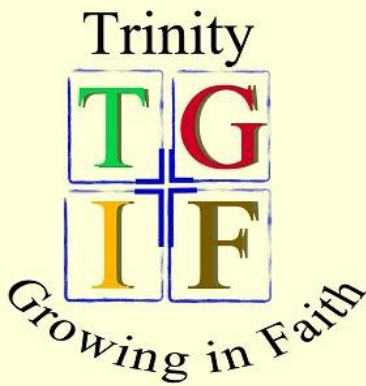


HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our Mission

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



Sir Francis Drake -- A Prayer on the occasion of his sailing from Portsmouth around the world in 1577.

Disturb us, Lord, when We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push us into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of our Captain
who is Jesus Christ.



A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Almighty God, as another year passes we thank you for your protection, comfort, and guidance which you have given us through its course. We thank you for your goodness in creating us, for your bounty which has sustained us, for your discipline which has corrected us, and for your patience which has borne with us. Above all we thank you for the gift of your incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, born at this time to be our Saviour.

As we begin a New Year, we pray for our families with whom we live day by day. In all that we do and say help us to build up faith and confidence in those we love.

We pray for the homes of this parish: that marriages will be strengthened and enriched; that children will grow up in an atmosphere of love; that those who are alone or who have been bereaved will draw strength and fellowship from our parish community; that all our relationships will be blessed by God, and that the love of Christ will shine in all our lives.

We pray for this parish family of Trinity church. We pray that all who come here to worship will find it to be an extended family of brothers and sisters in Christ. May this be a community where all are accepted, and where all can discover the presence God in their lives.

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. Give us the courage to meet this new year bravely, confident in our faith that, while people come and go and life changes around us, you are forever the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - January 4th

“New Year’s Blessing”

8:00 a.m. - “New Year’s Blessing at the Altar Rail”
 10:00 a.m. - “New Year’s Blessing at the Altar Rail”
 Nursery in Undercroft.

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Team Practice in Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. - Vision Committee Mtg. in Upper Rm.

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men’s Breakfast at Simcoe Hotel
 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
 6:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Study in Upper Rm.
 7:15 p.m. - “Truth Project” Study in Naz. Rm.

THURSDAY

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

SUNDAY - Jan 11th “Octave of Epiphany”

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Family Communion
 Nursery in Undercroft, Children in Aud., Jr. Youth in Upper Rm., Sr. Youth in Naz. Rm.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Dec.28) was: 8:00 a.m.= 40, 10:00 a.m. = 127, for a total of 167 including 7 Children & Teachers.

FROM THE MAIL

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

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:

Sun.,Feb. 1st, Anyone who has been a member of the Anglican Church and of Trinity for at least 3 months, and has attended services of worship regularly, and is of the full age of 16 years is eligible to vote.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

Committee Chairs - please have your reports into the Office by Tues., Jan. 13th for inclusion in the Annual Vestry Report. Reports may be sent as an attachment to e-mail: churchoffice@rogers.com

Those groups who handle money within their activities are requested to submit financial information for their group.

TRINITY WOMEN:

Trinity Women meeting Friday, Jan. 9th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. We will be having coffee and a Chat. All women most welcome.
 Info, please call Mary at 737-0145.

*2009 CHURCH CALENDARS:

Available now in the Church Office at \$5.00 each. This year's theme: *For there is hope for a tree...* Job 14: 7a

PRAYER LIST

Please keep Mary Caldwell or Clergy updated about the progress of your loved ones, 728-2691. We update the list every 2 weeks and need to be notified if continued prayers are necessary.

FLU SEASON

Hand sanitizer will be available at the High Altar and the Lady Altar for those who would like to clean their hands before receiving Communion..

HOSPITALIZED

Please notify the Clergy or Mary Caldwell if you know of anyone who is in Hospital. We are not able to see lists of patients anymore and so do not know who has been admitted. This would help us greatly with visitation.

LAYETTE PROJECT

As you know, we prepare layettes for mothers who have little or nothing for their new babies born at R.V.H. So far we have provided 17 layettes in large carrying bags. These bags contain almost everything needed to care for a baby, from diapers to Dr. Spock's famous book. You have been very generous in donating items for this project, but now we need Playtex Nurser sets, receiving blankets, baby towels (with a hood on the corner) and baby wash cloths, diaper changing pads and Johnson & Johnson products: soap, shampoo, powder and baby oil. If you would like to contribute some money for this Project, please place it in an envelope addressed to "Layette Project c/o Trinity Women's Fellowship" and put it on the Collection Plate on any Sunday. Or place new or good, clean used items for new borns in the box in the Tower Walk. Thank you.....Marcia.

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING -- Sunday January 4th

The format of this morning's services is a little different than normal. As we begin a New Year with all its opportunities and challenges we want to journey forward with the Lord's blessing and protection, and we want to be sure that we are attuned to the Lord's still small voice. You will be invited to come forward to the Altar Rail (as you would for Communion), where the clergy and prayer team will bless you. If you are coming to the Rail as a family, please join your hands together on the Rail, so that we can bless you as a family. It will take us a little time to bless everyone this morning; please continue in prayer giving thanks for all the Lord's blessing and seeking the Lord's guidance and strength for the coming year.

