

Trinity Happenings

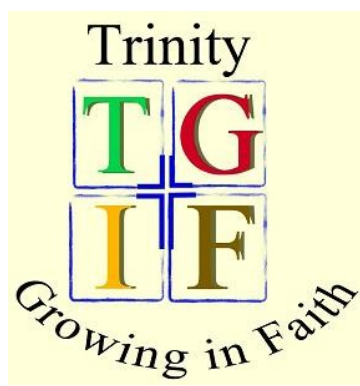
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Our Mission

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



THE ANGLICAN PLANET

We would commend to you the latest edition of the Anglican Planet newspaper available in the tower walk. Debate continues in the Communion and there are some good articles in the Anglican Planet to keep you informed. Of particular note is the Bishop's proposal for the Diocese of Toronto which will be discussed at the upcoming Synod in May.

“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 22nd Lent 4 Fr. Andrew

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP: Jesus washed his disciples 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.

“THE DAY BEFORE JESUS DIED” -- 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).

** Several people have spoken to us to say that they have been using these suggested readings through Lent this year that it has been beneficial. It is not too late to start. Easter is two week from now and these daily

devotions will assist you in your preparation and add further depth to the sermon your hear Sunday mornings.

Recalling Sunday's sermon and looking forward to the next Lord's Day.

**** For the Week March 30th to April 3rd. Theme: “A New Covenant and Holy Communion”**

- (1) Luke 22: 7 – 16
- (2) Luke 22: 17 – 30
- (3) 1 Corinthians 11: 17 – 22
- (4) John 12: 1 – 11
- (5) Luke 19: 28 -40

Weekly Prayer: “Lord Jesus, we thank you for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Through this sacred meal we find grace to help in times of need. May our frequent reception of the bread and wine not dull our consciences to the necessity of frequent self-examination and to a generous attitude toward those who have offended us. Lord, you have told us that if we judge ourselves we need not be chastened by you. Grant us then greater sensitivity to those things done or left undone that cause your Holy Spirit to be grieved within us. And we ask all this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY March 29th "Lent 5"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. - Family Service

Nursery in Undercroft, Older children in Church,
Sr. Teens in Naz. Rm.

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

MONDAY

1:30 p.m. - "Nooma" Course in Upper Rm.

7:15 p.m. - "Truth Project" Study in Upper 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. - Contemporary Worship Team Practice in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at Simcoe Hotel

10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion

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. - Cursillo Meeting in Sanctuary

THURSDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - St. Joe's Tour in Aud.

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. - "Family Feud Night"
in Aud.

SUNDAY April 5 "Palm Sunday"

8:00 a.m. - Quiet Communion

10:00 a.m. - Family Service

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 (Mar. 22) was:

8:00 a.m. = 43, 10:00 a.m. = 101, for a total of 144, including
19 children & teachers.

FROM THE MAIL

*Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for the prayer support you gave me during my surgery and recovery. The phone calls, cards, flowers and visit from Rev. Canon Brian was much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Maxine Swan

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

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camp can be a wonderful experience in the life of a youngster. For some youngsters it helps shape their character, opens doors for their future, and establishes friendships that will last the rest of their lives. In the tower walk their are brochures for three summer camps we would recommend: Koinonia, Pioneer Camp and Camp Min-yo-wee.

CITY HALL PRAYER

There will be prayer at City Hall this Wednesday, April 1st, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. All of the Barrie churches are invited.

ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL OR OUR PHONE TREE LIST?

We at Trinity send out information to our Trinity community via email or the phone tree when there are happenings or prayer requests that involve a goodly number of people in the congregation. It is a quick and timely method of communicating information with you that was not included in our weekly *Happenings* which we feel you would be interested in hearing.

If you are not yet on either the email list or the phone tree and would like to be, please get in touch with the church office at 728-2691 or for email Gay Welsman, gwelsman@barint.on.ca or call Bronwen Jones for the phone tree at 735-1989.

Also, it is important that if you have changed your email address or phone number (in the year) that you advise us of the change. We want to keep you up to date with what's happening at Trinity!

Thank you for your help.

