



Trinity TODAY

A newsletter of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill

November 11 2022

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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



DECEMBER

- 4 Second Sunday of Advent
- 6 Advent Meditation (Blue Christmas) 5 pm
- 18 Third Sunday of Advent: Lessons & Carols
Hannukah begins
- 24 Christmas Eve
Services at 5 and 8 pm
- 25 Christmas Day
Service at 10 am
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
Epiphany Service 10 am
- 8 Baptism of Our Lord 10 am

HELLO
my name is

Sidesperson / Greeter

Join the HTC Welcome Team!

Sundays 8am and 10am

Christmas Eve 5pm and 8pm

Christmas Day 10am

Contact Peter Paterson or the office.



Squadron #14 OTV, Cottesmere, Leicestershire, England

Gone

Nancy Cutler

My dad, S.J.W. Waller, was in the Air Force during WWII, crashed at least three times that I can track, flew in bomber and coastal command, at least – I think spent some time even in Mosquitoes.

The Ukrainian war going on also makes the reality of the photo above, with the devastating Xs that mark the missing, all the more impactful.

On an un-Xed version of the photo that he had sent to my mother, he wrote that his best friend was second on his left and another great friend was seated on his extreme left. He said that they "hung around together most of the time." Look where the X's are: a reason, perhaps, why he rarely was social around this time of year.

At some stage during his time overseas ('42-'45), Dad started writing his feelings and experiences in rhyme (as he called it). I do not know if one of men in the photo was the subject of this poem but it was obviously someone with whom Dad was very close. A lot of people whom I know and respect have died this year, several within the last month, and I am finding that

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the sense of presence, of personal impact that a good friend or family member leaves behind, is very meaningful right now. Something in this particular poem reflected that for me, and I share it with you here.

You Have Been Here

(In memory)

You, have been here. This place retains
The feeling of your presence, as a room
Will hold the scent of flowers. Now gone.
And, in a saddened heart, remains
A long remembered song. As Spring
Is called to mind in Winter, as a thing
Which brought the flowers and sun.

I do remember you, and am no more the
same.

Since you were here, but, here did not
remain.

SJW Waller
RAF Stn England
Sept. 1944

HTC Shelter Program Update

HTC will be providing an "Out of the Cold" shelter on Friday nights, starting November 18 and running till the end of March (excluding Nov. 25). York Region Health has relaxed very few of the COVID restrictions regarding shelter accommodation.

- Guests are still not allowed to eat together at a table. They must eat by themselves beside their mattress.
- Masks must be worn in the shelter
- All guests and volunteers must take a rapid test before entering
- Meals must be catered; similar to airplane meals, they must come to the shelter served in individual portions.
- Only a minimal number of volunteers are allowed (4 to 5)

Similarly, York Region Health and Blue Door, because of COVID protocols, have numerous

requirements for volunteers:

- must be vaccinated
- must have a vulnerable person police check
- complete a 2-hour virtual training course from Blue Door, and four Ontario training modules (WHIMIS, Workplace Violence & Harassment training, AODA and Health & Safety)

Understandably, having invested in thorough training, volunteers are being asked to commit to a significant number of weeks of service. Those who aren't able to commit time to this important mission can still help in significant ways.

Government has reduced its support and funding is down. We would greatly appreciate financial contributions help run the program. Donations to help sponsor our program can be made to Holy Trinity Church, indicating the funds are to go to HTC shelter program.

Lunch Program

If you like helping with your hands, consider volunteering for the shelter lunch program! This is the meal we provide to shelter guests. Lunches will be made Friday morning at 11:00 at the church and will require approximately six volunteers each week, who do not need any special training. Please email or phone the office if you would like to volunteer, and Laura will put you in touch with us.

– Miriam Irving & Hillary Brown

WELL DONE HTC

As of November 10, there have been 35 deliveries of non-perishable food and fresh fruit and vegetables, plus personal use items, to Richmond Hill Community Food Bank (RHCFB). In addition, some parishioners have provided financial assistance for the purchase of needed items as requested by RHCFB director Lee Reynolds and her staff. Thank you for your contributions and support! It is much appreciated! If you would like more information on where to drop off your contributions or what to donate, please speak to Peter Paterson or call the office.



Operation Christmas Child: Gift Packing!

Thanks to Leanda Kirwan, Carolyn Kennedy and the ever-smiling Ann Young for a wonderful afternoon as we packed and wrapped 20 shoeboxes with gifts for youth (ages 10-14). When I asked the parish to help us cover the shipping costs, the donations flowed forth before the church service had ended. There are good things happening here – and we clearly want good things to be happening for youth anywhere in the world! Thank you, Holy Trinity! – Rebecca



The ever-smiling Ann and an equally smiley helper!



