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Trinity Happenings

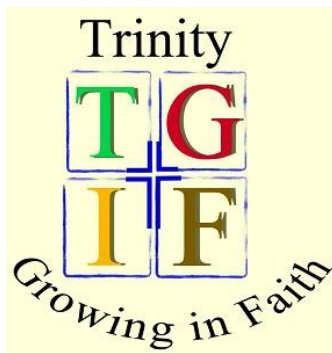
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Our Mission

*We are here to:
Worship God,
Walk with Jesus,
Change lives,
and Serve the
community, through the
power of the Holy Spirit.*



Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all visitors and new comers who have come to join us as we pray and give thanks, praise and worship, and learn about the word of God here at Trinity.

Feel free to meet us downstairs in the auditorium after the service for coffee.



MOTHERING SUNDAY AND SIMNEL CAKE

The simnel is a traditional English cake, "made of the finest of wheat flour, enriched with fruits and artfully adorned". In places the cakes are iced with marzipan and then adorned with candied violets and angelica leaves; in other, they are iced with the marzipan, and then topped with twelve balls of marzipan. The Lenten Fast was formerly very strict; however on Mid-Lent a "relief" was allowed, hence the appearance of a rich cake. There is, for those who see mystical meanings, a connection between the fruit, oil-rich almonds, and fine flour of the cake, with the bread, wine, and oil of the Church's Sacraments, through which Christ relieves, feeds and refreshes His people. On Mothering Sunday in England, apprentices and servants were given the day to "go a-mothering", that is, to visit their home, usually with violets for mother, picked along the way. Many others visited "Mother Church", the Cathedral in their diocese. There were Mothering Sunday carols and many local customs. A fascinating link is that to the ancient Roman feast of Matronalia (or "mothering") held at this time of year, for which a cake was baked astonishingly like the simnel. In fact, the name appears to come from simila, Latin for a fine wheat flour. At that time the 12 balls of marzipan were for the gods of the pantheon. Today is "Mothering Sunday" and we invite everyone to enjoy a piece of cake after the service. Many thanks to all the bakers and helpers who so willingly gave of their time to make these cakes.

LENTEN EVENTS

Noon Hours 12:00 Service; Lunch 12:30 pm

April 8: *Sinful Woman Forgiven, Luke 7:36-50*

The Venerable Judy Walton, Collingwood, Ontario

April 15: *The Penitent Thief, Luke 23:39-43*

The Rev. Janet Mitchell, St. Peter's Church, Minesing, & Trinity Church, Barrie

Palm Crosses!

On Thursday, April 14 at 10:00

we need volunteers to make crosses for Palm Sunday! Please call the office if you are able to help Rev. Janet with these!

Good Friday is God's Friday!

During the Good Friday Service in the church, children are invited to come to the auditorium for a special "God's Friday Program"!

Mark your calendar and watch for details

THOUGHTS FROM MY LAPTOP

We are now two and a half months into the interim period here at Trinity Church. Time for an update. There is a great deal for which to be thankful. I actually began a list, and then realized it was virtually impossible to include everything that God has been doing in our midst since January 16th. In view of that rather wonderful reality, I decided simply to mention a few of the more recent blessings.



We have, as you know, three very capable and gifted Wardens: George Craig, Bob Garrett, and Andrew Haughton, all of whom formally began their terms of service at this year's Vestry on January 30th. At that time, the position of Deputy Rectors Warden was not filled. However, I am pleased to announce that Bethany Obermayer has accepted this appointment. This Past Sunday the Wardens and I had a lunch meeting with Bishop Elliott and shared with him some of the positive things that were happening at Trinity. He then engaged us in a discussion about the Selection Process which will be initiated shortly after Easter.

The Christian Education Committee is developing new ministry initiatives with the guidance of the Rev. Janet Mitchell. A Lenten Bible Study is already underway on two consecutive days, both of which are very well attended. More studies will be offered following Easter. In addition, a plan is being developed for Children's Ministry, which includes Sunday School, a Good Friday Program, and also Vacation Bible School during the month of August.

Reverend Janet is also working with the Communications Committee, the Chair of which is Joan Hill. Three very enthusiastic new members have now joined this committee: Shelly Haughton, who is currently engaged in updating the Website; Roberta Hebert, who is keeping the Bulletin Boards in the tower walk up to date in a seasonally appropriate and eye-catching way; and Bethany Obermayer, who is developing and fine-tuning the parish Email lists. You will be hearing more about all these new ministry initiatives in the very near future.

One other ministry has had a recent boost in energy as well. Drew Cox and Jessica Jackson have taken on the role of seeking and finding new servers, youth or older adult, and thus a training session is scheduled for April 10th. If you or anyone you know would like to be part of this important worship team, please notify Drew.

