

# NEWS from the PEWS

Trinity Anglican Church, Bradford ON  
Lent – Easter

April 7, 2019

Volume 10, number 6

---

## FROM THE REGISTER

### Deaths

**Joe MacPherson passed away at Simcoe Manor on Wednesday, March 13.** Joe was a regular at Trinity Church for many decades, and his presence is greatly missed. He was predeceased by his wife Phyllis several years ago. A memorial service took place at Skwarchuk's funeral home on Sunday, March 24, with Rev. Dana officiating.

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, April 7 – Bradford Valley Eucharist and Hymn Sing, 2 pm.** All welcome to come and sing, and bring a warm smile to the residents!

### Tuesday, April 9

– **Evening study group, 7:30 to 9 pm.** Last session on the topic: “Animate Faith”. Worship, followed by fellowship and study.

### Wednesday, April 10

– **Krafty Knitters meet, 2 to 4 pm, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of each month. All welcome. Instruction available.**  
– **Final service of the 2019 Ecumenical Lenten series, 7:30 pm, Holy Martyrs R. C. Church, Rev. Dana preaching.**

**Thursday, April 11 – Afternoon Bible Study, 2 pm to 3:30 pm (every Thursday). Topic: Biblical History.**

**Friday, April 12 – The Altar Guild will be making palm crosses for Palm Sunday, 9 am.** Contact: Sandra Longthorne.

**Wednesday, April 17 – Wardens Meeting, 7:30 pm.** If you have ideas or concerns or projects that you wish the wardens to discuss at their meeting, or give approval to, please see the article further down the newsletter.

**Thursday, April 18 – No Bible Study as this is Maundy Thursday.**

**Easter Sunday, April 21 – McGregor Meat Sale begins.** Orders will need to be in by Sunday, May 5. Catalogs and order forms will be available soon.

**Wednesday, April 24 – Advisory Board meeting, 7:24 pm.** Interested parishioners are welcome to sit in on any meeting to observe. (usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

**Friday, April 26 – Roast Beef Dinner. Two sittings, at 4:30 and 6 pm.** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, peas, turnip, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, tea and juice. \$20 each, children 10 years and under \$10 each. Tickets available at church and from Sheryl MacPhail, 905 775 3134 or Lorna Oldreive, 905 853 8170.

**Saturday, April 27 – Ladies Coffee Break, 11 am.** All ladies welcome for tea/coffee, goodies, and chit-chat.

**Saturday, May 4 – Bishop Andrew Asbil’s Town Hall meeting,** at St. Paul’s Newmarket, at 10 am. **Everyone is invited to attend.** Please see below for information on Bishop Asbil’s Town Hall meetings.

<b>Holy Week Services</b>			
Palm/Passion Sunday	April 14	10 am	with palm procession
Tuesday in Holy Week	April 16	7:30 pm	Taize service
Maundy Thursday	April 18	7:30 pm	Ritual washing of feet, and stripping of church
Good Friday	April 19	10 am	Stations of the Cross, outdoors
		10:45 am	Good Friday liturgy in the church
Holy Saturday	April 20	8 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter, Service of Light
Easter	April 21	10 am	The Sunday of the Resurrection!

### CHURCH NEWS

**Note to church keyholders:** Our key registration is updated annually to comply with insurance requirements and for security. As we have a limited quantity of numbered keys, unless you require your church key or keys on a frequent and current basis, kindly return them. A loaner key may be signed out for occasional use. Margaret will accept returned keys and record their return.

**How do we let the community know about Trinity Church?** We take advantage of social media and magazine advertising. This has proven to be quite effective, and most are free. Cynthia Riley reports that we have many ‘visits’ to Trinity’s website, and Rev. Dana reports a good following on Facebook. Some of the media options have deadlines in which to submit our information, as follows:

<b>Media</b>	<b>Deadline for submissions</b>
Simcoe.com online events calendar; Topic newspaper– Free	monthly
Month Ahead magazine – Free	8 <sup>th</sup> day of the previous month
Lake Simcoe Living magazine – Free	Jan. 15 for spring issue; April 15 for summer issue; July 15 for autumn; Oct. 15 for winter.
BradfordToday.ca – Free	Wednesday/Thursday
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury events calendar – Free	as required
Facebook	
Snap’d magazine – Free	
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca	

**\$5.00 per person is the rate established by the TARTS for catering a reception in our church hall.** In case you are wondering, the TARTS are “Trinity Anglican Church Refreshment Team”! Contact: Sandra Longthorne