Tea Room

Christmas Baking
Country Store



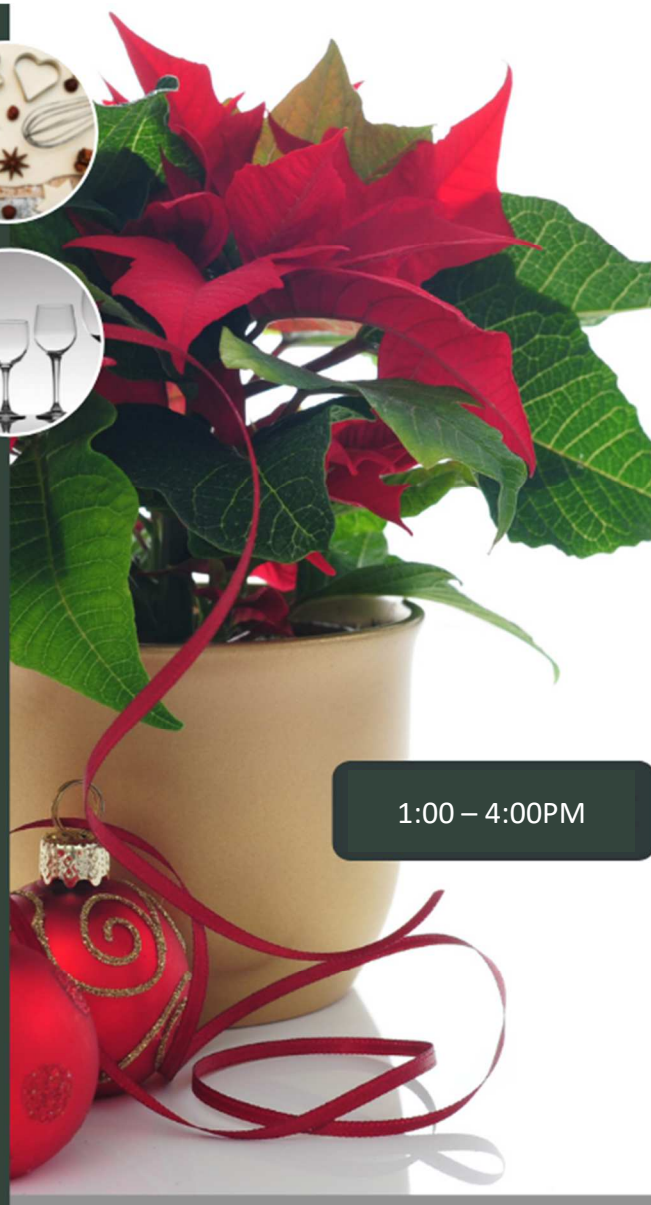
OLD-FASHIONED POINSETTIA TEA



Raffle

(PRIZES VALUED AT \$1200)

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26
HOLY TRINITY THORNHILL
140 BROOKE ST.**



1:00 – 4:00PM

Sunday Socials Return At Last!

We're returning to regular activity bit by bit – and one of those activities is social time on Sundays. We've discovered that there are fewer groups available to take on hosting the after-church social hour, and many of our congregants can simply not take on the number of tasks they used to. Over the last couple of months and with plenty of discussion, we have decided to try something new.

Change of Focus

First, we'd like to keep the focus on the community connection function of this beloved custom by calling it **FELLOWSHIP TIME**. Second, we'll emphasize that communal social time takes collective effort. Instead of HTC groups, such as the ACW or the choir, hosting on a Sunday, we'll encourage individuals to work in teams they themselves create.

Fellowship Time will sometimes include 8 am congregants, beginning December 11 and subsequently on the first Sunday of the month. On these mornings, Fellowship Time will happen at 9:15. What a wonderful way to lead into worship at 10 am!

The fourth and final principle of Fellowship Time is finding ways to simplify, so that the gift of service does not become burdensome. It is estimated that just three people can handle prep, serving and clean-up. The church will provide the coffee, tea, milk, sugar, napkins and juice, and we'll use the church's serveware. Food can be provided for special occasions, such as Welcome Back Sunday, or when there is a donation of snacks from a church or other event. (If someone goes on a baking binge we won't say no; we just don't want it expected every week, which adds to the workload.)

