

**Welcome.** A warm welcome to everyone who is worshipping with us this morning. If this is your first time at Holy Trinity, please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy, and sign our guest book located in the foyer.

Service Times for January 28 - February 4		
<b>Sunday, January 28</b> <i>Epiphany 4</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BAS)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, February 1</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30 a.m.
<b>Sunday, February 4</b> <i>Epiphany 5</i> <i>Food Bank Sunday</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) Baptism/Holy Eucharist (BAS) Evening Prayer (BAS)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

**Readings:** **Deuteronomy 18:15-20** Marilyn Hillyard      **1 Corinthians 8:1-13** David Mercer      **Mark 1:21-28** Barbara Leyte

**New Rector.** The Bishop has appointed the Reverend Robin Trevors to the duties and office of the Rector of the Parish of Grand Falls effective March 1, 2018. Rev. Robin comes to us from the Parish of Clarendville. Please keep Rev. Robin in prayer as he completes his ministry in Clarendville and prepares for his new ministry with us.

**CBS Festival of Praise.** The Festival will be held on February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial United Church. Tickets are \$5. You may purchase them at the door or from Audrey/Roy Goulding (489-5078).

**Food Bank Sunday.** People struggle with hunger every day in our communities, and food donations are needed year round. We ask that you please bring a non-perishable food item next Sunday to donate to the local Food Bank. A box is provided in the main foyer where you can drop in some food items at any time

**Altar Flowers.** The flowers placed in the church today in memory of the deceased ACW and Altar Guild members.

**Church Office Phone.** If you need to speak to someone urgently, please call the Wardens: Ena Dacosta (489-4914) or Wayne Ricks (489-2525).

**Closure of Steps on Beaumont Avenue.** Due to snow clearing of Beaumont Ave, the plow usually pushes snow onto these steps. It is impossible to keep these steps cleared at all times. Therefore, for the remainder of the winter, the steps on Beaumont Ave will be kept closed. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

**ACW.** The corporate communion will be on February 4 at 8:30 a.m. service, Breakfast to follow. Please let Dale, Sandra or Danette know by February 1 if you will be attending the breakfast.

**Queen's College Appeal.** The Bishops of the three dioceses in Newfoundland and Labrador have agreed to, again this year, designate a date for the Queen's College Appeal. The established date for the Appeal is February 18. Envelopes will be placed in the bulletin for February 11 for your contribution to this Appeal on the 18th. Your giving to this appeal is a way to contribute to the future of the Church and the spread of the Gospel. The support of the Church through the Queen's College Appeal will be an important endorsement for the Church's plan to prepare people for ordained and non-ordained leadership for the 21st Century.

**Diocesan Synod 2018.** Synod will be held here at Holy Trinity from September 28 – 30. Sub-committees are presently being set up. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Margaret Rose Coffin (489-5335) or Dolly Hart (489-9364).

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

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

**Notes for the Bulletin.** Articles for the Sunday Messenger must be submitted to Linda by Thursday. Please e-mail [linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com](mailto:linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com) or call (489-9801).

## Channels of Blessing

*And [Ananias] kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. Acts 5:2*

There are huge canals like the Panama Canal and the Suez Canal. And there are channels that helped fuel commerce and trade on a smaller scale: the Erie Canal in New York, the Royal Canal in Ireland, and the Alter Strom in Germany. A canal is a channel that allows movement between two points.

As God's stewards, we are channels of His blessings. Part of God's reason for blessing us is so we might channel His blessings to others. In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, believers sold their possessions and gave the funds to the apostles to give to the needy. One couple, Ananias and Sapphira, lied about the amount they donated; they held back part of God's blessing out of greed. And their decision cost them their lives. When we fail to channel God's blessings to others, we must examine our motives.

Giving becomes a joy when we realize that what we are giving is not ours but God's. When we open our hands to others, God can fill our hands again.

*God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with. Billy Graham*

**Today's Turning Point** with Dr. David Jeremiah. January 12, 2018