



Holy Trinity November 2021 Update

To Holy Trinity Parishioners:

We pray that you are safe and well. This email is to inform you about Holy Trinity's business and activities.

Parish Council Update

The council meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov.9, 2021. Rev. Allan Livingstone started the meeting with a prayer.

Bryan Smith indicated the property committee's next project was to fix the heating cables on the roof of the parish hall to eliminate ice buildup and the resulting problems.

Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs has given permission for the wardens to contact Territorial Archdeacon Kim Van Allen, to set up a meeting so that the process of selecting a new priest can be discussed. A meeting is set for Nov. 25th in Goderich. In following the Canons, the process includes a committee being formed to be part of the process of selecting a new priest. As a result, the wardens wanted to be proactive and presented a list of possible and willing candidates to council.

Holy Trinity is able to continue moving forward because of the generous donations of our parishioners. **Thank you for your continued financial support.** Weekly collection envelopes for 2022 are being distributed. If you are a new to the congregation and wish collection envelopes for 2022, please contact Beth Smith at 519 227 4905. If you would prefer to eliminate using envelopes and would like to switch to direct deposit, please contact Beth Smith at the above number.

Regathering Committee

The Regathering Committee met to discuss changes to the Diocesan *Return to Church Policies*. As of next Sunday (November 21, 2021), we will be able to sing hymns as part of our weekly services. With this change, and to help keep everyone safe, we ask that everyone please wear medical grade, three-layer masks (rather than homemade single layer type). We have these masks available at the entrance to the church if you require one. We also need to remember to social distance within the church. By following these public health measures, we hope everyone can feel comfortable attending church and be able to sing, which is a great addition to our services. Special thanks to Cliff Munro for providing our weekly music and his beautiful piano interludes.

Holy Trinity Outreach

Darlene Howard contacted the guidance department at Medway High School to determine how we could help students in need. As part of our outreach program. Walmart gift cards will be purchased by Holy Trinity to be distributed to students in need, through the Guidance Department as the needs arise.

The ACW continues to collect stamps for leprosy. Please place the stamps in the envelope at the back of the church.



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Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity would like to thank everyone who made our poinsettia fundraiser successful and turned in their order form on or before Nov.14th. You will be contacted by phone to arrange pickup of your order **on Sat., Dec. 4 or Sun., Dec. 5, 2021.**

Once again this year, Holy Trinity will be holding **Fill the Steps for Merrymount Children's Centre on Sat., Dec. 11., 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The donations are given to special children throughout the year. Donations such as children's clothing, toys and games or a cheque in an envelope payable to *Merrymount Children's Centre* are all great gifts to fill the steps. If you wish, your gift may be brought to the church on Sun., Dec. 12 and placed under the tree or call 519-227-4905 to make other drop off arrangements.

Annual Vestry Meeting

The date of Holy Trinity's Annual Vestry meeting will be Sunday January 23, 2022 following the Sunday Service. More information will follow. Save the Date. You don't want to miss it!

Holy Trinity Candle and Flower Memorial Fund

Traditionally at Christmas time, Holy Trinity accepts memorial donations in memory of loved ones who have passed away (parents, grandparents etc). If you would like to have a loved one's name added to the Memorial list (published in the Christmas Eve bulletin), please pick up an envelope at the back of the church and place it on the collection plate. If you are not currently attending services in person, please call 519-227-4905 to make arrangements. The deadline for memorials to be submitted is December 12, 2021.

Upcoming Services

All services will be streamed on Holy Trinity's Facebook page

Sun., Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Anglican Church Women Sunday

Sun., Nov. 28, 10:30 a.m., Morning Prayer:1st Sun. of Advent & Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Sun., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist: 2nd Sun. of Advent

Sun., Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m., Morning Prayer, 3rd Sun. of Advent

Sun., Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, 4th Sun. of Advent



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Fri., Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Christmas Eve Family Service ***

Fri., Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Christmas Eve Candle Service*
(the 7:00pm service will be streamed on Facebook Live)**

Sun., Dec. 26, 10:30 a.m., Morning Prayer

*****Please note, due to social distancing rules, we can only accommodate 50 people per service. To help regulate attendance numbers on Christmas Eve, please call 519-227-4905 to reserve your spot. Thank you.*****

The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7:00 pm.

Interesting Tidbits

Listen for the ringing of the church bells each day at noon from Dec. 13 - 24 to announce the coming of the Christ Child. Holy Trinity will also be playing Christmas Music daily from the bell tower to share our festive spirit with the town.

If you should have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

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Stay safe and well.

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