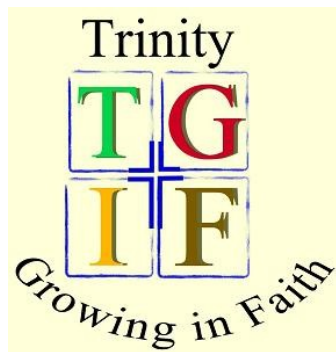


Trinity Happenings

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

by Canon Frances



Several weeks ago, I wrote about the central theme of each of the four Collects during Advent and pointed out the central theme for today, the second Sunday in Advent is **confidence**. I quote "that we may stand with confidence before his glory".

What does it take to be a confident person? First of all, we need a clear conscience. How many of us have a clear conscience? Is there no wrongdoing in our lives, no wrong attitudes towards others? We can be free. Christ has with his love and sacrifice bought this freedom for us. What else do we need to be confident? We need knowledge and experience. In the Collect for today, in our old BCP we read:

"Blessed Lord who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which thou has given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ."

I am not a literalist in my understanding of the Bible but I embrace it mindfully with love and joy as it nourishes me. The Bible gives me that confidence I need to stand before the throne. I try to live the life it directs and gain the experience we all need to further achieve confidence as we stand before him and worship him.

ADVENT BOOKLETS

Since Advent is a time when we are to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the coming of Jesus, we are offering Advent devotional books at the back of the church for you to purchase at the nominal fee of \$1.00.

We encourage you to take one of these books home and spend some quiet time each day pondering these reflections so that you can draw nearer to God and the true miracle of Christmas that continues to transform peoples' lives in our troubled world!

THOUGHTS FROM MY LAPTOP



I turned the page on my kitchen Calendar this morning, and there it was, December 1, 2011! My granddaughter Tori, in Calgary will be opening the first window on her Advent Calendar. From now on her excitement will grow as she counts down the days until Christmas. We are all children at heart, and Jesus reminds us how important that childlike quality is to our spiritual health and vitality. We are to be eager to learn and grow in faith and hope, ready to lean on and be led by God, and open to the mystery of God's presence and activity in the world around us. Think how the child's eyes shine with the wonder of it all!

The arrival of December means that we leave the busy fall season behind us with all of its important and meaningful events. But let us not forget those events, or the faith and hope they kindled within us. Instead let us recall some of the highlights:

In September, Monica Cox initiated the Spaghetti dinners, the first Saturday of every month. These dinners are becoming increasingly popular - an evening to look forward to each month -- with good food, fun, and fellowship. We are grateful to Monica for her vision and leadership in initiating and coordinating this event.

On Sunday October 27th, Scout leader Barry Mitchell gave an inspirational report on the World Scout Jamboree held in Sweden this past summer. Other members of Twelfth Barrie Scouts were on hand to share their experiences and pictures during coffee hour after the service in the parish hall.

On Sunday November 6th, we held our annual Remembrance Sunday, at which Dr. Keith Morley (Lt..Col. Retired), gave a moving talk on the significance of Remembrance Day in the 21 century.

On November 12, Trinity hosted a Benefit concert for Peter and Sonya Lem, which filled the church with people. Those who attended were charmed by the musical program, and enjoyed the reception and auction which followed. The evening was seamlessly coordinated by various groups of people: the David Anthony Salon, local musicians, staff from the Oncology Department at the RVH where Mary Lem works, and of course, Trinity's choir. In addition to raising necessary funds for Peter and Sonya, the event was also a tremendous outpouring of love and support for the Lem family.

On November 27, we held our annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols, a fitting way to begin the Advent Season. This yearly tradition retells the story of redemption – from prophecy to fulfillment – through Holy Scripture and music, and is indeed a very beautiful service, thanks to our choir and organist.

All through this time, in September, October, and November, the Bible Study groups met, strengthening their Biblical literacy, and the bond of friendship we have in Christian community. And now Christmas awaits, and the eagerness of children is building! All of us enjoy this time, the magic and wonder of it, but in the midst of it all, let us remember to nurture our spiritual life, through the Advent tasks of reading a little scripture each day, and devoting time to prayer and Sunday Worship. In that way, when Christmas Day arrives we will be ready to receive the love, joy, hope, and peace of Christ, the very best gift of all.