** We are pleased to have the Sunday School children in church at 10:00 a.m. this morning for the family blessing.

Parish Info and Updates

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY - January 11th

Our regular Sunday morning Services are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. we offer a wonderful program for all ages of children. There is Nursery Care for youngsters aged 0 to 3 years. The Nursery is located beside the church offices, one level below the church. The children ages 4 to 8 meet in the auditorium for a full program of lessons, music and crafts. The Junior Youth group for ages 9 to 12 years meet in the Upper Room. The Youth ages 13 years and older meet with Michael Tweedle in Nazareth Room. Our full Sunday School program will begin again next SUNDAY JANUARY 11TH. This is a wonderful way for the youngsters to begin the New Year; to make good friends, and to be established in the faith. For more information please speak to our co-ordinator Susan Snelling.

CITY HALL PRAYER

The Barrie Christian Council will be holding monthly prayer meetings in the Council chambers at City Hall. Join us this Wednesday January 7th from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. and in subsequent months on the first Wednesday of each month. This will be a guided time of prayer open to everyone with a focus on praying for national, provincial and local leaders. As we read in 1 Timothy 2:1 "First of all, then I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people and for kings and all who are in high positions that we may lead a quiet, and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way."

LEADERSHIP & TEAM BUILDING -- Sat. Jan. 24th

All of our parish leaders and small group leaders are reminded of the LEADERSHIP AND TEAM BUILDING will be doing on Saturday January 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm in the auditorium. Please RSVP to Mary Caldwell in the church office.

HOME GROUP PLANNING

All those interested in our Home Groups are invited to a planning meeting THIS TUESDAY January 6th at 7:00 pm in the upper room to plan our Home Groups and Courses for the winter.

MANAGEMENT BOARD

The next meeting of the management Board will be on Tuesday Jan 13th at 7 pm in the Upper Room. Our main task will be the final preparations for the Vestry meeting on Feb. 1st.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

On Christmas Day we combined forces with Rosie's Diner to serve over 500 hot turkey dinners to those who are alone at Christmas or on the street. It was an amazing effort (and an equally amazing quantity of food). Our thanks to all those who made this outreach effort possible.

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THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY - January 6th

January 6th is the twelfth day of Christmas, and in the church calendar it is called the Day of Epiphany. On this day it is thought that the wisemen finally arrived at the manger to present their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The word "epiphany" means to have a sudden revelation. The star revealed to the wisemen the significance of Jesus, and their gifts revealed his identity to others. Their three gifts provide a prophetic insight into the identity of this infant child. The gold reveals the kingship of Jesus; the frankincense (incense) the divinity of Jesus and the myrrh (burial spices) the sacrifice of Jesus. In the scriptures the wisemen are the first non-Jews to believe in Jesus. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponds to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

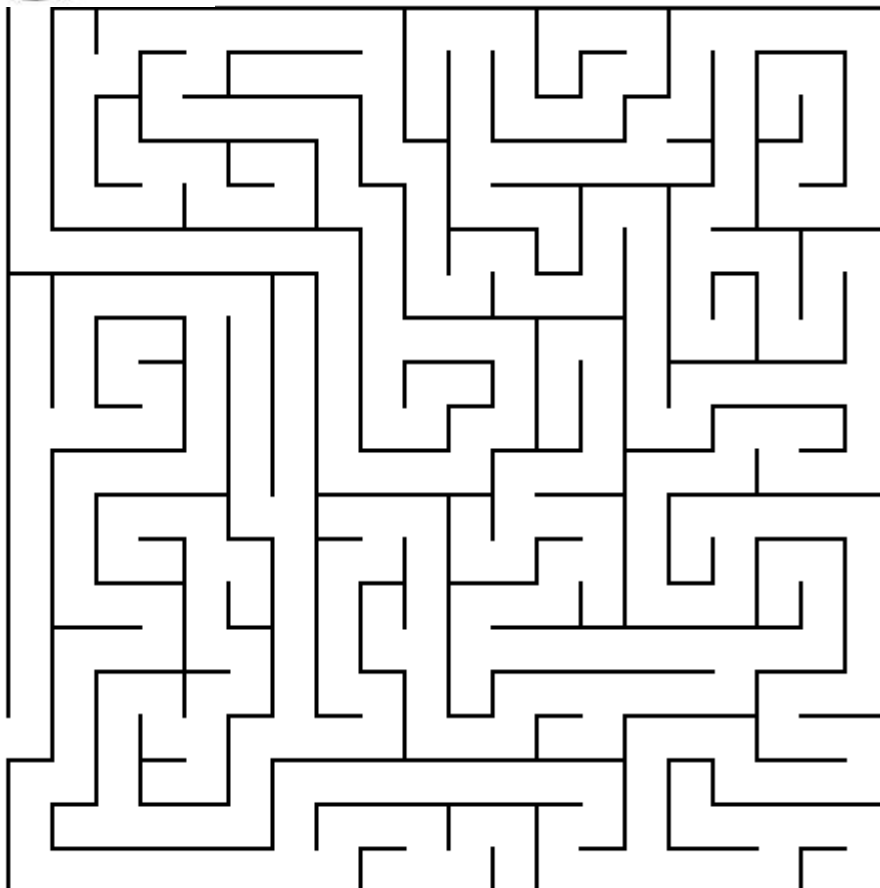
Therefore, Epiphany is the time for the church to consider its effectiveness in sharing the light of Christ with others both in the local community and throughout the world. The light of Christ which we celebrate at Christmas is not to be kept to ourselves, but is to be shared with all people.

** While the majority of Christians celebrate Christmas on December 25th, you may have Armenian friends or relatives who will celebrate Christmas on January 6th.

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2009 NEW YEARS MAZE



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