

Trinity Anglican Church

Trinity Happenings

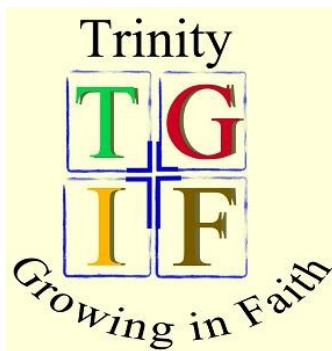
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Our Mission

*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.



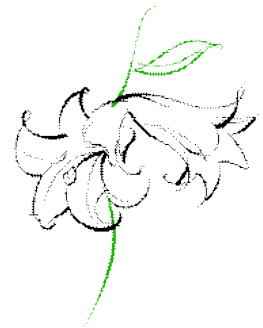
THOUGHTS FROM MY CHAIR

From Canon Frances

The word “sin” is one I seldom use, mainly because it has different shades of meaning for different people. For some, it has little meaning at all. What is “sin”? To me, sin is an action or lack of action which cuts us off from God. Sin also cuts us off from each other, makes us feel depressed and unhappy. Some times that brings us to a false front of bravado. There is something we can do. We can ask for forgiveness and pray to receive it. Strangely, that seems to be the hard part, to accept his love revealed on the cross. That alone will take away the sinking guilt and renew us. That release which comes with forgiveness really does happen. I know. His love can be very real as he reaches out to us.

Sometimes we feel unworthy to accept his love and feel it more pious to wallow in the guilt. If we do that, we are rejecting his loving gift of forgiveness which he bought for us. Have you ever prepared a special gift for someone to be told “it is too good for me, I cannot possibly accept it”.

We are entering the season of Lent. Lent means spring. It is a growing time. While it is good to bring some special discipline into our lives at this time, it should be a discipline which helps us to grow in love toward Jesus. Pray often, study more, worship with joy. Reach out and draw others into the great circle of his love.



Please E mail any submissions for Happenings to:

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LENTEN NOONDAY SERIES

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

March 11: *Woman at the Well, John 4:1-*

The Rev. Stephen Pessah, St Margaret's

March 18: *Touching the Hem, Luke 8:40-48*

The Rev. Frank McDevitt, St Mary's Church

March 25: *The Man at the Pool, John 5:1-15*

Rev. Janet Read-Hockin, St Thomas Shanty Bay

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



A LENTEN CHALLENGE

Read Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Write down the following:

1. One thing new you learned.
2. One thing that puzzled you
3. One insight you would like to share with others.

Bring this list to Church and place it in the BOX labeled "Colossians" in the back of the Church. YOU DO NOT NEED TO SIGN IT.

Your clergy will then go through these lists and compile them in some interesting way for Happenings.

A note of caution: don't rush through this book of the Bible. Take your time, and think about what you are hearing God say in the silence of your heart, and then phrase your responses to the questions.

Rev. Elizabeth

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

With Rev. Janet, Tuesday afternoons at 12.45 beginning March 15th and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Beginning March 16th.

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BITS AND PIECES

Congregation attending Trinity last Week, March 6th, was: 8:00 a.m.= 31; 10:00 a.m.= 87; for a total of 118 including 13 children & teachers

ENRICH YOUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Read next week's lessons during the week in preparation for Sunday's message.

1st Reading -- Genesis 12:1-4a,
 Psalm 121, Gospel – John 3: 1-17

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – March 13th “First Sun. in Lent” (Daylight Saving’s Time)

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.
 7:15 p.m. – Management Board Mtg. 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: Fr. Frank McDevitt
 12:30 p.m. – Lunch

SATURDAY

Big Church

SUNDAY - March 20th “Second 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.)
 4:00 p.m. – Evensong in Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. – Ham Dinner in Aud.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Remember **Evensong at 4.00 March 20th** followed by a **Ham Dinner** in the Auditorium. Dinner tickets available from choir members.



THOUGHTS FROM MY LAPTOP

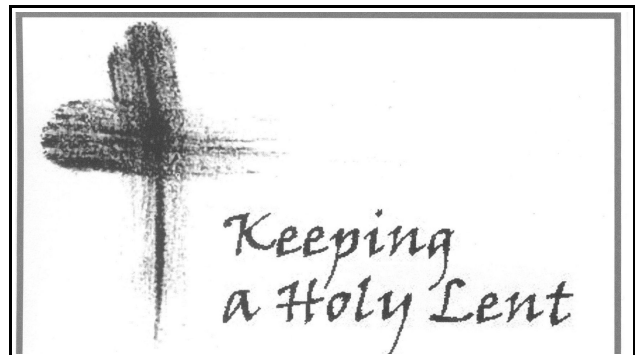
This past week was Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of our journey towards the Cross. During the days of Lent, we will have opportunity to rest in the power of Jesus, through the offering of worship, bible study, fellowship, and reaching out to those in need.

Henri Nouwen has written a book called, *Letters to Marc about Jesus*. The last chapter is called ‘*Listening to Jesus*’. In this final letter, Nouwen encourages his nephew to keep listening to the voice of the Holy One, and to resist the distractions of the world, which sometimes seem more urgent.

Nouwen suggestion applies to us as well. He reminds us first of all, that Jesus is the Lord of the Church, and therefore one way to listen to him, is “immerse ourselves deeply in the liturgical life of the church through its services of worship and praise”. Secondly, he says that we should listen to “the book”, or in other words, read the bible! Careful listening to the word of God informs our hearts, minds and spirits and shapes us for ministry in the church and the world. Thirdly, Nouwen encourages us to listen to our hearts, for it is there that Jesus speaks most intimately to us through the power of prayer. Listen to that “still small voice,” the voice of gentle love, and the voice of Jesus in your heart.”

There is a clatter of sound in the world around us, voices that call us this way and that, voices that may keep us from following through with our Lenten Practice. However, if we intentionally make time to listen to the voice of Jesus, in worship, word and prayer, we will discover that the journey to the Cross-with Jesus is truly an adventure. We will begin to realize that with Christ all things are possible, his grace is more than sufficient, and with that realization, our faith will blossom in the light and life he brings.

I want to encourage you therefore, to enter fully into the various Lenten Program offered at Trinity this year, all of which are clearly outlined in various places in this issue of Happenings. In particular I urge you to join the group Bible Study led by Rev. Janet and Gladys Fisher. I stress that because we learn from each other, and we strengthen our bond of fellowship when we study the Bible together, and that makes for a stronger healthier more bible based Christian community. And that after all, is what we all desire, isn't it?



The call to “Keep a Holy Lent” reminds me of the hymn Jesus Calls us over the Tumult, in particular the last two verses:

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
 days of toil and hours of ease,
 still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
 "Christian, love me more than these."
 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
 Savior, may we hear thy call,
 give our hearts to thine obedience,
 serve and love thee best of all.**

May it truly be so this Lent and always for all of us. Every Blessing for a Holy Lent, and Joy as we meet and greet our Risen Lord at Easter!

Rev. Elizabeth +