

NEWS from the PEWS

Trinity Anglican Church, Bradford ON
Season of Pentecost

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FROM THE REGISTER

Deaths

Linda Clark passed away August 17. A long time, active parishioner at Trinity, Linda is survived by her husband David, sons Michael and Geoffrey, 3 granddaughters and a brother. She was predeceased by her sister Pauline Taylor, also a Trinity parishioner. The service was at Trinity Church, August 24.

Shirley Watson passed away August 18, in her 94th year. She is survived by two children, 3 grandchildren, and a great grandchild. The service was at Skwarchuk's Funeral Home, on August 23.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3 – 2 pm Holy Eucharist and Hymn Sing at Bradford Valley. Everyone is invited to sing with us and greet the residents. First Sunday of each month, 2 pm. Contact Margaret Schroeder,.

Wednesday, September 6

– **Soul Survivors Cancer and Chronic Illness group meets at 7:30 pm** in the choir room. Anyone living with or affected by these health issues is welcome.

– **Compline with anointing for healing and wholeness, 8:35 pm**

Friday, September 8 – Trinity Tweens (kids age 10 yrs and up) meet at 7 pm. Contact: Elizabeth Annand.

Saturday, September 9, annual Lions Car Draw – The Lions donate money to our church in return for us organizing, preparing, and serving all the food for this big community event! Your help is needed — *yes, 25 people, for 4 different shifts!* Please see the sign-up page for volunteers and let us know how you can help with this fund-raising project! We especially need help with clean-up after the meal. Contact: Sheryl,.

Sunday, September 10 – Rally Sunday!

– **At 10 am, we look forward to gathering our church family back** together after the summer. And after the service— be sure to stay for lunch: corn on the cob and hot dogs, our traditional Rally Sunday fare!

– **Sunday School will resume on this date.**

Wednesday, September 13 – Krafty Knitters resume meeting again after the summer, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 2 to 4 pm. Everyone (parishioners and folks from the community) is welcome to come and knit or crochet, or learn one of these crafts, and to enjoy fellowship and a cuppa. Contact: Anne Silvey,

Friday, September 15 – Trinity’s famous Steak BBQ, 4:30 to 7 pm. 10 oz. steak, corn, baked potato, coleslaw, pies, coffee/tea/juice. \$20 per person. Children 10 years and under: BBQ hamburger dinner, \$10 each. Please invite friends, neighbours and family members to come for a great meal! Tickets are available now from Sheryl, 905 775 3134, or Lorna, 905 853 8170, and at church on Sunday mornings. Take-outs available too!

Tuesdays, September 19 to October 17 – Bible Study, Evening Group, 7:30 - 9 pm. This will be a bible study on Prayer. We will explore what the bible has to teach us and say about prayer. Please speak with Rev. Dana if you are interested in attending. Details in the announcement under Church News below.

Thursdays, September 21 to October 19 – Bible Study, Daytime Group, 2 to 3:30 pm. This will be Anglican Identity, our history and how that has shaped what we believe and do. This study involves some videos and multi-media, and discussion— your chance to learn from each other. Please speak with Rev. Dana if you are interested in attending. Details in the announcement under Church News below.

Saturday, September 30 – Men’s Breakfast, 9 am. A sign-up sheet is available in the Upper Room (narthex). ALL men of the parish are invited to attend. Contact: Fred Longthorne,.

Sunday, October 1 –Blessing of the Animals at 3 pm. Invite your friends and family, bring your pets and join us in celebrating our pets and animals. Refreshments to follow for all, including dogs and cats!

Sunday, October 8 – Thanksgiving

All Saints Sunday, November 4 –The next baptism service would be All Saints Sunday. Baptismal preparation is required so if you know someone or have family thinking about baptism please have them contact Rev. Dana to setup an appointment to begin the process.

CHURCH NEWS

Sadly we announce the passing of Raegan Evans, daughter of Nancy and the late John Evans (2015), on August 2nd. Our deepest sympathy to Nancy, Raegan’s children Dawson and Dakota, her sister Tara and family. A Celebration of Raegan’s Life was held on August 11.