**Our gardens around the church need your help.**

We require your assistance to help with spring clean-up and ongoing garden maintenance throughout the year. The garden work can be done with a group or on your own. You can work in the gardens in the early morning, after supper or whenever the weather permits. Your help is needed and appreciated; any amount of time you can give is helpful. If you need guidance to determine which plants are weeds and which are plants/flowers, please ask. The initial clean up involves removing all dead leaves, stems, garbage, weeds, etc., and bagging the debris. Please bring your own gardening tools, gloves, paper garden bags, etc. We would like to have the gardens cleaned up by Good Friday. Please contact me to sign up and help this gardening season at [sandralongthorne@rogers.com](mailto:sandralongthorne@rogers.com) or (705) 456-6138. Thank you. *Sandra Longthorne*

**Seeking to Serve**

*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*  
(Matthew 25:40).

**We need to know more, so we can serve better!** At the annual meeting, the Vestry of Trinity Bradford passed a social justice motion, to inventory the outreach work done by the Trinity Church community. Our goal is to identify gaps in our community where we could serve the people around us. We know Trinity and its people already do important work in our community, but we have come to realize that we are not entirely sure what all that we are doing!

With this question in mind, an Outreach Committee has been formed to inventory our current activities, and identify opportunities for growth. As a first step, we are asking people to let us know where they are volunteering in the community now – either officially as a parish ministry, or informally.

**We want to hear from you!** We are interested in how people are spending their time helping others. For example, are you working with people in poverty? Who are isolated or lonely, sick physically or mentally, elderly or vulnerable? Do you volunteer at the food bank, help people who are new to the community, or who are recently released from custody? How about children? Are you involved reconciliation or outreach work with our First Peoples? We want to hear from you?

**Please help us build our inventory!** Ann Spalding has generously offered to receive and collate the information. You can contact her by email at [annspalding@rogers.com](mailto:annspalding@rogers.com) , or by phone at **905-775-5904**.

The Outreach Committee will be reporting back later this spring about our findings, and next steps.

**Phone Tree** – Just a reminder that our Church has a “phone tree”. It is activated a few times per year for important messages such as a change in information, cancellation, or death announcement. Parishioners who do not have email can receive important messages from the church in this way. Contact person: Sheryl MacPhail

**Quarterly Kouriers help save money on postage** by delivering occasional letters, tax receipts etc. to a few parishioners who live on their street or nearby, who have not picked up their letter from the church. This happens only a few times per year. More Kouriers are needed; please contact Sheryl MacPhail if you can help.

### **From the Incumbent's Desk**

Easter is only a few weeks away. It is one of the busiest times in the Church Year, but for me also one of the most meaningful because the death and resurrection of Jesus is central to our faith as Christians. At Christmas we celebrate that God became man when Jesus was born in a stable, and as wonderful as his birth was it was only the beginning. Jesus' ministry was only the last three years of his life, in his case about 10% of his life, but it is the primary focus of our Gospels culminating in his arrest, death and resurrection, with a few brief stories from the days immediately after his resurrection until his ascension 40 days later. During the three years of public ministry Jesus taught about God, about God's love for us, he invited people from every walk of life to become part of his kingdom, teaching what that might mean for how we live.

His death was the ultimate sign of God's love, through which we are offered forgiveness, and his resurrection three days later is a sign of God's promise and hope for us to live in relationship with God fully reconciled. The days surrounding his death and resurrection are so meaningful that we slow down and reflect on them from different angles during Holy Week. You will find in this newsletter, as well as the Easter letter, a detailed list of the services. I would invite you plan to attend as many of those services as possible, immersing yourself in events. As well, I want to challenge every person to invite someone else (preferably who does not attend another church) to at least one service. The most obvious is Good Friday and Easter Sunday as the remembrance of Jesus' death and the celebration of his resurrection. My favourite service is actually the Vigil on Saturday evening when we hear a series of Old Testament readings that set Jesus' resurrection in the context of God's ongoing redemption of humanity, before we re-affirm our baptismal promises and celebrate communion together.

One of the challenges I think we face with Easter is the inevitable, "what now?" Having remembered and celebrated, where do we go and what do we do next? It was a challenge the disciples faced as well. Jesus was raised from the dead, and it was exciting but it was also challenging because life could not go back to the way it was before, but they really didn't know what would come next or what they were to do next. We are not much different from the Early Church, asking so what's next, how are we to respond to this amazing event, where are we to go and what are we to do? If Lent is about preparing for Easter, how does it prepare us for what comes after Easter?