This year's Lenten Noonday Services have been very well attended. Last week's guest Preacher was our much-loved former Rector, Canon John Speers, who spoke to us on the challenging story of "the Woman Caught in Adultery". Canon John helped me shape this year's theme, and so it is truly wonderful that he was able to be one of the series speakers. As in other years, this noonday worship is enhanced by a special musical presentation, provided either by our own Choir Members, or by soloist Bruce Owen. When the service is over, we all gather in the Parish Hall for fellowship and a delicious lunch, thanks to Monica Cox and her team of excellent cooks and willing servers. Lent is halfway through, and I, for one, have deeply appreciated this weekly event in preparation for Easter.

And so dear friends, God is stirring us up in a wonderful way, and thus we can look to the future with hope and with deep and abiding trust in his goodness and love for us here at Trinity. We can truly echo the words in Psalm 28:7 "*The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him*"

Rev. Elizabeth

Be Prepared!

Next week lessons are: Romans 8:6-11, Psalm 130, John 11:1-45

THOUGHTS FROM MY CHAIR

from Canon Frances



In my readings through the scriptures this week, a verse from the Psalms shone out. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 40.

*Then I said, here I am
In the scroll of the book it is
Written of me.*

*I delight to do your will
O my God
Your law is written in my heart*

The words that specially stood out for me *I delight to do your will*. Those who read what I wrote to you last week may remember the promise I would share with you – thoughts on one of his greatest gifts without which our love to him would be null and void. It is his gift of free will. This is something we so take for granted. We do not give it much thought. When you go into a beautiful garden or gaze at a lovely flower, shall we say a pansy, you do not say to it, “how good you are to give me such joy”. The pansy has no will of its own to give you pleasure.



God just made it that way – it cannot help being beautiful. God wanted us to love him, not because we were made that way and could not help being loving. He needed our love for him to be given freely of our own choice. Otherwise, it would not have been real. That choice is often hard. We need wisdom, strength and love to carry through. Very often we have to overcome fear, shyness, laziness and other negative forces to do his will and give him back the love he gave us.

There is another thought about God’s love on earth. How does he reach out with it? He does it through us. Last Sunday, there was printed in Happenings, that wonderful poem of St. Teresa of Avila. I will not repeat it here again, but just remind you of the thought it expressed. God has no human body on earth. Therefore he has to use our hands, eyes, feet etc to reach out and reveal his love to those around us. He needs us to take part in his Ministry but he also needs us to do it of our own free will – the free will that he has given us that we may truly love him. We need also to minister to ourselves as we revel in his scriptures, meditate on the wonders of his creation and worship him in spirit and truth. Above all, we need to embrace him in the love he revealed to us through his son Jesus Christ.

TRINITY WOMEN – APRIL 7TH

Meet this Thursday, April 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. Note the change of day for Lent. Our speaker will be the Rev. Janet Mitchell. All women are welcome to join us for this very interesting talk on the Israel Trip. For information, please call Mary at 705-726-4589 or Sandra at 705-726-1726.

SERVERS TRAINING APRIL 10TH

Training is being held for all new and current servers Sunday April 10th at 12noon. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

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BITS AND PIECES

Congregation attending Trinity last Week, March 27th, was: 8:00 a.m.= 32; 10:00 a.m.= 84; for a total of 116 including 10 children & teachers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – April 3rd “Fourth Sun. in Lent”

“Mothering Sunday” - Simnel Cake after church

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. – Family Eucharist

Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0 – 4 yr.)

Sunday School in Auditorium (4-11 yr.)

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. Band Practice in Sanctuary

TUESDAY

12:45 p.m. – “Encounters.....Cross” Study in Upper Rm.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men’s Breakfast at Andy’s

10:30 a.m. – Quiet Eucharist

7:00 p.m. – “Encounters.....Cross” Study in Upper Rm.

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. – Trinity Women’s Meeting in Upper Rm.

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice in Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. – Communications Meeting at the Hill home.

FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. –Lent Service in Sanctuary

Guest Speaker: The Ven. Judy Walton

12:30 p.m. – Lunch

SATURDAY

7:30 p.m. - Big Church “The Cause”

SUNDAY –April 10th “Fifth Sun. in Lent”

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. – Family Eucharist

Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0 – 4 yr.)

Sunday School in Auditorium (4-11 yr.)

12:00 p.m. - Servers' Training Session

THANK YOU

Dear Trinity Family: Thank-you for all your cards and prayers following the death of Roger’s mother, Marion Cox. Over the last weeks your kind words and loving support has been a great comfort to us all. We can’t thank-you enough. *Roger, Monica, Drew and Emily Cox*

SPECIAL BLESSING FOR TRINITY!

Next Sunday morning, **Lee Jameson-Krampp** is coming to share his gift of music with us at Trinity. A native of Toronto, Lee is a bass-baritone who has performed as soloist in many operas throughout the world as well as singing in several operas in Barrie, appearing as a frequent guest soloist with the King Edward Choir and a soloist at many area churches. He was particularly happy to sing Raphael in Haydn's Creation which launched the inaugural year of Barrie’s annual Colours of Music Festival. What an honour and joy it will be to have Lee come together with us to praise God in our worship here on April 10.