

Trinity Happenings

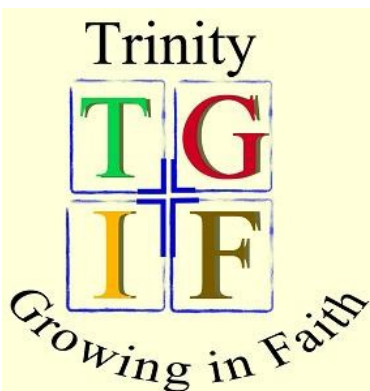
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Our Mission

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



NEWSLETTER

Please pick up your copy of the Lent Newsletter from the back of the church. If there is not a copy with your name please put your name and address on an envelope from the back of the pew and hand it to one of the clergy or ushers; we will add you to our parish list. There are extra copies of the newsletter for all our guests.



ASH WEDNESDAY - Children's Program Feb. 25th

The Anglican Churches of Barrie are combining forces to offer a children's program of music, crafts, teaching, etc on the morning of Wed. Feb. 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. George's Allendale. There is a nominal cost of \$2 per child and the program ends with a light lunch.

Ash Wednesday is one of the days in the Province when children can miss school for religious instruction. The children will be given a note to take back to school after lunch. Please register your children by calling our church office 728-2691. Additional volunteers to help with the program would be appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 25th

A Day To Fast: once again this year we are asking the whole congregation to join in FASTING AND PRAYER on Ash Wednesday. This doesn't mean that you need to take the day off work; but in the midst of your regular routine plan to skip one or more meals that day, and allow some extra time (perhaps during these meal times) for prayer. We remember Jesus' fast for 40 days in the wilderness and how at the end of this time, while he was weakened in body, he was strong in spirit and able to resist the temptations of the devil and gain victory in his spiritual life. As we join with Jesus in fasting this day we too are looking for spiritual breakthroughs in our personal lives and as a congregation.

We fast from food, or other requirements of the body, so that we can learn to feast on the presence of God more fully. Fasting with prayer is one of the ways that we can go deeper in our spiritual lives. Our spiritual senses are heightened and we become more aware of God's presence and less dependent on other appetites. Plan to fast that day in a way that is appropriate to your health and the advise of your doctor. If you do fast from food it is important to continue to drink plenty of fluids. Doing this together makes for a powerful day as we fast during the day and came together for worship in the evening.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This is a season designated by the church to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is a time to go deeper in our spiritual lives by self examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self denial, and by reading and meditating upon God's holy Word. So that we can experience more of the Lord in our lives we invite the Holy Spirit to search our hearts and cleanse us of anything that is displeasing to Him.

Ashes are used to begin the season of Lent. While Jesus cautions against an outward display of piety, the ashes indicate a humble heart before God as we die to ourselves and our own pride. The ashes are made by burning the palms from last year. The Palm Sunday crowd who hailed Jesus as king, soon betrayed him and on Good Friday called for his execution. The palms and ashes represent the weakness and fickleness of human nature, and speak to us of the times we have denied Christ or turned our backs on him.

Summary Schedule for Ash Wednesday Feb. 25th:

- ** Children's Program at St. George's Allendale from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- ** 10:30 am Communion Service at Trinity.
- ** 7:00 pm Communion Service at Trinity with the Choir.



CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - Feb. 15th "Epiphany 6"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion
 Nursery in Undercroft, Sunday School in Aud., Jr. Teens in Upper Rm., Sr. Teens in Naz. Rm.
 11:45 a.m. - Photo Dir. Pictures in Aud.
 6:30 p.m. - Youth Sports Night in Aud.

