

# NEWS from the PEWS

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## FROM THE REGISTER

### BAPTISMS, Sunday, May 26

Michael Francis Prosser, son of Aaron & Michelle Harwood  
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*Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 2

- **Outreach meeting following the service.** Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Holy Eucharist and hymn sing and at Bradford Valley, 2 pm.** Everyone welcome.

**Tuesdays, June 4 and 11 – Tuesday evening study group, 7:30 pm.** Worship, followed by fellowship and study. This study group will break for the summer after June 11.

### Wednesday, June 5

- **Soul Survivors group meets at 7:30 pm.** For anyone affected by cancer or chronic illness.
- **Compline and anointing** for healing wholeness at 8:35 pm.

**Friday, June 7 – Ham dinner** with a variety of salads, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea, lemonade and desserts. Two sittings: 4:30 or 6 pm. \$17 per person. Children 10 and under \$7 each. Tickets: Sheryl, 905 775 3134 or Lorna, 905 853 8170 and after church on Sunday. The **Silent Auction** has many wonderful items to see and bid on. Donations of brand new items for the auction are appreciated. If you have something to donate please speak with Sheryl MacPhail.

### Sunday, June 9

- **The Day of Pentecost – Remember to wear red!** the liturgical colour for this feast day, representing the coming of the Holy Spirit to the people. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.” *BAS page 345*
- **St. Paul’s Coulson’s Hill Cemetery annual service, 2 pm, in the cemetery.** You may wish to bring a lawn chair, sun hat, and sun glasses. If weather is not suitable the service will be in Trinity Church. Everyone is invited.

**Wednesdays, June 12 & 26 – Krafty Knitters, 2 to 4 pm, downstairs.** All welcome. Instruction available.

**Sunday, June 16 – Rev. Dana will provide a Teaching Eucharist, 10 am.** Have you wondered about what we do and why in our worship services? Have you wondered about how various prayers, readings and hymns are chosen? Did you know that there are many alternatives and variations authorized in Anglican Church of Canada? This year our Teaching Eucharist will not only provide some background for the shape and rationale behind our worship, but also explore some of the changes or alternatives that have been authorized, and expose us to a sampling from the last 35 years.

**Wednesday, June 19 – The Churchwardens meet at 7:30 pm. 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.

**Friday, June 21 – All Ages Games Night.** Come for the whole evening, or drop in for awhile! Building on our Games Night in March, we are hosting another one on Friday June 21. There are conventional games like “Chutes and Ladders”, card games like Cribbage or Euchre and some new games like Farkle (a variation on Yahtzee) and Exploding Kittens (it is not really what it sounds like). You can also bring a game to teach and share with other. Invite your friends and family and plan to join the fun. Doors open at 6:30 pm and we plan to end at 10 pm.

**Sunday, June 23 – Children will be leading the service, followed by our church picnic, with a hot dog lunch and games. As always, everyone welcome!**

**Wednesday, June 26 – Advisory Board meeting, 7:26 pm. Interested parishioners are welcome to sit in and observe.**

**During the month of June you are invited to nominate your favourite well-known hymns for the summer evening Hymn Sing, which will take place Wednesday, August 21 at 7:30 pm.** The hymns can be from any of the four hymn books we have at Trinity: Common Praise, 1938 Hymn Book, Songs for a Gospel People or The Gather Book. A copy of each hymn book is available in the Upper Room. The most-nominated hymns will make it onto the list of hymns for the Hymn Sing program. Just drop your nominations into the Hymn Sing box in the Upper Room! During July you will receive an invitation to the event and a list of the hymns that will be on the program. *If desired, for a donation in any amount you may dedicate any of the hymns on the list— in memoriam, in thanksgiving, or perhaps just because you like it!* As always, *all donations* to the Hymn Sing go direct to necessary repairs and maintenance of our church building. Our goal this year is the refurbishing of the concrete porch and steps at the south entrance of the church. Following the Hymn Sing, all are invited to enjoy delicious ice cream sundaes. The ice cream is being donated by 3 Scoops Ice Cream Shop. Everyone is welcome to come and sing!