With regret we announce the passing of Gail Oliver, daughter of Audrey Angevine, on August 19, following a brief illness. The service for Gail was in Nova Scotia. Heartfelt prayers and condolences to Audrey and her family.

Cynthia has revamped our church website! Please look at it, and let her know what you think, and if you have ideas or suggestions: trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com The plan is to keep on top of all our news and events. If you have any photos of church events, Cynthia will be happy to have them for the website:

Bible and Faith Studies Groups – As mentioned in the July “News from the Pews” and in the Church Calendar above, there will be two adult Christian Education groups starting this fall. There will be two groups, one evening and one daytime. Both will include worship, fellowship and study. The plan is to alternate between bible study and more general faith discussion. The groups will start the week of September 19 and run for 5 weeks, then take a few week breaks and have another 5 weeks before Christmas. Based on the survey the two most popular topics were prayer and Anglican Identity and worship, so we will start there.

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Daytime Group: Thursdays, September 21 to October 19, 2 to 3:30 pm, will be Anglican Identity, our history and how that has shaped what we believe and do. This study involves some videos and multi-media, and discussion—your chance to learn from each other.

While you are encouraged to attend all five weeks of a particular study, they are formatted such that if you miss a week you can still participate. I am looking forward to learning and growing with you in our faith together.

Rev. Dana

September Finance Feature

Good news! We are now issuing contracts for the painting or replacement of several windows in the church as we continue to preserve and restore this beautiful old building! Windows being replaced are all those in the main church hall downstairs, in the kitchen, and in the vestry. The framework of the stained glass window facing Church St. will be prepared and repainted, as will the framework around the south oak doors. The framework of the large stained glass window above the altar will be prepared and repainted, and a new vinyl protective window will be installed in front of the stained glass. This all comes to \$11,000. Thanks to parishioners and our More Faith More Hope campaign we have the money to pay for this work.

More Faith More Hope Campaign update: Contributions to this campaign are very helpful as we start to address much-needed building repairs and maintenance that had to remain “on hold” while we dealt with the bell tower restoration. At this time, these funds are enabling us to paint or replace several windows in the church. Donations to More Faith More Hope may be monthly, yearly, a one-time gift, or whatever arrangement is convenient for the giver. To contribute in this way, please speak with one of the wardens: Meg, Sheryl, Lorna or Art. With a donation, please include name, and envelope no. or full address.

Our August Hymn Sing was a great success again this year, with a wonderful selection of hymns— some lively, and some peaceful, all nominated by parishioners. A pleasant surprise this year was having Stewart Bond playing his drums, along with the organ, for some of the hymns. We also learned a new hymn together, “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People” with the help of Barb Jones. This is a bright, cheery hymn that Rev. Dana knows, and now we know it too. Sincere thanks to everyone for your donations, dedications, and attendance; they are very much appreciated. A total of \$1700 was raised— all donated to the window restoration work that is soon to begin!(*You may read about the windows, above.*) The next time you visit “3 Scoops Ice Cream Store” (just north of the 4 corners) please express our thanks for their generous donation of the Kawartha Dairy ice cream for our sundaes. The sundaes were a big hit again! Lorna and Meg, our wardens, were excellent “scoopers”. A thank-you letter was given to 3 Scoops.

This year's Vacation Bible School, "Everywhere Fun Fair", ran from August 14-18. The theme was being a good neighbour and the 19 kids and 12 helpers that week certainly exemplified the idea of being caring and helpful members of God's world. We had wonderful crafts headed up once again by Emma and our games were well looked after by Brook and Mason and Clare. Rev Dana taught us so much during bible stories and the music was certainly catchy and upbeat. Snacks (yum!) were covered by Catherine, Stella, Fred and Sandra, and Shirley. Elizabeth and Barb want to thank Crystal, Kaitlyn, Lauren, Stephanie, Avery and Nicole, and everyone who helped out and supported this annual camp. —Barb Jones

P.S. Besides all the helpers, we also thank Elizabeth and Barb for all their time and efforts in organizing and overseeing this great week of fun, adventure and learning!