Rev. Elizabeth +

BUSBY CENTRE CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE

Please contribute to the Busby Centre for their Christmas stocking for Clients. The "Tree" is in the Tower Walk. Suggested gifts: hats, mitts, socks, undies (size Med or Large), scarves, slippers, soap (small), toothpaste (small), toothbrush, comb, Kleenex packets, disposable razors, small deodorant, etc. Help those who are alone at Christmas feel special and loved this Christmas. All items will be picked up by Dec. 14 to be assembled and wrapped. Remember the Gospel of Matthew 25: 3-46. Submitted by Mae Harasymiw on behalf of Women's Fellowship A.C.W.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENING
Wed. December 7, 2011
6:00 p.m.
The Waterford, 132 Edgehill Drive



Please join us for Christmas Communion, followed by a Pot Luck Buffet Supper: Please bring salads and main dishes only. Desserts provided by Trinity Women's Fellowship Executive.

Donation Baskets: Elizabeth Fry – items or monetary
 The Discretionary Fund – monetary

TRINITY WOMEN CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Trinity Women will meet on Dec. 9th at 10:30 a.m. – note the change of time. We will be having Christmas Carol sing-song and Christmas stories. The highlight of the day is a Pot Luck Luncheon. Come along and bring a friend. Bring your favourite dish to share. At this meeting we collect socks, caps, mitts, etc. to go to the Street Centre. Tim Horton gift cards are also useful. Please bring your dishes and cutlery to save on clean up. For info, contact Mary at 705-726-4589



CHRISTMAS MUSIC

**The King Edward Choir presents Part 1 & selections from
 Part 2 of Handel's Messiah**

plus carols with orchestra and soloists St. Mary's Catholic Church Friday Dec. 9th 7 30 pm. Adults \$20
 Youth \$10 Tickets available from Susan Reichenbacher or Diane Jones

Organ/piano concert by our own Marina Laking & Pauline Warnica

Wed. Dec. 14th at noon for 1 hour only

Christmas music and sing along carols

St. Andrew's church only \$ 5., students free

Lets all come out & support our wonderfully talented ladies

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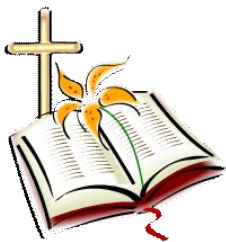
Interim Priest in Charge
Reverend Elizabeth Morley
Part-Time Associate
Reverend Janet Mitchell



BITS AND PIECES

Congregation attending Trinity last Week, Nov. 27th was: 8:00 a.m.= 38; 10:00 a.m.= 92 for a total of 130 including 4 children & teachers

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE!



Isaiah 61:1-4; Psalm 126:
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John
1:6-8, 19-28

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – Dec. 4th “Advent 2”

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.)
7:00 p.m. – Aud. – Scouts’ Meeting

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. Band Practice in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men’s Breakfast at Andy’s
10:30 a.m. – Quiet Eucharist

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. – Trinity Women’s Christmas Lunch in Upper Rm.

SUNDAY Dec. 11th “Advent 3”

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. – Family Choral Eucharist
Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0 – 4 yr.)
Sunday School in Auditorium (4-11 yr.)
7:00 p.m. – Aud. – Scouts’ Meeting

OUR FAITH -- OUR HOPE Re-Imagine Church

DONATIONS CONTINUE TO GROW! ALLELUIA!

To date our total commitment to this campaign has reached \$129,500, which represents 33% of our overall target! Congratulations! Please continue to pray for this campaign at Trinity.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thursday December 15th, 10:30am - "Shut In" Service and Reception for those who have difficulty managing with crowds or anyone who wishes to attend

Sunday December 18th, 8am & 10am - Christmas Lessons and Carols

Saturday December 24th, "Christmas Eve Services"

7pm Family Communion with Children's focus
10pm Holy Communion, Candlelight Service with full choir

Sunday December 25th "Christmas Day Service" 10am

