

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.

SERVICE TIMES FOR December 3 - December 10		
Sunday, December 3 <i>Advent 1</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.
Thursday	Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 9 <i>Advent 2</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist (BAS)	10:30 a.m.

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Readers: Bill Melvin

Ann Shears

Tom Granter

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.

Today Is the First of Advent. 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.

Cancer Survivors Choir Christmas Service Today. The Choir will be performing at Holy Trinity 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.

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.

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.

New Books in the Library. The **Left Behind** series has been given to the library as a donation. **Left Behind** is a series of 16 novels (13 of which are best-sellers) by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, dealing with Christian dispensationalist End Times: pretribulation, premillennial and Christian eschatological viewpoint of the end of the world. Another addition is **A Story of God and All of Us** by Roma Downey and Mark Burnett. If you are interested in reading this series or any of the other books, please sign and date the Register Sheet when you borrow and return a book. A couple of books have also been added to the Prayer Room.

Altar Guild Meeting. There will be an Altar Guild Meeting Monday, December 4, at 6:45 p.m. in the Vestry Room. New members are always welcome.

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.

Church Calendars. If you would like a calendar, please contact Karen Brown (489-6490). The cost is \$5 each.

A New Regional Dean Has Been Appointed. Bishop John is pleased to announce that the Rev. Jeff Blackwood, Rector of the Parish of Windsor-Bishop's Falls, is the Regional Dean for our area—Botwood, Lewisporte, Windsor-Bishop's Falls, and Grand Falls. If there is a parish emergency and our own honorary associates are unavailable, the Wardens will call Rev. Blackwood.

Seniors' Christmas Social. The Harmsworth Library is hosting a Seniors' Christmas Social on Thursday, December 7 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. All are welcome.

ACW. Ladies, we will be having a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 13. We are going to have pizza for supper, and it will be served at 6:30 p.m. (*Note time change.*) Please reply through e-mail to Danette or call Sandra (489-4092) by Sunday, December 10. Leave message if no answer. See you there.

Ultreya. The Christmas Ultreya will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lewisporte on Saturday, December 9. Gathering at 10:30 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. We will have a potluck luncheon.

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*)

Greeters/Sidesmen Needed. If you like meeting people and making everyone feel welcome, then maybe you would enjoy being a greeter before Church services. If you are interested in helping us in this important ministry, please call Terry Brown (489-3898).

Greeters: Fred & Linda Pafford, Hubert Griffin, Heather Howse, Margaret Pomeroy

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.

Opening Hymn

Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness, we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him;
Well He sees and knows it if our light is dim;
He looks down from heaven, sees us shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around
Many kinds of darkness in this world abound:
Sin, and want, and sorrow—we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Advent Candle Lighting

First Sunday of Advent - Hope

Giving hope – giving goats

PWRDF Story:

Zainabu Kilaza is a mother of two living in the village of Stesheni in Nachingwea district, Tanzania. Her two dairy goats produce eight litres of milk each day. She and her two children drink two litres a day and sell the remaining six. The income allows her to buy more food, as well as clothes and school supplies.

“I am grateful to God that I am alive,” said Kilaza. “I feel happy and healthy. If I would not be the beneficiary of this dairy goat program, I would have died. Many have died, but I am glad I have been alive to see this change.”

Gracious God, you remind us that when we give to others, we are giving hope.

We light this candle to remind us of the importance of hope.

Prayer for the week:

*God of hope
You restore our broken lives
Comfort us with the promise of the expected One
Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ*

If you would like to receive daily reflections during this Season of Advent, please visit the PWRDF website at <http://pwrdf.org/resources/seasonal/>.

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