MONDAY - "Family Day" Office Closed

1:30 p.m. - "Walk on Water" Study in Upper Rm.
 6:30 p.m. - Dinner & "Life Worth Living" in Aud.
 7:15 p.m. - "Truth Project" Study in Naz. Rm.
 7:15 p.m. - Trinity Rocks Practice in Sanctuary

TUESDAY

12:45 & 7:00 p.m. - Beth Moore Course in Upper Rm.
 5:00 p.m. - Busby Board Meeting in Lower Hall
 7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Team Practice in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Simcoe Hotel
 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
 12:00 p.m. - St. Joe's Lunch for Street People in Aud.
 1:00 p.m. - "Life in the Spirit" Study in Upper Rm.
 6:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Study in Upper Rm.

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. - Scouts in Aud.
 7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice in Sanctuary

FRIDAY

1:15 p.m. - "Nooma" Study in Naz. Rm.

SUNDAY - Feb. 22th "Last Sun. after Epiphany"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Scout/Guide Parade
 Nursery in Undercroft, Sunday School in Aud., Jr. Teens in Upper Rm., Sr. Teens in Naz. Rm.
 11:45 a.m. - Photo Dir. Pictures in Aud.
 6:30 p.m. - Youth Sports Night in Aud.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Feb. 8) was:
 8:00 a.m. = 45, 10:00 a.m. = 146, for a total of 191,
 including 25 children & teachers.

FROM THE MAIL

If writing to Trinity, please remember that our address is
 P.O. Box 641, Barrie, ON, L4M 4V1

Church Directory

Thank you to everyone who is helping to make this directory a success. Tom has been doing a fine job taking our portraits for the directory and some families have brought in pictures or sent theirs by e-mail. Is YOUR picture included? We really do need everyone in order to make this a true church family directory. Please do your best to get a picture to us, in some form, by next Sunday.

We are also requesting business owners to support us by placing an ad in the directory. We can then support you in business. Thank you in advance.

The Yearbook Committee

Kitchen and Garden

Following the vestry meeting it was decided to try and increase our volunteer helpers for the kitchen duties. Also to start a garden club of enthusiastic people who would be willing to help beautify Frances's central garden in the summer and the borders around the parking space. Hopefully we will get enough hands so that it would only be an occasional weed and water once it is tidied up and replanted. There are 2 sign up sheets hanging in the tower walk.

For any questions please ask Susan Reichenbacher.
 Thank you in advance!!

Discipleship Travel Centre

Today our children learned from the book of Job that God is there with us even when we are sick. Talk with your children about what it is like to be sick and why it's easy to forget about God then.

Make a note of encouragement for a friend or family member who's not feeling well. Remember to pray for others who are in need that they would feel God's presence with them when they are sick.



Women of the Bible

Fridays in Lent at 12:00 noon
(Worship & Address at 12:00 noon. Lunch at 12:30 pm)

Women of the Bible come from all walks of life. They are warriors, judges, prophets, Queens, mothers and sisters. They are models of faith for us in our day. They show sacrifice, courage, patience, and forbearance. We will be inspired by their prayers, their songs, their prophecies and their lives.

Join us this year on Fridays in Lent at noon as we celebrate WOMEN OF THE BIBLE.



February 27th	ESTHER
Canon Brian McVitty	Trinity Church, Barrie.
March 6th	ANNA
Rev. Marilyn Gratz	Inniswood Baptist Church.
March 13th	MIRIAM
Rev. Elizabeth Morley	St. Margaret's Church.
March 20th	RUTH
Rev. Joanne Bennett	St. Paul's Church, Innisfil.
March 27th	MARY MAGDALENE
Rev. Kathleen Greidanus	Parish of Ivy & Utopia. Essa Twsp.
April 3rd	THE WOMAN OF REV. 12:1-6
Rev. Andrew Sandilands	Trinity Church, Barrie

HOME GROUPS AND COURSES

Most of our Home Groups and Courses are now underway for the winter season. Lots of good friendships were made on the Alpha course this fall and most of the Alpha graduates have returned on Monday nights for "A Life Worth Living" by Nicky Gumble. Another attraction to Monday evenings are the home cooked meals by Mae and Lena-Marie! Two Home Groups are just beginning and would welcome participants:

** THE TRUTH PROJECT: tomorrow Feb. 16th "The Truth Project" will begin on Monday evenings led by Kim Beaney and Glady Fisher. Kim and Glady were part of the pilot offering of "The Truth Project" in the fall. It had such an impact they want to offer it to others this winter. It is a wonderful tour which looks at various aspect of life through the lens of scripture. This is insightful and needful teaching especially if you have children or grandchildren in the school system. Join us Monday evenings at the church at 6:30 pm for dinner (\$9 donation) or at 7:15 pm for the study. Cost for this course is \$20.

