

NEWS from the PEWS

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FROM THE REGISTER

Deaths

Audrey Angevine passed into the nearer presence of God on September 22, 2018. A Celebration of Life was held at Trinity Church on October 1, with The Rev. Erin Martin officiating. Our deepest sympathy to Audrey's family.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7 – Bradford Valley Eucharist and Hymn Sing, 2 pm. All welcome.

Tuesday, October 9 – Evening Bible study, looking at some of Paul's letters, 7:30 to 9 pm

Thursday, October 11 – Afternoon Bible study, looking at the Sunday readings, 2 pm to 3:30

Friday, October 12 – Youth group Halloween Costume Party! Here at Trinity, for ages 11 to 15. 7 pm –9 pm. Wear your costumes! (No masks please!) A night of games, fun and prizes to be won! Cost: \$3 + a donation to the Food Bank. Contact: trinitybradford.youthgroup@gmail.com

Sunday, October 14 – Last call for orders for a 2019 Canadian Church Calendar. \$7 each. Prepaid orders only. To order please see Margaret Schroeder.

Wednesday, October 24– Advisory Board meeting, 7:24 pm. All church officers are requested to attend. Any interested parishioners are welcome to sit in and observe at any Advisory Board meeting.

Saturday October 27

– **Bradford Prayer Breakfast,** “Praying through testimony and music”, 8:30 am. At St. John's Presbyterian Church. Tickets \$10 and will be available from Rev. Dana or the church office.

– **Ladies Coffee Break,** 11 am downstairs. All ladies welcome.

Wednesday, October 31 – Halloween – For the second year Trinity will be shelling out for Halloween. Last year we saw approximately 50 children come to the church, many families from the surrounding neighbourhood, but who have never interacted with the church before. We will be there from 6-8 pm at the James Street doors with candy for children and hot beverages for parents. Washrooms will also be available. If you have children trick-or-treating in town please stop by and let your friends and neighbours know as well. An additional volunteer that evening would be appreciated, if you can help for any part of the evening please let Rev. Dana know.

Sunday, October 28 – Please return your completed Offering Pledges for 2019 by this date. A letter and pledge form will be emailed to parishioners this coming week from trinitybradford@hotmail.ca Hard copies will be available at church also. The information you provide is needed by the wardens for planning the 2019 Budget.

Saturday, November 3 – Men’s Breakfast, 9 am. All men in the parish are welcome to come for a great breakfast and good fellowship. Please note the date on your calendar!

November 17 – an Area Farewell event, for retiring Archbishop Colin Johnson and his wife Ellen, including an Evensong service and reception, hosted at All Saints, King City, 2 to 5 pm.

CHURCH NEWS

Look at all the special events that have taken place since our last issue of “News from the Pews”.....

* For the annual Lions Car Draw event in early September, a crew from Trinity prepared and served all the food for a few thousand people! What a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and community involvement!

* Our BBQ Steak Dinner was September 14! Many volunteers stepped up to help. Parishioners and folks from the community enjoyed a mouth-watering meal! We have received so many excellent reports!

* Trinity hosted the York Regional Police Men’s Chorus which was a big success, and enjoyed by all who attended on the Sunday afternoon of Sept. 16.

* Ladies Coffee Break continues to be enjoyed by the ladies who drop by for tea/coffee and an hour of chit chat. It is fun to have a casual time together with no agenda, no meetings, no fund raising— just a friendly gathering. The most recent Coffee Break was Saturday, September 22. Next Ladies Coffee Break: Sat., Oct. 27 at 11 am.

* Our Fellowship Lunch: a delicious feast of cold cuts, salads and desserts was enjoyed by those who stayed after the service September 23. Thanks to the volunteers who made and donated the food. It was good!

* Blessing the Animals took place on the sunny afternoon of September 23, on the church patio. Rev. Dana blessed a number of dogs and a bearded dragon who were in attendance with their pet parents, and prayed for a cat who was unable to attend. It was fun to see the different kinds and sizes and colours of the dogs, and have a chance to touch the dragon.

