study lunch hour
Wednesday	December 9 th
Wednesday	December 16 th
Thursday,	December 17 th – Messiah
Saturday,	December 19 th – Candlelight Concert
Sunday,	December 20 th @ 2pm Community Carol Service
Thursday,	December 24 th @ 4:30pm Family Christmas Service
Thursday,	December 24 th @ 11pm Candlelight Christmas Service
Friday,	December 25 th @ 10:30am Christmas Day Service

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, 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.



St. Vincent de Paul This week I inquired on where one would take gently used clothing where it would not be resold for a profit in our city. I checked with 12 Neighbours where we at Trinity have supported over the past year and they do not accept items of clothing. Louise Dodge-Hall indicated that St. Vincent de Paul, which is located directly across from the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Waterloo Street welcomes all items of clothing and particularly at this time of year winter wear, pants, coats, hats and boots to name a few of the items that are hard for them to keep in supply. I dropped in on Tuesday of this week and dropped of twelve boxes of clothes from pants, shirts, pullovers – sweatshirts, coats, hats, shoes, and heavy boots along with some kitchen items and entertainment CD's. They were overwhelmed with this donation as they mentioned they are struggling to have men's items as the temperatures are dropping. So, if you have a closet that needs thinning out, this is where you should make a visit. Such places as Value Village and the sorts are for-profit business and it feels so much better to be sharing what we have for those who

have so much less. Be thankful as we go into the fall that we have an abundance of riches and for that we are called to share.



Let's get a little loonie! This week in our "Wonderful World of Creation" series, meet the loon, which developed in much the same way hesperornis had 46 million years earlier. Like them, loons have webbed feet and rear-positioned legs with flat, solid bones, all excellent for optimal hydrodynamics when diving and swimming underwater. Their plumage compresses when swimming, further enhancing their hydrodynamics, and their heart rate slows and blood carries high oxygen levels, allowing them to reach depths over 200 feet and stay submerged for up to 5 minutes. I used to worry about the loons in front of my house staying underwater for so long, but I won't anymore! And now I know why they resurface so far from where they dove.

Unlike their long-gone predecessors, though, loons can manoeuvre on land (somewhat) are able to fly. The placement of their legs at the of their torso makes it almost impossible for them to upright, so they use their feet to push themselves on their breasts.

The most fascinating thing I've learned researching loons is how they take off from the and how they land. Because of the weight of their bones, take-off requires 60-400 metres, depending on tail-winds and the size of the bird, as they run to get enough momentum to become airborne. Landing is like a highly controlled belly-flop. They set their feet down first, then ease into a skid on the water, holding their heads slightly up. I give them 10/10!



It's amazing how streamlined they can become in the water!



"Swimming" on land

and
back
stand
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If you have internet access and are interested, here's the address for a video of loons taking off and landing: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1040764781622519>. Amazing, amazing parts of God's creation!

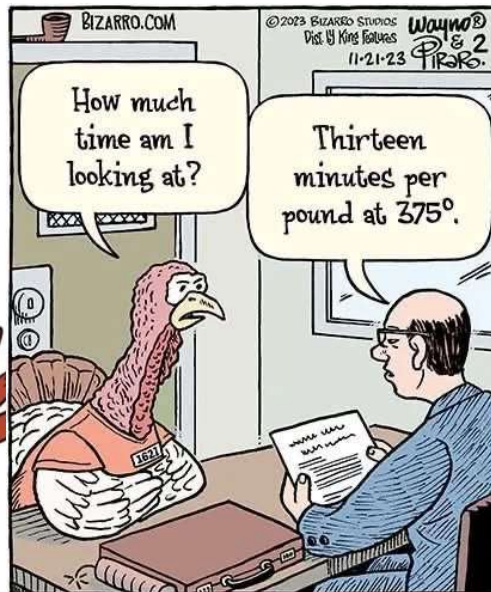


The running start . . .



and the belly-flop landing

Humour - Thanksgiving humour:



Reverend Steven Scribner