

TRINITY TODAY

A newsletter of Holy Trinity
Church, Thornhill

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*When you go home, tell them of us and say,
for their tomorrow we gave our today.*

— From "The Old Issue"
by Rudyard Kipling

In Holy Trinity Cemetery lie twenty-three veterans, former members of Holy Trinity Church. Their graves are decorated in remembrance this month, as are three plaques and a stained-glass window in the church sanctuary. It is an honour to pay tribute to these courageous souls in this way; may they rest in perpetual peace.

Here we present information about the four veterans of World War I memorialized in our sanctuary.

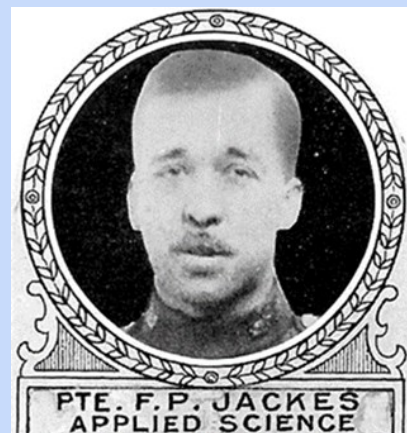
We pray that nothing in these brave soul's lives will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to them will be respected by those who followed; and that everything in which they were great will continue to mean much to us, now that they are gone.

Until next year,
the Cathys (Pearson and Dowker)

Corporal Franklin Palmer Jackes

Killed in action in France on April 18, 1918 (30 years old)

Franklin enlisted with the 257th Battalion and arrived in England on SS *Missanabie* February 27, 1917. His battalion was re-designated 7th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops and arrived in France March 29, 1917.



The only son of Frederick William and Ethel Palmer Jackes, Franklin graduated from Richmond Hill High School in 1906. He is buried in Pas de Calais, France. A memorial service for Franklin was held May 12, 1918 at Holy Trinity Church.

Lieutenant Charles Gordon Mortimer

Killed in action in Malta on October 21, 1916 (26 years old)



Charles enlisted in the Army Royal Horse Artillery, 24th Anti-Aircraft Battery and was a Cadet of the Royal Military College. The youngest son of Charles White Mortimer (late H.B.M. Consul, Los Angeles, California), and Mrs Mortimer, Charles completed his studies in law at Osgoode Hall and was called to the bar in May, 1914. He practiced briefly in Vancouver.

Charles is buried in Pieta Military Cemetery in Malta.

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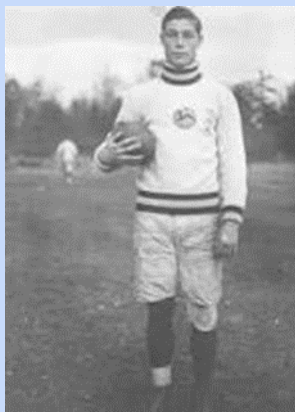
Lance Corporal Aubrey De Vere Arnold Turquand

Missing in action, Ypres, June 13, 1916 (19 years old)

The only son of Bertha and Bernard Damer Turquand, Aubrey was a student at Appleby College, where was a prefect, sports star, band member and beloved student leader, known as Turk. Aubrey had intended to take up law as a profession, but two months after his 18th birthday, he left school to enlist in Army Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment) 3rd Battalion.

Unlike his peers, Aubrey did not take officers' training; in England, he turned down a promotion so that he could be (as he said in a letter to John Guest, his Appleby headmaster) "one of the lucky ones" sent to the front immediately.

Aubrey's stepfather, George McAllum, also served and fell in the Great War. The two are memorialized on the Menin Gate Belgium (Ypres)



Memorial Cemetery in the Province of West Flanders, on the road to Menin and Courtaai. In 2002 a delegation from the College's Cadet Corps visited the site.

Company Sergeant Major George Leigh Athelstan McAllum, Bellewaarde

Killed in action May 8, 1915, in Belgium (45 years old)



George joined Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment) August, 1914. The son of George Donald McAllum and Charlotte Rogers McAllum, George was born in London, England. He fell during the Second Battle of Ypres (Frezenberg) and was awarded the battle honour "Bellewaarde" for his action. His body was never

recovered, so he is memorialized on the Menin Gate (Ypres) Memorial Cemetery in Belgium in the Province of West Flanders, on the road to Menin and Courtaai.



See these and other veterans' gravesites at our beautiful cemetery on Yonge St opposite Royal Orchard Blvd.



**Old-Fashioned
Festival of Christmas**

Saturday November 25, 2023
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Baked Goods
- Country Store
- Christmas Past
- Luncheon (12:00 and 1:00 pm)
- Raffle
- Jewellery
- Gifts ... and more

Luncheon tickets - \$15/person
On sale Sundays after service
or call 905 889 5931

Holy Trinity Church
140 Brooke St. - Thornhill



Festival of Christmas LUNCHEON

Tickets on sale Sundays after service; or call the church office. It is **highly recommended** that you book your preferred seating time (**noon or 1 pm**) in advance.

Only \$15 per person! Bring a friend or family member and enjoy a nice day out!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Excitement is growing as we prepare for the Festival of Christmas — just two weeks away! We are still looking for contributions of

- New and gently used Christmas décor, lights and tree ornaments.
- Small, new items — good for host gifts or stocking stuffers — that can be sold for under \$10.