** NOOMA VIDEOS: Rob Bell is a gifted communicator who has created a series of short videos designed to initiate discussion of various aspects of the faith. Each video is about 12 minutes in length. John Lake will be leading this group on Fridays at 1:15 pm. The group began this past Friday but more participants are welcome. Please speak to John Lake 733-2211 <jlhake@bellnet.ca>

PRAISE & HEALING PRAYER -- Saturday March 7th at 7pm

We will be hosting a "Renewal Service" for the Diocese on Saturday March 7th at 7:00 pm. This will be an evening of praise music and healing prayer. Our CWT Band will be leading the music. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Zak Gariba. Zak is known to many of us through his work at the Healing Rooms on Dunlop Street in Barrie. More recently Zak and his wife Karen-Marie have planted a new church in Orillia called Jubilee Christian Fellowship. Zak was born in Nigeria and came to faith as a young man. He has gifts in prophecy and healing prayer.



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MARRIAGE SEMINAR -- Sat. Feb. 28th

"Seeing Your Marriage Thru the Eyes of God"

Join Canon Brian & Diane for a one day "Focus on the Family" marriage seminar on Sat. Feb. 28th. It will be a live satellite broadcast across North America featuring: BETH MOORE, DEL TACKET, DR. GARY SMALLEY and others. This is a unique opportunity to invest in the most important relationship in your life! Emmanuel Church on Essa Road south will be the host site in Barrie. Cost is \$69 per couple. Single registration is available. Register on line at www.focusonmarriage.com Video previews are also available at the same web site. This will be a wonderful and inspiring day.

The Truth Project

Hello Everyone, In light of the dismal "Reveal Survey Results" I was hoping to recruit people to enjoy and really benefit from the "Truth Project" starting on Monday Feb 16th.

I can tell you it is absolutely brilliant and the timing could not be better as we need to rev up and move toward God quite a few notches.

Any doubts like creationism, biblical factually etc are dealt in a very fair and even manner.

It really is an amazing course I guarantee you will like it, so let me know soon, I am counting on you.



All the best, Kim

GOALS FOR 2009

The last two Sundays Canon Brian reviewed with the congregation the results of the REVEAL survey and the latest initiatives of our VISION Committee. It is amazing how the results from both of these dovetail so well together. The refinement of our VISION has been the result of ongoing consultations with the congregation while the REVEAL survey gives us a statistical measurement of our spiritual vitality. (see the Vestry Report for more of the detailed information)

As a result of the VISION consultations and the REVEAL statistics we have established four key areas of focus for 2009. They are:

- **Bible Reading & Prayer** (personal and daily).

At the present time about 22% of us have a daily routine of Bible reading & Prayer. This is the single best catalyst for spiritual growth. This year we will both encourage and equip our congregation to build daily devotions into their lives.

- **Home Groups** (Bible learning & deepening friendships).

While this is already a strength for our congregation we would like to see a higher level of participation. If the strength of our basic Christian beliefs is weak or fuzzy, Home Groups are the best forum for deepening our knowledge of the Bible. In the spring we will undertake teaching in Christian doctrine. One member has indicated that the in the Prayer Book the Catechism (page 544) and the Articles of Religion (page 698) are a good place to begin.

- **Family Ministries** (children & youth).

Continue working with parents and youngsters to strengthen our ministry with children and youth.

- **Worship** (impactful for newcomers).

Continue to assess how "impactful" our Sunday worship is for the newcomer and the non-believer who is exploring the faith.