

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.

The bulletin today is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Diana Hounsell** by Frank Hounsell, Martha Beson, & Louise Jones.

SERVICE TIMES FOR December 17 – December 24		
Sunday, December 17 <i>Advent 3</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Choir Christmas Service Prayer & Healing Service	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Lighting of the Christmas Tree of Memories	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 21	Holy Communion (BCP))	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 24 <i>Advent 4 / Christmas Eve</i>	Family Service Christmas Eucharist Service (BAS)	6:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28
Readers: Garry Hayley Dale Butler David Wells

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.

Advent. We begin this third week of Advent by being asked to feel the joy that comes from knowing our Lord's coming to us is near. In these precious days ahead, we are praying, longing, and hoping in the background of our everyday lives. His mission is to the poor, the brokenhearted, prisoners and captives. His mission is for us. It is "good news," full of healing, liberty and release. We can smile today as we imagine the freedom he has won for us and how liberating it will be to live it, with him, for others. It is right to give our God thanks and praise.

Choir Christmas Service: *Joy to the World, A Celebration of Carols.* The service will be held today at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Lighting of the Annual Christmas Tree of Memories--*This Tuesday, December 19 beginning at 7 p.m.* This is the last day to have the names of your loved ones submitted. We will gather at the main entrance, read the names of those in whose memory the tree will be lit, prayers will be said, and then the tree will be lit for Christmas. Following the lighting of the tree, everyone is invited to the Olde Parish Hall for hot chocolate and Timbits.

Greetings from Robynn and Eddy Toal. Well it has been two weeks since our return home. It was with heavy hearts that we had to leave all the wonderful people at Holy Trinity who, for the past three months, welcomed us into their hearts and homes. Things are going well. Eddy is travelling to Ontario for a month to visit our children and grandchildren, and I am working. Won't be long and I will be back to Queen's in January for final term. I would like to once more give a big thank you to everyone at Holy Trinity for all your love and support. I will take it with me wherever I journey. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. God's Blessings on you and your families. *Love From Robynn and Eddy.*

Flowers for Christmas. This is the last day to have the names of loved ones recorded in the Christmas Bulletin. Anyone wishing to place flowers in the church for Christmas in memory of loved ones may place the names of loved ones and a donation envelope in the Offertory Plate. Please mark the envelope **Christmas Flowers.**

Christmas Services. Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Please join with us for our special Christmas services--the family worship at 6 p.m. and Holy Eucharist at 11 p.m. Bishop John Watton will be officiating at both of the services.

Thank You. The ACW donated \$5,000 to the church last Sunday. We thank the ladies for their hard work and dedication.

Church Office. The office phone is 489-3002. The Church Wardens will be checking the office phone messages. If you need to speak to someone urgently, please call the Ena Dacosta (489-4914) or Wayne Ricks (489-2525).

Finance. Thank you for your generous offerings throughout the year. We have just two weeks to go before we close the books for 2017. We encourage you to have your 2017 offerings in before the end of year. This will help our treasurer meet the financial commitments of the Parish by having all our expenses paid, including our Diocesan Assessment. Thank you for all you do to the glory of God and your church.

Church Envelopes. Over the next few weeks, the 2018 Church Envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Every box picked up here is one less for those who do the deliveries. Again this year, a big thank you to those who faithfully help out in this way. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. *David and Judy*

Christmas Eve Family Service. Any children interested in singing **Silent Night** at the 6 p.m. Family Service on Christmas Eve are asked to contact Lesley Roberts at lesleyburke99@hotmail.com. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 23 at 2 p.m. All children are welcome to be part of this group.

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

Greeters: Terry Brown, Bob Dawe, Ed Eastman, Roy Goulding, Nancy Jackson, Sandra Knight

Items for the Messenger. Items for the Christmas Bulletin must be received by noon on Wednesday, December 20. The first bulletin in the New Year will be on January 7. Items for the January 7th bulletin must be received by Thursday, January 4. You may contact Linda at 489-9801 or e-mail linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com.

Advent Candle Lighting

Third Sunday of Advent – Joy

Celebrating the joy of food security

PWRDF Story:

Maria Luala, a 30-year old mother of six, and a refugee in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, has a reason to be hopeful. She now has a job, and can supply her family with meat and eggs, a luxury that only a few can afford in the refugee camps of the drought-ravaged Kenya.

In response to the food crisis, PWRDF is supporting the animal husbandry initiative coordinated by the National Council of Churches in Kenya (NCCCK). With help from NCCCK, Maria joined with a group of twenty other men and women to raise chickens. She has made use of cardboard boxes to house the noisy flock of 100 egg-laying hens. This cooperative strategy produces \$300 of monthly income for the group's members, as well as a supply of eggs for eating. PWRDF's partnership with NCCCK has provided Maria and her companions with a sense of purpose and hope.

Rejoice! says the Lord. Reminding us that our God can do great things!!

We light this candle as a celebration of Joy

Prayer for the week:

God, Our Saviour

You fill the hungry with good things

Send us out to the world:

Joyfully rejoicing for all that you make possible!