



Trinity News

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The Canon's Comment

Opening up

I am very excited about the recent developments around COVID restrictions being slowly withdrawn this Lenten season. I emphasize two things I said in that sentence: restrictions are being withdrawn but it is slowly. I think this a wise approach. The last thing we need is to rush in without proper care and experience another shutdown or a serious outbreak in the Parish. Just as Lent is a time to prepare for Easter, this year it will also be a time for us to prepare the church to celebrate Easter as we find new life for our worship which has been restricted for the past two years.

All the public health people along with epidemiologist have been making it clear that COVID is not over. Some say it will always be with us although it may be less infectious and deadly. We must learn how to live safely with it because isolation and fear of others is not a good thing to do for our mental and even physical health. We have a mission to spread the good news of God's love, grace and hope to one another and to the whole world. We cannot do this in isolation or in fear of reaching out to others.

As we bring back more people in the sanctuary - servers, choir, communion ministers, lay readers to join the organist, and clergy, we will also be looking at more people in the congregation, singing and responding to the service. We must learn to do this safely.

The first lesson we have learned from the pandemic is that vaccinations work to protect all of us from the most serious consequences of being in contact with the virus.

Although we will not be requiring proof of vaccination from the congregation we will continue to ask all who are volunteers and leaders to be fully vaccinated. The Bishops believe that we must strive to be an inclusive community and so we should not put in barriers to the public to join us in worship. I encourage all of you to get every member of your family vaccinated.



I also encourage us to support programs that get people in poorer countries to be more fully vaccinated so that the virus will have fewer opportunities to develop variations.

The second lesson we learned was no one should join in public activities if they are not feeling well. This is a difficult thing for many of us to accept because we have always been encouraged to continue working through pain and suffering. Do not take the risk of spreading your illness to someone

who may already have compromised health issues. Stay home until you are well.

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The third lesson we have learned is that wearing a mask protects us and others from spreading disease even if we feel fine. This is particularly true inside crowded buildings. Outside, the fresh air is constantly refreshing the space around us. Still for close contact inside or out, masking is a good idea. Soon the government will be allowing more places to forego masks. But just because it is not compulsory to wear a mask does not mean that in some situations you should not wear a mask.

We know that especially with people who have hearing problems, masks can give us problems in communicating.

That is why the church is allowing one person at a time may speak without a mask if they are more than two meters apart. Singers must still wear mask because singing does generate more aerosols which is where the virus lives. I will let you know when these mandates may change for the church.

The fourth lesson we learned is that not everyone feels safe touching others or hugging, even now. So sharing the peace and greeting old friends or new should be done respectfully by asking permission to hug or touch. This, probably always, was a good idea but it is more important now. Bowing with hands together like the Japanese customarily do is a wonderful alternative.

The fifth thing we learned is the importance of washing your hands thoroughly after using the bathroom, preparing food, eating and any other activity that involves hands and another person or thing. It is not sufficient to wave your hand under the tap and wipe them off. Using a disinfectant if washing is not an option is also good.

We learned these things because after the first winter of COVID many of us noticed that we had not had a cold or hint of the flu and neither had most other people we knew. Truly it has been two years since I have had a cold. Was it because COVID made us take better care of how we interacted with others and used good hygiene?

We will be determining, over the next few weeks, what is the best and safest way to seat the choir and the servers, process the altar party and choir, do Gospel

processions with robed lay leaders, the best way to serve communion and how the traffic should move. As I said on the first Sunday of Lent, we will take small and careful steps and monitor how safe people feel.

The Sunday school is also returning to the church. The rooms for Sunday school are large enough to hold double the number of children who are currently part of the program while social distancing. This is very

encouraging. If I get my way, we might even try for a parish picnic in late June on the lawn outside the church. Perhaps we can have a Palm Sunday procession outside.

The one thing we will definitely continue is the live streaming of the main service of the day. In fact we are installing a new system that we hope will really enhance the quality of our presentations on line.