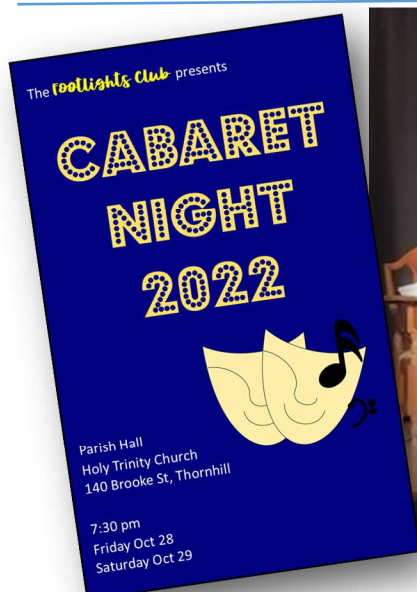
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There will be guidelines in the kitchen and a sign-up calendar has been posted on the bulletin board outside the auditorium. You may sign up for your chosen dates as an individual or as a self-created team – people you like to work with, friends or family. You can be creative: for example, if one of your team is in the choir, then maybe they take the lead in clean-up, which can be done later. The important thing to remember is that the name of the game is FELLOWSHIP. Relaxed, in-person socializing is something we've all missed and perhaps forgotten the value of. Let's invest in a new wave of connection, care and community spirit.

– The Wardens & Advisory Board



We know that fresh air and exercise are important to recovery – so hurray for Canon Barb, who took advantage of the fine weather we've had this autumn to stretch her legs and practice her swing.



What a Night!

Cabaret 2022 was a smashing success, with hijinks on stage and gales of laughter from the sold-out audiences each night!

Thank you, Footlights Club and helpers, for a great night out! Thank you, **Rachel and Stephanie,** for your musical delights. And thank you, HTC members and friends, for coming out to enjoy the show!



Pray the Headlines

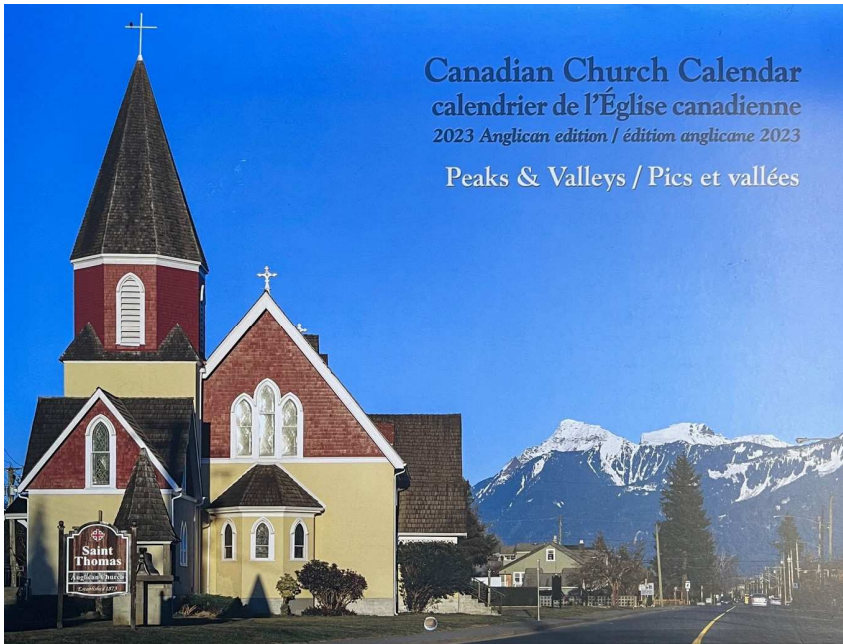
Many people are worried about the state of the world, democracy, floods, pandemics, racism, the economy. Are you worried too?



Join and bring your friends to Pray the Headlines via Zoom. 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!



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.

Worship with us



**Sunday 8 am and 10 am
at 140 Brooke St, Thornhill**

Sunday 10 am Virtual Chapel
On Zoom, live on your device or phone – go to www.holytrinity-thornhill.ca for details

Watch anytime on YouTube
Live Sundays at 10 am or whenever you like

Get in touch

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The Rev. Canon Barbara Hammond,
Priest-in-charge (x23)

Brother Reginald Crenshaw, Lay Pastor

The Rev. Canon Stephen Crowther,
Associate Priest

Rachel Yoon, Director of Music

Laura Peetoom, Office Administrator (x21)

Hours: TWF 9:30-4:00

Jesús Cruz Arángo, Custodian (x24)

Hours: M-F 8:00-4:00

Nancy Cutler & Ed Carter, Churchwardens

Something good is happening here!

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