

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 thanksgiving for the 16 years of ministry at Holy Trinity** by Rev. Randy, Ada & Family.

SERVICE TIMES FOR November 26 – December 3		
Sunday, November 26 <i>Reign of Christ/ Trinity 24</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist (BAS)	10:30 a.m.
Thursday	Holy Eucharist (BAS)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 3 <i>1st Day of Advent</i> <i>Food Bank Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
	Morning Prayer (BCP)	10:30 a.m.
	Cancer Survivors Choir Christmas Service	3:00 p.m.

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
Readers: Marilyn Hillyard Robert Hiscock Sandra Knight

Welcome to Our Worship. If you are visiting with us this morning, please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy, and sign our guest book in the foyer.

Dedication of the Altar Guild Room. The room will be dedicated to the memory of James & Ethel Hall. Many in our congregation will remember the faithfulness of Mrs. Hall to the Altar Guild, a service she performed faithfully well into her eighties. The Rector, Wardens and Vestry, on behalf of the congregation, are very grateful to the family for their generous donation to honor their parents.

Today is Rev. Randy's Last Sunday as our Rector. Rev. Randy leaves us to take up his duties as Rector of the Parish of St. Philip's in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland.

Cancer Survivors Choir Christmas Service. The Choir will be performing at Holy Trinity on Sunday, December 3 at 3 p.m. We hope many people will come out to enjoy the performance as we start to get into the spirit of Christmas. Free will offerings will go to the Lionel Kelland Hospice Center.

Holy Trinity Church Choir Christmas Service: Joy to the World, A Celebration of Carols. The service will be on Sunday, December 17 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Please mark that date on your calendar. We hope to see you there.

Singing Sidesmen Christmas Sing-Along. There will be a concert on *Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.* in the E.M. Bishop Hall. Admission is \$5. Refreshments will be served.

Flowers for Christmas. Anyone wishing to place flowers in the church for Christmas in memory of loved ones may place a donation in an envelope in the Offertory Plate. Please mark the envelope: **Christmas Flowers**. All names must be received by December 17 to be included in the Christmas Bulletin.

ACW Fall Sale. Thank you to all those who helped with yesterday's Fall Sale! As always, it was a great success. Thanks to the hard work of our ACW and all the ladies of the parish.

Next Sunday Is the First of Advent. The season of Advent is almost upon us! As we begin a new Christian year (Year B) and prepare for Christmas, The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund invites you to reflect on the story of the Manger by making it a living story. Each week we will focus on a work that PWRDF is doing. We encourage you to use the prayer for the week every day.

Rev. Randy Bids Farewell This Week! My dear people, when I first announced that we would be leaving the Parish this year, there was still four months remaining, and though it seemed like a long time, it has now come to pass. Within a few days, I will be vacating the Parish to go to St. Philip's. After 16 years, it is now time to say thank you for everything you did that made it possible for us to stay with you so long. We have many memories and good friendships to take with us, and we will always remember Holy Trinity, and the town of Grand Falls-Windsor as home for our boys. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. Goodbye and remember we are not that far away. Anytime you find yourself in St. John's on a Sunday morning, you are most welcome to join us for worship at St. Philip's. At this point, I will be moving to St. John's alone, and Ada, Dylan & Adam will join me whenever our house sells in Grand Falls-Windsor. Once we are fully settled in St. Philip's and have a house there, we will be sure to provide you with the address. In the meantime, thank you for everything. Please keep praying for the new rector that is yet to come, unknown to us at this point, but already known to God. Please pray for the Selection Committee entrusted with the awesome responsibility of discerning who that will be. May God's Holy Spirit guide them in that process.

Schedule of Clergy and Lay Ministers Will Soon Be Drawn Up. The current worship schedule runs until the middle of January. Rev. Randy is trying to cover off as many of these services as possible before he leaves. He has some dates from Bishop Don and Rev. Joan and is awaiting the return of Rev. Nelson. Barbara Leyte will also be instrumental in leading some of the worship services. We are very pleased to have someone as dedicated to Lay Ministry as Barbara. Bishop John and Archdeacon Terry Caines will also come to lead worship anytime we need them and their schedules permit. We are blessed to have such fine lay people helping as well.