From Rev. Dana's Desk:

It is hard to believe that I have been at Trinity for six months. It has been a busy time of getting to know each other as well as all the other things that we do as part of our life together as a faith community. I know that just by being here I bring change; bringing my own ways of relating to people, of administrative leadership, and in leading worship, that are different from the ways predecessors have done it. The first 18-24 months are always a period of adjustment, both for the congregation and for the new priest. The transition that began for you the moment that Father Dan announced he was leaving and for me when I expressed my interest in Trinity to the bishop, continues as we find our way together in this new partnership. When people ask me how it is going, my response is still "so far so good, I'm really enjoying it."

One of the first things that caught my attention about Trinity when I first started praying and thinking about coming here, was your willingness to step out in faith. Throughout the history of the parish there have been multiple times when as a congregation you took a chance by trying something new or different, whether it was the two additions to the original building, or the amalgamations, both with St. Paul's and combining the two Sunday services into one, or a ministry like the community dinners, Second Hand shop, or Soul Survivors. There were also changes, ministries and ideas that were tried and didn't take root, but from which you learned valuable lessons that have guided your other ventures. All of this to say, what I saw in your profile, in the conversations I had, in the interview with the selection committee and since I have been here, is a willingness to take risks, to try something new. Life is change: we either change and adapt to the world around us or we struggle to live and function on our old ways. This is true of our bodies, as well as groups and institutions. We can either fight against it or accept it and adapt.

If we look at Jesus' life and ministry, we see that change was big part of what he came to do. People's response to him was often related to their willingness to embrace or at least accept the change that he represented. For some change was welcome, but for others it was harder. Accepting change meant letting go of long held beliefs and practices, and some were unable to accept it. I wonder sometimes if Jesus were to walk into our world, into our community and even our church communities how readily we'd welcome him and the change that he offers.

So as we continue to transition, to find our way together, may we continue to seek God's will, may we continue to be gracious with each other and the changes that come from being in this new relationship. May we continue to risk together, to step out in faith and discover what God has in store for us. May we continue to find joy in following the one who changed the world by his life and death.

We have a mystery! Missing: one 50' extension cord from the vacuum storage cupboard. This is the 2nd cord to go missing in the last few months. ?? Please let us know if you have any info re this disappearance. *Art Holden, churchwarden*

Next Sunday, September 10, Sunday School resumes and Rev. Dana will be inviting children to begin the church service with their parents. They stay until after the Children’s Focus, and then the children in Jr. K or older will be invited downstairs for Sunday School with teacher Elizabeth Annand. Children are always welcome in the worship service. Colouring pages and crayons are available in the Upper Room (narthex) for children to take into the pews with their parents. The choir room is available for parents with little ones during Sunday services. Toys, a baby gate, and baby monitor (so that parents may follow the service) are available in the choir room.

Planning Ahead! Five or six volunteers are needed to work as a team/committee to organize our next dance, scheduled for November 4. Sheryl MacPhail has a file on *everything* that is involved, and she is ready to share it with others who are willing to take on the leadership for this event. We also need two more “Smart Serve” persons. The Smart Serve course is available online and takes only a few hours to complete. Anyone interested in being part of the team, or in Smart Serve, is asked to please contact Sheryl, 905 775 3134 as soon as possible. To get things started Sheryl is booking the hall and getting the liquor licence.

Update on the recycling program: Thank-you everyone who dropped off items for pickup when we were participating in a recycling program. Since we are no longer part of this program, we are no longer asking for, or accepting, all of those extra items that people were donating. Please continue to donate good used clothing and other smaller saleable items for our Second Hand Shop.

Rev. Dana’s day off is Monday of each week. She may be reached at the church office, 905 775 2200. In case of crisis or death, you may call her at 289-383-1036.

Rev. Dana has left a selection of reading material in the Upper Room for parishioners to borrow if they wish. A sign-up page is there for borrowers. Please do not “keep” the books as they belong to Rev. Dana.

Dates for our next upcoming events are posted on the notice board on the wall, just inside the south doors.