The zoom Bible study on Tuesdays, Praying the Headlines, Morning Devotions and other study programs may also continue on line. This will enhance our ministry to those who for health or mobility issues cannot be in the church. It will also allow the faithful to be in touch when they go to cottages or visit friends in other parts of the country. Although we have some meetings in person, we will continue with others on zoom. It not only saves time for many of us but also expensive gas for our vehicles

I am looking forward to Easter with thanksgiving for the many blessing we have enjoyed in spite of so many challenges. I am reassured of God's promise of new life when we turn our eyes and hearts to the beauty and wonder of God's creation and the power of healing through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings

The Rev. Canon Barb Hammond
Interim Priest-in-Charge

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2022 Holy Week & Easter Services

April 10	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist
Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.*	Sung Eucharist
April 14	7:00 p.m.*	Maundy Thursday Liturgy, washing of feet & stripping of the altar
Maundy Thursday		
April 15	11:00 a.m.*	Good Friday Liturgy & Meditation on the Cross
Good Friday		
April 17	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist
EASTER	10:00 a.m.*	Sung Eucharist
April 24	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist
Easter 1	10:00 a.m.*	Sung Eucharist & Baptism

**In-person & virtual. 8:00 a.m. only in-person*

Church School & Youth Group is BACK

Sunday School is back with in-person classes in Room B. After a long while using Zoom through the pandemic, the children are welcomed back to class in our classroom. We will continue wearing masks, keeping our social distance, and following the Diocesan protocols.

Our Lenten Curriculum is taken from the Diocese website: "Ecological Grief and Creational Hope". The Youth group, under Hazel Ogilvie, are also following this curriculum. Using Biblical Scripture, we are led into a discussion about how God grieves what Humans are doing to our planet which He has created out of love for us. The world as we know it seems to be changing irreversibly, with loss of biodiversity, unbearable heat, flash floods, forest fires, etc. For many, this grief and anxiety has made it difficult to imagine a hopeful future. This Curriculum seeks to draw on that ancient wisdom of the Bible and re-engage

us with our love for God's Creation and all of God's creatures. Our discussions center around what we and our families can do to help make changes.

The hope of resurrection, of a world restored and renewed, animated all that Jesus did. That is the hope that permeates this curriculum as well.

Canon Barbara would like us to come into church, sit with our families, then at the appropriate time, to go to our meeting place with our age group for our discussion. When finished, we will return in time for Holy Communion with our families.

New students are always welcome to join us.

Judith Sinclair

Church School Teacher and Coordinator-
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Welcome Team; Sidespeople & Greeters

THANK YOU! to Members of the Welcome Team who have contributed to, and assisted with, the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., Christmas, Easter and special services for many years.

If you are interested in continuing as a member, or joining our HTC Welcome Team, please speak to **Peter Paterson** or call him via church office.

Enquiries about this important part of our HTC Liturgical Team are most welcome!

We invite you to join Ministries of volunteers No experience is required

Altar Guild ... always with another member, prepare altar for services.

Welcome Team ... greet worshippers and count attendance.

Church Garden ... water flowers beds/containers that are beyond the sprinkler system.

If you are intrigued/curious on any of the above, please call the church office and we will connect you to the person with information.

EVA REA MILLENNIUM FUND Requests for Bursary Submissions -2022

In April of each year, the Eva Rea Millennium Fund of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, welcomes receipt of names of children and/or grand-children of family members of our parish who will be entering or continuing their education at either university or college in September.

A bursary in the amount of \$2,000 is paid directly to the school of choice for each applicant and could continue for up to four years. We also offer this invitation for their first year only at university or college to one student from each of the four local Thornhill high schools.

If you are interested in obtaining an application to receive this bursary for either your child or grand-child, please contact the church office and Swan Li, our Office Administrator, will be pleased to forward an application to you.

Our parish will always be grateful to Eva Rea, a former parishioner, whose money from her Will and Estate, provided the seed money for this Bursary along with our sincere gratitude to those many other former parishioners whose bequests continue the yearly growth of this Fund.

Dianne Rimmer - Chairman
on behalf of the dedicated Committee Members, Eva Rea Millennium Fund

P.S. Deadline for 2022 bursary application is June 15, 2022.

