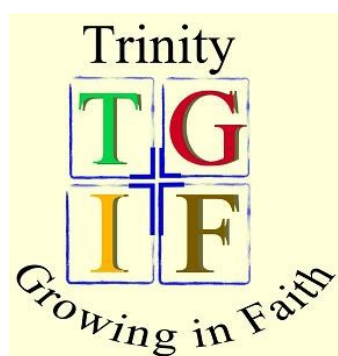


Trinity Happenings

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.



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 Lena-Marie Haw!

**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.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE -- Sermon Notes.

Beginning in January we have been highlighting some key characteristics of the early church as described in the book of Acts and some of the foundational disciplines of Christians through the ages. We have been encouraging: daily prayer, daily Bible reading, days for fasting, and last week the importance of repentance. To assist those for whom daily Bible reading may be new or challenging we will be providing an historical timeline. This will serve three purposes:

- 1) this will show that the Bible is not myth or fiction but is rooted in history
 - 2) we will provide historical benchmarks linking Biblical events to other world events
 - 3) this will assist you to see the big picture and God's plan of salvation through the ages
- Our Bible readings today:

About 700 years before Jesus, Isaiah prophesies about the coming Messiah and that God will do a new thing to accomplish his purposes. In Ephesians 1:10 Paul speaks of God's plan through the ages to unite all things to himself through the work of Jesus. And in Luke 21:25 Jesus describes events that will take place after his resurrection and at the end of time. All of these speak about God's activity in history through the ages.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - March 14 "4th Sunday in Lent"

(Mothering Sunday - Simnel Cake)

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. - Family Communion

Children in Aud..

11:15 a.m. - Family Life Study in Upper Rm.

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. - Trinity Rocks' Practice

7:15 p.m. - Organ Committee meeting in Nursery

THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. - Venturers in Aud.

7:00 p.m. - Sr. Choir Practice in Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. - Busby Gala Cmte. Meet in Lower Hall

7:15 p.m. - Trinity Management Bd. Meeting in Nursery

FRIDAY

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

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Friday Service in Sanctuary

- Guest Speaker: Father Frank McDevitt

12:30 p.m. - Lunch in Auditorium (\$6.00)

SATURDAY

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Tax Clinic for the Busby Clients in the Lower Hall.

SUNDAY - March 21st "5th Sunday in Lent"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. - Family Communion

Children in Aud.

11:45 a.m. - Worship Committee Mtg. in Upper Rm.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week, March 7th, was: 8:00 a.m.= 34 , 10:00 a.m. = 104, 4:00 p.m. Evensong = 71; for a total of 209, including 11 nursery children & teachers.

TRINITY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting of the Trinity Women's Fellowship will be held on March 24 at 7 p.m. at the home of Marcia Smith, 22 Davies Crescent. This will, as is usual in March, be our Lenten meeting with a Meditation led by one of our members. Please plan to attend as this meeting will be also concerned with making plans for the Nearly New/Garage Sale to be held at the end of April.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Two more people for the Nursery are needed to assist with the children one or two Sundays per month. A small honorarium is provided. If you are able to assist or would like more information please speak to Stacy Marshall at 322-0934.

CHORAL EVENSONG & HAM DINNER

Our special thanks to Mary Lem, Marina Laking and the Choir for the wonderful music for Evensong last Sunday, and for the amazing feast which followed! The proceeds from the dinner will be used to purchase music for the choir.

NEW PARENTS - Today in the Upper Room at 11:30 am

Today at 11:30 a.m. the New Parents will have their monthly Home Group meeting in the Upper Room. Nursery care will be provided for the children; please bring a bag lunch. We will be using the next segment of "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage". All of our new parents are welcome.

MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Management Board will meet this Thursday at 7:15 pm in the Upper Room.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

The Family Life Committee will meet this Thursday at 7:15 pm at the home of Pauline Miller.

THE ANGLICAN PLANET newspaper

The March edition of the "Anglican Planet" newspaper is available in the tower walk. There are some wonderful articles including: a Canadian doctor working for safe childbirth in Uganda; a reflection on Palm Sunday by Archbishop Rowan Williams; an article on how the Liturgy brings hope; and a new look at the Lord's Supper. All of these are a wonderful prelude to our Holy Week services.

LENT DAY EVENT

To launch the season of Lent at the end of February we had a wonderful Saturday afternoon event for our youngsters and their parents (or grandparents). We began with a drama depicting Jesus in the wilderness written by Mary Henderson and acted by Rob Smith, David Miller and Joanne Sugg. This was followed by three activity centers: prayer beads for Lent; baking hot-cross buns; and a selection of age appropriate games. Our special thanks to the leadership team for their wonderful creativity! There were about 40 people who attended. Upcoming events include:

** Good Friday Children's program on Friday April 2nd at 12:00 noon led by Pauline Miller and Jennifer Miller.

** Our annual Vacation Bible Camp to be held July 5 - 9th. Team leaders for the VBC are Gay Welsman and Judy Thompson; please speak to them if you would like to volunteer to assist.

Re-Discovering the Bible

The last week of February the National Post ran a fascinating week long series of articles on the topic, "Oh God, What Do We Tell The Kids". Can we and should we attempt to pass on the faith to our children? The contributors to this series of articles were from a variety of backgrounds, including Christian, Jewish and several non-believers. We will include various selections in Happenings over the next few weeks. The following are excerpts from a non-believer (Robert Fulford) and a minister (William Ingram). Both emphasize the importance of the Bible. To see the full series of articles go to:

<http://network.nationalpost.com/NP/blogs/fullcomment/archive/tags/Oh+God/default.aspx>

Robert Fulford: "FINDING THEIR OWN WAY" February 27, 2010

The Bible has functioned as the central book of our civilization for centuries and remains a basic source of expression in poetry, common speech, drama in all media — and even newspaper editorials. It's never been a necessity to believe what the Bible says in order to study it as a masterpiece of world literature.