**Monday to Friday, August 12 to 16 – Vacation Bible School, for children in Jr. K and up. “Maker’s Fun Factory”! Registrations are being accepted now! Please email [trinitybradfordvbs@gmail.com](mailto:trinitybradfordvbs@gmail.com) to register your child.**

**Saturday, August 17 – Trinity Church will have a booth at Carrotfest.** We will need a few volunteers of various ages to be present at the booth a few hours during the day, and a few more to help with set up and take down.

**Saturday, September 7 – Save the date for the Lions’ Car Draw!** Trinity will again have a team to prepare and serve the meal for this community event. Our work at this annual event is a fund raiser for our church, and volunteers will be needed for three shifts throughout the day and evening. Details will come closer to the time.

### CHURCH NEWS

**Gardening at the church** – After several years of dedication to the gardens and grounds of Trinity Church, Sandra is stepping down. Our sincere thanks to Sandra for tending the gardens so well, and for so long. And now we are looking for people to carry on this work and keep our church grounds looking attractive. Sandra is willing to give some guidance if required. If you are able to take on anything, e.g. edging, trimming, dead-heading flowers, etc. please let us know. The season is upon us already!

**The grass cutting sign-up page for volunteers has been posted in the Upper Room.** If you can help with cutting or trimming any week(s) during the grass cutting season, your help will be appreciated, and will help the church to save money. We have one dedicated volunteer to start the season, but after that we need more volunteers. Contact: Fred or Sandra Longthorne.

**The Thursday afternoon study group is taking a break now for the summer and will resume in the fall.**

#### REFUGEE UPDATE

It’s almost time! The next five refugees - Feryal and her adult daughter Yasameen, plus Birnard, Sawsan, and their daughter Maryam (age 11) will all arrive on Thursday, June 13. And we are almost ready - the furniture is set up at the house, and a last cleaning is the last step before they arrive. Thank you to all who have put countless hours into moving, cleaning, donating furniture, and countless other tasks.

Meanwhile, Mazin is progressing well in his study of English as a second language. He is working evening shift at a factory in Vaughan to make time for his studies. The family is very excited to see his family again, and have been busy working with us to get the home ready.

The last group - Fadil, wife Tamar, and son Afram (age 9) are expected late this year.

#### YOU CAN HELP!

- We still need volunteer drivers to help shuttle people to appointments. Please contact Bill White if you are interested in helping by putting your name on the roster.
- cleaning and furnishing help is needed. Please contact Gretchen Dewhirst if you can help.
- we are also still short one dresser. Pickup provided.

#### FINANCIAL FEATURE FOR JUNE

Summer is coming! Are you going to be away any Sundays? Many of us plan to have time away during the summer, but just like at home, expenses at the church never take a holiday. They continue without a break. Please remember to make up missed offerings for weeks that you are not here. One option is to leave post-dated cheques in the office, or another suggestion is to give offerings in advance. Your thoughtfulness shall be appreciated and will help us to keep on top of expenses.

**From Rev. Dana – Looking Ahead to General Synod**

Every three years delegates from every diocese across Canada gather for General Synod, the governing body of the national church. In 2016 they gathered in our diocese, meeting in Richmond Hill where we as a diocese also meet our Synods. This summer from July 10-16 they will gather in Vancouver. The delegates for synod are all of the bishops, and as well each diocese elects and sends clergy and lay delegates.

While there are many motions and items of business that General Synod will undertake this year, there are two significant pieces of work I want to highlight and ask for your prayers. First, the second vote on the Changes to the Marriage Canon and second, the election of a new Primate or national bishop.

Three years ago, when General Synod met, they voted for the first time on changes to the Marriage Canon (Law) of the Anglican Church of Canada that would allow for Same Gender Marriage, building upon the blessing we currently offer. The change would also require diocesan approval and whatever process they decide on for implementation. There have been small steps in the past, in fact there has been over 30 years of conversation and debate. For some the process has taken too long, and for others it has moved too fast in the wrong direction. This issue has been the predominate issue of national and diocesan synods throughout those years.

