



# Trinity TODAY

A newsletter of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill

December 2 2022

## COMING EVENTS

### 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

### FEBRUARY

Vestry! Date to come.

## Thornhill

### Christmas Assistance Program (CAP)



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2022

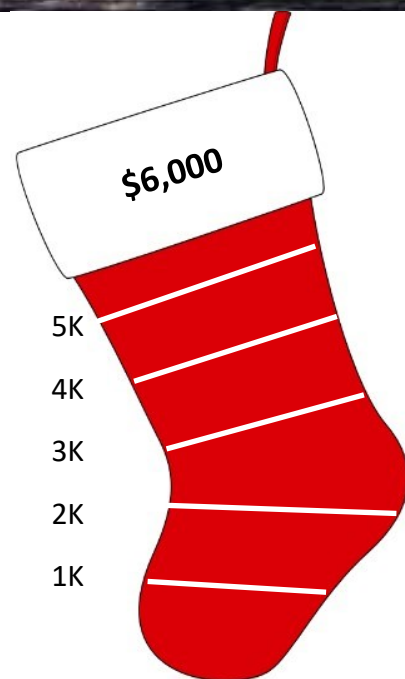
27	WALK	12	WILDERNESS
28	TOGETHER	13	STRANGER
29	TEACH	14	BELOVED
30	MOUNTAINS	15	THIRSTY
1	MAKE	16	TRAVELER
2	READY	17	MAJESTY
3	UNITY	18	PURIFY
4	DELIGHT	19	SIGN
5	RAIN	20	HEAR
6	WELCOME	21	OBEDIENCE
7	WINNOWER	22	CHOOSE
8	BREATHE	23	RESTORE
9	FIRE	24	BIRTH
10	FLOURISH	25	EMMANUEL
11	MESSANGER		

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## Christmas Past



## Poinsettia Tea 2022



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## Parish Selection Committee Update

as of November 14, 2022

It's been some time since we provided you with an update on the search for our new priest. You may recall that we were under a "cone of silence" during the latter part of the selection process to maintain confidentiality. However, we can now provide you with an update on where we are with our search.

*The situation we are in is not unusual or unique to Holy Trinity.*

After the parish profile was posted on the diocesan and national church websites over the summer, Bishop Andrew planned to review the applications and provide us with a shortlist of candidates to interview. Unfortunately, no applications have yet been received so we don't have any candidates to interview. It should be noted that this is not an unusual situation or one that's unique to Holy Trinity. Older clergy are retiring and fewer new priests are coming up. Many churches are in a fragile condition as they emerge from COVID, and priests who would otherwise be interested in the opportunity at Holy Trinity may be reluctant to leave their parishes at this time. The cost of housing in our community may also be an issue for some candidates.

**The good news is we do have a plan for moving forward.** We'll refresh the parish profile and repost it on the diocesan and national websites. We're also thinking about how we might use social media or other innovative techniques to broaden our search. Bishop Andrew has started reaching out to potential candidates and is quite open to receiving suggestions from us about possible candidates. The PSC made a few suggestions to the Bishop, and you should also feel free to bring forward names of clergy – both Anglican and Lutheran – that you think have potential.

A word of caution is in order here. We need to be careful not to be seen as poaching from another parish, and we must maintain the confidentiality of the process. If there is someone you'd like the Bishop to consider, you can provide the name to the wardens or a member of the PSC, and it will be forwarded to Bishop Andrew. The Bishop will in turn decide if the person is a suitable

candidate that he should approach. Please don't approach them yourself. If you're thinking about who a suitable candidate might be, the introduction to the parish profile sets out the skills and experience that a potential candidate should have.

Bishop Andrew has also encouraged us to use prayer to guide us and help us with our discernment in this process. To that end, we have started using a new prayer for parish selection to reflect our new circumstances.

*We are encouraged to pray for guidance and discernment going forward.*

Unfortunately, we don't know how much longer the selection process is going to take. We do know that the Diocese has been and continues to be focused on helping us find a new priest. We are fortunate that we have Canon Barb with us as our interim-priest-in-charge and we also have a tradition of strong lay and volunteer leadership that has allowed us to successfully manage lengthy interims in the past. Hopefully — and prayerfully — we won't have to do this for too much longer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the wardens or members of the Parish Selection Committee. Thank you.

Eric Preston,  
Chair, Parish Selection Committee

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## Get Involved

### HTC Shelter Program

HTC's shelter program with Blue Door (formerly known as Out of the Cold) is up and running, Friday nights until the end of March. Because of continuing COVID regulations, this year we are offering our guests an evening lunch. Lunches are made Friday mornings at 11:00 at the church by teams of about six people. If you'd like to help out, email or phone the office if and Laura will put you in touch with us.

– Miriam Irving & Hillary Brown

**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 to  
join this important ministry.

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

**Thanks to all our hosts!**

If you enjoy a beverage with your after-church social time, why not sign up to host one Sunday? The schedule is on the bulletin board closest to the auditorium doors in the library area. Grab a couple of friends and pick a Sunday. Better still, invite someone you don't know well to join you in hosting. Working together is a great way to get to know someone better!

– The Wardens & Advisory Board

## 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](http://www.holytrinity-thornhill.ca) for details

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

## Get in touch

**905.889.5931**

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

Brother Reginald Crenshaw, Lay Pastor

The Rev'd Canon Stephen Crowther,  
Associate Priest

The Rev'd Fran Kovar, Associate Priest

Rachel Yoon, Director of Music

Laura Peetoom, Office Administrator (x21)

Hours: TWF 9:30-4:00

Jesús Cruz Aránago, Custodian (x24)

Hours: M-F 9:00-4:00

Nancy Cutler & Ed Carter, Churchwardens

**Something good is happening here!**

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