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"Something good is happening here!!"

BIBLE MONDAYS

November 3,10,17,24

The Fall session of Bible Mondays will begin on November 3 at 7:30 pm. We will be studying the Letter of James.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 9

On this Sunday, we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We will also pray for our armed forces at home and abroad. This celebration is even more significant as our nation witnessed the tragic murders of two of our soldiers, Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Corporal Nathan Cirilo, on our home soil. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

November 16

As we head into the busy December, heart health is important to keep in mind. The Healing and Wellness Ministry will offer **Blood Pressure** screening after the services on November 16, as a way of bringing good blood pressure control to our attention. Please come and see us in the Reception Room. There will be some heart health information available.

FOUNDERS' SUNDAY

November 16

On Sunday, November 16, we celebrate our relationship with Holy Trinity School as we observe Founders' Sunday. The preacher will be Canon Stephen Crowther. We will also hear of the amazing work that Gloria Downey is doing there. There will be special music presented by students of the school.

STEWARDSHIP 2015

As the wardens prepare to plan our ministry budget for 2015, they are depending upon us to indicate how we will support our shared ministry. By completing our pledge cards and returning them, they will be in better position to confirm how much we can expect to allocate to our outreach and other ministries. Please complete the card you will receive and bring or return it to church on or before **Commitment Sunday, December 14**. Place it on the offertory plate in the envelope provided. More details may be found in the upcoming edition of **Trinity News**.

FESTIVAL of CHRISTMAS

Saturday November 22

One of the annual parish highlights is the ACW old-fashioned Festival of Christmas that will be from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. It is a celebration that is anticipated by the Thornhill community and beyond. It is a time to show your talents in décor, kitchen, etc.

- ACW members will phone you to solicit home-made bake goods.
- Country Store greatly appreciates donations of items for white elephant table.
- Christmas Past will be happy to re-cycle your Christmas decorations for other homes/families.
- Obtain your **Luncheon Tickets** in advance during Sunday Coffee Hours. \$10/person.

We need your help during set-up, on the Festival day and for clean-up. Please call Joan Virtue 905 881 8906 if you can help.

P.S. RE-USE/RECYCLE. If you have small boxes (shoebox size & smaller), tissue papers, bubble wraps, ribbons, please send them to the church office. Thank you.

PARISH MEETING

Saturday November 29

The Parish Planning Day is being held on **Saturday Nov. 29 from 9:30 to 12:00 noon**. While the catalyst for the day was the need to look at the way forward for our Youth Ministry, the broader issue we need to discuss is how we envision the future of this parish and the legacy we want to create for future generations of Anglicans in Thornhill. At this session, we hope to come to a better understanding of

- what it means to be missional in Thornhill,
- how we can embrace new members and approaches while maintaining our rich traditions and heritage and
- how each of us is prepared to help.

This is an ambitious, challenging and hopeful agenda, and we'll have help from diocesan staff to lead us through it. What we really need is your thoughtful and enthusiastic participation, and we look forward to seeing you on November 29.

SINCERE THANK YOU

The ACW thank ALL of you in making the Oct. 25 **Rummage Sale** a success. We appreciate your donations of time & items. Thank you to all volunteers (including students) for your efforts during the week of set-up, clean-up, & at the sale.

2015 CALENDAR

Calendars are available from Jane Winstanley .

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Thank you to those who have brought in filled shoe-boxes. There is still time to fill boxes if you are interested. Please obtain empty boxes from Judith Sinclair/Church School Coordinator on Sundays. Alternatively, you can use any shoe-boxes available at your home, please label them for girl or boy, and please remember to include the minimum \$7.00 donation to cover the shipping cost. The **ABSOLUTE FINAL DATE** to bring in the filled boxes (to Holy Trinity) is **November 16**.



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, so they can be used in 2014. Boxes will be placed in several locations in the church to receive donations of 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 will be available during Coffee Hour by the end of November so you can indicate to us the time(s) you will be able to help. Contact Linda Gould at to volunteer or for further information.

LOOKING AHEAD

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 3

Please join this mature adults fellowship. 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 905

889 5931 ext. 21.



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—12:00 noon. This time will be facilitated by members of the Bishop's Committee on Prayer. **Register at holyltrinity-thornhill.ca/registration/** Or call (905) 889-5931.

ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

We were all saddened by the sudden death of Ross Creber, who volunteered to co-chair the anniversary committee, with his wife, Bobbie. With Ross' leadership, we started well and, by God's grace and inspired by his enthusiasm, we will endeavour to make the celebration we will never forget. Vic Steyck has accepted the invitation to chair the committee. He joins Christine Bewick, Rebecca Jones, Keith Madill, Malcolm Shiner, Jane Winstanley and Canon Stephen.

The Theme of the anniversary is **Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future**. A more extensive update (dates, etc.) may be found in the upcoming of Trinity News

THANKS

The Outreach Fair on October 26 provided parishioners with the opportunity to see and learn something about the organizations to which annual donations are made, through the Outreach Committee and the Anglican Church Women of the parish. Thanks to our guest speaker David Steeves, and Linda Robertson, the driving force behind this endeavour.



LIBRARIAN NEEDED

We continue our search for a Head Librarian, a person to oversee the operation of the library as Barb Lespérance has left Thornhill. Angella Smith (volunteer/parishioner) continues in her role to assist with maintaining data files as well as processing books for circulation.

Just a reminder: when borrowing, please **sign the card** in the back pocket, include the date, your name & phone, **leave it in the box** provided and **take a "date due "** card. If unable to return the book on the due date and you wish to borrow for a longer period, kindly re-date the book card and take a new "date due card". Thanks for your co-operation.

