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2018 Advent/Christmas Edition
Trinity Anglican Church in Cambridge Newsletter



A Message from Canon Bowyer

*“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.”
(Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16)*

Dear Friends,

On these chilly December days as the light wanes and the darkness waxes our world on so many levels, social, economic and political, seems subsumed in negativity, enveloped in a cloud of gloom. Yet we must always remember that God is at work in our world, and that we are a unique and essential part of that positive presence.

A great deal of our Holy Scripture was composed when the people of God were confronted by a world where the odds seemed stacked against them. Yet it was in the midst of such trying times that many of the comforting, strengthening, parts of Scripture were inspired. It was in those forbidding dark days of political and economic oppression two millennia ago, embodied by the Roman Empire, that God chose to be born into a poor human family. With that birth, in the person of Jesus, was revealed God’s enduring message of hope, love, healing, and salvation (wholeness).

Again and again Holy Scripture tells us that in the darkest moments of our human existence God brings light. With that comes hope: God’s vision of justice and peace; a vision enfolded in the Holy Babe of Bethlehem cradled in Mary’s enfolding arms. That vision is present here and now too. Have no doubt about it – you and I are an integral part of what he desires for this world. Christmas is the hope that love will win. God’s peace is a reality if we his people LIVE IT.

I want to invite you, your family, and friends to enter into the invigorating light, into the hope, joy, love, and peace of Christmas here at Trinity Church. Blend your voice into the chorus of praise, prayer and thanksgiving of the people of God at one of our Advent and Christmas celebrations.

With every Blessing,

Canon David Bowyer,
Priest-in-Charge

A Message from Canon Bowyer Cont'd



Madonna and Child by Marianne Stokes
(1855-1927)
Wolverhampton Art Gallery



A quarry of glass from a window in the tower of Trinity Church, Galt 1885.
The Crown and Sceptre of the King of Peace
(Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 11:1-9;
Psalm 45:6 Hebrews 1:8)

In this depiction of Jesus and his Blessed Mother we see her holding back the veil to reveal the Holy Child to our view. In the dark background are seen the thorns and bitter herbs representing the trials and tribulations of life conquered by the love of Christ's sacrifice. A vision of hope for our world.





A Message from the Wardens

Our wonderful Reverend Greg is gone! Yes, our Boat has been rocked! However, we are a strong community. We are afloat and paddling as a team with great energy! Working together is healing and productive. There is always something for everyone to be involved with or to attend:

Interesting Parish Breakfasts

A Beautiful Evensong

A Well-Attended Jacob Moon Concert

An Amazing Bazaar

Distribution of 1000 postcards in our community

A Beautifully Dcorated Church

Creating Prayer Shawls

Looking After The Cemetery

Caring For Archives



All our activity is possible only because there is a basic respect for the efforts made by each person. There is so much work to do, and yet we are so blessed to have the right people to do the work. God has blessed us with each and every parishioner that our church needs.

We at Trinity have so much for which we can be grateful.

Now we approach the Christmas season. Our church community and the Cambridge community are anxious about homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health.

However, we have The Great Teacher who is our foundation and who has taught us to:

Matt.22

[37] ... love thy Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

[38] This is the first and great commandment.

[39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Who is our neighbour?

We have been given so much,
and we can give so much to those around us.

Merry Christmas to each of you,

Your Wardens,
Bonny Jensen, Kevin Schell,
Susan Johnson, Bill McMullen



ACW (Anglican Church Women)

“All Church women are Anglican Church Women as they endeavour, as individuals or in groups, to reach an awareness of their part in Christ’s mission to all people, through a fellowship based on worship within which they grow freely together in Christian nurture and outreach.”

Fall is always a busy season with old and new activities getting underway. Here at Trinity we wished Archdeacon Greg well as he travelled west to begin his ministry in Burnaby, and welcomed Canon David as our interim priest.

ACW events of the past few months:

Sept 11: The first general meeting of the fall season.