The discussion, debate and finally the vote in 2016 was an emotional experience. As a volunteer at General Synod 2016 I was there for much of the debate and watched the roller-coaster of events as at first the motion for changes seemed to be defeated and then it passed by the slimmest of margins. One of the challenges is that it does not require a simple majority but a 2/3 majority in each of the houses or levels of laity, clergy and bishops. As well, an issue of doctrinal, the motion to change it also requires passing at two successive General Synods, so this year will be the second vote. In the ensuing 3 years the dialogue has continued, with discussion at each of our two diocesan synods, dialogue in the National House of Bishops about how to deal with the outcome regardless of which way the vote goes, and processes at all levels seeking to engage those on both sides of this issue in listening to one another. Undoubtedly, this will be another emotional dialogue and vote. The outcome of the second vote is far from assured as delegates have changed from three years ago, particularly in the National House of Bishops which has seen significant changes in the past 3 years. Your prayers for the process, for compassionate listening and for wisdom in moving forward whichever way this vote goes, are encouraged and appreciated.

The second and also very important piece of work for General Synod 2019 is the election of the Primate, our national bishop. Archbishop Fred Hiltz has served as the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada for 12 years and will be retiring at the end of this General Synod. It is the National House of Bishops who are responsible for nominating candidates from within their own ranks for election. At their meeting in March the National House of Bishops, after prayerful consideration nominated the following:

The Right Reverend **Jane Alexander** of the Diocese of Edmonton;

The Most Reverend **Ron Cutler** of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada;

The Most Reverend **Gregory Kerr-Wilson** of the Diocese of Calgary and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land;

The Right Reverend **Linda Nicholls** of the Diocese of Huron; and

The Right Reverend **Michael Oulton** of the Diocese of Ontario.

When it comes to voting, it is only the clergy and laity who vote, unless there is a deadlock between the final two candidates for 3 ballots, then the bishops, who have not been present, will vote. The election will be at Christ Church Cathedral on July 13, with the installation of the new Primate on July 16 as part of the closing worship. Please pray for the candidates who have offered themselves for this ministry and for the delegates who will elect them.

For information about the candidates or to sign up for updates on General Synod you can go to <https://gs2019.anglican.ca> As we approach General Synod I ask that you uphold all the delegates, including Kit Woods (Gretchen Dewhirst’s daughter) and all of the work that they have been and will be doing in guiding and directing the Anglican Church of Canada in the next three years and beyond.

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**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.

**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:

Media	Deadline for submissions
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	print version 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of previous month
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

**Trinity’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Shop shop is open Thursday and Saturday mornings, 9:30 to 12:30.** Good used clothing; household items; toys; and misc. items are available at very reasonable prices. Donations of same are welcome, but only if in excellent and clean condition, and complete. As our volunteers are mostly seniors, and space is limited, we are unable to accommodate heavy, large or bulky items. Please— no cookbooks, large books, electronics, or magazines as these do not sell, leaving us to find a way to dispose of them. **If you may be interested in helping in the shop for a few hours once a week, or from time to time, please speak with Sheryl MacPhail.**

**Note to church keyholders:** Since we have a limited quantity of numbered keys, unless you require your church key on a frequent and current basis, kindly return it. A loaner key may be signed out for occasional use. Margaret will accept and record the return of keys.

**Our Church has a “phone tree”** that 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. A few more ‘phoners’ would be helpful. Contact person: Sheryl MacPhail

**“Volunteer Couriers”** is the team of volunteers who help us save money on postage by delivering occasional letters to parishioners who live near them, if they have not picked up their letter from the church. This happens only a few times per year. If you can help with a few deliveries, please contact Sheryl MacPhail.

**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 do need a few more volunteers to take a turn from time to time 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!

**Anyone may have flowers placed at the chancel steps for a Sunday morning service, in memoriam or other reason.** Please contact Sandra Longthorne of the Altar Guild, 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, and provides wafers and wine for communion, beeswax candles, and other necessary items such as silver polish, and care of the fair linens.

**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.

**The Projection Team could use a few more volunteers** 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.

**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, July 7, 2019.

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