



Trinity TODAY

A newsletter of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

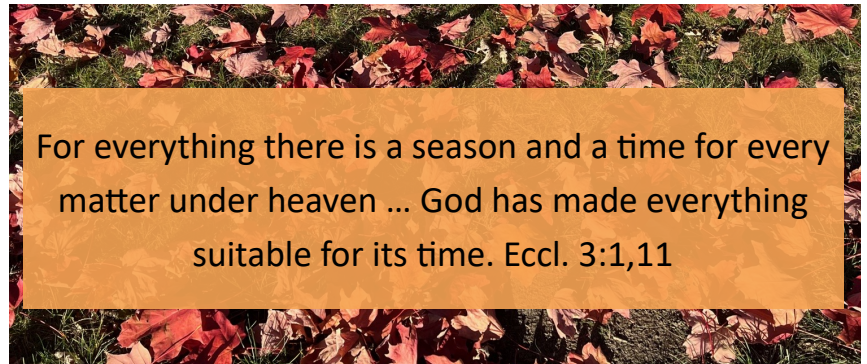
- 28/29 Footlights Club presents CABARET (see page 3)
- 30 Endowment Fund Special Vestry POSTPONED
- 31 Halloween. Drive carefully to protect our little ghouls and goblins

NOVEMBER

- 4 Ogilvie funeral service 11 am
- 5 Operation Christmas child packing bee
- 6 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



- 9 Thompson funeral service 1:30 pm
- 12 Daly funeral service 11 am
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 13 Poinsettia orders due
- 18 Out of the Cold begins
- 20 Founders' Day
- 26 Poinsettia Tea
- 27 First Sunday of Advent



Address Negativity



- Develop individual and collective ways to address the inappropriate behaviours which have led to a negative and at times toxic environment

...an atmosphere of compassion and mutual respect

Why Have a Code of Conduct?

Rebecca Jones

[In Trinity Today, September 21st issue](#), we published a model Code of Conduct for your review and commentary. A few people have asked why it was drafted. If you recall, the [Re-Imagining HTC](#) process of 2021 identified as a priority improving Holy Trinity's ability to manage behaviour that makes others uncomfortable, to welcome newcomers and embrace diversity of inclusion, and to address systemic racism in our midst.

First Step

The Advisory Board, tasked with addressing this priority, identified a code of conduct as a useful tool and necessary first step. Many Anglican dioceses, parishes, and churches, as well as churches of other denominations, have developed similar tools for similar reasons. A big "thank you" goes to Jewell Coy, Leanda Kirwan and Robin Pacific, who researched

how other churches and religious organizations have approached this important issue and produced multiple drafts.

The Advisory Board asks that we, the parish community, pilot the Code from now until our annual Vestry Meeting in February 2023. At this stage your comments, suggestions, and working notes are more than welcome. They are vital! As Advisory Board Chair, I apologize for not making this clear when the draft Code was published. I assumed – which is always dangerous – that you would know to bring your feedback to me or any member of the Advisory Board, to a Warden or to Canon Barb. I invite you now to talk with any of us or send an email to faith@holytrinity-thornhill.ca or to me personally (rebecca@dysartjones.com). You are also welcome to submit your suggestions to the Advisory Board as a communication item for an upcoming meeting or to ask to attend and address the Board in person. [Our bylaws, agendas and all Board materials can be found here for your information and guidance.](#)

Our Code of Conduct: Suggestions? Comments?

- What do you like about the Code, and why?
- What would you like to see added or edited?
- What makes you uncomfortable? Why?
- How would the Code of Conduct help uphold our mission of being a *vibrant, welcoming, Christian community flourishing in God's love through fellowship, outreach, worship and spiritual growth, in an atmosphere of compassion and mutual respect?*

A Living Document

They say that “clarity prevents conflict.” As humans we enter – perhaps stumble into – tense situations where there are varying expectations, definitions, perceptions and assumptions – like the one I made last month! While we can’t

eliminate anxious situations or angry interactions, we can minimize these by clarifying for everyone the Christian behaviours that lead to the positive interactions and safe environment the HTC parish imagines. The diocese of Huron has had a similar document in place since 2005, which continues to develop. A code of behaviour is dynamic, and Holy Trinity’s will improve through this pilot and beyond.

Pray the Headlines

Many people are worried about the state of the world, democracy, floods, pandemics, racism, the economy. Are you worried too? **Join and bring your friends to Pray the Headlines via Zoom**, Sunday October 30, 2022 @ 2:00 pm. Register in advance by clicking on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkceqvqzorE9allB0XdFX8dPTXqliLqqRJ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meetings, scheduled for the last Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm, always in the comfort of your home – and a calendar notice you can add to your calendar!

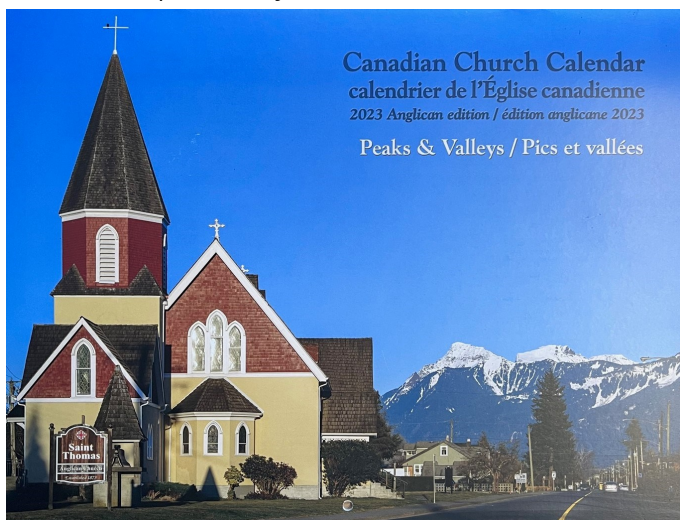


Order your own beautiful poinsettia now and pick it up at the Poinsettia Tea!

- Two sizes and two colours to choose from
- Order forms available from Linda Robertson or in the office
- Local delivery available if necessary



House lights down, curtain up, and ... ACTION!
Cabaret Night 2022 is set to go. All that's missing is YOU. Friday October 28 and Saturday October 29 at 7:30 pm. See you there!



2023 Wall Calendars Available for Purchase

This lovely wall calendar features images of Anglican churches throughout Canada. Dates are marked with feast days, saints' days and other liturgical information. \$5 each.; available in the office or on Sunday from members of our ACW. Quantity is limited so don't wait too long.

Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program (CAP)

The Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program (CAP) is sponsored by our local Thornhill Ministerial Association and provides for needy families in Thornhill. Thornhill United Church hosts and provides the administration for this program.



Applications are coordinated with other agencies in the region to prevent duplication of our efforts, and people from other areas are referred to similar programs close to them. Schools and churches collect gifts up until the last day of school in December, and deliver them to Thornhill United Church for sorting, packing, and delivery of "hampers". The "hampers" are actually packed in bankers boxes for each household, with a balance of non-perishable food items, toiletries, knitted items and gift certificates for holiday life. The receiving families are not all Christians - but are in financial need, and surrounded by a culture of holiday consumption.

Last year, the program distributed 'hampers' of up from 1 to 4 bankers' boxes of goods, to 115 households!

Q How can I help?

**A Financial contributions are most welcome.
More information to come!**