

NEWS from the PEWS

Trinity Anglican Church, Bradford ON
The Season of Pentecost

Sunday, September 8, 2019

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FROM THE REGISTER

Deaths

With sadness we announce the passing of Michael Artichuk on Thursday, August 29. Our sympathy and prayers are with his wife Susanne, their children, grandchildren and family. Friends may be received at Trinity Church for a memorial visitation on Wednesday, September 11, from 10 am until the time of a celebration of Michael's life at 11 am. A reception downstairs will follow the service. Michael will be missed by many friends at Trinity Church.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 7

- **A team from Trinity will again be preparing and serving the meal for the annual Lions' Car Draw event**, and volunteers are needed! Please see the sign-up page for volunteers. Although it is work, it is a great opportunity for fellowship and community participation, and there is a variety of duties to choose from! Our work for this event is a fund raiser for our church, and an opportunity for community participation.
- **Yoga at Trinity resumes after the summer, 9 am to 10 am.** Yoga classes are usually held on Saturday mornings, 9 am to 10 am (N.B. NO Yoga Sept. 21). For info, speak with Art Holden, for Yogi George Holden.

Sunday, September 8

- **Sunday School begins a new season!** Following the Children's Focus in the service, children in JK and up are invited downstairs for Sunday School.
- **Blessing of School Bags.** All students, teachers, educational assistants and anyone involved in education is invited to bring their school bag or briefcase as we offer a blessing for you and the school year to come.
- **Outreach Committee meeting after church.** Following on the area of focus as published in "News from the Pews" in July, we will be discussing which area to focus on first, in various ways. All are welcome; we meet in the lower hall about 15-20 minutes after the service.
- **Vesey Bulb Sale begins.** Catalogs and order forms are available in the Upper Room. Orders are due back by Sunday, September 22. Contact: Elizabeth Annand

Wednesday, September 11 – N.B. Krafty Knitters will NOT meet on this date, but after this date they will continue meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 2 to 4 pm.

Friday, September 13 – Trinity’s Steak BBQ! Tickets are available at church and from Sheryl MacPhail, 905 775 3134. \$20 per person. Continuous sittings from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Don’t wait too long and miss out on this great meal! The sign-up page for volunteers is in the Upper Room (narthex).

Sunday, September 15 – MacGregor Meat Sale begins today. Catalogs and order forms are in the Upper Room. Orders are due by Sunday, September 29. Contact: Lorna Oldreive.

Tuesday, September 17 – Tuesday Evening Study Group resumes. Evening Prayer at 7:30 pm, followed by food, fellowship and study. Our first study will be “Animate: Bible”. Everyone is welcome to attend, either for all or for a few of the dates. See below for more information.

Wednesday, September 18 – Wardens’ meeting, 7:30 pm. Remember! If you have anything you would like the wardens to discuss, please submit it no later than the day before the meeting.

Saturday, September 21 – N.B. No Yoga Sept. 21. Yoga classes are held Saturday mornings, 9 to 10 am in the lower hall. Contact: Art Holden, on behalf of Yogi George Holden.

Wednesday, September 25

– **Krafty Knitters, 2 to 4 pm downstairs.** Please join us for fellowship and tea or coffee. Instruction is readily available for beginners. Contact: Anne Silvey

– **Advisory Board meeting, 7:25 pm**

Sunday, September 29

– **Fellowship Lunch following the service.** Everyone is invited. A sign-up page for food will be available soon.

– **Annual Blessing of the Animals, 3 pm, on the church patio.** Rev. Dana will offer a blessing to any furry or feathery friends that you may bring! If your pet cannot attend, please bring his/her photo.

Wednesday, October 2

– **Soul Survivors group meets at 7:30 pm in the choir room.** For anyone affected by cancer or chronic illness. We meet the first Wednesday evening of each month.

– **Compline, with anointing for healing and wholeness at 8:35 pm.** Anyone feeling the need for God’s healing grace may be anointed.

Friday, October 4 – Youth Group resumes with a Games Night, at 7 pm. Come to play games, and find out about our Halloween party scheduled for November 1! Contact: Elizabeth Annand.

Saturday, October 5 – Church garden clean-up, 9 am until noon. Please come if you can, even if only for part of the time., and bring your own gardening tools.

