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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.*



Little Red Stockings

-- Where, oh, where
are You???

Please be on the lookout for Little Red Stockings. Only one-half of them have returned and we are wondering if they got lost in the Christmas Rush. That would be a shame, as we want to use them again to raise more money for the Women's Fellowship to use in its good works. Please look everywhere for Little Red Stockings, so that, like little lost lambs they can return to us soon.

WHAT IS LENT ?

The season of Lent consists of the 40 days prior to Easter. 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. 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 at Easter with the resurrection.

THE REV. PETER BLUNDELL

Today, as we begin the season of Lent, our guest preacher is Peter Blundell from St. John's Oak Ridges. Peter has served in parishes in London England and in Zimbabwe. He was also the ALPHA advisor for southern Africa. As we begin Lent he will be preaching on "Confession & Repentance". See the back page of Happenings for Peter's sermon notes for today's message.

JOURNEY TO EASTER --

DAILY DEVOTIONS THROUGH LENT

If it is not yet your habit to take time for daily prayer and Bible reading we would encourage you to add this to your schedule through Lent. Each week in "Happenings" we will list five readings for the coming week plus a theme prayer for the week. The five Bible readings have been chosen as a follow up to the Sunday sermon you have just heard. In case you are traveling and miss getting "Happenings", we will post the readings and the theme prayer on our web site www.trinitybarrie.ca The "Reveal" survey indicated that only 22% of us have a daily pattern of Bible reading and prayer. It is one of our objectives this year to encourage all of our members to build this into their lives. Daily Bible reading and prayer is the single best personal action to facilitate your spiritual growth. (Our special thanks to the Very Rev. Peter Williams who has designed this sequence of readings for Lent and composed the weekly theme prayer).

**** For the Week March 1st to 6th: Theme: "Confession and Repentance**

Recalling today's Sermon theme and looking forward to next Sunday:

- (1) Psalm 38
- (2) James 5: 13 – 20
- (3) 1John 1: 5 -10
- (4) Acts 26: 19-23
- (5) Exodus 5: 1 – 9

Theme Prayer: "Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and are no more worthy to be called your children; yet we believe that you love us and that your love is unchanging and unconditional. Have mercy on us, O Lord; grant us true repentance . Forgive all that is past; cleanse and renew our hearts, and help us to rise victorious over every weakness in the strength of our Saviour Jesus Christ."

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY March 1st "Lent 1"

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.

6:30 p.m. - Youth Sports Night in Aud.

MONDAY

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 Upper Rm.

7:00 p.m. - Busby Interviews 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.

7:00 p.m. - Busby Interviews in Naz. Rm.

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 Busby

1:00 p.m. - "Life in the Spirit" Study in Upper Rm.

6:45 p.m. - Beth Moore Study in Upper Rm.

7:00 p.m. - Busby Interviews in Naz. Rm.

THURSDAY

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

7:00 p.m. - Busby Interviews in Naz. Rm.

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

FRIDAY "World Day of Prayer"

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

12:30 p.m. - Lenten Luncheon in Aud.

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

2:00 p.m. - World Day of Prayer Service in Sanctuary

SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. - Diocesan Renewal Service in Sanctuary - Guest Speaker: Zak Geriba

SUNDAY - Sun., March 8th "Lent 2"

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.

6:30 p.m. - Youth Sports Night in Aud.

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week (Feb. 22) was: 8:00 a.m. = 34, 10:00 a.m. = 133, for a total of 167, including 18 children & teachers.

BUSBY CENTRE -- New Director

Louise Stinson will be leaving the Busby Street Centre for a new position in Bolton. We appreciate all that Louise has done and a search is underway for a new Executive Director. Your prayers are appreciated as the Centre looks for the right person. In other news, we are pleased to announce that Lori Bedford is the new Chairperson of the Busby Board.

BEAUTIFUL VIOLIN PLAYING

Today we welcome Louise Martin to Trinity Church to enhance our worship with her beautiful violin playing. Louise is a well known violin and viola teacher in Barrie and we are delighted and grateful to have her join us today. Thank you Louise. The Choir



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

- Friday, March 9 at 2 p.m.

Trinity is one of the host churches this year. Please join us as we take part in these prayers for peace and harmony in the world which are being held all over the planet on this special day. There will be a reception in the auditorium after the service.



FROM THE MAIL

To My Dear Trinity Family:

Many thanks for the support that was shown by your words and deeds of kindness in the recent passing of my sister Helen.

We felt God's presence in your caring gestures and acts of Love. My family was uplifted as we felt God's presence and Holy Spirit gave us strength and guidance to take us through this difficult time. God's Blessings to you all. We will see you soon.

Norm and Val

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

EVENSONG AND HAM DINNER

Yes we are repeating our annual treat for all on Sunday March 15th.

Full choral evensong with special music at 4p.m followed by our famous ham dinner special. No tip no tax!!

We ask that you bring either dessert or salad in order to keep costs down.

Prices the same as last year Adult \$10 Students \$5 and the whole family for \$25. A great bargain. We hope to see you there and thank you for your continued support of our choir.