Just inside the north doors, a plaque commemorating Canada’s 150th birthday is mounted on the wall. The plaque is a collage of photos of buildings from Bradford’s past, including one of Trinity Church before either of the additions were built.

Church announcements for Sunday bulletins should be emailed to Margaret no later than Tuesday of the week.

You can follow Trinity Church on Facebook!

We’re calling for more Servers! Young people and adults are invited to become servers, to take turns assisting Rev. Dana at the Eucharist. An honourable and important ministry, it requires little time commitment since servers take turns according to a schedule. Anyone who is interested in serving God and our church in this way may speak with Art Holden,. A brief training is provided.

We are taking orders now for the 2018 Anglican Church Calendars. \$7 per calendar. Prepaid orders only. Please place your order with the secretary, Margaret. This calendar is a favourable improvement over the last one. Pages on the bulletin board will give you an idea of the 2018 version.

If you would like us to pray for someone

1. Trinity's Prayer Circle will pray for anyone in need of God's healing grace. The Prayer Circle is a group of parishioners who, in their own personal prayers, pray for anyone in need of prayer. The only requirement is that the one to be prayed for is in agreement with his/her name being given to the Prayer Circle. *To request prayer by the Prayer Circle, please contact Sandra Longthorne, 705 456 6138.* Requests are passed to Circle members by email or phone. We have no meetings. For each prayer request we pray for about a month, or as requested.

2. Prayers of the People/Litany –In our Sunday morning prayers we include anyone in need of healing. *To have someone mentioned, please write the name in the little black book on the stand in the Upper Room, prior to the service.* The only requirement is that the person to be prayed for has given permission for his/her name to be read aloud. Usually a first name is enough.

3. The weekly Cycle of Prayer – Every Sunday morning three families in our congregation(in alphabetical order from our parish list) **are prayed for within the prayers of the people.** We are encouraged to pray for these folks during the week at home too.

Lookee Here!

See our amazing array of big and little jobs being offered to volunteers!

Volunteers save the church a lot of money, and all are truly valued. And you can become one!

If you are able to help with *anything* on this list, perhaps one time, 2 times, or more please let us know! In some cases a sign-up page is available, or please contact the secretary to be put in touch with the appropriate contact.

- vacuuming the church
- cleaning kitchen
- cleaning washrooms
- grass cutting (*not all, as some of it is done by tractor*)
- grass trimming
- garden weeding and care
- painting
- cleaning windows(*upstairs and/or downstairs*)
- be a Kwarterly Kourier (*deliver occasional mailings to a few parishioners near you*)
- be part of the team organizing the Nov. 4 dance
- help our team with Lions Car draw event (*Sept. 10*)
- 2nd hand shop help (*Thursday and/or Saturday mornings*)
- sell tickets for events such as Steak BBQ (*Sept. 15*), other dinners, dances etc.
- help with Steak BBQ (*set up, prepare food, serve, clean up*)
- donate to specific expenses of your choice: *Sunday School, snow removal, cleaning supplies, elevator inspections and service calls*)
- provide Sunday morning flowers in the church (*in memoriam, in thanksgiving, in celebration*)
- contribute to groceries (*for dinners, teas, receptions, for after church coffee time*)

Rev. Dana and Stewart spend 15 minutes in prayer, in the church, from 9 to 9:15 am Sunday mornings.

Parishioners are welcome to come and pray before the service as well.

“Welcome Folders” are available in the Upper Room (narthex) on the table near the top of the stairs for newcomers or anyone interested in information about Trinity Church, or the Anglican church in general.

As part of our Pastoral Care ministry we send get well, sympathy, or thinking of you cards to parishioners when the occasion presents itself. If you are aware of a parishioner to whom we may send a card, please contact the secretary by email or at the church office.

When a parishioner is hospitalized, it would be helpful if the patient, a family member, or close friend would let us know. A visit or call, according to the patient’s wishes, will be arranged.

