

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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Bulletin Today. The bulletin is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Edmund Hayley** by Muriel & Family

Christmas Eve

| <i>Service Times for December 24, 2019 – January 5, 2020</i> | | |
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| <i>Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services</i> | Family Service (Jesus Party) Holy Eucharist (BAS) | 4:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. |
| <i>Sunday, December 29 1st after Christmas Day</i> | Morning Prayer, Baptism (BAS) | 10:30 a.m. |
| <i>Thursday, January 2, 2020</i> | Holy Eucharist (BAS) | 9:30 a.m. |
| <i>Sunday, January 5, 2020 2nd after Christmas Day Food Bank Sunday</i> | Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BAS) | 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. |

December 24

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| Isaiah 9:2-7 | Tammy Trevors | Psalm 96 | Terry Brown |
| Titus 2:11-14 | David Mercer | Luke 2:1-20 | Sandra Knight |

December 29

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| Isaiah 63:7-9 | Marilyn Hillyard | Psalm 148 | Garry Hayley |
| Hebrews 2:10-18 | Gloria Robinson | Matthew 2:13-23 | Barbara Leyte |

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 2020 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.

2020 Church Calendars. Calendars are now available from Karen Brown. Price \$5. Contact number is **489-6490**.

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**.

New Year's Eve. New Year's Eve family celebration will take place again this year beginning at 6 p.m. at Church Road Park for sliding, and then commencing at E. M. Bishop Hall for Hot Chocolate. Fireworks to follow. All are welcome.

Financial Support. Thank you for your financial support of Holy Trinity in 2019. 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 2019, we pray that the new year will bring many blessings on our parish and upon each one of you.

Greeters-December 24 Ron Antle, Bob Hiscock, Martha Beson, Audrey Bishop, Sonia Cull

Greeters-December 29. Hubert Griffin, Margaret Pomeroy, Terry Brown, Dale Butler, Ena DaCosta

Bulletin Items. The next Sunday bulletin will be January 5. Please have your submissions to Cathy by **Thursday, January 2**. Call 489-0234 or e-mail candlelady@live.ca

Christmas Messages

On behalf of your clergy and retired clergy at Holy Trinity, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for all your help in making our church family so successful. God's richest blessings for you and your families.

Rev. Robin & Tammy
Bishop Don & Joan
Rev. Joan & Ron
Rev. Nelson & Vida

Holy Trinity Choir, Stephanie, and I would like to wish Rev Robin and Tammy, as well as the congregation and all their families a very Merry Christmas. During the season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. We pray that all four of these will fill your lives in every way this Christmas and beyond.

God Bless,
Beverly Jones, Choir Director.

To my Sisters and Brothers, beloved, each of you, in Christ.

Each year through Advent and into Christmas, I wholeheartedly attempt to join and share in the message of Love, Salvation, and Hope that forms the heart of Christianity. Now, as I am just beginning my sixth decade of life, I find myself as I always do this time of year, reflecting back in the time that has been given to me, now spent; good times and bad times, comfort and austerity, hours of loneliness and fear, pain and illness. All of these things speak of life's true realities.

And so, while not wanting to dwell in darkness, I cannot help but hurt for those who are poor; because I understand poverty in different ways than I used to. Poverty and illness do not just have to do with a lack of material things, or some physical ailment. I know many people who carry such burdens, but are the most calm, generous and loving people I have ever met. I know many wealthy people of the same generous and gentle calibre, but among us all, there is a looming Poverty of Spirit brought upon by ego, longing, craving, jealousy greed and regret.

I have a longing at this stage in my life, no doubt amplified by the Christmas season, to share stories, guidance, and whatever resources I have to help others on the journey. We are all called to walk each other home. There, to me, is the most important connection and message of the Incarnation. A God who emptied himself for love.

I write to express my gratitude for the way you all work through the conflicting burdens of poverty and wealth in your own lives as members of the Body of Christ. To our Clergy, overworked, oft misunderstood and taken for granted, remember that you are loved and needed by many. To our Lay Ministers, wardens, treasurers, fellowship groups, vestries, servers and lay people, thank you for your faithful and generous proclamation that God's Grace has been, and will continue to be revealed in our midst.

This Christmas, I will joyfully remember the angels, magi and shepherds. I will look at the little boy-child Jesus in his manger, and try to have the heart of the little drummer boy, giving all that I have to Him. I will also remember that the coming of the Messiah was to light a fire, that would illuminate and consume all that separates us from God.

God Bless you all this Christmas and Epiphany.

The Rt. Revd. John Watton, Bishop