CHURCH NEWS

An unexpected expense came up recently. The big old birch tree that stood at the far end of the parking lot had to be taken down. Half the tree came down into our parking lot during strong winds. Fortunately no cars or people were in its path. It was necessary to have the remaining half removed as it was leaning precariously towards overhead wires, sidewalk and road. The cost was just over \$800.

Thank-you to all who came to sing at our Summer Evening Hymn Sing and to all who generously supported the Hymn Sing on August 21! We raised \$4000, a fine contribution towards the cost of fixing the south concrete porch and steps. As always, anyone and everyone is welcome to attend our summer evening Hymn Sings. Donations are voluntary and accepted in any amount. The ice cream sundaes afterwards are a treat we look forward to, and we thank Cheryl Leblond of Bradford's "3 Scoops Ice Cream and General Store" for donating the Kawartha Dairy ice cream again this year. *Margaret Schroeder, organist*

Carrotfest – Trinity's booth at Carrotfest was well-visited on Saturday, August 17. Bunches of carrots (*orange dishcloths with green tops*) knitted by our Krafty Knitters were a big hit and sales raised \$41 for Bradford's Community Meal. Rev. Dana and a number of parishioners took turns in the booth letting folks know about our church and programs.

Coffee Time After Church – we are low on treats again. We encourage you, when donating treats, to try to be nut-free if possible, as there is an increasing number of people for whom nuts could lead to a serious reaction including anaphylactic shock. When donating goodies or treats for after church, please leave them on the coffee table in the Upper Room or in the church office, marked "Sunday". Thank-you.

Adult Christian Education

This fall there will be only one adult study group, the Tuesday Evening Faith and Discussion Group. The Thursday afternoon bible study is on hiatus for the fall and we will re-examine the interest in the new year.

The Tuesday evening group will start on Tuesday September 17. Each evening we begin with a brief Evening Prayer service at 7:30 pm, followed by a time of food and fellowship and then an approximately one-hour study. Following on the interesting series last spring, "Animate: Faith", this season we are doing "Animate: Bible." As in the previous series, each week begins with a short video by a contemporary Christian leader followed by discussion and reflection on the topic. There are 7 weeks in this study. Each session can be done as a stand-alone, so if you miss one or two you can still participate. In this series, we will dig deeper into the bible, how it came to be, themes, how we interpret it and its relevance in today's world. Presenters include such well-known Christian thinkers as Rachel Held Evans, Phyllis Tickle, and Will Willimon. The presenters are all easy to understand on this important subject. All are welcome, whether you can join us for the whole series or only a few nights.

2020 Canadian Church Calendar Anglican Edition presents images and texts that tell us of what's happening in, around and because of the Church. Each image invites us to return to it again and again. And each text invites us to consider the witness of our ancestors. A nice calendar for a nice price! \$7 each. Prepaid orders only. Margaret Schroeder is accepting orders now.

Finance Feature for September

It is important to make up for missed offerings during the summer as we head into autumn, as we fall behind in revenue over the summer, while our expenses continue. And this past week there has been the unexpected expense of needing to have a tree removed.

To be assigned offering envelopes, or to arrange for convenient pre-authorized monthly giving, please speak with Bonnie Connolly.

HELP WANTED!

The 2nd Hand Shop could use another volunteer or two – if you are free to help for a few hours once a week or from time to time, please speak with Sheryl MacPhail. The shop is open Thursday and Saturday mornings, 9:30 to 12:30.

The projection team needs a few more people to be part of this important ministry—just running it Sunday mornings, or programming it as well. Please speak with Stewart or Sandra if you have questions or are interested. Training is provided.

After Church Coffee Time – A few volunteers are needed to take a turn from time to time setting up for Sunday morning coffee. Guidance is readily available. It can be as often or as seldom as suits your schedule. No meetings!

From Rev. Dana

We are on the cusp of fall and start-up of many of our regular programs and ministries that take a break over the summer. I think it is great that we as church have a number of “beginnings” throughout the year as each one gives us a chance to enter into new ministries or projects, and to re-commit ourselves to existing ones.