The Communications Committee

From The Directory Committee

Thank you to all of those who have had their picture taken or have submitted photos. Originals will be returned after the service. In order to make our directory as complete as possible, **Tom has graciously offered to take some more family portraits from 11:30 to 2:30 next Sunday, April 5th**. If you have not already done so, PLEASE gather your family for a photo next week. No appointments necessary as long as you are ready in the church hall between 11:30 and 2:30 on that day.

We would also like to get **photos of church groups** such as servers, lay readers, both music groups, the choir, wardens, Trinity Women, and so forth. Leaders, please assist us in finding an appropriate time for your group to meet for a photo that day, if possible.

We continue to request advertisements for the directory. If you have a business, or a friend who is in business, your support with this is appreciated. Only \$50 to have your business card in our directory – that's an advertisement that lasts for 3 or 4 years! A good deal. Please submit yours, or your friend's, to Anne, Mark or Dorrett within the next week. Thank you for your support.

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.

April 3rd

Rev. Andrew Sandilands

THE WOMAN OF REV. 12:1-6

Trinity Church, Barrie

WINTER HOME GROUPS

We have had a wonderful season of Home Groups for the Winter & Lent season. It has been excellent preparation for Easter. The fall Alpha group continued on this winter with "A Life Worth Living" by Nicky Gumbel. Three groups explored the life of St. John using "Beth Moore - Beloved Disciple". New this winter was a group using the NOOMA video clips on Friday afternoons led by John Lake. Generating considerable interest was our second offering of "The Truth Project" led by Kim Beaney and Glady Fisher. At the same time that this group was watching the episodes on science the federal minister for Science and Technology was being roasted by the Globe & Mail for his Christian beliefs. This is very topical material and places in context much of what is being debated in the press and taught in the schools. The "Truth Project" is a full 12 weeks of in-depth presentations, so is not for the faint of heart. Monday evenings the group participants enjoyed a wonderful homemade meal prepared by Mae, Lena-Marie and Cathy.

Special thanks to all of our Home Group leaders this winter:

1. **Ray Carder & Grace Jones** "If you Want to Walk on Water You Have to Get out of the Boat"
2. **Gary & Sue Lyon, Norm Marrow, Tina West, Kathy Proctor, Stacey Marshall, Marnie Smith, Paul & Judy Thompson** on Monday evenings "A Life Worth Living"
3. **Gay Welsman, Susan Snelling, Pauline Miller** led three groups of "Beth Moore - Beloved Disciple"
4. **Fr. Andrew** "Life in the Spirit"
5. **Kim Beaney & Glady Fisher** "The Truth Project"
6. **John Lake** "NOOMA"
7. **Walter Marshall & Fr. Andrew** "Men in Focus" breakfasts.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINTER GROUPS

** I enjoyed the chance to speak out and share with others. I also enjoyed the humour in the DVD's. The group has made me feel more at home with the parish church. -- Edith

** This has strengthened my faith and encouraged me to take risks. -- Mary

** This has been another way to add to one's "spirituality" at Trinity. -- Gwen

** I most liked the fellowship of the group and that each week we pray for each other. -- Rowena

** This has deepened my relationship with God and I'm continuing to be challenged.

** The study was very personally directed and forced me to settle a number of issues.

EASTER NEWSLETTER -- Emailed to our members.

To make better use of technology and reduce our postage costs, the Easter newsletter has been emailed to all those on our church email list. Copies will only be printed, personally addressed and mailed through the post office to those who have requested to receive their correspondence from Trinity in this manner. Extra printed copies are available at the back of the church this morning. If you would like a printed and mailed copy please advise Mary in the church office of your preference. If we don't already have your email address please send an email to mary Caldwell in our church office at: [<churchoffice@rogers.com>](mailto:churchoffice@rogers.com) Many thanks.

