



Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill

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Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future

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JUNE 2015

"Something good is happening here!!"

SABBATH LEAVE

Canon Stephen is on sabbath leave from June 1-Sept 30. **The Rev. Paul Walker** is serving as Priest-in-Charge and will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Sundays & Wednesdays (note: There is no Wednesday service in August). He is also available for pastoral ministrations as needed during the week. He can be reached at 905 889 5931 ext. 25 or at interim@holymtrinity-thornhill.ca. We welcome him into our community.

WORSHIP REVIEW GROUP

At our Vestry Meeting it was suggested that a committee be tasked to review our worship experience at the 10:00 a.m. service. A committee, comprising Jane Winstanley (convenor), Jacqui Getfield, Rebecca Jones, Elaine Pudwell, Malcom Shiner, Rowena Zealey and Canon Stephen has begun this work. The terms of reference of the committee are as follows:

- **engage the parish in a review of our 10:00 a.m. worship**
- **recommend ways in which our worship experiences can be enriched**
- **reflect the mission of our parish**
- **encourage all ideas**

We engage this work with the understanding that worship is a celebration of, and our response to God. This celebration ought to be, **inclusive, engaging, lifegiving, empowering, affirming, a time to offer something to God and transformational.**

We are seeking your honest responses to the following questions:

*In our worship service (1) **What should we CONTINUE to do?** (2) **What should we STOP doing?** (3) **What should we START to do?** (4) *Have you been to another service - or heard about another service - that engaged you? Tell us what you liked about that service.**

Please send your response to events@holymtrinity-thornhill.ca. Printed Questionnaires sheets and response collection boxes are available at church entrances.

EVA REA BURSARY FUND

The **Eva Rea Bursary Fund** is accepting applications for 2015. This program is available to youth who are/have been active members to help in pursuing further education. Applications forms can be requested by email to: info@holymtrinity-thornhill.ca. **Deadline** for application is **June 15**.

CHAPEL ALTAR

One of our aims is to make the worship experience as welcoming and as inclusive as possible. Those who attend the Wednesday mid-week Eucharist will tell you about the intimate conversations they have sitting together. Then that all changes when the celebrant turns his back on them to celebrate the Eucharist. That posture "went out" in the 70's and early 80's. What is needed on Wednesday is the experience on Sunday!

The Advisory Board supported a proposal to move the chapel altar off the wall to allow the celebrant to stand behind it, facing the people, rather than standing between the people and altar.

With the support of the congregation, not only will the altar be moved forward but casters will be placed on its based so that it can be moved to be used for the seniors' eucharist at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and the beginning of summer. Currently a table is taken from the vestry and used as an altar.

The congregation will be asked for their input in October.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Please be reminded 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.

GIFTS for FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

If you are cleaning cupboards/drawers over the summer months, Janet Marambio of Rebecca Group, is looking for **NEW** items to include in her "Lucky Dip " gift packages offered for sale at the Christmas Festival.

Suggestions: photo frames/mini albums, hand/tea towels, stationary, hand soaps, body lotions, scarves/gloves/fancy handkerchiefs, kitchen/glass wares, etc. (see bulletin board for details). Items can be left with Swan/Jesus throughout summer. We hope to start wrapping in September, so your help would be much appreciated.



WELCOME TEAM for 10:00 am SERVICES June, July & August

If you are able to assist as a sidesperson/greeter during the summer weeks, please speak to Peter Paterson or call him at 905 889 5532. Thank you

VIDEO PROJECTION

We have sought & received quotes from three potential suppliers. The Property Committee is reviewing & evaluating the proposals and will submit recommendation to the Wardens and Advisory Board.



There are challenges involved in configuring a building that was constructed in 1830 for fittings that were conceived and created 200 years later. It is acknowledged that, whatever the size of the screen/monitor, a portion of the stained glass windows will be obscured. This is part of the trade-off for the functionality it will provide.

We have mounted a "demonstration monitor" (this is one option). There will be other monitors in the body of the church. Another option is a much larger screen hanging over the altar (we are considering mounting a second demonstration to show this). The Property Committee welcomes your feedback. Please share with Ron Tolhurst or Eric Preston.

VAUGHAN CULTURE DAYS

September 2015

To highlight the 185 Anniversary, we plan to participate in Vaughan Culture Days Week-end on September 26-27. It is an opportunity to show our beautiful church and the history as it unfolded in the 1800's. Also, inviting people into our space shows that we are a vibrant part of the community. We need volunteers to be the guides of church tours. You will receive info package & training before summer. **Please contact Linda Robertson at 905 881 1936, or by e-mail at ler@look.ca.**

PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM IN 2017

Bishop Peter Fenty has invited all Incumbents, Associate Priests, Assistant Curates, other salaried Clergy, and interested lay persons in our Episcopal area to join him on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in May 2017. The pilgrimage will take the form of a course "The Palestine of Jesus" at St. George's College.

The current cost, which includes tuition, board, lodging, transportation and gratuities, is \$3,050. Airfare is in the vicinity of \$1,700. More info may be found at sgcjerusalem.org

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of participating in this pilgrimage, please let me send an email to events@holyltrinity-thornhill.ca. The bishop has asked The Rev. Nicola Skinner and Canon Stephen to work with the staff of St. George's College to assist with arrangements for the trip.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Nothing is more life-affirming than messages reminding us how much prayer shawls matter. What follows is one received from The Rev. Lauren Hodgson, St. Matthew's United Church, Toronto who presided over the funeral of three-year-old, Elijah Marsh, whose heartbreaking death earlier this year broke our hearts. Elijah's mother, Georgette received a shawl from HTC.

"Thank you for the generosity and assistance you provided St. Matthew' United Church for the funeral of Elijah Marsh



on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Through your support, and the coming together of many from the community, we witnessed to the spirit of the amazing love that Elijah must have been surrounded by in his short and beautiful life.

Your generosity assisted our church community to reach out to the Marsh family in a time of tragedy, helping to create space for them to grieve and gather with family and friends to remember and honour Elijah.

With gratitude and heartfelt thanks - "

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 offered 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

OUTREACH

As we are enjoying the summer days, the struggle of many families in our community to make ends meet continues. Your donation of non-perishable food items, personal use items and clothing to Richmond Hill Food Bank, All Saints Community Kitchen, and Eva's Place during the summer weeks are greatly appreciated.