

NEWS from the PEWS

Trinity Anglican Church, Bradford ON
Lent

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 4

- **After-church celebration refreshments:** a thank-you to Ann Spalding, retiring treasurer and a welcome to Frank Ferreira, our new treasurer.
- **Bradford Valley Eucharist and Hymn Sing, 2 pm.**

Tuesdays, March 6, 13 & 20 – **Lenten Study group, 7:30 pm.** Everyone is welcome. See further information below.

Wednesday, March 7

- **Soul Survivors, 7:30 pm.** Anyone affected by cancer or chronic illness is welcome to attend.
- **Compline, with anointing for healing and wholeness, 8:35 pm.**
- **Lenten Ecumenical Service, 7 pm at Bradford United Church,** with speaker the Revd. Dr. Stan Walker of St. John's Presbyterian Church. Light refreshments following the service. Everyone is welcome.

Thursdays, March 8, 15, & 22 – **Bible Study group, 2 pm.** Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, March 14

- **Trinity will host this week's Lenten Ecumenical Series service, 7 pm, with speaker Pastor Tim Walker from Bradford Baptist Church.** Please come and invite your friends and neighbours. Friends from various other denominations will be joining us here in our church for this service.
- **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. 2nd & 4th Wednesday each month. Contact: Ann Spalding,

Wednesday, March 21 – **Lenten Ecumenical service, 7 pm, at Bradford Baptist Church, with presenters Jodi Greenstreet, Executive Director Cross Trainers Canada, and Alanna Story (Indianapolis IN).** All welcome.

Saturday, March 24

- **Palm Cross Making, approx 10:15 am in the church kitchen.** Anyone interested in helping to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday may meet in the church kitchen. For time and information please contact Sandra Longthorne, 705 456 6138.
- **Ladies' Coffee Break, 11 am downstairs** (following palm cross making). Enjoy coffee, tea, treats and conversation with other ladies. All ladies are welcome. Contact: Lynn Woods

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25

– 10 am Holy Eucharist with the procession of the Palms. The beginning of Holy Week.

– The Rt. Rev. Peter DeC. Fenty, Area Bishop of York-Simcoe, will be with us at Trinity for his annual visit! A light lunch will follow the service, a time to visit with the Bishop.

Tuesday, March 27 – Holy Eucharist (said) 7 pm, Journey to Jerusalem

Wednesday, March 28 – Please note that Advisory Board will NOT meet on this date. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 25.

Maundy Thursday, March 29 – Liturgy, 7 pm, with solemn stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, March 30 – Stations of the Cross outdoors at 10 am, followed by Good Friday liturgy in the church at 10:45 am.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 31 – The Service of Light, 8 pm.

Easter Sunday, April 1 – The Sunday of the Resurrection. Holy Eucharist at 10 am.

Sunday, April 8 – Children's service. The children will lead the entire service.

Sunday, April 29 to Sunday May 13 – MacGregor Meat and Seafood fund raiser advance notice! Back by popular demand! You may wish to mark your calendar for this sale. Order forms will be emailed to parishioners and copies of the order forms will be available at church, closer to the fund raiser dates. Delivery of orders will be Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Bradford Leisure Centre.

CHURCH NEWS

Our annual Vestry meeting regarding the year 2017 was held Sunday, February 25 following the church service. We are pleased to introduce Patti Kergon and Cynthia Riley, our new deputy churchwardens; and Frank Ferreira, our new treasurer. It is also a pleasure to welcome Roger Sorensen and Stella Wadsworth as members of the Advisory Board. These folks are not new to the parish, but new to these positions. We are grateful to retiring churchwardens Sheryl MacPhail and Lorna Oldreive, and retiring treasurer Ann Spalding for their years of dedicated service. And we truly appreciate all those who are continuing in their various roles as church officers.

A special thank-you to Lorna Oldreive, Sandra and Fred Longthorne, and Gretchen Dewhirst for preparing the delicious lunch that followed last week's annual Vestry Meeting! What a great meal, and wonderful fellowship!

As part of our insurance requirements, it's time to update the church key registry. If anyone is holding a church key that is no longer required on a frequent or regular basis, the key(s) should be returned to Margaret. A loaner key may be signed out on a temporary basis as needed. No key is required to enter the church on Thursday or Saturday mornings from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm while the 2nd Hand Shop is open (south doors), or on Wednesdays from 9:30 until noon when the office is open (via north doors).

Study Groups

- **The Tuesday evening group meets at 7:30 pm** and is currently using the “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” study. Anyone is welcome to join whether they watch the videos or do the daily reflections.
- **The Thursday afternoon group meets at 2 pm**, and we will be continuing with our Lectionary Study looking at the readings for upcoming Sundays. Copies of the readings for the coming Sunday are always available in the Upper Room for the coming week’s study if you want to read them ahead, but also feel free to just drop in if you want to gain insight into the Sunday readings.