Oct 2: Our fall bale was packed and sent to Kingfisher Lake in northern Ontario for the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh. See more information at the end of this report!

Oct 10: An extra meeting for planning the Gingerbread Bazaar.

Oct 20: Fall Deanery Meeting at St. George’s, New Hamburg. Only two of us were able to attend and hear Dr. Gail Cuthbert Brandt speak about well-known indigenous women.

Oct 30: A general meeting to discuss last minute bazaar details.

Nov 6: A production line of ladies gathered to make 25 centrepieces for the lunch tables at the bazaar. These attractive rolls of sheet music tied with Christmasy ribbon and decorations completely sold out on bazaar day!

Nov 10: Gingerbread Bazaar! Our faithful doorkeeper, Don Barwell, was on duty again this year and with the very chilly weather had a line of folks stretching through the close and into the sanctuary before we opened the doors a few minutes early – thanks, Don!

Many thanks again to all who contributed to make this another successful bazaar:

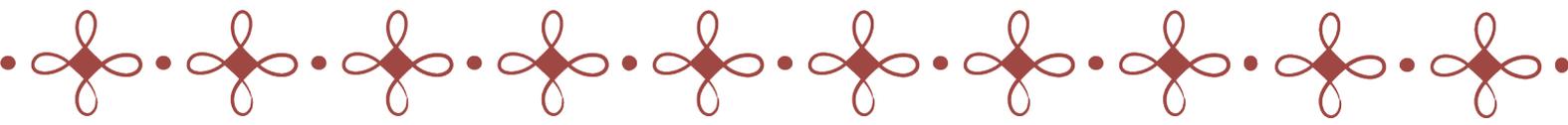
Those who moved furniture, set up and took down tables, and packed up books and china

Those who transformed the tables on Friday afternoon with beautiful displays of knitting, baking, candy, Santa’s Surprises, books, etc.

Those who did that knitting, baking, wrapping, etc!

Canon David for leading us all in prayer before we opened the doors (and for drying dishes in the kitchen!)





ACW (Anglican Church Women) Cont'd

Our teenagers who worked alongside their mothers or grandmothers

Ruby the Wannabe Red-Nosed Reindeer Clown who entertained both the kids and adults with her balloon creations

Bill Bowlby who prepared the soup, the Trinitarians who put together the sandwiches, and all those who made the dessert

The Men's Group who again took charge of the lunch room – serving, resetting tables, and cleaning up afterwards – and the ladies who jumped in to help

Our treasurer and assistant treasurer, Marion Maynard and Marilyn Lewington, for taking on the responsibility of counting, sorting and keeping track of the money taken in by each table – no easy task!

The following were the lucky winners of our draw prizes:

Doll: Phyllis Hamilton

Quilted Advent Calendar: Ann Deekon

Christmas Basket: Doreen Daly

Pearl Necklace: Carman Curtis

Amethyst Necklace: Ania W.



Marion is still calculating the final dollars: we'll keep you posted!

Upcoming events:

Mark your calendar!

Tues, January 8, 1:30 pm: Annual budget meeting will be held in the Arthur Brewer Room. **Please note the date change – no meeting on December 18 as originally scheduled.** We will discuss how to allocate the ACW funds in 2019; group treasurers are especially encouraged to attend.

Dec 20: Seniors' service and luncheon, hosted by the Trinitarians.

Wed Jan 23, 6:00 pm: AGM and Potluck. Please come and help make plans for 2019.

I wish you a peaceful Advent and all the blessings of Christmas.

Susan Johnson
(ACW President)





A Note About our Bales



We send two bales a year to the northern Ontario First Nation community of Kingfisher Lake. It is located 350 km northeast of Sioux Lookout, and from its website:

“The predominant travel mode to this community is through air transportation, however, on seasonal basis one can access this reserve using winter trails, winter road and waterways. Kingfisher Lake cannot be accessed through provincial highway, nor is there any road connection with nearby reserves.”

Despite the efforts of our parishioners to find an alternative way of sending the bales, Canada Post has been our only option to date. Although this is costly – our fall bale postage was \$895.53 for 12 boxes/117.6 kg – and although we are not limited to sending to this location, we feel a responsibility to continue sending clothing to a community with little access to stores.

You can help by contributing to the ACW Outreach jar at Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you!



From Trinity’s Archives

What am I?

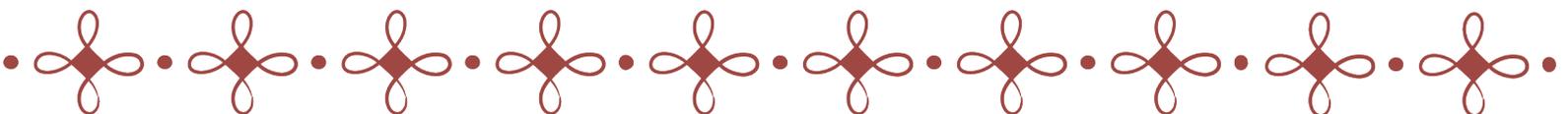
Have a look at the picture on the right and take a guess!
You can find out if you got it right on page 10.

Here’s a Clue:

I was found at the Trinity Cemetery and am made from heavy cast iron.

Read on to page 10 to find out what we’ve discovered through our research and to welcome our newest Archival Committee member Ron Baker!





175th Anniversary Celebrations

Our plans for celebrating our 175th Anniversary in 2019 are taking shape. Plans to date include:

January 6th, Sunday: Epiphany, a service from the 19th century. The date for another service from our past has yet to be decided.

March 15th/16th, Friday/Saturday: a St. Patrick's Day fun event

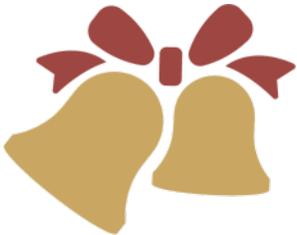
June 16th, Sunday: Strawberry/Rhubarb social on the front lawn– music by Ebytown Brass

September 21st, Doors Open Saturday: Tea and sandwiches will be served in the Parish Hall. We will update the handout for guests, that will list significant dates in our church history.

October 6th, Consecration Sunday: a big celebration. The Bishop and our new Primate have been invited. There will be a meal, off-site at Grand Valley Golf and Country Club

December 1st, Saturday: Advent event with Knox, Central and St. Paul's – a celebration moving from church to church. To be confirmed.

Media: we will create a postcard with all the events under the leadership of the artistic Cheryl Kewley. All events will be listed on the card. The artwork will be our face for the event. We will share info with all local media.



Ann Deekon, Barb Lee, Bonny Jensen,
Cheryl Kewley, David Bowyer, John Snelgrove,
Jean Fayle, Marilyn Parkinson-Crump,
Susan Johnson, Diana Schell, Marg Drew



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry are ladies knitting and crocheting for a very important ministry here at Trinity. Many sick, bereaved or just in need of comfort have received our blessed shawls. Anyone that enjoys knitting or crocheting is most welcome to join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Arthur Brewer room at 1:30 p.m.

We have a large donation of yarn, so it is not necessary to purchase. We offer a heartfelt thanks for any and all donations of yarn and money.

In the ladies' spare time, we also contributed to the knitting table at the bazaar and do other little projects during the year.

Alice Schneider and Marg. Osbourne



Deacon's Corner

Dear Friends and fellow Parishioners of Trinity,

The fall continues to be a busy time at Trinity. The ACW and the Men's Group have been busy and their events have been well attended. This has afforded us the opportunity to get involved in the many events, celebrations and special worship as we reunited with our friends after the summer.

In September we said goodbye to our beloved Rector, The Venerable Dr. Greg Jenkins. We thank God for the wonderful eight and one half years that we enjoyed his leadership of our parish. We accomplished much while he was with us. He was well loved and even though we were sorry to see them leave, we wished him and Gillian every success in the next chapter of their lives as they take up residency in British Columbia. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they begin their new ministries.



Our Trinity family is continuing to grow, and we invite everyone to join us in worship during Advent to see your old friends and to meet some new people.

Advent is a beautiful time of the Church year when we wait and prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Life at Trinity this fall has been moving at a hectic pace and now is the time to slow down and enjoy our journey. This year let us remember that **JESUS** is the reason for the season and let us put **CHRIST** back into Christmas.

As we prepare to meet and greet new people, we do not want to forget our older friends who are in Seniors' residences, have health problems or no longer drive, which makes it difficult to come to Church for regular worship.

During Advent it would be a blessing to give an older friend a call or a short visit to let them know you still think of them and care about them. We will be holding our Seniors' Christmas Communion with Lunch on December 20th and it would be exciting if you could arrange to invite any seniors you know to attend and bring them with you.



Remember Jesus said "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me."
(Matthew 25:40)

Best wishes for a holy Advent and a Joyous Christmas.
Blessings,

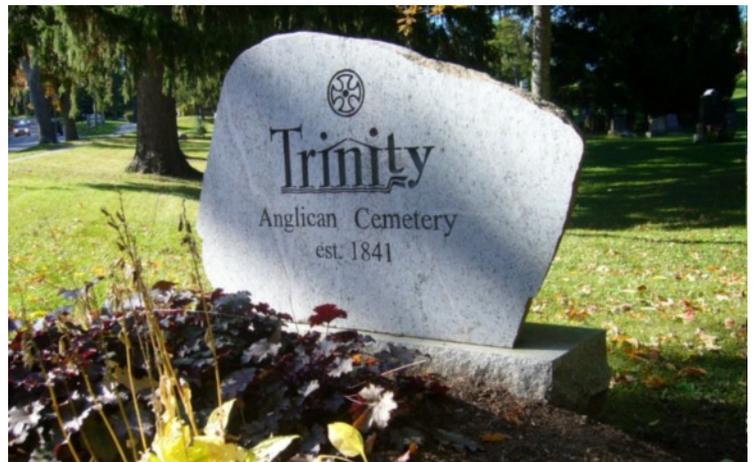
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Cemetery Committee



It is quite difficult to know when to organize our fall clean-up dates each year because we just don't know what Mother Nature has in store for us. I can remember a few years back helping out with the clean-up the same date the annual Halloween Party was held. Now it seems the past few years our clean-up dates have been held in November instead of October. The leaves just don't seem to be in a hurry to fall from the branches anymore.

We had a wonderful turnout for our first clean-up. Take a look at our Facebook page! Luckily, the rain chose to hold off for the day! We enjoyed spending time together while keeping the grounds maintained. Not only were leaves piled and taken away but many sunken spots were filled in, a few flat markers were raised to ground level, and a few stumps were removed. Snow flew on the day of the second scheduled clean-up, so we had to cancel the event. We thank the volunteers who turn out to help. We are grateful to John and Mark Fraser who haul away the yard waste in their truck. We offer thanks to the young people for helping out, and to the ACW for their contribution of coffee and Timbits. We are very pleased with the work done by Grand West Property Maintenance maintaining our lawn care, and we thank them too.



This year, we placed recycling bins beside our garbage cans and added a compost bin beside the shed for your use. We kindly ask that you please place your recyclable items in the recycle bins, not in the garbage cans. Please leave your flowers or plants beside the garbage cans on the ground or place them in the compost bin beside the shed. The garbage cans are for garbage only. We appreciate your cooperation. We kindly remind everyone, in accordance with our By-Laws, we reserve the right to remove any wreaths or flowers we consider to be excessive or have passed their expiry date. Memorial wreaths may be placed in the cemetery only between the 1st day of November and the 30th day of April, and must be removed prior to May 1st. Any wreaths not removed by May 1st will be removed by a member of the committee. We do our best to continue keeping our cemetery looking beautiful and give it the respect and dignity it deserves.

I would like to remind everyone (as the cold weather approaches), the roads of the cemetery are not maintained through the winter. Please be very careful if you need to access the property during the winter months. We would also like to thank those who have made donations this year. We have received financial donations and we also received a chainsaw from John Lewington. Thank you very much! We appreciate all donations we receive. If you have any questions or concerns about the cemetery, please feel free to speak with any of our committee members as we are here to help you.

Cemetery Committee:

Chair - Tanya Douglas; Treasurer - John Snelgrove; Secretary - Jennifer Schuman

Property Coordinator - Mark Fraser; Member at Large - Dave Douglas

Member at Large - Nancy Garrett; Member at Large - Lynn Heipel; Member at Large - Martin Roberts



From Trinity's Archives

These fascinating objects were a mystery for a while. The chains and ornaments are made from heavy cast iron, and were found along the fence line of Trinity Cemetery. To the best of our knowledge and research, we believe that these were grave ornaments. At the time they were donated to The Archives (in 1999), a member of the congregation, Ed Hollan, informed us that at the back of the Doon Pioneer Village Church, there are grave plots with similar ornaments.

We hope you enjoyed this piece of history from our newest committee member, Ron Baker. Thank you, Ron, and welcome to the Archives Committee!

We continue to catalogue, preserve and record items of historical and legal value, and we try to provide interesting displays in the church. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in the display case, please let one of our members know.

If you have any Trinity-related archival material you would like to pass along to us, please contact the office. A suitable time will be arranged for you and a member of the Archives Committee to meet.

Respectfully Submitted by the Archives Committee:
Edith Lee, Barb Lee, Dave Douglas, Tanya Douglas, Ron Baker



Trinity Chancel Guild

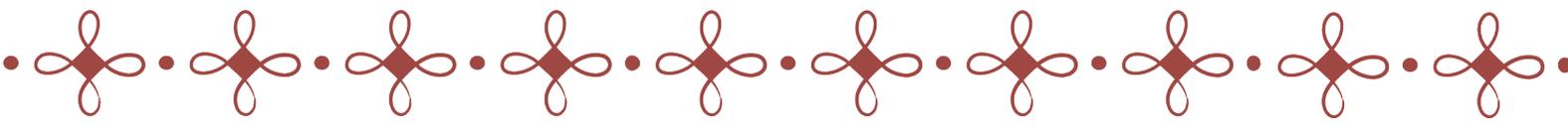


The members of the Chancel Guild prepare Trinity Anglican Church for worship on Sundays and during the week, ensuring supplies—such as wine, wafers, candles, and flowers—as well as the care and maintenance of the sacred vessels and linens.

We hold four meetings a year. Additionally, we gather to decorate the church for all seasons. Beyond regular services, the Chancel Guild also sets up for Holy days, funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

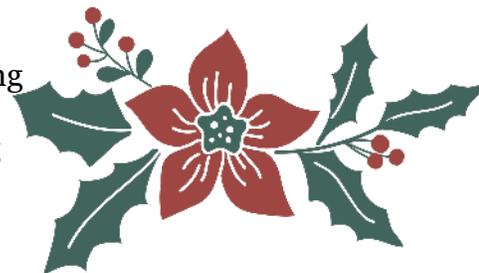
The Chancel Guild ensures the placement of memorial flowers on the altar. Each week the members of our congregation who are ill or unable to attend services receive the altar flowers. Alice Whittaker has been the flower convenor for many years and we appreciate the care and dedication she takes each week with the flower donations.

At Christmas and Easter, a special opportunity allows many families to remember their loved ones through flowers used to beautify the altar and church.



Chancel Guild Cont'd

The Sacristy is located through the door to the left of the Altar between the Chapel and the main church Sanctuary. The renovations are nearing completion. I am very proud of the members of the Chancel Guild and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their ongoing excellent work, and most especially during this time of change.



New members are always welcome. Please call me at 519 653-8625 if you are interested or would like more information. Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas Season from the Chancel Guild members,

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Jones, Directress



Sunday School

Christmas and Epiphany

Advent is a season of waiting, longing, promise, and preparation. The year, the season begins with words of hope from the prophet Jeremiah to a people who feel helpless. He proclaims; “*A righteous branch will spring up!*” Advent reminds us that even as we remember all that God has done for us, we still long for a time when the brokenness of our world will be transformed into the fullness of God’s reign.

The Season of Christmas begins with a song of love that binds the universe together. It concludes with the magi’s journey to a foreign land, and with an encounter that takes them in a new direction.

The Season after the Epiphany invites us to open ourselves to new insights, new understandings, and new ways. In the synagogue and on the level plain, Jesus proclaims release, recovery, and liberation; and we are encouraged to strive, live, and grow into the people God intends. The focus passages for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany draw heavily on the gospels, especially Luke. Strong relationships and characters are at work in these narratives. They do not shy away from bold words and deep trust. Signs abound that something important is being done by God, and by those who trust in and work toward God’s ways. In keeping with the whole of Luke’s gospel, those ways are revealed as seeking justice for all. These three seasons conclude on a mountain where the veil between the ordinary and holy mystery is lifted. The glory of God transforms the moment. We are ready to continue the journey into Lent.



Blessings,

Ashley Freure

Coordinator of children’s ministries

TCT (Trinity Community Table)



The Beat Goes On



Does anyone remember Sonny and Cher? No, Cher is not one of our volunteers but their 1967 hit “The Beat Goes On” has the theme of things change but the everyday challenges of life remain the same. The chorus goes:

*“The beat goes on, the beat goes goes
Drums keep pounding a rhythm to the brain
La de da de de, la de da de da”*

At Trinity Community Table, we continue to provide for an average of 140 people per day - every Mon, Wed and Fri all year round **and the beat goes on**. We are providing more on-the-job training this year for students from high school programs for students with special needs.

This year has seen purchase of a new stove and a new double cooler. We really appreciate the work of Will Stolz, Bill McMullen and Elgin Schneider in the researching and purchasing of this two big ticket items. Elgin and his team did an excellent job at renovating the small kitchen to accommodate the new cooler. **and the beat goes on!**

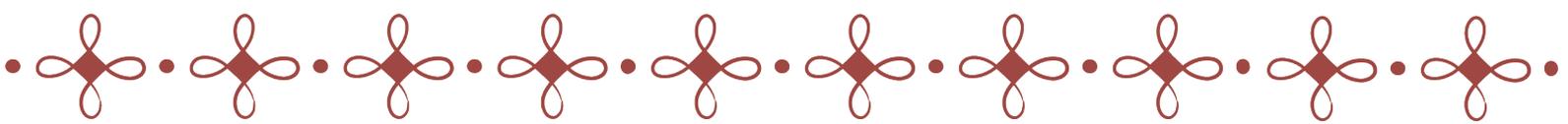
Thanks to the parishioners of Trinity Anglican Church for the continued support of the TCT - feeding all these guests, although it can get messy, we are Christians who are walking the talk. For more than 26 years this has been the faithful service you provide.

The hardworking Board Members have been exploring ways to continue to get donations of food and money We are so grateful for the sponsors of the **Jacob Moon Concert** which we have had success with for three years. Many thanks go to Robert Weinhardt who worked to get this together. Thanks to our other sponsors Werner Automotive, Dyer Real estate and Monigrams Cafe for the financial support. Our garden volunteer Sandra Dynka won the title of Miss Oktoberfest 2018 and was present at the concert **and the beat goes on!**



We now turn our focus to the TCT Christmas Dinner on Fri Dec 21. It is a great time of sharing and caring. God continues to bless us through the preparation and serving of this Christmas Tradition. As you can imagine, we have a lot of fun and we spread Christmas cheer to our guests.

May God continue to bless Trinity Anglican Church **and the beat goes on!**
Peter Goudy , President, Trinity Community Table Board.



Men's Group

The Men's Group has been working hard for 13 years, and is still going strong!

We are always looking for new members to join us as the Holy Spirit works through us in this beautiful place. Some of us aren't getting any younger; we need other younger men to help us keep this movement going. Please prayerfully considering serving Trinity through this wonderful ministry.

Some of the wonderful events we've hosted:

November 1st: Salvation Army seniors luncheon
November 10th: Lunch for Gingerbread Bazaar
November 15th: St. John's Ambulance Christmas dinner
November 27th: Salvation Army Ladies' Christmas dinner

...and some events we're looking forward to:

December 16th: Festival of Lessons and Carols, turkey dinner at 5:00 pm. Proceeds to be split between the choir and the TCT.
December 29th: Social Club holiday gathering, with dinner.
February TBA: "Newfie" dinner with music and entertainment

Parish breakfasts:

January 19th- speaker Barry Boeckner
February 16th- speaker TBA
March 16th- speaker TBA
April 20th- speaker TBA
May 18th- speaker TBA

Wishing you all a peaceful Advent and a blessed Christmas,
William Bowlby, President
Men's Group





Open Doors

The Open Doors season was a bit shorter than usual this year, due to construction on the roof, both inside and outside the church. We also made the decision to omit Fridays this year, lessening our foot traffic a little bit more.

However, the days we were open, many interested historians came to marvel at the beauty of Trinity. Most of our visitors were unaware that Trinity was built in 1844 and is the oldest stone church in Waterloo region. It is so rewarding to share this information!

As we prepare for winter, Open Doors is over for the season, but the red doors are always open for anyone who wants to visit. If at anytime you want a tour, or just to sit in our beautiful church, feel free to call Bill: 519-623-0719 for an appointment.



As mentioned elsewhere in the Link, we have a wonderful lineup of services planned for Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus;

Join us on Christmas Eve at **5:00 pm** to experience the Christmas story with young families.

At **7:00 pm**, share the family Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist service with the choir. Finally, at **10:00 pm**, enjoy the candlelight Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist service with the choir and a guest string quartet.

From us to you, peace on earth and good will to everyone!
Your Open Doors group

You are invited by the Anglican Churches in Cambridge to a

Community Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 2018
2:00pm - 3:00pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church
110 Francis Street, Cambridge (corner of Tait & Francis)

Take an hour out of the hustle & bustle of this busy Christmas season to relax, sing and get into the Christmas mood with Christmas Carols and traditional Christmas songs. Bring the family or come on your own and join us for a good, old-fashioned "carol sing" followed by light refreshments.



EVERYONE is welcome / We are wheelchair accessible
Casual dress / Free admission / no collection

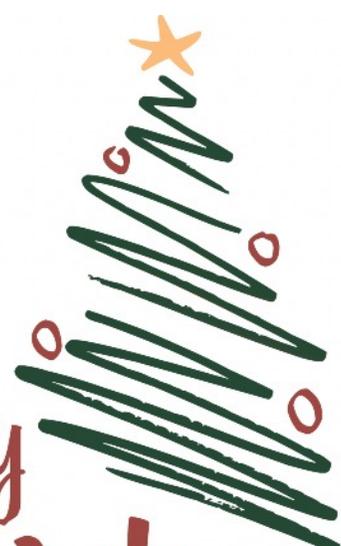




Upcoming Events at Trinity & Liturgical Calendar



- Sunday, December 16th:** 8:00 am Service
10:00 am Service with Choir
5:00 pm Turkey Dinner
7:00 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols
- Thursday, December 20th:** 10:00 am Seniors' Service and
Christmas Luncheon
- Sunday, December 23rd:** 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- Monday, December 24th:** 5:00 pm A Children's Christmas Story
7:00 pm Family Christmas Service
• Holy Eucharist with Candlelight and Choir
10:00 pm Holy Eucharist
• Candlelight Service with Choir and
String Quartet
- Tuesday, December 25th:** 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, January 6th:** 8:00 am Service
10:00 am Epiphany Service Beginning of the
Celebration of Trinity's 175th Anniversary



Merry
Christmas

**Office Hours: 9:00am - 12:00pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
with some variability | further availability by appointment**

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