

# NEWS from the PEWS

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## FROM THE REGISTER

### Deaths

Rick Wright passed away at Bradford Valley on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Our sincere sympathy to his wife Amy, sons Judson and Brendan, a grandchild, sister Debbie Jeske and family. Rick was predeceased by his parents Ken and Nancy Wright who were former parishioners of Trinity Church. A celebration of Rick's life was held at the church on December 9.

Gertrude Parmansche passed away at Bradford Valley on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 in her 93<sup>rd</sup> year. She leaves her daughter Erica & son-in-law Bill Marks, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Our condolences to her family. Rev. Dana officiated at the service at the funeral home on December 27.

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Tuesday, January 9 – Bible Study resumes on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.** Topic: Christian Disciplines. Please bring your bible. Everyone is welcome to attend any class.

**Wednesday, January 10– Krafty Knitters, 2 to 4 pm.** Everyone is welcome to come and knit or crochet, or learn one of these crafts, and to enjoy fellowship and a cuppa. Contact: Anne Silvey, 905 775 3237

**Thursday January 11 – Bible Study resumes on Thursdays at 2 pm.** Topic: Lectionary bible study. The copies of the readings for next week are available on the table in the bell tower. Everyone is welcome any time.

**Wednesday, January 24 – Advisory Board Meeting, 7:30 pm.** Interested parishioners are welcome to sit in on any meeting. Minutes of past meetings are available on the table under the bell tower.

**Sunday, February 4 – Annual vestry reports** from all church committees/groups/ministries are due in the office by this date, in preparation for the general Vestry Report.

**Wednesday, February 7 – Soul Survivors, 7:30 pm**, for anyone affected by cancer or chronic illness. Meet in the choir room. At 8:35 pm, Compline with anointing for healing and wholeness. Contact: Rev. Dana, 905 775 2200.

**Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday! The beginning of Lent.** Information on the ecumenical Lenten services and/or studies will be coming.

**Sunday, February 25 – Annual Vestry meeting re the year 2017.** Please note this date on your calendar. At least one adult from each family is requested to attend this meeting which will take place immediately after the service. Lunch will be served following the meeting!

### CHURCH NEWS

**In all its adornment, the church looked magnificent for Christmas!** We are grateful to our dedicated decorating team: Carol McPherson, Janie James, Shirley Bowles, Gretchen Dewhirst, Sharon & David Read, Jane & Del Crake, Fred & Sandra Longthorne, and Art & Lynne Holden.

**The Christmas décor in the church** was made possible by donations from parishioners:

- *In thanksgiving: from Shirley Bowles, Art & Lynne Holden, Sandra & Fred Longthorne, Sam & Marcia Lee*
- *In memory of loved ones departed: from Barb & Chris Zuercher*
- *In memory of Sheryl's parents Edward & Winnifred Norby, by Sheryl & Doug MacPhail*
- *In memory of Kenny, by his wife Ethel Ingham*

**Our Christmas Carol Sing on the evening of Sunday, December 17 was enjoyed by many from Trinity and the community.** Many folks were taking advantage of reading the words on the TV screen. It was a pleasure to hear all those voices singing heartily!

**Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday this year, and so our morning service was in the form of “Lessons and Carols”** which was enjoyed by many. And we still had a good turnout for the two evening services. The family service at 7 pm was a very nice Christmas celebration. What great fun for everyone when Rev. Dana engaged the children who were present in an impromptu Christmas pageant. The traditional service at 11 pm was peaceful and joyful, ending in candlelight as the congregation sang “Silent Night”. How beautiful! Heading for home in the wee hours of Christmas morning, we stepped out into a beautiful white Christmas!

**Besides the three services on Christmas Eve, Rev. Dana celebrated a Christmas Day Eucharist with Christmas Carols, at 10 am!** Thank-you Rev. Dana for observing so many of our rituals and introducing us to some of your own. It was a wonderful Christmas time together!

**Trinity hosted the annual Blue Christmas service** in December, together with The Rev. Jim Keenan and friends from Bradford United Church. Rev. Dana officiated and Rev. Jim was the preacher.

**If you do not currently receive the monthly Anglican Journal newspaper,** please speak with Margaret, the secretary, to be added to their mailing list. This paper is free of charge to all families in Anglican parishes.

**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.

**Do you have an occasion to celebrate? Our main room downstairs may be rented for special occasions** for \$100 a day, or part thereof. Insurance is mandatory and may be easily purchased through the Diocese’s insurance company at a very reasonable rate, starting at about \$35. A recent change of insurance provider has resulted in less cost and an easier process for obtaining insurance! For rental information or to book the room, please contact Margaret, the secretary.

**Some 2018 Offering Envelopes remain to be picked up and these are available in the Upper Room.**

**Like Morton’s Salt: “It never rains but it pours.” Now it is the old furnace, which is being repaired temporarily, but soon needs to be replaced.** As most of us already know, our faithful 20-year old **dishwasher** finally gave up, and our **water heater** is not performing well. All this leads to the necessity of updating some **old plumbing**. If you have considered giving a donation in memory, or in thanksgiving, and are looking for a project to donate to, you may consider directing your gift to building maintenance.

**New Cemetery Signs–** A sign for St. Paul’s Cemetery has been placed in the existing frame at Coulson’s Hill, in front of the church and cemetery. Also a new sign is hanging at the southeast corner of County Road 4 (Hwy 11) near Line 11, pointing towards the cemetery. These were purchased by the Cemetery Board. Thanks to Barrie Schroeder for arranging for and installing the signs.



**In January the work on the window above the altar is expected to be completed.** Woodwork will be repainted and a new, clear outer panel will be installed to protect the stained glass window. This will finish the window work that began in 2017. The next project along this line will be covering various sections of fascia with aluminum, and fixing up the woodwork around the stained glass windows. This work will be done in the future, as we are able, but for now the most dire window repairs have been taken care of.

**“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.

**The Lift: please remember that several of our parishioners are ready and willing to help anyone use the lift.** When we have events, receptions or funerals at the church, and you spot any visitors who may appreciate using the lift, please bring it to their attention. Sheryl MacPhail, Art Holden, Lorna Oldreive, Meg White, Barrie or Margaret Schroeder, Ann Spalding, Sandra or Fred Longthorne, and others are willing and able to help.

**Unfortunately the Bradford Times, along with newspapers from several other towns, was closed** around the end of November. Trinity Church will miss the Times and its editor Miriam King. Miriam attended so many of our events and placed photos and write-ups in the paper for us. Notice of upcoming events will be posted in our outdoor sign, on Facebook, and in “News from the Pews” but we ask parishioners to pass along word of upcoming events to friends, neighbours, and family.

**Bright green, long-sleeve T-shirts from “The Great Trinity Steeplechase”**(that wonderful, fun event a few years ago) are on sale at \$5 each. Some of our parishioners enjoy wearing their green shirts at church events! e.g. suppers, steak BBQ, bell tower party, or any time we want to celebrate or bring attention to Trinity Church! If you would like to have one of these eye-catching T-shirts they are available in the Upper Room on Sundays, and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand shop (they are new, not 2<sup>nd</sup> hand!). You may also contact Margaret in the office, or Sheryl MacPhail.

#### **Donations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Shop**

Thank-you for your generous donations of good items to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Shop!

Our successful little shop serves many people in the community and is a great support for our church too.

**We happily accept the following items (if in very good condition, clean, complete, and working well):**

- In-style, in-season clothing and accessories
- Useful household items
- Decorative items
- Toys
- Small appliances
- Jewellery

**Kindly do not donate the following items (they seldom sell, leaving us (mainly seniors) to dispose of them):**

- Computers, TV's and electronics
- Cookbooks; and large or heavy books
- Old books, text books
- Sets of dishes
- Large, bulky, or heavy items
- Anything cracked, chipped, incomplete or worn-looking

**Drop in and see us any Thursday or Saturday morning. Thank-you!**

**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.

**Please check the notice board on the wall just inside the south oak doors where dates for our next upcoming events are posted!**

**January Finance Feature:**

**This is an apt time of year to focus on the cost of snow removal.** Unexpectedly we have had to arrange for another business to do snow ploughing since our regular person has taken ill. The cost for the season is now \$1000, but we are grateful to have been quoted such a reasonable rate. Shovelling of doorways, walks and steps is being done by another party at an hourly rate. Snow removal is a necessary expense that cannot be postponed or ignored. As always, if anyone chooses to contribute to these expenses, it will be both helpful and appreciated.

**From the Incumbent's Desk**

First of all, a very big thank you to everyone for the wonderful Christmas gifts for Stewart and I. You have made our first Christmas in Bradford a wonderful one. It was a joy as well celebrating this holy season with you, blending together your traditions and with some of my own. I hope this Christmas was a joyous time for you and your family as well.

As a new year begins it is typical to make new year's resolutions. Some of the most common are healthy habits - diet, exercise, or quitting a bad habit. Just as we need to attend to our physical health, we need to attend to our spiritual health. This is a great time to do a spiritual check-up, to reflect on our relationship with God and our spiritual practices or disciplines, like prayer, reading scripture and worship. There are a number of questions we can ask ourselves are part of a spiritual check-up.

Has my relationship with God changed in the last year? Has it deepened or do I feel more distanced from God? What factors influenced the change?

When did I feel most connected to God? What made me feel connected?

Which spiritual practices or disciplines were most helpful to me and my faith journey this year? How do I want to use the spiritual practices and disciplines to deepen my faith and understanding in the coming year? What do I need or need to do to make that happen?

This spiritual check-up is not meant to make us feel guilty for what we have not done, but to help us to know what we want from our spiritual life and to begin to make a plan so that we can continue to grow and deepen in our relationship with God. It can be as simple as creating a time and space to deepen our prayer life, or finding a reading plan for the bible that fits our lives. If you want to talk about it or are looking for ideas or resources, please ask. I may have the answer or exact resource you are looking for, but together I know we can find what you are looking for.

In this same vein the Study groups will be resuming Tuesday January 9 at 7:30 pm, and Thursday January 11 at 2 pm respectively. Tuesday evening we will be looking at Spiritual Discipline, and Thursday afternoons we will continue the lectionary bible study looking at the readings for the coming Sunday. The groups are organized so that you can come when you are able, so feel free to just show up for either group. For Lent, one of the groups (yet to be decided) will be using the study recommended by Archbishop Johnson "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John". More information will be come soon, but in the meantime you can let me know if you are interested so I can plan when the best time to run this study would be.

May we all continue to grow deeper in our faith and relationship with God through Jesus in 2018.

**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.

**You can follow Trinity Church on Facebook!**

**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.

**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.

**Service Schedule**

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

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month, 2 pm: Eucharist & Hymn Sing, Bradford Valley Seniors’ Residence

The next issue of “News from the Pews” will be Sunday, February 4, 2018.

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