

Trinity Happenings

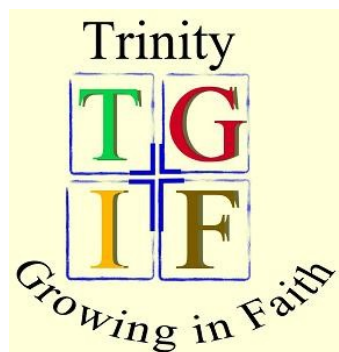
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Our Mission

*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.



THE SEASON OF LENT

40 Days to Easter



Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The season of Lent consists of the 40 days prior to Easter. Like Jesus who had 40 days in the wilderness for fasting and prayer at the beginning of his ministry, so too, this is a season designated by the church for us to go deeper in our spiritual lives and to build into our lives some key spiritual disciplines such as daily prayer and Bible reading. 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.

The words of the Prayer Book express it this way: “Dear Friends, in the early church it was the custom to observe with great devotion the days of our Lord’s Passion and Resurrection, and to prepare for the same with a season of penitence and fasting. . . . I therefore invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditation upon God’s holy Word”.

** The last two Sundays we have provided some practical guidelines for putting this exhortation into practice. We had a hands on workshop showing several ways to begin daily Bible reading and prayer. Then we looked at the Biblical model of combining fasting with prayer. Each Sunday there was a response card so that this would be something that we are doing together and so that we can be encouraged by one another. The responses are listed below. This is wonderful discipleship training for the season of Lent as we consider ourselves as “Team Trinity”.

** **The altar hangings in the church have been changed to the colour purple. Purple is a royal colour and reminds us to prepare and cleanse our hearts for the “King of kings” (namely Jesus) whose true identity is finally revealed with his resurrection.**

“WHILE THEY WERE WORSHIPPING THE LORD AND FASTING, THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID ...” Acts 13:2

Last Sunday, in preparation for the start of Lent we did some practical teaching on fasting (with prayer). We see through the New Testament (and in the Book of Common Prayer) that it is assumed that believers would have times of fasting with prayer. Many of you took the challenge to fast in a way that was appropriate to your health this past Wednesday (which was Ash Wednesday). From the response cards there were 62 responses (some cards marked more than one option for fasting). The ways in which we would fast as a congregation were as follows:

Simplified Meals	19
Fruit and Vegetables only	11
Miss one or two meals	22
Have no solid food	6
Other ways	13

This is a very good beginning. Please share with us your experience of fasting with prayer for a day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - February 21st "First Sun. In Lent"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion, Children in Aud..
 Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)
 12:00 p.m. - Screening-in-Faith Workshop
 in Upper Room.

MONDAY

6:30 p.m. - Refreshments in Aud.
 7:00 p.m. - Studies: "Life Worth Living", "Challenging
 Lifestyles", "The Truth Project"
 7:00 p.m. - CWT Practice in Sanctuary

TUESDAY

12:45 and 7:00 p.m. - Beth Moore Study in Upper Rm.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Candyland Rest.
 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. - Revelation Study in Upper Rm.
 12:00 p.m. - St. Joe's serves lunch for Busby Ctr.
 7:15 p.m. - Trinity Rocks' Practice

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

10:30 a.m. - "Nooma" Study in Naz. Rm.
 12:00 p.m. - Lunch in Auditorium (\$6.00)
 12:30 p.m. - Lenten Friday Service in Sanctuary

SUNDAY - February 28th "Second Sun. In Lent"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion & Scout Parade
 Children in Aud..
 Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)
 Holy Land Wood Art for sale in Aud.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week, Feb. 14, was:
 8:00 a.m.= 32, 10:00 a.m. = 111, for a total of 143,
 including 19 children & teachers.

Psalms of the Bible

Fridays in Lent at 12:00 noon

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

The book of Psalms contains some of the best known passages of the Bible (The Lord is my shepherd ...) and some of the best loved. The Psalms express the whole range of human emotions from joy to sorrow to anger. They have been used in prayer and in worship for at least 3000 years. They are the Hebrew hymn book. They have been central to Anglican worship. They are the unedited heart-felt expression of the believer. They are a treasure of insight and worship. This year our speakers will be sharing with you one of their favourite Psalms. A hot lunch will be served in the auditorium for \$6 at 12:30 pm. Our special thanks to our team of cooks led by Monica Cox and Monika Tweedle!

Join us this year on Fridays in Lent at noon as we explore the PSALMS OF THE BIBLE.

February 19th
 Canon Brian McVitty

PSALM 103
 Trinity Church, Barrie.

February 26th
 Rev. Lawrence Crews

PSALM 32
 Calvary Community Church.

March 5th
 Rev. Cliff Fletcher

PSALM 3
 Free Methodist Church.

March 12th
 Rev. Bruce Sticklee

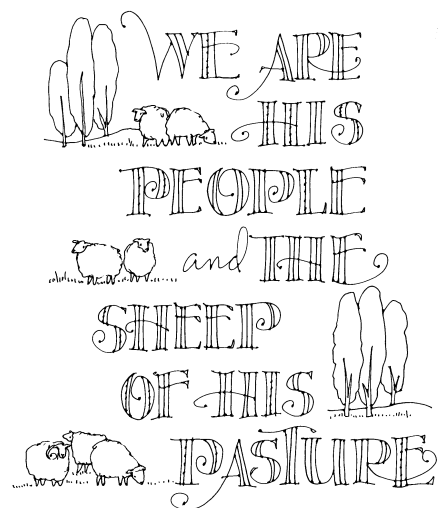
PSALM 37
 Bethel Community Church.

