

Trinity Happenings

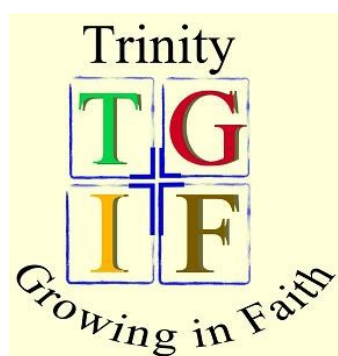
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Our Mission

*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.



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 heartfelt 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.

March 19th	PSALM 46
Fr. Frank McDevitt	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.
March 26th	PSALM 23
Rev. Andrew Sandilands	Trinity Church, Barrie.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2010

Palm Sunday -- March 28th

8:00 a.m. Quiet Communion
10:00 a.m. Children's Palm Procession

Wednesday March 31st

10:30 a.m. Quiet Communion

Maundy Thursday April 1st

7:00 pm Holy Communion & Foot washing.
A day for Fasting with Prayer.

Good Friday April 2nd

12:00 noon Worship,
Children's Program & Nursery Care,
Special Choir Anthems

EASTER DAY April 4th - Resurrection Celebrations

8:00 a.m. Sunrise Communion with Choir
10:00 a.m. Family Communion,
Sunday School & Nursery Care.

Wednesday April 7th

10:30 a.m. Communion & Lunch in the Church for all seniors & shut-ins.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

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.

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

9:00 a.m. - "Good Food Box" teaching for Busby Participants
 in Aud.
 12:00 p.m. - Bishop's Renewal Meeting in Nursery

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Candyland Rest.
 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion Service
 11:00 a.m. - Palm Crosses' work party in Nazareth Rm.
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - St. Joe's Lunch for the Poor in Aud.
 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. - Revelation Study in Upper Rm.
 7:00 p.m. - Women's Fellowship meeting at 22 Davies Cres.
 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

FRIDAY

10:30 a.m. - "Nooma" Study in Naz. Rm.
 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Friday Service in Sanctuary
 - Speaker: Father Andrew "Psalm 23"
 12:30 p.m. - Lunch in Auditorium (\$6.00)

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast in Aud.

SUNDAY - March 28th "Palm Sunday"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Palm Procession
 Family Communion

BITS AND PIECES

*Congregation attending Trinity last Week, March 14th, was:
 8:00 a.m. = 33, 10:00 a.m. = 108, for a total of 141,
 including 13 children & teachers.

FROM THE MAIL

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

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.

HOME GROUP PLANNING

All those interested in our Home Groups are invited to a planning meeting on Sunday March 26th at 11:45 a.m. in the Upper Room. We will plan our spring season.

EASTER NEWSLETTER

The Easter edition of the Newsletter has now been published. Many of you will have received the full colour version by email (use the free Adobe Reader to open it). There are many colour pictures from our winter season. For those who prefer a print version it is now at the back of the church ready to be picked up. If you would like to receive the email version please send a note to Mary Caldwell <churchoffice@rogers.com> Our special thanks to the parish Newsletter team: Mary Caldwell, Florence Simpson, Fred & Mary Latourne, Gwen Scott and Juvy Rogerson.

PALM CROSSES FOR PALM SUNDAY

Wednesday we will host a craft time in the Nazareth Room to make Palm Crosses. If you'd like to help, please come at 11 a.m. and bring a bag lunch this Wednesday, March 24. Instructions will be given on this art and we hope to make up 400 crosses. We need extra volunteers this year. Please call 728-2691 or speak to Pauline Miller if you can assist.

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.

SUSAN SNELLING

Last Sunday we showed our appreciation to Susan Snelling for her ministry in co-ordinating the Sunday School for the past several years. We appreciate all that Susan has done with our children.