I was reflecting recently on the importance of names. Being called by name can have a powerful effect, even deepening our relationship with one another. I can still remember visiting a church a number of years ago and the greeter who welcomed me asked my name. By the time I was seated in the pew I had 3 people walk over and in some variation say, “Dana, welcome to St. X. My name is X.” It was a small thing but as you can tell, a very powerful experience of feeling welcomed. Now if everyone had come and greeted me I might have been a little overwhelmed, but it was being called by name that was so powerful. I know that many of us know each other’s names, but I also know that we all have certain people whose names we cannot remember or perhaps do not know. I know that when we say in the announcements “please talk to so and so”, I occasionally get the whispered question, “Could you point out X to me?” Being able to call each other by name is an important part of building community. As we make another new beginning, I want to encourage you to find and wear your name tag. If you do not have one or cannot find it in the rack in the Upper Room, please let the sidesperson or myself or Margaret know and we will make one for you.

Another aspect for me of creating community is breaking down some of the traditional boundaries between insiders and outsiders, and some of the hierarchical boundaries that can be prevalent especially in more liturgical congregations. Our worship lends itself to centering out those who don’t know the service as we flip from page to page and book to book. That is one reason we project the service and I try to give page numbers and identify whether it is prayer book or hymnal. Breaking down some of those divisions or boundaries is reflected in the fact that I typically preach from the front of church rather than the pulpit. Pulpits were created and necessary in the days before sound systems when the preacher needed to speak out over the congregation to be heard. For me preaching from the front is also symbolic of my being part of the community rather than standing over it or outside of it. I feel a greater connection, that I am one of you when I stand there. I am also better able to engage in conversation as part of the sermon when I am closer to you. There are special days, like Christmas and Easter, when out of respect for tradition, I will likely use the pulpit. As part of being a vertically-challenged person it makes it easier to be seen when we have large crowds.

As we seek to be a welcoming community let us continually reflect on what we do and how we do it, whether it builds community or builds divisions, includes or excludes, and seek to adapt accordingly.

May we seek to be community to all who come, welcoming friend and stranger alike.

Anglican Words and Phrases

This month I want to talk about some of the special clothing or vestments, that those leading the service wear or might wear.

Anglicans, along with some of the other more traditional or formal Christian denominations tend to have more elaborate vestments (clothing) that is part of our worship. Much of what is worn comes from a time these garments served a different function, in part warmth in drafty churches. So the meanings associated with them have also changed over time, and as with so many of our traditions have taken on multiple means.

On a typical Sunday morning, except in the summer, I will wear a long white robe called a cassock-alb, or just alb. This white robe was intended to symbolize the righteousness of Christ, which as the leader of worship the priest would put on, much like St. Paul calls us to clothe ourselves in Christ (i.e. Romans 13:14). The alb was also intended to cover the street cloths, so as not to draw attention to the leaders, but rather to make them all the same. I also wear a stole, the varied-coloured scarf. Stoles are worn only by those who are ordained as a sign of their ordination. The Priest's Stole hangs vertically over each shoulder. The Deacon's Stole hangs diagonally from the left shoulder and then is secured at the right side. The stole was intended to represent taking on the yoke of Christ (Matthew 11:29).

The servers at Trinity wear cassocks (black or red) and a surplice. This is also the typical dress of choirs and musicians. The black cassock was traditionally not considered part of the vestments, but was the priest's street clothes. I am very glad that I do not have to wear a black cassock everyday. Now it is typically worn by others assisting in the service like servers or when there is diocesan gathering by the clergy in the procession who do not have a role in the service.

Over the cassock is worn a surplice, which is a variation on the alb. Surplice comes from the Latin, meaning "over the fur coat", an example from those cold drafty churches. The surplice was never worn alone, hence the cassock-alb that came to replace it which combined the two. Both the alb and the cassock typically have a rope or cincture that is tied around the waist. The cincture was a functional way of securing the robe, and also could symbolize the rope that Jesus told Peter would be tied around him as part of his ministry (John 21:18).

There are a few other vestments or garments you might see occasionally, although I tend to only wear them for special occasions. The poncho-like garment that is worn over the alb by a person celebrating the communion is called the "Chasuble". It tends to be fairly ornate and is typically in the seasonal colour of the church year. One meaning was that it was intended to represent the seamless robe which Jesus wore; it was also an additional layer of warmth in cold weather.

Similarly, the "Cope" which is a large cape is a celebration garment, that is more often worn for special services. If I am going to wear them, I tend to wear a chasuble and cope for Christmas and Easter.

I hope this explanation of Anglican vestments or garments helps you understand the symbolism behind the most common items worn by those who are leading the service. As with everything Anglican, there is great individuality and none of it is required.

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 before the service 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 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.

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, October 6, 2019.

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