Church Office Phone. The Church Wardens will be checking the office phone messages. The telephone numbers of the Church Wardens are as follows: Ena Dacosta 489-4914 and Wayne Ricks 489-2525. The office phone is 489-3002. If you need to speak to someone urgently, please call the Wardens first.

A New Regional Dean Has Been Appointed! With Rev. Randy's departure, it was necessary for the Bishop to appoint a new Regional Dean. We are pleased to announce that as of December 1, the Rev. Jeff Blackwood, Rector of the Parish of Windsor-Bishop's Falls, will take over this duty from Rev. Randy. If there is a parish emergency and our own honorary associates are unavailable, the Wardens will call Rev. Blackwood.

Queen's College Appeal: The success of our efforts at Queen's College reflects the support we receive from the dioceses, parishes, clergy and parishioners. We do not yet have the final numbers on the 2017 Appeal, but we know it was a big improvement over 2016. This was possible only because of the interest and support for the Appeal. Thank you! The Bishops of the three Dioceses have agreed to have Queen's College Appeal in all parishes across the province on Sunday February 18, 2018. Your support will be appreciated. (*Rev. Randy has added this note now so that it doesn't get lost in the transition of Rectors*)

Annual Christmas Tree of Memories. The tree will be lit on Tuesday, December 19 at 7 p.m. If you would like to have a bulb on the tree lit in memory of a loved one, please place your donation and the name of your loved one in a plain envelope, write your envelope number on the envelope and place it in the collection plate **before December 17**. The names will be read out and then the tree will be lit in loving memory of all loved ones. Following the lighting of the tree, everyone is invited to the Olde Parish Hall for hot chocolate and Timbits.

The Rector's Christmas Discretionary Fund. The fund will not be active this Christmas, simply because Rev. Randy will not be here to administer the funds; and in all likelihood, the new Rector will not be settled into the Parish before Christmas. Rev. Randy is encouraging those who have supported the fund each Christmas to take the same amount and donate it to another worthy cause, such as the VOCM Happy Tree or the local Food Bank or place it in your PWRDF envelope and help support many needy projects around the world.

Greeters/Sidesmen Needed. If you like meeting people and making everyone feel welcome, then maybe you would enjoy being a greeter before Church services. Part of your responsibility would be to be at church 30 minutes before the service begins and wear a smile. You would be asked to serve every fifth or sixth week. *Romans 15:7 states: "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God"* (RSV). If you are interested in helping us in this important ministry, please call Terry Brown (489-3898).

Greeters: David Wells, Ron Antle, Bob Hiscock, Martha Beson, Audrey Bishop

Messenger Notices. Please have your submissions to Linda by Thursday. You may contact her at 489-9801 or e-mail linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com.

THE PRIEST by Karl Rahner, SJ *Part of a homily at an ordination:*

My friends, accept us as we are:

The priest is not an angel sent from Heaven,

(s)he is a *(hu)man* chosen from among you,

a member of the Church, a Christian.

Remaining *(hu)man* and Christian,

(s)he begins to speak to you the Word of God.

This Word is not his own.

No, *s/he* comes to you because,

God has told *him/her* to proclaim His Word.

Perhaps *s/he* has not entirely understood it *her/himself*.

Perhaps *s/he* adulterates it.

But, *s/he* believes, and despite *his/her* fears *(s)he* knows that *(s)he* must communicate God's Word to you. For must not some one of us say something about God, about eternal life, about the majesty of grace in our sanctified being; must not some one of us speak of sin, the judgment and mercy of God?

(Italics in the text are my adjustments to inclusive language. Rahner's words were at a different time and place. What he said about priesthood, now applies to all people who take on leadership ministries in the Church.)