

## 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 is given to the glory of God and in memory of **Ada Mercer** by Jim & Family

SERVICE TIMES FOR March 26 – April 2, 2017		
<i>Today, March 26 Lent 4</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Eucharist (BAS)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>	Mid-Week Lenten Service – <i>Declaration • Luke 22:54-62</i>	7:30 p.m.
<i>Thursday</i>	Holy Eucharist (BAS)	9:30 a.m.
<i>Sunday, April 2 Lent 5 Food Bank Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Prayer & Healing	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

**Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**  
Bill Reid

**Ephesians 5:8-14**  
Garry Hayley

**John 9:1-41**  
Patricia Hammond

**Welcome.** We welcome everyone to our worship today. If this is your first time at Holy Trinity, please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy and sign our guest book in the foyer.

**A Special Welcome.** This morning we welcome our Diocesan Executive Officer, Rev. Terry Caines. Rev. Terry will be the Celebrant and Preacher at the 10:30 a.m. service.

**Confirmation Classes.** Classes will not go ahead today. Rev. Randy will be in touch with the parents this week about the next class.

**Our Lenten Journey Weekly Series: At The Crossroads.** We invite you to journey with us through this Lenten season by attending the mid-week Lenten service at 7:30 p.m. Our focus this week will be *Declaration ( Luke 22:54-62)*. When Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus, he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ.

**Monday Morning Bible Study.** The Bible Study will resume tomorrow morning.

**Healing Touch Level 1 & 2 Workshops, May 6 & 7, May 8 & 9, Corner Brook.** These 2 day workshops are intended for all licensed health care professionals and interested individuals desiring an energy-based therapeutic approach to health and healing. Healing Touch is a gentle complementary, nurturing energy therapy that assists in balancing your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. It uses light touch to balance and restore energy that has been depleted due to mental or emotional stress, illness or medical procedures. For more information, contact Dolly Hart.

**The Annual Kiwanis Music Festival.** The Festival will be taking place in our town this week. As in past years, one of the venues will be our church. If you are using the building this week, please be absolutely quiet during the hours of music. Good luck to all the participants. We hope it's a wonderful week of displaying the abundance of music/song talent among our young people.

**Holy Communion on Thursday.** The 9:30 a.m. Service this Thursday will take place in the Vestry Meeting Room downstairs instead of the chapel. Please use the entrance off Beaumont Avenue. We do not want to disturb the music festival activities upstairs.

**A National Gathering for All Anglican Women: June 15-18, 2017 – Celebrating 50 Years as Anglican Church Women.** The theme for this gathering is **The Love of Jesus Calls Us to Learning, Worship and Service**. This gathering is for all Anglican women from across the nation and will be held at the Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario. Application forms are available at the back of the church if you are interested in attending this event.

**Easter Flowers.** Anyone wishing to place flowers in church for Easter in memory of loved ones may place the names and donation in an envelope. Please mark the envelope Easter Flowers and place it in the Offertory Plate. All donations must be received by Sunday, April 9.

**Student Internship.** *Mrs. Robynn Toal*, from the Burin Peninsula will be the Queen's College Student for a parish internship this coming Fall. This internship will provide Robynn with supervised experience in parish ministry from September to December. Later Rev. Randy will be looking for interested persons in the parish to be a part of the Student's Lay Support Group. We look forward to playing a part in her training for parish ministry.

**The Next Cursillo Weekend is May 5 – 7 at Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp.** The Cursillo Weekend is a short course in Christianity and in Christian Living. This weekend is an opportunity to enhance your personal life, to develop your prayer life and to broaden your faith life. The weekend offers time for prayer, fellowship, music, discussion, listening, sharing, relaxation, making new friends, etc. The theme for the weekend is **"Come and Journey."** Please consider joining us on a Pilgrimage of Faith. For more information, you may contact Thelma Stockley, Contact Person, for our Parish. Invitations and applications forms are at the back of the church.

**Items Needed for Hospital Gift Shop.** The ACW Social Concern Committee is looking for donations of knitted goods, toiletries, books, etc. for the Central Newfoundland Regional Hospital Gift Shop. You may place your items in the container at the back of the church.

**Greeters Today.** Fred & Linda Pafford, Hubert Griffin, Heather Howse, Margaret Pomeroy

**Items for the Messenger.** Please have your submissions to Linda by Thursday. You may contact her at 489-9801 or e-mail [linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com](mailto:linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com).

### **A Cross**

#### **Reflection**

For many people, a cross is simply a sign of contradiction—a sign of two beams going in opposite directions, a meeting place of opposites. For Christians, a cross is a sign of contradiction for different reasons. It is a sign of the hatred that tried to kill love. It is a sign of pain and opposites. By placing his body over that sign, Jesus put in front of us his loving presence and called us to imitate him by giving our lives to restore love in our world.

Notice too that crosses are both vertical and horizontal. The first is a *heaven-to earth* direction reminding us of *God's love for us*. The other is the *east-west* direction that *invites us to stretch out our arms to embrace all the peoples* of the world. On the cross, Jesus brought God and humanity together. While the cross is a sign of contradiction, it can also be a sign of unity.

#### **Prayer**

*Help me, God to bear it patiently whenever I meet the cross of contradiction and pain. Help me to be a "meeting place" where people will find the comfort and joy of Jesus.*

#### **Action**

Be a true meeting place today for others by pointing the way to God's love through your own loving actions and words.

See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.  
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing  
has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*