



# Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill 1830 - 2015

Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future

## Trinity Mail



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"Something good is happening here!!"

### WELCOME TO 2015, WELCOME TO OUR 185TH

"By the 1830's Thornhill had become a thriving pioneer community. Among the many businesses were four grist mills, three saw mills, four tanneries, a brickyard, two distilleries, seven taverns and several stores. It was during this bustle of activity that the church was constructed. .... Begun in 1829 and completed in the early summer of 1830, it fulfilled the long felt need of Anglicans in the district for a church of their own." (From our Archives).

Here we are 185 years later, celebrating the amazing ministry which these pioneers started and those who came after continued. To paraphrase the psalmist "[our] boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, [we] have a goodly heritage." (Ps. 16:6)

As we embark on this new year with hopes and dreams, fuelled by prayers for health, happiness and success, I invite you to celebrate our 185th anniversary as a parish that has always been on the moved.



A special feature of the year will be Bishops' & Clergy Sundays. Most of the Bishops, active or retired, who have or had a special relationship with our parish will be visiting us during the course of the year. Between February and April, we will be visited by Bishop Linda Nicholls (former Incumbent), Bishop Philip Poole (former curate), Bishop Bill Hockin (former Interim), Bishop Peter Fenty (Area Bishop) and Archbishop Colin Johnson (Diocesan Bishop).

The Events Calendar is as follows.

#### January

**04** Anniversary Launch

#### February

**01** Bishop Linda Nicholls (ACW Ingathering Service)

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

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

#### March

**08** Canon Greg Physick

**22** The Rev'd. Don Downer

**26-28** Footlights Club Presentation

#### April

**05** Easter Day - Bishop Peter Fenty

**19** Bishop Bill Hockin

**25** Lecture: Dr. Danielle Terbenche

**26** Holy Trinity School Concert

#### May

**10** The Rev Ruthanne Ward

**24** Day of Pentecost: Archbishop Colin Johnson - (*May 22, 1951 Re-Dedication of Church at new location*)

**31** Trinity Sunday: Canon Bob Grisdale  
Community Day

**1:30 pm** Memorial Service in the Cemetery

#### October

**17** Anniversary Banquet \* (Date and Venue to be confirmed)

**25** Archbishop Fred Hiltz

#### November

**15** Fr. Daniel Graves Holy Trinity School Founders' Sunday

**22** Reign of Christ - Archbishop Terence Finlay.



Please pray for the members of our committee and the success of our anniversary year.

## **THE 185<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

On Sunday, January 4, 2015 we reflect upon the interesting history of our church. Let us begin the year by reflecting upon our treasured heritage with appreciation, thanksgiving and respect for all those who have gone before us. It was with strong faith and firm dedication that our forebears had the stamina and vision, not only to settle in a new country, but also to make decisions that have allowed Holy Trinity Church to continue to flourish.

Following the service we hope that you will join us for.....

### **COFFEE HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP**

### **HISTORY DISPLAY ARRANGED BY THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE**

## **25 YEARS OF MINISTRY**

**January 11**

On Sunday January 11, 2015, the congregation at Thornhill Baptist Church will be celebrating the 25th year of ministry of their Pastor, The Rev. Paul Gibbon among them. Please remember Pastor Gibbons and the people of Thornhill Baptist in your prayers.

## **ALEXANDER - KING CELEBRATION**

**January 18**

Our Annual Celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be enhanced this year. We will celebrate the birthday of his "twin", Lincoln Alexander.



On November 28, 2013, Ontario MPPs have unanimously voted to proclaim a Lincoln Alexander Day across Ontario. Bill 125, co-sponsored by MPP Ted Arnott and Hamilton East-Stoney Creek MPP Paul Miller, proclaims every Jan. 21 as Lincoln Alexander day across the province. It exists as a day of recognition, not a holiday.

Our friend, trumpeter Jan Morgan and a colleague, Michael Redhead (trombone) will help us celebrate the day on Sunday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m. with some special music.

## **"ORDER FOR PETER"**

In 2013, the Archbishop of Toronto and the College of Bishops, with the approval of the Diocesan Council, created an award titled the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. The purpose of the Order is to recognize and honour those members of the laity in the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. The Area Bishops approve one nomination from each parish in the designated deaneries for that year.

In addition to the parish nominations, the Archbishop of Toronto may name additional Awards of the Order. Typically, such nominees will be persons whose service has been diocesan wide, or if mainly at the parish level, has had an impact in the Diocese beyond the parish where the service has been made.

Our deanery is not scheduled to submit nominations until 2016. Nonetheless, The Wardens and Canon Stephen believe that Peter Paterson's ministry rises to the standard of the Archbishop's direct nomination and submitted his nomination to the Archbishop.

He received the award with other nominees on New Year's Day at the Archbishop's Levee at the Cathedral. Congrats, Peter!

## **Healing & Wellness Ministry**

A new year is upon us and as we consider new year's resolutions, remember the importance of healthy eating and regular exercise. Pedometers are available at \$15 each to help you remain active. It's also wise to be in shape if you do snow shoveling and do it for short periods, not long bouts. Prolonged exertion in cold weather is hard on our hearts. Take care and watch for icy patches.

The **Caregiver Support Group** is booked for **Wednesday January 14**. Please let Susan Rodgers (ext. 29) know if you are planning to attend. Supporting each other lightens the load and there are resources available to help. Susan

Copies of the presentation on 'Patient's Rights on Hospital Discharge' (Lunch and Learn Oct. 29) are available on the table at the base of the stairs & outside the auditorium. Please help yourself and if more are needed, let Susan or Swan know .

## **ACW News**

### **AGM & Potluck Dinner**

**Tuesday January 13**

The Guest speaker will be from Ratanak Foundation, a charity that rescues & rehabilitates victims (particularly children) of sex slavery. The evening begins with punch at 6:00 pm followed by dinner & the presentation. All women are invited, please leave a message at ext. 28 if you are coming so that adequate seating may be arranged.

### **Ingathering Sunday**

**February 1**

### **Women's Breakfast**

**Saturday February 7**

The guest speaker will be Annie Zawadi, former refugee sponsored by Holy Trinity

### **Women Retreat**

**Saturday March 28**

A day at the St. John's Convent (Cummer Ave) lead by Bishop Linda Nicholls. 9:00 - 4:00. Cost \$50 including Limited space is still available. Call Jane Winstanley to register.

## **Wardens' Reminder**

As explained at a service in late 2014, we recommend that you **remove keys and valuables from coat pockets** when leaving them unattended. HTC is not responsible for personal items..