BAKE TABLE

Cookies (especially shortbread), squares and bars (especially brownies), tarts and fudge are most welcome. Bring to the church on Friday, November 24 by 4 pm or Thursday November 23 before 5:30 pm.

Please, no cakes, pies, muffins or loaves (not even mini ones).



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

High school students looking to add to their volunteer hours have a fun opportunity in HTC's Festival of Christmas!

You'll be serving sandwiches, sweets, tea and coffee at the Festival luncheon, and then helping to tidy up afterward. Plan on about 4 hours — from 11:15 am until 3 pm. Your efforts will be so valuable, as proceeds from this event go to organizations that serve women and children in our community.

Interested? Speak to Bari-Lynn Butters or contact the church office.

Coming Together for Peace Sunday Nov. 19 @ 7 pm



Gather with fellow community members to contemplate our common humanity.

This is a secular event. We are not taking sides. We are coming together for peace, with music, readings and times of silence. In candlelight, we'll contemplate what we would like the world to be for everyone. For more information please contact the church office and you will be put in touch with the organizers.

Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program Fundraiser

featuring

The Craig McRae Band

with well known songs

Silent Auction and Raffles

Profits will support individuals and families in Thornhill who struggle to make ends meet.

When: Saturday, November 18

Cost: \$15 per person (includes dessert & coffee)
Ticket sales begin on October 29

Time: Doors open at 7:00 pm
Performance begins at 7:30pm

Location: Fellowship Hall,
Thornhill Presbyterian Church
271 Centre St, Thornhill, ON

Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program 2023

The Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program is so grateful for the many years that Holy Trinity Anglican Church has supported the food and gift drive for our local needy families. Once again we are preparing for a busy year and asking for donations to purchase grocery store and Walmart gift cards. Given the current economic circumstances and cost of living we are expecting a high number of applicants this year. Again for 2023 we are requesting **financial donations only**.

We ask that donations be in to the church office **by November 24th** as we will need to place orders and distribute gift cards to our clients on December 9th. Parishioners can mail cheques or bring cash/cheques to the office during the week. Or, place your donation in an envelope marked "CAP" or "Christmas Assistance" and drop into the collection plate at Sunday service. Our treasurer Ed Carter will accept e-transfers if that is convenient. Please write "CAP" on the memo line of cheques or give specific instructions to Ed in the e-transfer. All donations will be issued tax receipts as part of your yearly church contribution.

Again, many thanks for your generosity in previous years. We are hoping for your continuing support in these difficult times.

Regards,

Sharon McNelles & Linda Gould



A Word from the Wardens

Greetings, fellow congregants:

As we live through this “interim interim” stage of our transition period, we should remind ourselves that very little of our church family life is “normal” or “usual.” Yes, that makes everything a little more difficult; mistakes are and will be made, and elbows might bump a little more. We invite you to consider this carefully as you plan and prepare for “normal” or “usual” activities. We have had a few stressful moments in the past few of weeks, and we would like to avoid that as much as possible. As a parish, you have handled all the changes of the last several years with grace and strength. In fact, you have been amazing! We are just asking you to hold on a little longer.

When planning any event at HTC, you have three points of contact: Br Reg for questions of liturgy (including funerals); the wardens (Nancy and Robin); and Laura. While others may be involved in the event, one or more of the above should be involved for scheduling, approval and consultation.

We Are Not Alone

We think it is important for you to know that our friends are supporting us through our interim-interim period. We have had several offers for help from other priests in the region to come and serve Sunday communion, just not in November. And the big news is that the diocese has found us a full-time interim priest, who will be with us for the months of December and January! Her name is Rev’d Ginnie Wong. She will keep office hours at the church Monday to Wednesday, work at home on Thursday, and take her sabbath on Friday.

Service Times

November 4, 12 & 25 are Morning Prayer, with John Carrington preaching Nov. 4 and Br Reg on Nov. 12 and 26. On Nov. 19, the Rev’d Canon Stephen Crowther will preside over Holy Eucharist, with Br Reg preaching.

While Rev’d Ginnie is with us, we will return to two Sunday services, at 8 and 10 am. This will be a test period as we see if the arrangement is sustainable. If it appears not to be, we will revert to one Sunday service, time to be determined.

Christmas at HTC

Looking ahead, we anticipate a service of prayer and meditation (“Blue Christmas”) on Dec. 5 or 6 (TBD); and Lessons and Carols on Dec. 17. On Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec. 24) there will be no morning service and two evening services: at 5 pm (for families, with our youth playing an active role) and at 8 pm (Holy Communion). On Christmas Day there will be a service (TBD) at 10 am.

Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Nancy and Robin



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 you'd like to see in these pages, drop us a line!

– The Office



As of November 7, 33 deliveries of food and personal-use items have been brought to the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank from HTC. In addition, some parishioners have provided financial assistance for the purchase of most-needed items.

THANK YOU for your contributions and support. MUCH APPRECIATED! If you would like more information, speak to Peter Paterson or call the office.

SAVE THOSE STAMPS

We continue to collect cancelled postage stamps for Christian Salvage Mission. A large number of Canadian, USA, UK as well as stamps from other parts of the world were prepared for them. CSM is always thankful for our continued support to their worthy cause.

A **big "thank you"** to all. Please continue to bring in your stamps. Christmas is coming and I am sure you will receive lots of greeting cards via mail.

Angella Smith

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

905.889.5931

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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