PIPE UP THE ORGAN

Have you noticed? Another 2 sections of the organ pipes on our poster in the Tower Walk have been uncovered, thanks to your generous donations. Please reserve Tuesday, June 22, 2010 for a gala concert featuring "The Three Cantors" in Trinity Church!! Stay tuned for further notices.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday February 27th in the auditorium.
 There will be no speaker, we will instead be having "Open Testimonies"
 All men are welcome. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m.



KING EDWARD CHOIR

Presents a very special performance of Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor & Francis Poulenc's Gloria. under the baton of guest conductor Robert Cooper. These are 2 very beautiful contrasting works with organ, orchestra and soloists.
 Venue: Collier Street United Church Saturday April 10th at 7:30
 Tickets \$20 or \$22 at the door. Available after the service from Susan Reichenbacher or other KEC member. Be sure to mark your calendars for this exciting event.

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. Last week provided a timeline for the Old Testament and today we will do the same for the New Testament. 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:

Luke is the author of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. The two readings this morning from the opening of both books show his diligence in providing an historical account of Jesus (in the Gospel) and then of the early church (in the Acts of the Apostles). In his epistle Peter emphasizes that they were eyewitnesses to these events.

EASTER DAY -- Ice Cream Social

At the beginning of Lent, Canon Brian offered a pint of Haagen Dazs ice cream to anyone who undertook DAILY Bible reading and prayer and at the end of the 40 days felt that there had been NO benefit. Since then many people have said that they would happily undertake the daily Bible readings (with personal benefit) -- but could they have the Haagen Dazs ice cream as well!?? Therefore, to celebrate the past 40 days and the benefits of our Lenten spiritual disciplines we are asking EVERYONE to bring to church that day a pint of your favourite ice cream and we will all enjoy a sample during coffee in the auditorium after our worship.



** Instructions: Please bring a pint of your best & favourite ice cream to church on Easter Sunday. Bring it to the auditorium before the service and it will be put in one of our freezers. After our worship we will have a long table with a multitude of flavours for all of us to sample. Our thanks to the team making this possible: Joanne Sugg, Bill & Leslie Rising, Sue Lyon and Phyllis Davis.

PWRDR: A difference is being made

PWRDF has distributed 1 million dollars of your donations to the people of Haiti through ACT Alliance and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. \$350,000 has gone to Lutheran World Relief, whose staff are pictured above distributing food. They are also providing kitchen and hygiene kits along with basic shelter materials to 11,700 households. Another \$350,000 went to Christian Reformed World Relief Committee to provide 1,600 households with tool kits, hygiene kits, kitchen kits, and transitional housing materials in the communities surrounding Léogâne. \$250,000 went through our counterpart Episcopal Relief and Development to the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti who are serving over 20,000 affected people with food, water, medicines and temporary shelters. For additional details on PWRDF's Haiti response, go to: www.pwrdf.org.

An 8.8 magnitude earthquake hit Chile on February 27. The epicentre was 70 miles northeast of Concepcion, one of Chile's largest cities with more than 670,000 inhabitants. Over 700 people have been killed and infrastructure has been damaged. ACT Alliance is working closely with local partners and is responding to the immediate needs and awaiting further requests. PWRDF will respond when an appeal is issued by ACT Alliance requesting funds. In the meantime we are receiving donations for this disaster.

BETH MOORE Toronto Event – Mar. 12 - Mar. 13

This past weekend, Susan Snelling, me, and 4 other ladies from our Tuesday afternoon course on the Psalms of Ascent, attended the conference held at the Ricoh Coliseum in the Exhibition grounds, Toronto. We were just 6 of the 3300 in attendance. There were women from all across Canada and even a contingent from several border States. The message was inspirational as well as challenging; the times of worship and singing very uplifting.

Generally, Beth's message was from Isaiah 43:18, 19. *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."*

Beth gave us 10 statements to help us to remember what God is doing in our lives.