Reflecting on Jesus' ministry, I am struck by the way that encounters with Jesus are transformational, as people from every walk of life are changed through these encounters. In John's gospel we have everyone from Nicodemus a leader of the Jews who comes by night and who Jesus challenges, to a Samaritan woman and man born blind, both outsiders for different reasons whom Jesus invites into relationship. In each case when they encounter Jesus their lives are changed in exciting ways. Their lives were never the same, they were changed for the better and they in turn made an impact on others, that's why we remember them. Throughout Jesus' ministry he constantly challenged people to move outside of their comfort zone, whether it was leaving known and comfortable lives to follow him (i.e., disciples, Zacchaeus), or feeding thousands with a few fish and loaves (Luke 9:13), or to go ahead of him proclaiming the kingdom of God has come near (i.e., Luke 10:1-11).

As we celebrate Easter this year, celebrating how Jesus comes to set us free and give us new life, may we also ask ourselves, so what's next? The disciples, like those who encountered Jesus in his ministry, were changed by their encounters with the risen Lord. We who too are called to be changed, to be transformed by our experience and by our encounter with the risen Lord. Jesus practiced a pattern with the disciples of learning and sending, of going and returning to reflect on their experience, of being disciples and making disciples. He calls us into the same pattern. So as we come to the end our Lenten journey and the empty tomb, where is Jesus sending you? Where is he sending us as a faith community? Out into the world as his disciples, to serve others, to share God's love and grace?

May the coming Holy Week and Easter season be life-transforming for you, and may you go forth to love and serve the Lord, loving and serving others in His name.

**Financial Feature for April – Our Accessible Lift**

Recently our lift was inspected by the Technical Standard and Safety Authority (TSSA), the licensing and safety inspection agency of the Ontario Government. The inspection revealed a necessary repair that must be completed within a given timeline, at a cost of \$1600 + tax. As we had not budgeted for this expense, we will need to find the funds for it from somewhere else in our budget which may require cutting back or eliminating other planned expenses.

**A few other things to note about our lift...**

The annual inspection and maintenance contract: \$837.34 + HST

Having this lift is an important part of our being an accessible facility. We want to encourage people to use it as the more it is used, the better it is for it. In the 20+ years we have had the lift there have been a few incidents of the lift becoming stuck. For this reason, we remind people never to ride in the elevator when there is no one else in the building. If you have items to bring up or down, you can use the lift and call it to the appropriate floor without riding in it.

Due to the cost of service calls, we have looked into whether we could save the cost of a service call, a minimum of \$372.38 + HST, if there was an emergency, by being trained to evacuate the lift. But the training is cost prohibitive.

In the rare case where you may experience a lift breakdown while someone is in it, the following course of action is recommended:

1. If the person is experiencing a medical emergency call 911
2. If no emergency, check the breaker for the elevator, as it has been tripped in the past. The breaker is in the closet between the Sunday School Room and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Shop, where the chairs and tables are stored and is marked as elevator.
3. If the breaker is fine, you will need to call Precision Elevator, whose phone number is posted inside and outside the lift. They will arrive in about 45 minutes. Please try to keep the person inside calm.

If the breakdown happens with no one in the lift, please inform a warden or the church office to assess the situation and make the necessary calls.

### **Bishop Asbil's Town Hall Meetings**

Bishop Andrew Asbil is holding five town hall meetings in early May to hear from lay people in every episcopal area about their hopes, fears and dreams for their parishes and the diocese. With clergy gathering in late May at their Clergy Conference, Bishop Asbil says he wants to have a similar chance to get to know the laity.

“It’s an opportunity for me as the new Diocesan to just be able to say words of encouragement and ask questions of the community of leaders, and for leaders to be able to voice where their hopes and aspirations are, as well as their anxieties,” he says. “Large crowds and small crowds are settings that I find really encouraging and give a lot of energy.”

The town hall scheduled for our Area is St. Paul’s Newmarket on Saturday May 4 at 10 am, but you can attend any of the locations as fits your schedule.

- Wednesday, May 1 at 2 p.m. at St. James Cathedral (Cathedral Centre lecture room)
- Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at St. Bride, Clarkson
- Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew, Scarborough
- **Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul, Newmarket**
- Saturday, May 4 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul, Uxbridge

With no formal agenda or concrete objectives, Bishop Asbil says his goal is simply to have an open dialogue.