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

HOME GROUPS AND COURSES

** The Truth Project is off to a great start on Monday evenings led by Kim Beaney and Gladys Fisher. Just a reminder that the group begins promptly at 7:15 pm in the upper room. A wonderful home cooked hot dinner is available at 6:30 pm in the auditorium for a nominal cost of \$9.

** NOOMA - these are a series of insightful DVD's on matters of faith by Rob Bell. Each video clip is about 12 minutes and is very creatively presented. We follow with discussion and reflection on the topic. NOOMA will be offered Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:15 pm in the Nazareth Room (before and after the Lenten Lunches). NOOMA will be led by John Lake (733-5769).

FAMILY MINISTRIES INITIATIVE

As a result of the ongoing Vision Consultations we now have a very creative "Family Ministries Team" under the leadership of Earl Paquette, Joan Hill and Andrew Haughton. They want to see our work with families and children strengthened. Our objective is to be more effective in passing on the faith from one generation to the next. There will be three initiatives this spring:

** FAMILY NIGHT AT TRINITY: On Friday April 3rd at 6:30 pm we will have our first "Family Night" for parents and children at Trinity in the auditorium. Mark this date on your calendar. More details will be forthcoming in the next month. It will be an intergenerational evening of fun, food, and teaching.

** FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: for all youngsters between the ages of 6 and 10 years we will have instruction regarding the Communion service. Some youngsters are already receiving Communion but have not received any instruction. Other youngsters will use this as preparation for their First Communion. It is our intention to present all the youngsters who complete the classes to the Bishop on Trinity Sunday (June 7th). The classes will be on three Saturdays (April 25th, May 9th, May 23rd) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Speak to Susan Snelling for more information. Watch Happenings for registration info or call the church office.

** NURSERY INSTRUCTION: There are now a number of toddlers in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. Under the leadership of Stacey Marshall we will begin offering more instruction to the toddlers rather than waiting until they are old enough to join the Sunday School. We are in the midst looking at ways to re-design the Nursery space and find appropriate curriculum resources. Those who could assist with instruction are asked to speak to Stacey or one of the clergy.

PRAISE & HEALING PRAYER

-- This Saturday March 7th at 7pm

We will be hosting a "Renewal Service" for the Diocese THIS 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.

HOLY LAND TOUR

We are considering taking a tour of the Holy Land in October of this year. We now have two quotes giving us an itinerary and cost. Those who may be interested are invited to a meeting on Sunday March 8th at 11:45 in the upper room.

CITY HALL PRAYER

There will be prayer in the council chambers of Barrie city hall this Wednesday at 12:00 noon to which all the churches are invited as we pray for this city and our elected officials.

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SERMON OUTLINE

The Rev. Peter Blundell
Confession & Repentance - Ephesians 4:23-32;
Mark 1: 14-20; Psalm 103:1-12; Jeremiah 31:31-34

Can we change our behaviour & become Christ-like?

Need the power of the Cross & the power of the Holy Spirit

Forgiveness & Repentance – both in our hands

Confession: “To agree with”

Not diluting – no change in behaviour

Not self-confession – no change of behaviour

Not only confession – no change of behaviour

Repentance – gift from God, Acts 11:18; Romans 2:4

Metanoia

We do what we think

Walk in the opposite spirit

Mark 1:15, “*Repent & Believe*” (be my life)

Strongholds - Topos – Ephesians 4:27

Spiritual weapons to destroy strongholds, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

The 5 Rs: Recognise, Repent, Receive, Rebuke, Replace.

“The Day Before Jesus Died”

Lent 2009 -- Sunday morning Sermons.

The day before Jesus died (which we call Maundy Thursday) was a day rich in meaning for Jesus. He celebrated the Passover with his closest followers, he washed their feet and he gave them a new commandment. Following dinner he goes to the garden of Gethsemane for prayer after which he is betrayed by Judas and arrested by soldiers. This year we are going to take the whole of Lent to explore these final events on the day before Jesus died. Join us for this series on Sunday mornings in Lent.

March 8th Lent 2 Fr. Andrew

PASSOVER (Part #1): What happened on the first Passover?

March 15th Lent 3 Canon Brian

PASSOVER (Part #2): How is the Passover celebrated?

March 22nd Lent 4 Fr. Andrew

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP: Jesus washed their feet, gave them a new commandment and taught them about fruitfulness.

March 29th Lent 5 Canon Brian

A NEW COVENANT & HOLY COMMUNION: The Jewish Passover meal becomes for us Holy Communion.

April 5th Palm Sunday Fr. Andrew

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE AND BETRAYAL: Jesus sweats blood as he prays in the garden of Gethsemane after which he is betrayed and arrested.

Fantastic Family Fun Night

Games! Challenges! Trivia!

All ages welcome! Bring a Friend!

Friday April 3rd, 2009

Time: 6 pm to 9 pm

Spaghetti Dinner (free will offering)

To register call the church 728-2691 or

email churchoffice@rogers.com

“ MID WINTER MAGIC”

To be presented on Sat. March 7th @7.30 p.m. At
Collier St. United Church.

Music will include Nimrod by Elgar Os Justi ,by
Bruckner, Mozart’s Ave Verum, Lacrymosa and
Sanctus from the requiem & Jim Leonard’s own Ave
Verum

Tickets \$20 available from Susan Reichenbacher or
any K.E.C. member. Thankyou