1. God is up to something new. (*Ezekiel 36:26*)
2. God rarely does a new thing the old way. (*Exodus 13:21; Ex. 14:16; Deut. 31:3*)
3. God can do something new in the same old place. (*Luke 5:27 to end*)
4. Just patching up the old won't result in something new. (*Matthew 9: 14-17*)
5. We, too, must be up to something new. (*Ephesians 2: 8, 9; 1John 1:9*)
6. God grants new mercies for each new day. (*Lamentations 3: 19*)
7. One day we'll go on from a new thing to a new everything. (*Revelation 21: 1-5*)

In a post-conference blog, we learned that one of the security guards, a man, gave his life to Christ when the invitation was given! God's ways are wonderful and mysterious. I'm so glad we went.

-Gay Welsman

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FASTING WITH PRAYER -- Maundy Thursday, April 1st

In preparation for Ash Wednesday we looked at the Biblical teaching on fasting and on the instruction given in the Prayer Book. Both assume that committed believers would include fasting (with prayer) as one of their spiritual disciplines. On Ash Wednesday 62 people committed to fast that day in way that was appropriate to their health! They did so in the following ways:

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

After this experience as a congregation we had several testimonies. One person mentioned that her simplified meals that day would have been a feast for people in Haiti. Another person mentioned that fasting defined the day in a special way and allowed extra time for prayer. Another very insightful comment was from someone who resolved to fast from "email and television" for the day. This would enable them to be less distracted and more "present" to their family and to the Lord.

During Holy Week we would encourage (and challenge you) to have one day of fasting, preferably Maundy Thursday (or Good Friday). This is an key way whereby we can identify with Jesus during Holy Week and to be strengthened in our own prayers. We fast from food, or other requirements of the body, so that we can learn to feast on the presence of God more fully. Fasting with prayer is one of the ways that we can go deeper in our spiritual lives. Our spiritual senses are heightened and we become more aware of God's presence and we become less dependent on other appetites. This does not mean that you need to stay home, but in the midst of your regular schedule fast in a way that is appropriate to your health. Built in some extra time for prayer (perhaps meal times). Join us for Communion at 7:00 pm on Maundy Thursday and at 12:00 noon on Good Friday.

They are Learning More Than You Think

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 have included several selections from this series in Happenings. The following is an excerpt from Charles Lewis (February 26th) on his observation of children in church. To see the full series of articles go to: <http://network.nationalpost.com/NP/blogs/fullcomment/archive/tags/Oh+God/default.aspx>

Years ago I asked a close friend why she dragged her children to church every Sunday. Children in church always look as if they are in the midst of slow-motion fits. They squirm, they stretch, they fall over and lay down on the kneelers, then they drool when they fall into a bored stupor.

This friend of mine and her husband have demanding jobs; they take their kids to endless hockey practices and other after-school and weekend activities. So it is not like they have a ton of free time. Even God could forgive my friend for wanting to sleep in on Sunday or linger over breakfast. At the time I asked her about this, I believed that most children would grow up to reject their faith and then revel in telling everyone how much they could not stand organized religion. I know many adults just like that today.

But what my good friend said made more sense than any other explanation I have ever heard for putting children in the pews once a week: In order for her children to lose their faith, she said, they would have to learn their faith first. You cannot be a lapsed Catholic without having been a Catholic. Same goes for Jew, Protestant and Muslim.

I now attend the same parish as this woman and I often think of her words as I look at all the different children "learning their faith." To an outsider, or a twice-a-year attender, it would still seem like a waste of time. But if you really watch, you can see how parents teach their children in tiny ways. Some children seem distracted but then they will start saying the words to the Lord's Prayer and look pleased when they get a line or two right. When the sun hits the stained glass just right, it looks like the holy men and women depicted have caught fire — and once in a while you will see the face of a young boy lingering on this image for a few seconds. I wonder if the image will burn into his memory.

These children are all being introduced to this larger kingdom and reality. Years from now they might reject it all but that does not really matter. If they are generous, they will look back and see those Sunday mornings not as a time of trial, but as a sincere act of love that passed along something of great value.