We are looking for someone to take on the Treasurer duties! If you feel called to help in this way please talk with the wardens: Sheryl, Meg, Lorna or Art

Treasurer duties include:

1. Prepare cheques to pay regular bills (i.e. phone, heat, hydro, etc.) and to reimburse parishioners and other occasional payments (i.e. snow ploughing, food for celebrations, etc.).
2. Prepare and submit HST rebates
3. Prepare financial statements and reconciliations
4. Attend monthly Advisory Board meetings to present and explain financial information.
5. Prepare payroll for parish staff, not the priest (Organist and Sunday School Leader)
6. Prepare parochial return
7. Provide information to auditors, as needed, for yearly audit and charitable returns
8. Meet with auditors as needed
9. Assist in preparing the Parish’s yearly budget (operating and capital)
10. Utilize Microsoft Excel and Simply Accounting to track and present financial information

Most tasks must be completed on a monthly basis and on time. Most tasks can be scheduled to two or three visits to the office a month, however, additional occasional visits may be required. The Wardens will work with the new Treasurer to minimize the number of visits required to ensure time commitment is kept to a minimum and to ensure efficiency. The Wardens will endeavour to find an additional volunteer who can prepare cheques as a back-up and to cover vacation times, as needed. Additional time will be required at the end of the year to work with the auditors and to work with the Wardens and Incumbent to prepare the next year’s budget.

To be assigned offering envelopes or to arrange pre-authorized giving (PAG), please speak with treasurer, Ann Spalding,.

Gluten-free wafers are available for Communion. If needed, please mention this to Rev. Dana prior to the service.

Service Schedule

1st to 4th Sundays of the month, 10 am: Holy Eucharist (BAS)

5th Sunday of the month (when applicable), 10 am: Holy Communion (BCP)

1st Wednesday of month, 8:35 pm: Service of Compline, with anointing for healing and wholeness

1st Sunday of month, 2 pm: Eucharist & Hymn Sing, Bradford Valley Seniors' Residence

Before borrowing any item from the church for a day or two at a time, please check with Margaret, the secretary, to be sure that the item is available and not needed during the time you would like to borrow it. If approved, you would then sign it out on the page on the bulletin board, and sign it back in when you return it.

Kitchen Supplies – When you see that we are running low on tea, coffee, milk, cream, sugar, napkins, food wrap, paper towels, cleaning products or any kitchen items, please note it on the page posted above the kitchen counter, or contact Cynthia Riley, our kitchen coordinator,. Thank-you.

Message from Our Wardens

Did you know...that an extraordinary amount of ministry happens through the operating budget of the church? However, we are actively seeking new ways to reach out with the good news in our community, both in proclamation and in deed. This goal requires financing.

Did you know...that approximately \$12,000.00 is raised through our fundraising projects every year to balance our operating budget?

Did you know...that an additional gift of \$250.00 per year per family, per year, would allow us to reallocate that \$12,000.00 per year to outreach and new ministry initiatives?

Did you know that...an additional \$250.00 per year is only an additional \$5.00 per week, or \$20.00 per month?

We ask you to prayerfully consider making this additional offering as part of your regular giving and help our church reach out with good news in new and exciting ways in your community. If you require a pre-authorized giving update form, please see Ann Spalding.

*Yours faithfully, your Wardens
Meg, Sheryl, Lorna, and Art*

Have You Considered Trinity Church in Your Will?

Remembering your parish church in your will is one of the ways in which future Anglican ministry can be ensured in our community. We currently receive a dividend averaging about \$3000.00 per year thanks to the generous legacy offered to us through the estate of the late John Barnard. In difficult times this funding has been crucial to our ongoing budget, and in good times it has allowed us to undertake new initiatives. By remembering Trinity Church in your will, you will continue to support God's mission in our community for many generations to come! Legacies may be designated in many different ways. If you are considering remembering Trinity Church in your will, please speak with the priest and the wardens.

Pre-arranging a funeral or a celebration of life service can be helpful to a family at a stressful time. If you wish to leave your final wishes and instructions in a file in the church office, please speak with the priest.

The next issue of “News from the Pews” will be Sunday, October 1, 2017.

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