* The MacGregor Meat and Seafood Sale was on during the last two weeks of September. Once or twice a year we have the opportunity to buy quality meats and seafood at good prices.

We thank the leaders of the above events, and all who helped, and all who participated/attended.

From the Incumbent's desk

Greetings as we move into the fall and the resumption of our various programs. This month I want to share with you some various programs and opportunities.

Study group

We will be embarking on a new nine-week study starting October 16, "Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth" which is a DVD and discussion study. Over the years many Christians have struggled with how science and faith fit together, if at all. In this study, each week a different expert or scientist will consider if and how religion and science might coexist and even complement one another in the 21st century, looking at different topics such as Creation and Evolution, Hope and the End of the World, and Genetics. All are welcome to be part of this study, whether for the whole nine weeks or only one or two as you are able.

Prayer Breakfast

The Christian Churches of Bradford are hosting a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday October 27 at St. John's Presbyterian Church and invite everyone to attend. It has been a few years since the last time that such an event was hosted in Bradford. Building on the popular Lenten Series that the churches have been presenting together, we are planning a time of inspiration and prayer. We begin with breakfast at 8:30 am followed by a series of three short stories on Faith, Marriage and Family and Poverty and Unemployment, which will each be followed by prayer relating to the theme and singing as a transition to the next theme. There will also be time to offer your prayers written or short spoken prayers. The morning will wrap-up by 10 am. Tickets are only \$10 and will be available from me before the event.

Opportunity: Community Seminars

One of the suggestions that has come up as I have been making my parish wide visits is community seminars. The idea is to host various speakers or presentations that are interest to the wider community, using our gift for hospitality that is seen so readily in the various meals and receptions that we host, as well as our groups like Krafty Knitters. We are occasionally contacted by people and organizations offering presentations on topics such as mobility devices, or coping with anxiety. I also know churches that have hosted seminars on making final preparations such as pre-planning your funeral, wills and end of life decisions. These types of seminars are a great way to connect with the wider community around us. At the same time there would need to be a small group who took on the coordinated the seminars, including arranging the speakers, advertising, hosting and providing light refreshments. If this is something that you think you might be interested in or would like to explore further, please speak with me.

If you have questions or would like more information about any of these programs please contact me.

Rev. Dana

Finance Feature for October

It is one thing to be prepared for regular expenses such as utilities and regular maintenance, but unexpected costs pop up from time to time. Funds need to be available to pay for such expenses when they arise. Recent adjustments were required in the church kitchen for the installation of the new electric stoves. Thankfully there were sufficient funds in the Capital Account to pay for this work. Without a crystal ball it is impossible to say what will be needed next— but if we can keep a cushion in the Capital Account, we will be in good stead. Thank-you for keeping up with offerings, directing some of them to the Capital Account, and helping with fundraisers!

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.

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.

To place flowers by the chancel steps for any Sunday morning service, in memoriam or other reason, please contact Sandra Longthorne, 705 456 6138. A donation of \$35 or more is requested (if special flowers are requested a larger donation may be needed). Flower money allows the Altar Guild to provide fresh flowers each week, as well as communion wine and wafers, candles and other items.

If it is difficult for you to go up for Communion, you are encouraged to let the sides person know before the service so that Communion can be taken to you in your pew.

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

Large print copies of prayer books and hymns books are available on the shelf under the table near the top of the stairs. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please ask a sides person to help you.

You can follow Trinity Church on Facebook!

Our main room downstairs may be rented for special occasions for \$100 per day, or part day. Insurance is mandatory and may be easily purchased through the Diocese’s insurance company at a very reasonable rate, starting at about \$35. For rental information or to book the room, please contact Margaret, the secretary.

When a parishioner is hospitalized, it would be helpful if the patient, a family member, or close friend would let us know, as well as the legal name so that we can find them. 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.

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

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