Ecumenical Lenten Series – 2018

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Again this year Trinity Church has been participating in the Ecumenical Lenten Series, with a service being held on five Wednesday evenings during Lent at a different church each week, in the style of that denomination, and with the speaker representing a church of another denomination. What a wonderful opportunity to join with our Christian brothers and sisters, and to see how we all celebrate our same God. Light refreshments will follow each of the services. All are welcome! Two services have already taken place. But we still have the opportunity to attend three more services, as follows:

March 7 - Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St, Bradford. Speaker, Revd. Dr. Stan Walker, St. John’s Presbyterian Church.

March 14 - Trinity Anglican, 62 Church St., Bradford. Speaker, Pastor Tim Walker, Bradford Baptist Church.

March 21 - Bradford Baptist Church, 3224 Sideroad 10, Bradford. Presenters, Jodi Greenstreet, Executive Director Cross Trainers Canada and Alanna Story (Indianapolis, IN).

From Rev. Dana.....

Sunday was my first vestry at Trinity and knowing that not everyone was able to be there, I wanted to share part of what I shared during the service. Over the last year we began building lasting relationships. I have learned about you, what is important to you, your history individually and together as a faith community. You have also learned about me, how I do things differently, and how I serve you differently than those who have gone before me. Looking to the next year and beyond, I want to continue to build on that, to deepen those relationships as we serve God together in this place at this time. As part of that I am proposing to undertake an all-member visitation. These visits can be in your home, at the church, or at a coffee shop, whatever works for you. I will be contacting you to make arrangements over the next year, a few each week starting in a few weeks.

In addition to continuing to get to know you and deepen our pastoral relationship, I have some specific questions I would like you to think about and to talk about when we visit:

What excites you about your faith, and living that out? Where do you experience God?

What are your dreams and visions for Trinity?

How can you help to bring those dreams and visions to fruition? What do you need from me?

I believe that God has a vision for who he wants us to be and for what he is calling us to do, as God says in Jeremiah, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11). We as God’s people are called to seek that vision, to seek God’s desire for us. As part of visiting with you I want to hear about where and what you think God might be calling Trinity to go and to do. Part of discerning God’s vision is the confirmation that comes from multiple people

having the same vision from God. I also want to hear how you think you can contribute to bringing that vision to fruition, because we need the gifts of the community if these dreams are to take on life. While ideas and visions are important, they also require hands and feet if they are to take on life. Each congregation is uniquely gifted and called, so what is God calling Trinity to at this time and in this place.

I am looking forward hearing how you think we can live into God’s vision for Trinity. Together may we seek and serve Jesus, loving and serving others in His name.

Peace and blessing,

Rev. Dana

Our new dishwasher will soon be installed, possibly by the time this newsletter goes out!

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, and arrives at your home monthly in the mail.

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.

A new look! Please drop in at our 2nd Hand Shop and see! We are very grateful for the generous donation of several very nice sets of shelving from a hobby shop that was closing. These shelves replace several tables, opening up our space and allowing us to display items nicely. Sincere thanks and appreciation to John Downey, of Hockley Valley Railroad train shop and gallery, in Alliston for this donation. Thanks to a few parishioners for arranging to get the shelves, providing a truck, and setting the shelves up in our shop.



A few of our newly acquired shelves and racks in 2nd Hand Shop

Photos by Barrie Schroeder

Trinity's 2nd Hand Shop

Thank-you for your generous donations of good items to the 2nd 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
clothing and accessories that are in-style & in-season
useful household items & decorative items
small toys, small appliances, jewellery
in very good condition only, clean, complete, and in good working order

Kindly do NOT donate the following items
They seldom sell, leaving our volunteers (mainly seniors) to find a way to dispose of them.
computers, TV's and electronics
cookbooks; large or heavy books; old books, text books
Sets of dishes
Large, bulky, or heavy items
Anything cracked, chipped, incomplete or worn-looking

Please drop in and see us any Thursday or Saturday morning.
Thank-you!

Trinity Church Borrowing Policy – If you would like to borrow any item from the church, you are requested to contact the secretary, Margaret, to ensure that the item will not be needed by the church at that time, and so that we can avoid searching high and low for an item when it is not here. Your consideration and help in this regard shall be much appreciated.

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 for dates of our upcoming events!

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.

"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.

Our main room downstairs may be rented for special occasions for \$100 per 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.

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

The next issue of “News from the Pews” will be Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

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