Not to know it is to remain ignorant. Not to encourage the reading of it is a mistake. It would be a wonderful thing if individuals in future generations could reclaim the Bible for themselves.

In 1967 Marshall McLuhan wrote that the media far surpass the influence parents can bring to bear on the young. "Character," he said, "no longer is shaped by only two earnest, fumbling experts. Now all the world's a sage." A nice phrase, but everything I know argues he's wrong; those two earnest, fumbling parents remain the principal source of moral example and intellectual curiosity in their children.

When I was a child some of my friends were compelled by their (often not exactly religious) parents to attend Sunday school. I, from a non-religious home, rather envied them. They, on the other hand, envied me.

William Ingram: "EVEN ATHEISTS SHOULD READ THE BIBLE" Feb. 22, 2010 "I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land." — Martin Luther King Jr.

Recently, I was asked to speak at a local mother's group. I am a minister, but as it was not a church-based gathering, the organizers had asked me to address the topic of the spiritual life of kids in as "non-religious" a manner as possible. To begin, I played an audio excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr.'s last speech, and asked the group to identify the basis for King's reference. I was troubled, though not completely surprised, that those highly educated, progressive, bright young women were not able to identify the story to which King was alluding — that is, Moses's vision of the Promised Land at the completion of the Israelites' wilderness sojourn. Unfortunately, without any awareness of the meaning of King's allusion to the experiences of a group of people who were poised at the brink of a new era after having suffered in the wilderness for years, the full meaning of his words — in the context of his fight for civil rights — was lost.



Our antipathy toward reading the Bible is creating a situation of increasing cultural and intellectual illiteracy.

Whether or not one approaches the Bible from the perspective of faith, there can be very little doubt that a lack of understanding of the Bible undermines the ability to fully appreciate the greatest works of art, philosophy, music and literature that our culture has produced. Even Richard Dawkins in *The God Delusion* asserts, "I am a little taken aback at the biblical ignorance displayed by people educated in more recent decades than I was."

Biblical literacy is a prerequisite for cultural understanding. The interpretation of the writing of everyone from Shakespeare, Milton and Dickens to John Irving, Maya Angelou and Margaret Atwood (to name but a few) requires an awareness of the biblical narratives. Bach and Bob Marley, Mozart and U2, Beethoven and Dave Matthews — all are steeped in biblical allusions.

Whether we are people of faith or not, we need to recover a degree of biblical literacy — in the Church, in our schools and in our culture — if we truly want to rise to new heights of cultural, philosophical, moral and intellectual accomplishment. So read the Bible. Read it to your kids. It is a great book!

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Choral Evensong & Ham Dinner

Thank you all for making Sunday evening such a success. We were thrilled with the wonderful attendance at evensong this year.

Our annual ham dinner feast was enjoyed by about 90 people.

Thanks to everyone who brought delicious salads and desserts. We also appreciate the support from people who donated but were unable to attend.

A very special thanks must go to Jane Lewis for the beautiful quilted items for the raffle. It is embarrassing to admit that 2 of our choir members were the winners!!

Our total profit was \$913.14 which is wonderful, and will be spent on new music.

Thank you again, Mary, Marina and the choir

Celebration of Women Dinner

This great annual event will take place on Tuesday, June 1 at 6 p.m. Again, mark those calendars! The theme this year will be "Islands." The gentlemen of the parish will do the set-up and the clean-up, and isn't that a treat? The women of the parish are asked to bring salads and desserts. The Sharing Fair under the auspices of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd of Toronto will be here, too. Hopefully, you will remember the lovely items they produced on earlier occasions, all made by women in Third World countries as the only way they can earn money to care for their families.

An addition to our Friday Lenten Series theme being centered on the Psalms.

Total Praise: Psalm 150

Prepare:

Write a list of ten things you are thankful for. Carry it with you this week.

Read Psalm 150

Explore:

This psalm is so alive it jumps off the page! The psalmist is unembarrassed—all is abandoned praise. This is worship that doesn't stop in the building, but sings out under open skies (v.1) This is praise that remembers all that God has done (v.2) Saviour, Healer, Redeemer, Restorer, Deliverer. This is a psalm that recognizes that is none like our God (v.2) Father, Compassionate, Merciful, Mighty, Holy. There never has been anyone like him, and there never will be. Every instrument, every sound is employed in praise, until all that's left is dancing. (v. 4) This is our God. What has he done for you?

Praise him. Praise him for who he is. Praise him loudly, praise him quietly. Praise with all you've got. Praise him. Dare for a moment to push past your inhibitions. Who cares if we sing in tune? Who care if we can't dance? Do it anyway! It's praise, not performance!

. Take this moment. Today—let's praise him. Give him all you've got. Worship him with your life!

RESPOND

Praise him. With songs, with words, with silence, with shouts! With all you have, praise him!

As Trinity's S.U. secretary I have a few sample copies of the Notes to offer anyone who would like to read and enrich themselves in God's Word in this way and possibly consider becoming a Daily Bread subscriber.

"It is not how many times you go through God's Word; it is how God's Word goes through you that counts".
Raymond Carder