

Trinity Anglican Church

# Trinity Happenings

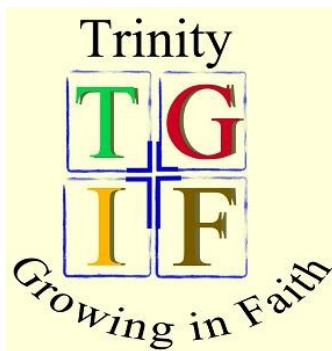
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## ***Our Mission***

*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.



## **LENTEN NOONDAY SERIES**

**Friday March 11 – April 15, 2011  
12:00 Service; Lunch 12:30 pm**

**April 1: *Woman Caught in Adultery, Jn. 8:1-11***  
Canon John Speers, St Giles' Church

**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

## **HOLY WEEK**

**April 21: Maundy Thursday** Foot Washing and Stripping of Altar; 7:30<sup>pm</sup>

**April 22: Good Friday:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12<sup>noon</sup>. Nursery & Children's Program

**April 24: Easter Day:** Holy Communion 8<sup>am</sup> 10<sup>am</sup>

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours,  
yours are the eyes through which  
Christ's compassion  
is to look out to the earth,  
yours are the feet by which He is to go  
about doing good  
and yours are the hands by which  
He is to bless us now.*

***St Teresa of Avila***

**1515-1582**

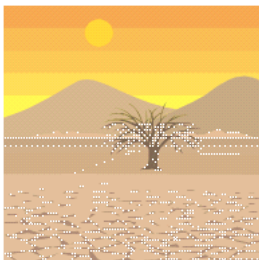
## THOUGHTS FROM MY LAPTOP

Dear Friends:

I heard a cute story the other day. A mother camel and her baby are having a conversation. The baby asks “*Mom, why do we have these huge three toed feet?*” The mother replies, “*To enable us to trek across the desert without sinking.*” The baby camel asks, “*And why have we got these long, heavy eyelashes?*” “*To keep the sand out of our eyes on the trips through the desert*” replies the mother camel. “*And Mom, why have we got these big humps on our backs?*” The mother, now a little impatient with the boy replies, “*They are there to help us store fat for our long treks across the desert, so we can go without water for long periods.*” “*OK, I get it!*” says the baby camel, “*We have huge feet to stop us sinking, long eyelashes to keep the sand from our eyes and humps to store water. Then, Mom, why the heck are we here in the Toronto zoo?*” Modern life sometimes makes one feel like a camel in a zoo. And like camels in a zoo we need sometimes to go into the desert in order to discover who we truly are. Lent invites us to enter into this kind of desert experience.



The desert was the birthplace of the first covenant. The Hebrew people who escaped from Egypt as scattered tribes arrived the Promised Land as one nation under God. It was in the desert that they were forged into the people of God by covenant. In the course of their history when their love and faithfulness to God grew cold, the prophets would suggest their return to the desert to rediscover their identity, their vocation and their mission in order to reawaken their faith and strengthen their relationship with God. The great prophets Elijah and John the Baptist adopted the desert lifestyle: they lived in the desert, ate desert food and adopted a simple desert lifestyle. One commentary says that “*The desert, or wilderness, is the university where God teaches His people*”.



And so our Church gives us this season of Lent. Of course we are not asked to go out and hop on a camel and head off for the desert! But we can all create a desert space in our overcrowded lives. We can set aside a place and time to be alone daily with God, a time to distance ourselves from the many noises and voices that bombard our lives every day, a time to hear God’s word, a time to rediscover who we are before God, a time to recognize God’s purposes and God’s way for our lives as Jesus did. And then, when the forty days have passed and we step out of the shadows and into the bright light of Easter – we

will truly be able to celebrate and receive with joy God’s greatest gift of love and new life that is so freely given in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Elizabeth

## WHY DOES LENT LAST FORTY DAYS?

The duration of the season of Lent is based on the ancient church custom of requiring catechumens to undergo a forty-day period of doctrinal instruction and fasting before being baptized on the evening before Easter. This probationary period was called the *quarantine* (from the Latin word for forty). The number forty occurs frequently in both testaments of the Bible. It signifies the time that is required for discipline, testing, and separation prior to achieving a goal or new beginning.

## THOUGHTS FROM MY CHAIR

*from Canon Frances*



Last week, I mentioned the Collects, those beautiful prayers which are also helpful and uplifting guides to meditation. On page 367 in the Book of Alternative Services, you will find a Collect which comes from the mind and thinking of that great North African saint and scholar, Augustine of Hippo (not to be confused with St. Augustine of Canterbury). Let us start with the first part *Almighty God, you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.* There are two thoughts here. First God Made us for Himself. What does that mean? We have been told from earliest childhood that God loves us; more than that, God is love. You cannot love in a vacuum, you need someone to love. Dare we say, God needed us? These thoughts are overwhelming and take time and prayer before moving on to the second thought which stems from it. That is *“our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in you”*. In the start of this Collect, we address God as Almighty. It reflects the fact that the one who is all powerful is also love itself. He made us, that he might love us.

May we now turn to Genesis 1: 27 *So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God, he created them.* It is not just God who is love. He made us in his image. Many people particularly those starting to face life, declare they are on a road to discover themselves. That will happen when they discover God. In him, they will find satisfaction and peace. There is one among the many great gifts he has given without which our love would be null and void. We will think about this next week.

I will lead you with a prayer which St. Paul gave us in his Epistle to the Ephesians 3:16. *I pray that according to the riches of his Glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith as you are being rooted and grounded in love.*



### THANK YOU !

#### EVENSONG AND HAM DINNER



The Choir would like to thank everyone for your support of our “Sunday Evening Special”. The financial support of those unable to attend, the salads and desserts that added greatly to a delicious meal. Thanks also go to Jane Lewis for once again giving us 2 beautiful quilted items to raffle. How wonderful that the 2 ladies who won the raffles generously donated them back to be auctioned off. We are happy to announce that we made over \$1,000 for the Church. The Warmth and friendship of the crowd was visibly palpable. God Bless Trinity Church.

### A SMILE

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied: “That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I wanted to stay with you guys”



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY** – March 27<sup>th</sup> “Third 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.)

**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**

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

**FRIDAY**

12:00 p.m. –Lent Service in Sanctuary  
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Canon John Speers  
 12:30 p.m. – Lunch

**SATURDAY**

7:30 p.m. - Big Church “The Cause”

**SUNDAY** –April 3<sup>rd</sup> “Fourth Sun. in Lent”

“Mothering Sunday”  
 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.)

**HAPPENINGS SUBMISSIONS**

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**BITS AND PIECES**

Congregation attending Trinity last Week, March 20<sup>th</sup>, was: 8:00 a.m.= 28; 10:00 a.m.= 89; Evensong = 79, for a total of 196 including 12 children & teachers

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> is “Mothering Sunday”. If you are able to bake a “Simmel Cake” and bring it to Church next Sunday for all to enjoy, Trinity supplies the Almond Paste for you. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex and take a Recipe and the Almond Paste. We would like 5 bakers if possible.

**PANCAKE BRUNCH**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ST. PETER’S ANGLICAN CHURCH 2412 Ronald Rd., Minesing.**  
 Pancakes topped with Fralick’s Maple Syrup and sausage from Nicolyn Farms  
 Cost: “Free Will Donation” Proceeds to St. Peter’s Maintenance Fund

EVERYONE WELCOME (Call ahead to 705-721-9227 or just drop in)

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