FASTING

These 40 days of Lent take as their inspiration the 40 days of fasting that Jesus had after his baptism and before his public ministry. Numerous times through the Bible God's people fast. While this has dropped from view in more recent times, this is a model that is worth following. We fast from food so that we hunger more deeply for God and his strength. When questioned about this by his disciples Jesus says, "I have food to eat of which you do not know ... my food is to do the will of him who sent me" (John 4:32). Later on Jesus says, "Do not labour for the food which perishes but for the food which endures to eternal life". (John 6:27th) On Thursday April 9th (Maundy Thursday) we are calling for a day of fasting with prayer in the midst of your regular routine that day, and in accord with your health requirements. After a day of fasting (and perhaps prayer during the times when you would have had meals) we will join together for worship and Communion at Trinity at 7:00 pm.

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VBC – “DISCOVERY CANYON: Exploring the Wonders of the Word” July 6-10

We are enthusiastically gearing up and planning for our summer VBC (Vacation Bible Camp) in July. It is so encouraging to have the numbers of volunteers that have already said that they would help that week. Thank you very much! You will be blessed for your efforts. Of course, we will need even more volunteers! So if you are considering helping, please set aside time after church on Sunday, April 19 at 11:45 to attend our first full team meeting in the Upper Room. (Please bring a bag lunch.) We look forward to working with you all. Registration forms will be available right after our meeting as well as on the website.

Judy Thompson 737-1905 Gay Welsman 728-6132

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

David Busby Street Centre
4th Annual Streetlight Gala
Featuring: Hockey legend Paul Henderson
Friday April 24th, 2009 at 6:00 pm
Tangle Creek Golf Course
Dinner, Speaker, and Silent Auction
\$75.00 per person
For tickets call Bethany Obermayer at 722-1735

SPRING TUNE-UP – May 1-3

For women 18 – 88! A weekend in beautiful Muskoka at Pioneer Camp on Mary Lake near Port Sydney. The theme of the weekend is “*Be Transformed*”. Guest speaker is Deborah Bowen. Deborah teaches English at Redeemer College in Ancaster. She and her husband attend an Anglican church in Hamilton. Campers will be blessed by her understanding of God’s Word and her practical insights into daily living.

Cost for the weekend is \$121.54. Program starts on Friday night and ends Sunday at 1:30 after lunch. Saturday night is a special fun night with the theme - “Paris in the Springtime”.

A number of women from Trinity have enjoyed going to the weekends at Pioneer and we all invite you to come along! You’ll be inspired and refreshed.

For more information call Gay Welsman at 728-6132 or Judy Thompson 737-1905.

Nearly New Sale/ Garage Sale

April seems to be a good month for tidying closets, trunks, and cupboards. Please have a good look around to see what you can part with for this fundraiser – the only one for the Spring. In case you are not aware of how the Nearly New Sale works, here is a brief explanation. There are two options for you when you have chosen what you would like to be rid of: (1) You may put your items into the sale as donations, in which case the Women’s Fellowship keeps the proceeds and we spend the money gained on projects around the church, including the David Busby Street Centre, and we give some to charities in the community such as Youth Haven. (2) If you wish to realize some cash from the sale, then you tag each item with the price you choose, and the size (if clothing) and what the item is if it’s at all mysterious. You will receive 50% of the proceeds of the sale, and the Women’s Fellowship keeps the other 50%.

Gently used clothing, housewares, small appliances (in working condition), linen, shoes, jewellery, purses, scarves, gloves and mitts sell well. Childrens’ toys, and puzzles (complete please) are welcome, as well as pictures, mirrors, lamps.

All clothing and linen must be clean, stain-free and hole-free. Clothing should be seasonal, i.e., spring and summer wear. Household items must be clean and in working condition. Books and magazines need to be clean and not ragged.

Take-in Day is Thursday, April 30, from 9.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. Please come early – the staff has probably been working all day and really wants to leave promptly at six. Everything you deliver should already be priced. Tagging guns for clothing will be available to borrow in the week before this. **We will not accept donations after 6 p.m. on Thursday. Nor will we accept donations on Friday or Saturday.**



Sale Days: Friday, May 1 - 9.00 a.m. until 6 p.m. and
Saturday, May 2 - 8.30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to make these busy days work. Men especially are needed for set-up and security. Sign-up sheets are posted - Please sign-up EARLY.

For more information contact Marcia at 726-3582, or Cathy at 436-7027.