

# Trinity Happenings

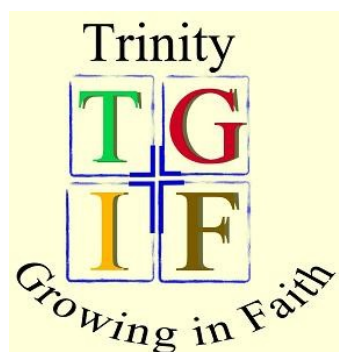
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## ***Our Mission***

*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.



## **VESTRY MEETING & LUNCH**

Our annual meeting will be held TODAY Sunday, January 31st at 12:30 pm in the auditorium. All active members of the parish are invited. A copy of the Vestry report is available at the back of the church this morning; please bring it with you to the Vestry meeting.

We would like to offer a pot-luck lunch after service and prior to the Vestry meeting. Would those with last names A to L please bring a plate of sandwiches, and those with last names M to Z bring a veggie tray, a fruit tray or a dessert. Many thanks.

## **Parish Info and Updates**

### **NEW PARENTS**

\*\* We now have a cluster of two year old toddlers in the Nursery who have become good friends. Beginning last Sunday we are offering a short teaching program for the toddlers in the Nursery consisting of a Bible story, song and craft. The parents will take turns leading this each Sunday. Our thanks to Stacy Marshall and Susan Snelling for their assistance with the curriculum.

\*\* Plans are underway to re-decorate the Nursery. If you would like to assist when a paint and decorate day is determined please leave your name with Mary in the church office.

\*\* For their winter Home Group program the Young Parents will be using a marriage enrichment series on a monthly basis beginning Sunday February 14th at 11:15 a.m. in the upper room.

### **HAITI RELIEF**

As announced by Mike Tweedle last Sunday, aid for Haiti can be donated to the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) the Anglican relief organization. Mark your offering envelope "Haiti PWRDF" and we will see that the monies are sent to them, and we will ensure that you receive a tax credit. Extra offering envelopes are on the back of the pew and at the back of the church.

### **DAILY BIBLE REFLECTION --**

#### **One Bible Verse per Day**

If you are busy and on the run, perhaps daily Bible devotions would be easier if they arrived on your Blackberry, or in your email in box each morning. To receive a verse of the day by email (or longer devotionals) go to the Blue Letter Bible at this link <http://www.blueletterbible.org/devotionals/> They will email to you a verse of the day with a thought for the day. They have other format devotional as well. All of this allows us to know God' word, reflect on it, and begin to shape our lives by the Lord's truths.

### **YOUTH -- SNOW WEEKEND EVENT**

The Anglican churches in the area are organizing a Snow Event weekend for youngsters in grades 6 to 12. It will be held Feb 5-6th at St. Paul's Midhurst with Tubing at Snow Valley. There will be a guest speaker and worship. Cost is only \$10 plus \$20 for the tubing. Phone 905 841 9857 or email [allsaintsrev@bellnet.ca](mailto:allsaintsrev@bellnet.ca) by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to say you are coming. Arrive between 6 and 7pm on Friday at St Paul's, Midhurst. 5 Noraline Ave off St Vincent Drive near Barrie. Get picked up at 3pm Saturday. Bring sleeping bag, toothbrush, winter clothing, \$30 and the consent form. Have fun and feel free to invite a friend. Have your parent sign the Consent Form.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY - January 31<sup>st</sup> "Epiphany 4"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion  
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion  
 Children in Aud..  
 Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)  
 12:30 p.m. - Pot Luck Lunch and Annual Vestry Meeting in Aud.

## 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.  
 7:15 p.m. - Organ Committee Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Trinity Rocks Practice in Sanctuary

## THURSDAY

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

## FRIDAY

10:30 a.m. - "Nooma" Study in Naz. Rm.

## SUNDAY - February 7<sup>th</sup> "Epiphany 5"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion  
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion  
 Children in Aud..  
 Nursery in Undercroft (ages 0-4yr.)

## BITS AND PIECES

\*Congregation attending Trinity last Week, January 24, was: 8:00 a.m. = 48, 10:00 a.m. = 135, for a total of 183, including 18 children & teachers.

## \*ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:

Sun., January 31<sup>st</sup>, 12:30 p.m.

Anyone who is a member of the Anglican Church and has attended Trinity for at least 3 months, and is of the full age of 16 years is eligible to vote. (Bring a pot luck lunch.)

## SECRET FRIENDS

If you are a Secret Friend or have one, please note that the "Revelation" meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. at Jane Lewis's home. Please make every effort to be with us, 'cause it's a lot of fun! You are welcome to bring a small gift for your Secret Friend and vice versa. There will be coffee, tea and goodies to share after the not very serious business is over and the giggles have subsided.

Family  
Lent  
Event



## FAMILY LENT EVENT

### "Why Have Lent Anyway?" Event.

### Saturday Feb. 20th at 3pm

Building on the success of our Advent Event at the end of November, we will be offering all of our families a Lent kick-off event of music, crafts, teaching and baking.

We will have various activities centres and the children will rotate these centers by age group. This will allow us to adapt the material to be age appropriate. Please pre-register with the church office by Feb. 12th.

The event will begin at 3 pm and will conclude with a pizza dinner around 5pm. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family to cover the cost of the pizza and supplies. To assist or for more information please speak to: Joan Hill, George Craig, Judy Thompson or Pauline Miller.

## HOME GROUPS & COURSES

In the first weekend edition of the year, the National Post ran a feature article called "When all Hope is Lost, Pray". The article documents a remarkable healing from cancer. As we enter into 2010 how equipped are we to pray for a friend with cancer? How equipped are we to share hope from the scriptures? The world is looking for those who are able to pray and able to share from God's word! Are we that kind of people?? Our Home Groups and Courses are designed to build friendships, assist in strengthening prayer and assist in understanding the Bible.