A Teacher asked the Grade 4 class to construct a sentence ending with "We have only one Mother"

The first student stands up and says: "My Mother loves me so much she gets up an hour earlier everyday just to prepare my lunch box, we have only one Mother"

Next student stands up and says: "My mom works hard everyday to pay for my clothes and school needs because she loves me so much, We have only one Mother"

And so on all the children presents their sentences in similar manner. When there is only one child left in the class, teacher asks: "What about you Johnny, what did you came up with?"

Little Johnny stands up and says: "Last night, my Mother asked me to bring her two bottles of vodka from the fridge, but when I opened the fridge I yelled: "We have only one, Mother!"

Holy Trinity Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee has continued its mandate to care for the cemetery and the records during the winter months. Inquiries continue to be received from parishioners about purchasing the interment rights for the few remaining burial lots and the cremation lots. There are also inquiries from families researching their family histories. We meet bi-monthly to discuss cemetery matters and receive updates on pertinent information. A recent bequest will enable us to begin much needed cleaning of monuments and other significant maintenance matters.

WE NEED YOU! Our **Spring clean up** is scheduled for **Saturday April 23, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon**. Volunteers are needed to tidy the grounds of Holy Trinity Cemetery. High school students can receive volunteer hours. We will be raking up the debris which has fallen over the winter (with the help of the squirrels). Please bring rakes, spades etc. If you have none, we have a few extra. Yard waste bags are provided. For more information call Enid Corbett 905 889 7218.

We welcome new committee members who are interested in the unique ministry provided by the Cemetery Committee. Please contact Enid Corbett if you wish to learn more about this ministry opportunity.

Enid Corbett
Chair, Cemetery Committee

DEATHS

We gave thanks for the lives of
Dr. Hugh Chambers & Mrs. Marion Chambers
Wayne Wright
Ivy Speiran
Paul Frederick Woolston
James Duncan Irving

We have only one Mother

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

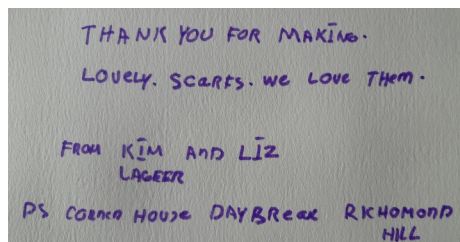


"After two years of often frustrated *pandemic living*, it might seem challenging to find the time to be kind. The world, however, needs our kindness more than ever. People are still dying from Covid-19 and others are hungry and living in war-torn countries. And young people are in the streets claiming adults aren't paying enough attention to the climate crisis... Selfless acts of kindness don't just help the person on the receiving end," said psychologist Lisa Damour, author of books *"Untangled"* and *"Under Pressure"*.

Lisa continues, "Research finds that altruistic behavior activates the very same regions in the brain that are enlivened by rewards or pleasurable experiences. Remarkably, helping others also causes the brain to release hormones and protein-like molecules, known as neuropeptides, that lower stress and anxiety levels. Here's the bottom line: doing good is good for you."

With that good thought in mind, let me share how HTC has been recently spreading kindness in our community via offshoot initiatives from the mainstay Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Through a newly-established connection at L'Arche Daybreak, Richmond Hill, three residents so far are the recipients of our shawls ... and if the attached thank you card is any indication, they brought both appreciation and happiness.



As well, after the need for knitted/crocheted caps for Mackenzie Health patients undergoing cancer treatment was communicated, the response from a group of about five hat-makers have been overwhelming and heartwarming. I've lost count, but to date, an estimated 70 caps of all colours and creative shapes have been graciously accepted by Chaplain George and the RNs in the Chemo Clinic. Thank you to all who've been kind to this widening Ministry and just a reminder, if you'd like to reap the myriad of health benefits of selfless acts of "handmade kindness", please pick up wool in the Vestry for a shawl, or contact me about making a Chemo cap or two. You'll be glad you did!



Cathy Pearson*

*Head COVID Knit-Wit



A lawyer boarded an airplane in New Orleans with a box of frozen crabs and asked a blonde flight attendant to take care of them for him. She took the box and promised to put it in the crew's refrigerator.

He advised her that he was holding her personally responsible for them staying frozen, mentioning in a very haughty manner that he was a lawyer, and proceeded to rant at her about what would happen if she let them thaw out. Needless to say, she was annoyed by his behavior. Shortly before landing in New York, she used the intercom to announce to the entire cabin, "Would the gentleman who gave me the crabs in New Orleans, please raise your hand?" Not one hand went up ... so she took them home and ate them.