There is no charge, but for planning purposes for the light refreshments, you are asked to register online at the following link. If you have any problems registering, please speak to Rev. Dana.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eg5zohe5222b4760&llr=zulsehqab>

### **Cheque Requisition Procedure**

Do you need to submit a request for a cheque for reimbursement or on behalf of Trinity? To make it easier we have placed a set of hanging folders on the wall outside the church office so that everyone can access the forms as needed. There are three folders.

1. The top folder contains blank forms and a list of the common accounts with examples, for which parishioners would be submitting a form. Please fill out the form with the account name and number. As indicated on the list if you do not see an appropriate account or are unsure please speak to a warden or Rev. Dana for assistance.
2. Completed forms go in the middle box. If there is a hard deadline, such as a fundraiser, please be sure to let us know ahead of time so that arrangements can be made so that the cheque can be written and signed in time.
3. Cheques, when they are completed will be placed in the bottom folder for pickup.

**Do you have ideas or concerns or projects that you wish the wardens to discuss or give approval to?** Your Trinity Anglican Leadership team of the Wardens, Deputy Wardens and Rev. Dana prefer to deal with these issues at our regularly scheduled meetings to allow for discussion and decisions to be made when possible. We normally meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, so please let us know *before* that date to allow us to respond in a timely fashion. Please note: in May we will be meeting a week early on Wednesday May 8.

**Trinity's 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Shop shop is open Thursday and Saturday mornings, 9:30 to 12:30. Please drop in!** Good used clothing; household items; toys; and misc. items are available at very reasonable prices. Donations of same are welcome, but they must be in excellent and clean condition, and complete. Our volunteers are mostly seniors, and space is limited, and so we are unable to accommodate heavy, large or bulky items. We do not take cookbooks, large books, electronics, magazines as they do not sell.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Shop** could use a few more volunteers for some Thursday and/or Saturday mornings. If you are free to help for a few hours once a week, or from time to time, we will be pleased to hear from you! The shop is an outreach to the community and a source of income to the church.

**Final notice: The Anglican Journal is the national newspaper of the Anglican Church of Canada.** It is published 10 times a year and carries 19 regional newspapers that provide important local information for Anglican dioceses. The website of the Anglican Journal — [anglicanjournal.com](http://anglicanjournal.com) — keeps visitors informed with daily news of interest to Anglicans across Canada and around the world. **If you wish to continue to receive** the Anglican Journal (and any diocesan paper mailed with it) please complete the confirmation form on the website <https://www.anglicanjournal.com> Alternatively, you could leave a message at this toll-free number: 1 866 333 0959. Please include your name, address and phone number.

N.B. If they do not hear from you, your subscription will come to an end with the June 2019 issue.

**Interested parishioners are welcome to sit in and observe at any Advisory Board meeting.** Copies of Minutes of the monthly meetings are available on the table under the bell tower. Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm, downstairs. (except July and December)

**Sunday Morning Coffee – something many of us look forward to as we mingle and chat in the Upper Room each Sunday after the service** – but we need a few more volunteers to take a turn setting it up, putting out a few goodies, and clearing it away after. Guidance is readily available. This ministry requires very little time commitment, and can be done as often or as seldom as suits your schedule. It involves no 'homework' or meetings!

**The Projection Team** is seeking more people to be part of this important ministry. It can be just running it Sundays mornings, or programming it as well. This could be community hours for high school students. Please speak with Stewart or Sandra if you have questions or are interested. Training is provided.

**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.

**Pre-authorized giving is a convenient way to support the church. To arrange PAG or to be assigned 2019 offering envelopes** please speak with Bonnie Connolly, envelope secretary.

**Please note! Before borrowing any items from the church,** please speak with Margaret, the church secretary.

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

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

**To place flowers at 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 required). Flower money allows the Altar Guild to provide fresh flowers each week, as well as communion wafers and wine, candles and other necessary items.

**Large print prayer books and hymn books** are available under the table near the top of the stairs. If you need help finding them, please ask a sides person.

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

**The main room downstairs may be rented for special occasions for \$100 per day, or part thereof.** Insurance is mandatory and may be 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 the church 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 patient's 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** 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, May 5, 2019.

Church Secretary & Organist: Margaret Schroeder, [margaret22sch@gmail.com](mailto:margaret22sch@gmail.com)

Churchwardens: Meghan White, Cynthia Riley

Deputy Churchwardens: Patricia Kergon, Roger Sorensen

Incumbent Priest: The Rev. Dana Dickson

The Parish of Trinity Bradford

62 Church Street, P. O. Box 282

Bradford ON L3Z 2A8

905 775 2200

[trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca](http://trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca)