

## Mission Statement

*Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.*

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Today's bulletin has been given to the glory of God and in loving memory **Arthur Chipman** by Cheryl, Adam & Kendra.

### SERVICE TIMES FOR May 22 – May 29

<i>Today, May 22</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Holy Eucharist (BAS)	10:30 a.m.
<i>Thursday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30 a.m.
<i>Next Sunday, May 29</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
<i>Trinity 1</i>	Confirmation/Eucharist (BAS)	10:30 a.m.

**Readings:** **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**      **Romans 5:1-5**      **John 16:12-15**  
Bill Reid      David Mercer      Audrey Bishop

**Welcome.** A special welcome to anyone who is visiting with us. Please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy, and sign our guest book in the foyer.

**This is Trinity Sunday and the Feast Day of our Church of Holy Trinity.** Today we honor the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We ponder with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to save humanity from its sins. Today we should respond to the love God has shown us by praising Him and giving Him glory. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. We also give thanks for our Church of Holy Trinity and all those who worship here.

**Confirmation Classes.** Classes will continue today at 2 p.m. Please keep the Confirmands in prayer as they prepare for their Confirmation next Sunday.

**ACW Potluck Supper.** The ACW will be having a potluck supper at their closing meeting on May 25 at 6:30 p.m. Come and bring a friend. There will be fun night activities afterwards.

**Cancer Survivors Choir, Never Too Old Band, and soloist Bill Rose Concert--Holy Trinity on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m.** Admission: Free-will offering. Proceeds will go to the Grand Falls-Windsor Refugee Outreach Project.

**Schedule of Events for Those Being Confirmed.** On Friday, May 27 the Confirmands will meet at Doninis' Restaurant at 5 p.m. for supper with Bishop Torraville. After the supper, we will go to the bowling alley for an hour of bowling and fellowship. The Youth Alpha leaders are welcome to join with us. On Saturday, May 28, the Confirmands are to be at the church for a rehearsal at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 29 is the day of the Confirmation service at 10:30 a.m. The Confirmands are asked to arrive at 10 a.m. Following the service, there will be a potluck lunch downstairs where they will receive their Confirmation Certificates and cut the cake. It will also be a time to honor our Bishop as he retires. Parents are asked to also bring along something for the potluck lunch.

**Next Sunday--Congregational PotLuck Luncheon.** A luncheon will be held next Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. service of Confirmation. This will be Bishop David Torraville's final official visit to our parish, and we want to honor his ministry by having a lunch with him and his wife, Karen, as our guests. Bishop David was elected as our Bishop at an Electoral Synod held here at Holy Trinity in June 2005. Please join with us for this special occasion. We are asking you to bring something for the potluck luncheon when you come to worship that morning. So please come along and join with us as we say thank you to our Bishop for his 11 years of ministry among us. A retirement card and gift will be presented to Bishop David.

**Help Required.** Tables and chairs will have to be set up on Saturday in preparation for the luncheon on Sunday. If you are available to help, please come to the church at 2 p.m.

**Birthday Party—June 11.** You are invited to a 90th Birthday celebration for Nora Penny on Saturday, June 11 in the E.M. Bishop Hall from 2 - 5 p.m. Join Nora and her family in celebrating this golden milestone. Best wishes only.

**Parish Finances.** Summer is quickly approaching. This is a time when many people are away on vacation or involved in other summer activities. It is a slow time for the church financially. Please think about the needs of the church during this time when our financial obligations are the same. Please help us to ensure that our offerings remain at a level that enables the treasurer to pay the bills. Please make use of the special summer envelopes for June, July & August. If you plan to be away, please consider using post-dated cheques or going to our website to use the instant link [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) that enables you to make contributions to the church directly and instantly online. It is completely secure. A number of people are already using this method of giving on a regular basis. All tax receipts are issued by [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org).

**Sidesmen's/Greeters' Annual BBQ.** The barbeque will be held Wednesday, June 1. Menu is striploin steaks, salads, desert, tea or coffee. There will be a meet and greet at 6 p.m. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Roy Martin will provide music and entertainment for the evening. Tickets are available from Hubert Griffin, David Wells and Terry Brown until this Thursday, May 26. Tickets are \$12.50 per person.

**Congregational Development.** This is a concept that churches of every denomination struggle with across Canada, and indeed beyond. We realize that the world around us has changed dramatically from the time many of us were young and growing up in the Church, and continues to change at a very rapid pace. Unfortunately, the Christian Church in the Western World has not fared well in the midst of this change. We have seen that in our own Anglican Church in Canada. Gone are the days when we can hold on to the Church of our early memories and expect it to prosper. The reality is that the Church has to be relevant to the age in which it exists. Otherwise, it no longer has a strong voice in society. This does not mean compromising the Gospel, watering it down so that it becomes *a one size fits all* type of concept. Nor does it mean compromising our values so that it accepts everything and challenges nothing. To do these things, it would indeed make the Church weaker and irrelevant. What it does mean is that we can no longer bury our heads in the sand as church leaders and faithful followers, ignoring the realities around us in a so-called modern world. The traditional models of doing church no longer seem to be working well, due in no small part to the fact that society has changed a lot. For example, when many of us grew up, Sundays were days set aside for family and worship, without much extracurricular activities. There were no internet, i-phones, and other technologies that have changed the way we communicate. Quite frankly, there was not a lot of things to do on Sundays back then. Nothing else was competing against the church for our time, energy and resources. We get the picture, don't we? It's just the way society has evolved, and the church is powerless to do anything about it as we have been seeing for a long time. However, that is no reason for us to despair. Statistics show that the overwhelming majority of people still believe in God, still appreciate the church being there for them. The question is – how can we, the Church, build on that so that we play a very important part in the lives of individuals and families today? No easy answer--that is why our Vestry recently started to talk about *Congregational Development*. How can we make people excited about worship and church life? We will over the next several months be researching and coming up with ideas to strengthen our parish life. We hope that you too will enter into that process with us. What is it we do that we shouldn't be doing? What are we not doing? What can we do better? etc. Our hope is that by doing some work in Congregational Development we will strengthen our congregation by involving them more and more in the life of the parish. Please pass along any ideas you might have to the Vestry.

**Spring Concert.** The Singing Sidesmen will hold a concert on Tuesday, June 7 in the E.M. Bishop Hall at 7:30 p.m.

**Greeters.** David Mercer, Ena DaCosta, Anne Hiscock, Winston Ellsworth, Gerry Dobbins, Amanda Constable

**Messenger Notices.** Please have your submissions to Linda by Thursday evening: [linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com](mailto:linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com) or call 489-9801.