# **TRINITY TODAY**

A newsletter of Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill

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# **HTC's Overnight Shelter To Open Oct 22**

Holy Trinity Church will again be opening its doors once a week to overnight guests, as part of the Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold York-Blue Door program. In past years, we have provided shelter from winter weather on Friday nights. **This year, we are moving to Sunday nights**, which will have less impact on other activities in the church.

The program will start on October 22 and run until June 9. During the months of May and June, Blue Door will run the shelter with no support from the church. Holy Trinity will take an active role in the shelter from October until the end of April.

Due to strong financial support from the parish, we have been able to self-fund the running of the HTC shelter, lightening the burden on the program's parent organization. As well as providing materially for our shelter guests, the active participation of members of Holy Trinity tells these vulnerable people that *someone cares*.

#### Volunteering

Both youth and adults are welcome to volunteer their time at the shelter. Opportunities include:

- Set-up: Ideal for youth! (Sunday 4-6pm)
   Place mattresses and tables before the shelter opens
- Clothing & Hygiene Table: Adult or youth (Sunday 4:30-7:30pm)
   Set out donated items and be a friendly presence
- Guest Registration and Meal Service (Sunday 5-8pm)
- Breakfast Helper (Monday 5:30-7am)
   Serve breakfast, distribute lunches and clean up kitchen

Adult volunteers will have to get a police check and some training. For details regarding requirements and to share your availability for training, please contact Hillary Irving-Brown or Miriam Irving directly, or through the office.

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#### "When is your Christmas event this year?"

The calls to our office begin in the summer and get more frequent as we move into fall. HTC's Festival of Christmas is an eagerly anticipated community event! It provides a nice day out and a friendly, low-cost way for people in Thornhill and beyond to prepare for a happy Christmas. Money raised supports the work of the ACW, which in turn supports the work of groups that serve the needs of vulnerable women and children. This is a gift we give to the whole community — and you can help!

#### **Christmas Past**

New and gently used Christmas décor, lights and tree ornaments. Bring to the church (south parking lot door), clearly labelled, anytime this month.

#### This 'n' That

Small, **new** items — good for host gifts or stocking stuffers — that can be sold for under \$10. Bring to the church anytime during the week of November 20.

#### **Bake Table**

Cookies, squares, tarts and mini loaves that will be packaged for sale in small amounts. Please, no large cakes, loaves, muffins or pies, or anything that requires refrigeration. Bring to the auditorium on Friday November 24.

2022 — Mincemeat tarts and other treats from star baker Gladys. The bake table is very popular!

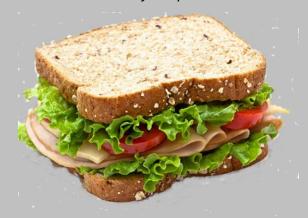






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#### **Bagged Lunches**

HTC will again be preparing lunches for our guests to take away with them in the morning. We are asking for volunteers to help make the sandwiches and pack the lunches on Fridays at 11:00 am. Hillary will be coordinating this so please contact her if you can help.

#### **Clothing Table**

HTC will have a clothing and personal hygiene table for our guests. We are requesting donations of the following, for both men and women, in all sizes.

#### New or gently used

- Long- and short-sleeve T-shirts
- Sweatshirts and sweatpants
- Hoodies
- Coats
- Gloves

#### New

- Socks
- Men's boxers
- Women's underwear
- Men's long johns
- Women's leggings/tights

#### Personal hygiene

Sample and small sizes are best; no large sizes

- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Mouthwash
- Shampoo

- Hand cream
- Shaving cream
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Liquid soap
- Hand towels and face cloths

To provide financial support to the shelter, you can donate by cheque, e-transfer or cash. Simply indicate that the funds are to be directed to "HTC shelter" and provide your envelope number.

If you have any questions, please contact either Hillary or Miriam, directly or through the office.

#### In Memory of Mary Kearns

We are saddened to announce the passing of Mrs Mary Kearns, a longtime member of the parish. The Kearns family has deep roots in HTC, and welcomes everyone to a service celebrating her life on Saturday, October 28, beginning at 11 am, with a reception following in the auditorium.



#### **SPACES AVAILABLE**

Thornhill Nursery School & Kindergarten is a non-profit, non-denominational preschool featuring spacious, bright classrooms and a fully equipped, fenced-in outdoor playground area. We offer nurturing and stimulating half- and full-day programs for children ages 18 months to 6 years (children in diapers are welcome).

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday November 18 9 am to 12 pm **Trinity Today** is published monthly and welcomes submissions of news, upcoming events and *especially* photos. If you have a special story to share, send it to info@holytrinity-thornhill.ca with "For Trinity Today" in the subject line. (Please note that all submissions are subject to editing for brevity, clarity or suitability.) **Remember**: Trinity Today is *your* newsletter, because *you* are Holy Trinity Thornhill! If there's something

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– The Office



# Worship with us



# Sunday 9 am at 140 Brooke St, Thornhill

#### Sunday 9 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 9 am or whenever you like

### Get in touch

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Brother Reginald Crenshaw, Lay Pastor The Rev'd Canon Stephen Crowther, Associate Priest

Rachel Yoon, Director of Music

Laura Peetoom, Office Administrator (x21)

Hours: TWF 9:30-4; Th 1:30-5:30 Jesús Cruz Arángo, Custodian (x24)

Hours: M-F 10–4:00 Robin Parravano &

Nancy Cutler, Churchwardens



## Something good is happening here!

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