March 19th
 Fr. Frank McDevitt

PSALM 46
 St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

March 26th
 Rev. Andrew Sandilands

PSALM 23
 Trinity Church, Barrie.



Parish Info and Updates

“THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES TEACHING ... AND THE PRAYERS” Acts 2:42

Last Sunday we provided some practical guidelines to establish a pattern of daily Bible reading and prayer. This is the single best step to take if you are looking for ways to draw closer to the Lord. This is particularly appropriate as we begin the season of Lent. Last Sunday 96 response



cards were completed indicating the method you would be using for this pattern of daily Bible reading and prayer. The responses are as follows:

Book of Common Prayer schedule	18
Bible League Calendar & Devotional	26
Scripture Union/Daily Bread	15
Verse by Day (email)	12
Anglican Journal schedule	3
Reading a Psalm per day	3
Other devotional guides	19

This is a very good response. Let's encourage one another to be diligent in what we have pledged to do.

ALPHA COURSE IN DOWNTOWN BARRIE

Norm Marrow and Canon Brian have been working with the Salvation Army Bayside Mission to help train their Alpha team leaders. Their course will begin on Tuesday Feb. 16th at 7:15 pm. The Bayside Mission is located at the bottom of Bayfield Street; enter from the back of the building (off Maple) to their dining-room. Please pre-register with Major Roy Randall:

<Roy_Randell@can.salvationarmy.org>

MANAGEMENT BOARD

There will be a short meeting of the Management Board today in the upper room at 11:45 a.m. Please bring a bag lunch.

SCREENING IN FAITH

Screening in Faith Workshop today at 12 p.m. For Trinity people new to leadership positions of trust, or who need to update their files. Please contact Paul Thompson or Mary Henderson - to confirm your attendance.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This lovely service is being held at Collier Street United Church on Friday, March 5 at 1.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The Cameroon is the country from which the service comes this year, and it should be very interesting. There will be coffee, tea and goodies to enjoy afterwards. There is a rumour that there will be yummy Pancakes (a Cameroon recipe) to sample, too.

NEARLY NEW SALE

Please note that our Nearly New Sale will be held on Thursday, April 29 (Take-in Day), with Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 being the Sale Days. Now's the time to start looking in those dark corners and out-of-the-way places where we all put things to decide about on another occasion. We will need lots of your cast-offs to sell but only if they are in good condition, working properly, clean, spot-free and hole-free. We will, as usual, need lots of volunteers to help and the sign-up sheets will appear soon. More details later. Please mark your calendars now.

HOLY LAND WOOD ART

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem-The Birth Place of Jesus-is selling their hand crafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area.

The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism.

Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land ,and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity.

On **February, 28th**, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Holy Land Wood Art

HLWA Inc.

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CHORAL EVENSONG

Our annual service is to be held on March 7th at 4 p.m Ham dinner to follow.

We would ask that you bring salad or Dessert in order to keep the costs down.

We all appreciate the support our parishioners give us. It enables us to purchase new music twice a year.

Tickets available after both services.

Adult \$10 Student \$5 Under 5 free Family \$25

No tip or tax!! What a bargain!

Thank you in advance, The Choir



Vestry Notes

There was a most interesting amendment and vote at vestry a couple of weeks ago. As you are aware, a motion was made to increase Trinity's budget significantly. It was voted on, and approved. Soon afterwards, a second vote on the same motion was made, and there were several comments (one by this writer) that it may have been out of order to do so. However a quick check of Robert's Rules of Order seem to show otherwise. In the aforementioned rules, there is a section devoted to "Reconsider and amend after adoption". Without paraphrasing too much (see page 58 of the revision by Darwin Patnode) it would appear that the "group can indeed consider again a motion on which a vote has been taken recently", as long as the reconsideration was moved by one who voted against the motion. So due course was indeed followed.

Thanks YIC Mike Tweedle

2010 Budget information Update

As you are aware, at our latest vestry meeting the people of Trinity amended the budget to include regular summer office hours (and thus continuous employment for Mary), a subsequent increase in the budget to cover the same, and thus an increase in the Outreach Portion. Here are the numbers that have changed:

Changes to the budget:

General Offerings	\$203,994	Payroll Expenses	\$94,909 (same as 2009)
EFT	\$376,307	Outreach transfers	\$9,419
Total Income	\$423,152	Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 0

Thanks again to all who were part of vestry.

Yours in Christ, Mike Tweedle for the wardens and clergy

What's Up in Sunday School

During the last few weeks we have been fast tracking through the Old Testament.

Now we are going to do the same with the New Testament

The goals of the curriculum are:

- * To develop a basic biblical literacy.
- * To show how God has given us choices from the start and choose to do right.
- * To help children recognize the choices when they are tempted.
- * To show that God makes and keeps promises to his people
- * To help the children to understand how adopting God's perspective can change their lives for the better.
- * To help the children to understand that God cares about our feelings. We don't need to hide our feelings from God.
- * To help the children to trust God in their daily lives and act fairly towards others
- * To help the children to understand why Jesus came. To prepare them to make a personal decision to follow Jesus and spread the Good News about him.

It is our hope as teachers that every child will have their own Bible in an age appropriate language that they will relate to and enjoy reading for themselves.