Well Mannered Husband

A wife, one evening, drew her husband's attention to the couple next door and said, "Do you see that couple? How devoted they are? He kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that?"

"I would love to." Replied the husband. "But I don't know her well enough."

Outreach

Richmond Hill Community Food Bank

As of March 17, there have been eight deliveries of non-perishable food and personal use items to the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank (RHCFB). In addition, some parishioners have provided financial assistance for the purchase of needed items by the RHCFB Director Lee Reynolds and her staff.

THANK YOU! for your contributions and support. MUCH APPRECIATED! If you would like more information, please speak to **Peter Paterson**.

Behind the Wardens' Wands

Just a few of the highlights of the last few months. After Canon Barb arrived in October, church life began to take shape and life again. The Parish Selection Committee was approved, the Endowment Vestry was held, the Outreach and Health & Wellness Committees met with an energetic spirit and we were able to SING in church.

All of this led to high hopes for the Christmas services but the Omicron numbers brought back the shadows of the last two years. We had a moving Advent Meditation (Blue Christmas) service in December. Rachel and the children's choir did an amazing job at the Family service Christmas Eve and we were all fascinated by the movement of Mary & Joseph and then subsequently, the 3 Wise Men through the church on their way to our Altar. We made it through the remaining Christmas services, singing, but then went into shut down again.

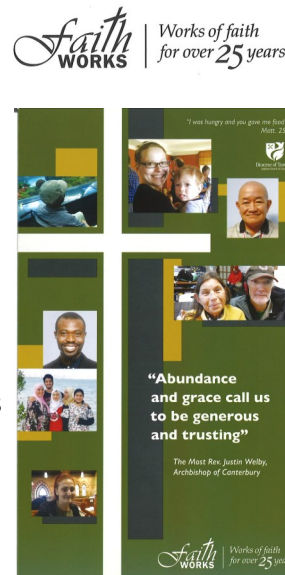
In January, we shifted gears and started to focus on the annual Vestry meeting. The auditors and our Treasurer (Ed) were busy finalizing the numbers and everyone else (it seemed) was busy writing reports and submitting them to Swan who had the joy of piecing them all together to our usual coherent Report. Vestry was successfully held on February 27 with a balanced budget and strong support for the Diocesan Social Justice Motion. Brother Reg began his well-attended weekly Race & Diversity program on Thursday evenings. At the same time, the PSC carried out a Parish survey and ran several Parish focus groups as they worked to develop the parish profile. They continue on schedule to submit the Profile to the Bishop in April.

Interspersed with these main activity lines are the coloured threads that could be argued show the full life of a church. Once again we supported the Ministerial Christ-

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Contribution can be made through HTC (cheque payable to Holy Trinity) or directly to FaithWorks. Either option you will get a tax receipt.

Every parish retains 15% of the FaithWorks donation. At HTC we will disburse through our Outreach program.



mas Assistance to a level that outdid last year. Similarly we showed well in our support for the Blue Door Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser and had their representatives in to speak at our service on March 6. Our thanks to the organizers, participants and supporters of these initiatives. While the balanced budget mentioned above has funding identified to replace the church roof this spring, but Mother Nature and a 190+ year old church couldn't wait, so as we write, there is a tarp on the roof. We appreciate the work of Ron Tolhurst and the Property Committee more than we can say. Speaking of an old church and moving forward within budget, another significant item, concerns our "virtual church". Improving our system and its usage was one of the 4 main priorities of the Reimagining HTC project (as presented in January). Those of you that have ventured into the church lately will notice, with a little looking, 2 cameras mounted on the pillars and we will be installing shortly 2 TV type screens on either side of the church near the Chancel.

As we move through Lent on our way to Spring and Easter, Sunday School is open, we are able to sing again, some of our treasured service traditions are almost close enough to taste (quite literally) and numbers of service attendees are growing. Hope is very much our emotion of the season. In closing, we would like to repeat some of our words from Vestry, You are amazing! After two years of COVID you have worked together – all of you – to achieve that balanced budget, which included an Outreach expenditure from all the various groups of over \$25,000 to local, provincial, national and international organizations. Pat yourselves on the back then start dreaming of what you can achieve by June – we will be there to help!

