



SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 3

Please join this mature adults fellowship. On **Wednesday December 3**, we gather at **11:00 am** for Eucharist followed by luncheon. Please let us know if you are attending for logistical purposes. Contact Jean Challoner or call the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

December 6

Come and listen to Barry Pipes, our parishioner/former warden/COC (chief of communication), as he outlines *"ME? A SATANIST? PERISH THE THOUGHT!"*. **Saturday 8:15 am**. To ensure adequate breakfast, please register on the sign-up sheets outside the auditorium or by leaving a message at 905 889 5931 ext. 28.

REMEMBRANCE & HOPE

December 10

The annual Service of Remembrance & Hope (*"Blue Christmas"*) will be held at **7:30 pm** on **Wednesday, December 10** with reception after the service. It is excellent place to care for your grief, whether recent or longer-standing. Please consider joining us. Hang a white dove on our Christmas tree in memory of your loved ones.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING

December 13

During the Advent Season many may be drawn into the hustle and bustle of the commercial aspect of the moment. Join us for a *"Quiet Morning with the Lord"* on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 am —12:00 noon. This time will be facilitated by members of the Bishop's Committee on Prayer. **Register at holytrinity-thornhill.ca/registration/** Or call 905 889 5931.

HTS CAROL SERVICE

December 17

Holy Trinity School annual Carol Service will be held here at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday December 17. Everyone is welcome, this is not only for school families.

STEWARDSHIP 2015

Please complete your pledge card and, using the envelope enclosed in your winter mailing, return it to church **on or before Commitment Sunday, December 14, 2014**. You may place it on the offertory plate.

CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Each year at this time, the Thornhill Ministerial Association sponsors a program of assistance to Thornhill's most needy families. We ask for donations of **non-perishable food or cash**. The cash donations are used to buy supermarket gift certificates for the purchase of fresh/perishable food. We ask that the cash donations be in cheque, payable to "Holy Trinity Christmas Assistance" no later than Monday December 1.

There are collection boxes at the church entrance, by the Christmas tree in front of the auditorium and in the coat-rack area (lower hall) for non-perishable food.

We also need volunteers to help with

- sorting food donations - Thursday December 18
 - packing the hampers - Friday December 19, and
 - delivering the hampers - Saturday morning December 20.
- Sign-up sheets is available during Coffee Hour so you can indicate to us the time(s) you will be able to help. Contact Linda Gould to volunteer or for further information.

STAY ACTIVE - Pedometer Available

The Healing and Wellness Committee is selling pedometers during Coffee Hours, to promote physical activity over the winter. Recent research has shown that sitting for 3 hours increases our risk for heart disease as much as smoking. 10,000 steps is claimed as the goal to achieve daily, but identifying our level of activity and gradually working to increase it, is a goal worthy of New Year's resolutions. All of us, at any age, can work to increase our general activity level. Here's a tool to help. Cost is \$15. See Susan Rodgers or members of the Healing Committee to purchase one. These are recommended by the cardiac rehab clinic and could make a healthy Christmas gift.

SIDESPEOPLE/GREETERS WELCOME TEAM for Christmas Eve Services 5:00 pm, 7:30 pm and 10:00 pm.

If you are able to assist as a Sidesperson/Greeter at one of our Christmas Eve Services, please speak to Peter Paterson. Your assistance with and contributions to one of our Christmas Eve services would be most welcome and appreciated. Thank you.

185th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Our 185th Anniversary Committee continues to meet and plan for next year's celebration. On January 4, 2015, we will officially signal the beginning of our anniversary celebration. The chair, Vic Stecyk will give a presentation and he will be assisted by the Archives Committee.

The Theme: *Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future.*

THE ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

God of our ancestors we thank you for those who established, led and served this parish over the past 185 years. We celebrate their commitment. For all that has been:

All: We thank you.

We give thanks for our priest and this present congregation, for their diverse ministries at home and abroad. We celebrate the present. For all that is:

All: We thank you.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may grow in passion and confidence. Empower us to carry the gospel into our neighbourhood and beyond as we embrace each new day. For what will be:

All: We thank you. Amen

This prayer was composed by Jane Winstanley. It will be prayed at every celebration of the Eucharist from January 4—December 22, 2015. Every church group/committee is encouraged to say it at the beginning or end of their meetings

Souvenirs

A limited quantity of Christmas Tree decorative balls and souvenir bags are available for immediate purchase. The Committee is seeking to produce anniversary T-shirts. Production will be based on pre-orders.



Events in January and February

Jan. 04 - Anniversary Launch

Feb. 01 - Bishop Linda Nicholls (ACW Ingathering)

21 - Breakfast (Speaker: Bishop Philip Poole: *The Future of The Church*)

22 - Bishop Philip Poole -(Dedication of First Church, February 28, 1830)

Photo Directory. The first photo sessions were held in November. More sessions will be in February and April 2015. Look out for these days soon. The directory will be published in the Fall 2015.

OUTREACH

As of November 28, there have been 37 deliveries of canned/ packaged food and personal use items to the Richmond Hill Food Bank, All Saints Community Kitchen and Eva's Place. As well, there have been nine deliveries of adult apparel to the All Saints 'Clothing Closet'. Thank you for your continued interest and support, including financial contributions to purchase food items. Your continued interest and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

ACW NEWS

Festival of Christmas ... Sincere thank you to everyone who made the Festival a success. It was a joyful day for the church members and the community at large.

Inviting **all women of the parish** to a **Quiet Day** with Bishop Linda Nicholls on **Saturday March 28, 2015** from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm at St. John's Convent on Cummer Avenue in North York. Please register by giving a cheque for \$50 made out to Holy Trinity church ACW to Jane Winstanley before February 28. Thank you. Space is limited, no refund available but substitute is accepted.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec. 21	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Cantata
Dec. 24	10:00 a.m.	NO service
	5:00 p.m.	Pageant / Family Eucharist
	7:30 p.m.	Eucharist with full Choir
	10:00 p.m.	Eucharist with small Choir
Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
Dec. 28	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist
	10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

2014 TAX RECEIPTS

If you wish to receive 2014 Tax Receipts, please ensure that your contributions arrive in the church office **no later than Tuesday December 30, 2014.**

If your address or name has changed, please notify the church office to ensure accuracy.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Please note the **church kitchen** will be completely **closed** from Monday December 29, 2014 to Friday January 2, 2015 for floor maintenance.