For the winter we have a wonderful variety of topics and time slots. It is our hope that all members of the congregation will be part of a Home Group. Please pick the topic or time that best suits you. Your friends and neighbours are most welcome.

If you need a ride please let us know and we will assist. If another topic or time slot would work better for you and there is a cluster of friends we will endeavor to provide the material and a leader. If you would like to host a group in your home we will assist. See the special winter Home Group flyer for all the details; the following is a summary. Register with the church office or with the leader.

\*\* **"Life Worth Living"** by Nicky Gumbel (Monday evenings)

This is the official follow-up to the ALPHA course. Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

\*\* **"Challenging Lifestyle"** by Nicky Gumbel & Charles Price (Monday evenings)

Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

\*\* **"The Truth Project"** by Focus on the Family (Monday evenings)

Begins Monday Jan. 18th at 6:30 pm for refreshments & 7:00 pm for the program. Cost is \$20 per person.

\*\* **"The Psalms"** by Beth Moore (Tuesday afternoon and evening)

There will be two groups of this woman's Bible study beginning THIS Tuesday February 2nd at 12:45 pm and then at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$30.

\*\* **"Men in Focus breakfast"** (Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.)

A weekly men's study over breakfast at 7:30 a.m. meeting at the Candyland restaurant located at the bottom of Bayfield street.

\*\* **"The Book of Revelation"** (Wednesday noon and evening)

There will be two groups beginning Wed. Jan. 27th at 12:00 noon and then again at 7:15 pm.

\*\* **"Nooma"** video clips & discussion (Friday mornings)

Begins Friday January 15th at 10:30 a.m. Cost \$20.

\*\* **"Family Life & Parenting"** (Sundays at 11:15 am monthly)

For their winter Home Group program the New Parents will be using a marriage enrichment series on a monthly basis beginning Sunday February 14th at 11:15 a.m. in the upper room.

## SERMON NOTES -- THE ACTS 2 CHURCH

The second chapter of Acts gives us a wonderful description of the first church. As we approach Vestry it is a good opportunity to be inspired by that first church and to measure ourselves against this standard. Last week we will look at three marks of the church:

- 1) Repent and be Saved (vs. 38 and 47)
- 2) Wonders & Signs (vs. 43)
- 3) Glad and Generous Hearts Praising God (vs 46-47)

Today we will focus on vs. 42 "and they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." The word "devoted is "proskarterountes" in the original Greek and in the

King James Version is give as "continued steadfastly". In the Greek it has the sense of: strong, steadfast, persevere. It is notable that this "devotion" refers to ALL the disciples.

The four key marks of the early church highlighted in this verse are:

- The Apostles Teaching (Bible)
- Fellowship
- Breaking of Bread (Worship)
- The Prayers

How would we rate ourselves regarding our "devotion" to these four activities and how would we rate Trinity?

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## PROSTITUTION LEGAL IN BARRIE!!!??

Did you know that some forms of prostitution are legal in the city of Barrie?

Did you know all one needs is a permit to be able to provide some type of prostitution in the city of Barrie?

Did you know that Barrie Police is aware of certain "SPAS" in Barrie that provide legalized forms of prostitution within the city of Barrie? You will see them open before 9 a.m. on a Sunday morning on your way home from church!

Are you as outraged and absolutely at a loss for words as I am? If so then let's get together and talk.

Lets find out what our rights are as citizens of Barrie. What would prevent an adult video store from opening in your neighbourhood plaza? What would prevent one of these "SPAS" from opening in your neighbourhood? Perhaps we could arrange to talk to city council or a council representative and ask what we can do?

If you are as concerned about your fellow brothers and sisters as I am, let's talk. If you have a heart for the vulnerable and the weak and want to support those who wish to abstain from the wicked spiral downwards-lets do this together, with Gods help. Please speak to Carrie James-Svensson or call the church office.

## CHOSEN SOLDIER -- THANK YOU LETTER

In November we collected enough materials to send 11 "Chosen Soldier" care packages to Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. Two thank you letters have just come in from the recipients. Last week we printed the thank you letter from from Capt. Chris Herten who is a nephew of Cam & Jane Mackenzie (and showed two pictures of Chris piloting his helicopter. Below is the second thank you letter we have received, this one from Capt. Scott Craft.

Deborah,

I am writing to thank you and your congregation for your care packages and prayers over the Christmas season. Support from great Canadians like yourselves is very meaningful and appreciated. The goods were all put to good use, and there were some things that I could not consume myself so I donated some of the items to a war widow in the Kabul area.

You asked about what it is like here in Kabul, and mentioned that your father was in WW2. You will be pleased to know that our Government takes very good care of us here. We are well fed, have a gym, daily hot showers, good rooms with beds and "Canada House" supplies a large flat screen TV so we can view movies and catch Canadian Forces hockey games (and Olympics!) news (CTV and CBC). Of all NATO nations, few countries can match the generous treatment that our taxpayers extend to their Canadian soldiers in terms of pay, equipment quality clothing and boots etc. Kabul can be dangerous, with infrequent but very deadly vehicle suicide bombers. In comparison with the south where most Canadians are serving in Kandahar where the security situation is much more dangerous.

Please thank all members of your Church for their donations and prayers. I will be back in Canada around the end of April, and if there is interest, I would volunteer to come to your area and give a briefing of the activity here in Afghanistan, that would focus on the development activities to improve the lives of some of the poorest people in the world.

Thanks again,

-- Scott

Scott Craft LCOL "Your Chosen Soldier in Kabul"