Ed Carter (Rector's), **Nancy Cutler** (People's), **Cassandra Culpepper** (Deputy)

ACW News

Welcome Spring!

It is with faith and prayer the ACW looks forward to 2022 with hope that we may return to some form of in person fellowship as COVID-19 mandates and restrictions are lifted

This may be an opportunity to rethink our ministry and to decide what is really essential. This may include stepping back from familiar activities keeping in mind our motto of Worship, Learning and Service

The ACW has an ongoing fund raiser of Party Lite candle holders beautifully catalogued and illustrated on the Holy Trinity website. Purchases can be made at any time.

It is also with cautious optimism we hope to help with a modified rummage sale in October and a Poinsettia Tea in November.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on January 16. Here are the 2022 ACW Executives

Past President	Linda Robertson
President	Ruth Staples (one year term)
Co-President	Open
Secretary	Anne Thomson
Treasurer	Enid Corbett assisted by Gloria Downey
Hospitality	Open
Publicity	Open

Auxiliary Positions:

Housekeeping	Linda Gould
Calendars	Susan Hogeboom
Raffle Coordinator	ACW Ruth Group

Ruth Staples

ACW President

The Treasure Chest

The ACW is asking if you could please go through your jewellery boxes. If you find any gold pieces or broken clasps, chains, or odd earrings, would you consider donating them to our Treasure Chest?



We also would love to have any silver you are considering to disposing of at this time.

A box will be available in Swan's office to put any donations you have.

Thank you for supporting our project.

2022 ACW Raffle

We would like to repeat the success of our 2021 fundraising through the Raffle project that was coordinated by **Janie Reid**.

We are looking for Raffle PRIZES and greatly appreciate donations of:

- Fine Dining Restaurant Gift Certificates
- Paintings
- Theatre, Cultural Exhibit Admissions
- Sport Game Tickets
- Case of wine,
- etc.

Ruth Group coordinates the raffle this year. Please contact **Linda Gould** with further suggestions or donations.

lindagould71@hotmail.com

Books, Books, more Books ... too many Books ???

Have books occupied too much of your living space? Have books overwhelmed your daily life? Thinking of parting with your books?

The ACW is exploring to (fundraise) through a Book Sale this year.

Please let us know if you are interested in donating hardcovers, paperbacks, coffee-table books; and give us some idea of the quantity. Regret, NO magazine, textbook, computer, encyclopedia.

Please drop a line at: ruth.staples@sympatico.ca or call Ruth Staples.

... lastly please do not deliver books to church (yet) ... Thank You!



OUR MISSION

**We are a vibrant, welcoming
Christian community
flourishing in God's love through
fellowship, outreach, worship and
spiritual growth, in an atmosphere of
compassion and mutual respect.**

Trinity News

is published three times a year to inform parish-ioners about upcoming events and ongoing activities at Holy Trinity Church. Please submit your items to the church office.

Items of broader interest or opinion pieces are generally not published in Trinity News, but can be forwarded to the Advisory Board for their information and consideration for inclusion in future editions. Submissions may not exceed 200 words in length, must be signed and include a clear statement indicating that these are personal opinions. Submissions will be consistent with the Mission Statement of Holy Trinity Church.

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Please submit articles

- In **PLAIN SIMPLE TEXT** (**NO** fancy layouts, indents, tabulations, etc.)
- By e-mail to
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Thank You.

Next Issue of Trinity News
will cover **SPRING** Events (Feb-June)

**Deadline is
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Ruth Staples

Church School Coordinator

Judith Sinclair

Church Treasurer

Edward Carter

Cemetery Committee

Enid Corbett

Coordinator of Counters

Miriam Irving

Footlights Club

Malcolm Shiner

Garden Committee

Marilyn Olivares & Ruth Staples

Healing & Wellness Ministry

Position vacant

Outreach Committee

Nancy Cutler

Prayer Chain Coordinator

Elaine Stecyk

Property Committee

Ron Tolhurst

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