



# Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill 1830 - 2015

Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future



MAY 2015

"Something good is happening here!!"

## Trinity Mail

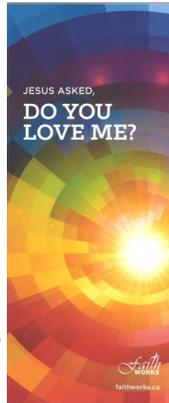
### PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY

May 3

Since 2013, we have dedicated the **First Sunday of May as our annual Day of Observance of The Prison Ministry**. On this day, the focus of the service is on the ministry to prisoners, chaplains, staff, and all who are engaged in this work. This year we are pleased to welcome Mr. MacDonald Boyce, a faithful Anglican (Lay Reader) and a retired Manager in the Ministry of Correctional Services, as our guest speaker on Prison Ministry Sunday.

### FAITHWORKS

We are reminded of the amazing ministry that is exercised because of your generous donations to FaithWorks. FaithWorks is the annual appeal of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. Since 1996, FaithWorks has provided more than \$24 million to Anglican-affiliated ministries offering help and hope to people in need throughout south-central Ontario and around the world. More information was provided with the Spring edition of **Trinity News**. Please respond as you are able.



### WORSHIP REVIEW GROUP

May 6

At February's Vestry Meeting, as we discussed enhancing our worship services with the use of technology, it was suggested that there is a need to review our worship experience at the 10:00 a.m. service. It was recommended that a committee be tasked to address such a review. We are pleased to announce that Jacqui Getfield, Rebecca Jones, Elaine Pudwell, Malcom Shiner, Jane Winstanley and Rowena Zealey have been invited to Canon Stephen to engage in this important piece of work. The preliminary meeting of the group will be on May 6.

### JERUSALEM SUNDAY

May 17

In 2013 General Synod passed a resolution to "observe the **Seventh Sunday of Easter, commonly known as the Sunday after Ascension Day, as Jerusalem Sunday**." Jerusalem Sunday is an opportunity for Anglicans in Canada to learn more about and support God's mission in the Diocese of Jerusalem. This year, we will observe **Jerusalem Sunday** on May 17.

### ANNIVERSARY NEWS FOR MAY



May is shaping up to be the busiest month in our 185th anniversary celebration.

On **May 10**, The Rev. Ruthanne Ward, an Assistant Curate during the Incumbency of Canon Linda Nicholls (now Bishop), will be the celebrant and preacher at both services. She was recently appointed as The Missional Associate at Christ Church, Bolton.

On the Feast of Pentecost, **May 24**, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Archbishop of Toronto and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, will be the celebrant and preacher at 10 a.m.

The month concludes on Trinity Sunday, **May 31**, when we welcome back Canon Bob Grisdale, Rector from 1976-1991.

It will also be our **Community Day**. An invitation is extended to friends and past members of our parish to share with us on this day. The service will be followed by a time for conversation, reminiscing and light refreshments. Let's make this a real family day!

### Memorial Service

We will journey over to the Holy Trinity Cemetery (at Royal Orchard Blvd. and Yonge), the site of the original church for a memorial service at 1:30 p.m. on May 31. The 20 minute service will be followed by tours of the historic monuments and burial places of the founders of Thornhill our church, and other faithful members of our parish family. The tours will be led by Vic Stecyk, Adam Birrell and Danielle Terbenche.



## PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

At the end of May we will submit information for the 185th Anniversary Parish Directory for printing. The directory will include the complete listing of our Parish Membership. If you have NOT had your photo taken and **you do NOT want your address and/or phone number included in the Directory, please contact [rebecca@dysartjones.com](mailto:rebecca@dysartjones.com) by May 17<sup>th</sup>**, and specify that you do not want your address or phone number or both included.

**Members, who do not have an email address, are invited to use the consent form available at the back of the church and give it to a Sidesperson.**

If there is NO indication your address/phone number will be published in the Directory which is a vital connector among us and will be ready for Autumn 2015! Many thanks.

## EVA REA BURSARY FUND

The Eva Rea Bursary Fund is currently accepting 2015 applications. This program is available to youth who are/has been an active member to help in pursuing further education. Applications forms can be requested by email to: [info@holytrinity-thornhill.ca](mailto:info@holytrinity-thornhill.ca).

## ENDOWMENT FUND

This is a reminder that **requests for money from the Holy Trinity Endowment Fund** should be submitted by Tuesday, **June 30, 2015** to Ray Burton or the Endowment Fund mailbox at the foot of the stairs. In the Lower hall, just outside the offices, there is a bulletin board explaining how the fund works and listing the criteria for donations. In order to assess applications carefully, we are asking that current financial statements for the organization be included in the application.

## SABBATH LEAVE

Canon Stephen will take sabbatical leave from June 1 - September 30. During this time The Rev. Paul Walker will serve as Priest-in-Charge. Fr. Paul has been a supply priest for us on several occasions in the past.



## OUTREACH

As of April 21, there have been 15 deliveries of canned/packaged food and personal use items to the Richmond Hill Food Bank (6), All Saints Community Kitchen (4), and Eva's Place (5). Also there have been three deliveries of adult apparel to All Saints 'Clothing Closet'. Thank You! for your continued interest & support, including financial contributions to purchase food items for Richmond Hill & All Saints.

## LOONIES & TOONIES FOR LENT

Thanks to all who participated on the Lenten exercise. You given \$1,430 to support the Thornhill Public School's nutrition program, our 185th anniversary outreach project.

**WELCOME TEAM** for 10:00 am SERVICES June, July & August If you are able to assist as a sidesperson/greeter, please speak to Peter Paterson or call him at 905 889 5532. Thank you.

## VAUGHAN CULTURE DAYS

**September 2015**

To highlight the 185 Anniversary, Holy Trinity plans to participate in Vaughan Culture Days Week-end on September 26-27. The format is similar to 'Doors Open'. It is an opportunity to show off our beautiful church including the history as it unfolded in the 1800's. Also, inviting people into our space shows that we are a busy, vibrant part of the community. We need you to be the guides of our church tours. You will receive info package & training before summer. **Please volunteer by calling Linda Robertson at 905 881 1936, or by e-mail at [ler@look.ca](mailto:ler@look.ca).**

## EVER MADE THESE?

### WELLSPRING NEEDS SLIPPERS!

Wellspring Westerkirk House offers a welcoming & safe community for men, women & children living with cancer - helping them cope and manage the impact on their lives.



If you are a potential slipper-knitter, and have the time, talent, needles and desire to help, I have the pattern and Phentex slipper yarn. Let me know how we can get together to make beautiful slippers happen! Cathy 905 884-4308

Here is the feedback (from our Wellspring liaison) after the last batch of HTC slippers were delivered *"I am feeling warm and fuzzy all over for your talent and kindness for making slippers for Wellspring. I know they will be very much appreciated...."*

## HEALING AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

The pedometer sales have been good, but just know that they are not just an aid for those already quite active. Anyone can benefit from determining their level of activity and then trying to increase it. Scientists have shown benefits from 10 minutes of activity. I have one extra pedometer for anyone still interested.

For those of us getting back into our gardens, remember to drink water frequently when active, wear sun protection and do gardening in short bouts, especially the first couple of days. Make sure to stretch afterwards and change activities frequently to reduce muscle strain and soreness. Remember, every spring we are a year older!

Just a reminder for those who may be having difficulty getting rides to appointments. Some parishioners have volunteered to drive if they are free. So if you need a ride, contact Swan or myself and we may be able to find someone to help.

Planning for Fall LUNCH and LEARN is underway. Possible topic 'Our Feet and the Importance of Proper Footwear and Their Care'. Watch for info in TRINITY NEWS in August. Have a great spring and summer.

*Susan Rodgers, RN*