### **Our Mission Statement**

Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.

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Service Times for December 24 – January 6					
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Family Christmas Worship Holy Eucharist (BAS)	4:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.			
Sunday, December 30 1st After Christmas	Holy Communion (BCP) Carols, Readings & the Message	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.			
Thursday, January 4	Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30 a.m.			
Sunday, January 6 Epiphany Food Bank Sunday	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Eucharist (BAS) Evening Prayer (BAS)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.			

Readings:

Christmas Eve	: Isaiah 9:2-7 Ann Shears	Psalm 96 Cathy Flynn	Titus 2:11-14 Terry Brown	Luke 2:1-20 Tammy Trevors
December 30:	1 Samuel 2:18-20,26	Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52
	Marilyn Hillyard	Barbara Leyte	David Mercer	Patricia Hammond

**Welcome**. A warm welcome to our Christmas Services. Thank you for being with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. If this is your first time here, we appreciate your joining with us as we come together as a family to honour our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy, and sign our guest book.

**Church Envelopes**. Over the next few weeks, the 2019 Church Envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Every box picked up here is one less for those who do the deliveries. Again this year, a big thank you to those who faithfully help out in this way.

**Church Bulletins in Memoriam**. A new chart is now available. Anyone wishing to donate a bulletin for a particular Sunday may do so by entering the details on the chart located in the main foyer. The cost of a Memorial Bulletin is \$35. Please place your money in an envelope and mark it **Memorial Bulletin**.

**Thank You**. Holy Trinity Church would like to thank the family of the late Reginald Earle for giving a generous gift towards a multimedia projector.

**Financial Support.** Thank you for your financial support of Holy Trinity in 2018. It is through your support that the parish is able to annually meet its commitments. Be assured that the Vestry at Holy Trinity makes every effort to ensure that the money we receive from you is used efficiently. We are thankful that each year by God's grace and providence, and your faith and generosity, we are able to meet the needs of the church. As we say farewell to 2018, we pray that the new year will bring many blessings on our parish and upon each one of you.

**Church Calendars**. If you would like a calendar, please contact Karen Brown (489-6490). The cost is \$5 each.

**Greeters—December 24**. Bill Reid, Roy Earle, George Thorne, Phyllis Woolfrey, Ann Shears

**Greeters—December 30.** Terry Brown, Bob Dawe, Ed Eastman, Roy Goulding, Nancy Jackson, Sandra Knight

**Bulletin.** Items for the next bulletin, January 6, must be submitted to Linda by **Thursday, January 3.** Please e-mail <u>linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com</u> or call (489-9801).

**Brothers and Sisters** 

I write to you as Advent 2018 is dying. Soon the opportunity to prepare must way to the arrival that we were "warned about" "Promised," and Comforted with.

I do hope that your lives and hearts have been blessed and arranged in a way that Christmas brings you joy. Joy is an elusive word for most of us. In the context of our Scriptures, the defining of "Joy" often refers to a national and personal choice to live a life, that doesn't expect a problem free existence, but chooses always to trust in the security that God will get us through.

Our Diocese has had a joyful year in that regard. There are more challenges than can be listed in a short Christmas letter, and thank God, even more wonderful things happening because of our challenges.

Like many of you, my heart dwells on those whom we love but see no longer, and with those who have their woundedness and pain magnified by the secular magnification and commercialism of what should be the most healing time for us all.

May we all, who serve in the orders of ordained Clergy, and the holy order of Baptized Laity, make a commitment in the new year to recover a passion for mission, and the excitement of trusting Jesus.

I offer my thanks to your Synod Office Staff, your clergy and all of you for your love and Commitment. Have a Blessed Celebration of the Incarnation.

# St. John 1:4..."And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us"

Dear Friends,

Once again we find ourselves celebrating the Christmas Season, and for us as Christians, the emphasis at Christmas is generally on the Birth of Christ. Certainly, we would not want, in any way, to diminish the importance of that event so many years ago in a lonely stable.

However, the words from John do not specifically speak about the Birth of Christ...it has a much deeper meaning and therefore we tend to use those words more frequently at Christmas. We use them because they tell us something of God who came to live among us, and there were those, particularly the Apostles, who actually saw and touched Him. So often there is the real danger at Christmas to just simply place our attention on the Birth; but what we celebrate, in addition to the Birth, is that God came among us in the form of Jesus and it was an astonishing experience for those who happened to be with Him at that time.

John says in his first letter: "It was there from the beginning; we have heard it; we have seen it with our own eyes; we looked upon it, and felt it with our own hands; and it is of this we tell." Therein lies the real Christmas message! Christmas Day is a day of thanksgiving. Christ took human flesh and appeared as the Babe of Bethlehem and the Man of Galilee and Judea. We call this the Incarnation! God is always seeking to draw us closer to Him and that is exactly what happens in the Eucharist. Christ makes Himself, through the bread and wine, available to us. Christmas is indeed a day of thanksgiving and celebration.

Joan joins me in wishing each of you a very blessed Christmas and may the New Year be one in which we strive to grow even closer to Christ.

# Bishop Don

It seems like the year 2018 has gone so very fast, and we find ourselves once again in preparation for Christmas. It is a season of joy even though for most of us it is a very busy one. People are out and about more than ever. Let us prepare our hearts and our homes to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Ron and I have just moved into the Senior apartments owned by the Golden Years Complex. Our address is 248 Grenfell Heights, Apartment 4D. Our phone number is 489-0032 and our e-mail stays the same.

We wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST NEW YEAR. Always never forgetting those in hospital and those going through difficult times. May the good Lord bless you and your families as the spirit of God touches each one of us as JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

Rev Joan and Ron

### **Christmas Messages 2018**

On behalf of Tammy and myself "Merry Christmas"

It is a wonderful expression. However, it has a beautiful meaning. We remember the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. My family and I moved to Grand Falls-Windsor this past March. It has been a wonderful experience, and we feel the warmth and kindness of this beautiful community. On behalf of my family, I pray that you have a very Merry Christmas and remember that it is not what is under the tree that is important, but those around the tree. Be a part of what is happening in your church family and make new discoveries of faith and spirituality. Be mindful of those who are less fortunate than yourself and always lend a helping hand where it is needed. We can change the world with our little acts of love and kindness.

God bless you, Merry Christmas and a blessed new year.

Rev. Robin Trevors

The angel said to the Shepherds while they were keeping watch over their flock by night: "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" LK: 2: 10-14

Today this scripture reading is still very relevant to us as we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. We need to continue the tradition of celebrating Jesus' birth by promoting the Peace and Love He brings to our hearts, as we anticipate His second coming. From our Family to yours - "May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Love and Prayers,

Rev. Nelson and Vida Chatman

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

David and Judy



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