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# The Anglican Parish of Trinity, Aurora

**ANNUAL REPORT  
To  
VESTRY  
JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 – JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**The Reverend Karen J. Hatch**  
Incumbent

**Sarah Hartman**  
Rector's Warden

**Marc Brouillard**  
Peoples' Warden

**Vestry Date: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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## Vestry Agenda

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17. Presentation of Nominations for Election to the Advisory Board
18. Election of the members to the Advisory Board
19. Banking Resolution:  
*"That the signing officers of the church accounts for the year 2020-2021 be any two of the following: Rector's Warden, Peoples' Warden, Deputy Wardens and/or Treasurer. One of whom must be the Rector's Warden or the Peoples' Warden"*
20. Appointment of the Auditors for 2020-2021  
*"That the auditors for the financial records of Trinity Church, Aurora for the fiscal year 2020-2021 be the firm of BDO Canada LLP"*
21. Other Business
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24. Closing Prayer

## Minutes of the Vestry Meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

7:00pm

### Trinity Anglican Church, Historic Chapel

The Vestry meeting of Trinity Anglican Church was officially opened at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 in our Historic Chapel and was chaired by The Reverend Karen Hatch, Incumbent.

Karen advised the attendees that the meeting was being recorded for the sole purpose of the minutes and would be destroyed after said minutes were transcribed. Thanks to Jill Tate for providing the snacks.

We remembered those who have died this fiscal year:

Alta Vaughan, Betty Trakas, William Walker, Peter Kirkey, Ralph Atkin, Betty Fiebig, Richard Baker, Anthony Garcia, Sandra White, Robert Hewitt and Barbara Aldridge. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### 1. Rev'd Karen opened the meeting with prayer

#### 2. Appointment of the Vestry Clerk

*Caroline Varsava was appointed as Vestry Clerk by Rev'd Hatch, moved by Ed Golem and seconded by Kim Leitch; carried.*

#### 3. Acceptance of the Revised Agenda

**Motion** *to accept the revised agenda as presented*, moved by Kelly Peters, seconded by David Fulton; carried.

#### 4. Reading and Signing of Declaration Forms

Rev'd Karen read out the declaration rules and reminded all present to make sure they signed in.

#### 5. Acknowledgement of the Pastoral Letters from Bishop Andrew Asbil and Bishop Peter Fenty

**Motion** *to accept both pastoral letters as presented*, moved by Renée LeBlanc, seconded by Linda Adler; carried.

#### 6. Adoption of Minutes

there were no concerns or changes to the Vestry minutes of October 1, 2018

**Motion** *to accept the minutes as presented*, moved by Gordon Sarles, seconded by Linda Adler; carried.

#### 7. Business Arising from the Minutes

there was no new business

## 8. Vestry Reports

Thank-you to all those who handed in their ministry reports

**Motion to accept the reports as presented**, moved by Catherine Dallen, seconded by Kelly Peters; carried.

## 9. FNMI Report - David Franks

FNMI committee thanked everyone for their support on all their initiatives.

last vestry we approved a motion to pursue opportunities towards reconciliation and healing

coming year exploring our relationships with Indigenous peoples not only here but in other parts of Canada and continue our relationship with Pikangikum First Nation and other First Nations in similar circumstances.

Archbishop Mark MacDonald has supported leadership in the water program, raised over \$500,000, being held at the PWRDF.

changes in leadership has provided some difficulties, awaiting counsel from Pikangikum waiting for direction on how to support 3 communities in NW Ontario and Eastern

Manitoba- ie: youth suicide, clean water or any other issues

will pause the Pikangikum water project this year and look for another project to support, as part of the reconciliation project

thank-you to Dave Gordon and Doug Jarvie in their help in sending Izzy Tari and Blythe Ferguson to Yukon the summer of 2018 St. Luke's Old Crow.

continue to enable youth to connect with youth in the various Indigenous communities look forward to another full year and ask for our continued support.

## 10. Presentation of the Financial Statements 2018- 2019 ~ Terry Mawhinney

Contributions	2019	2018	Difference
Ministry Fund	462,504	539,335	(76,831)
Building Fund	4,165	95,430	(91,265)
Special Funds			
Clothes Closet	24,742	25,705	(963)
Interfaith Refugee Resettlers	940	745	175
Other Outreach	16,603	14,758	1,245
Youth Programs	4,194	3,174	1,020
Other	7,642	26,067	(18,425)
Endowment Fund	1,715	8,105	(6,390)
<b>Total</b>	<b>521,885</b>	<b>713,319</b>	<b>(191,434)</b>

The contributions were down in 2019 from 2018 for three major reasons

1. Building Fund - Dawn's capital ask in early 2018 raised \$95,000
2. Ministry Fund - \$35,000 out of \$76,000 difference due to two large donations
3. an overall decline in givings in 2019

	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
Beginning Deficit	52,621	82, 517
Revenue Less Expenses	9,723	19,516
Interfund Transfers	11,880	10,380
Accumulated Deficit	31,018	52,621

Deficit declined from 52,621 to \$31,018 which is a very good number, if we keep this up, we should have no deficit at all.

Actual vs budget 2019

Actual revenue 621,073 vs budget revenue 676,789

Actual expenses 611,317 vs budget expenses 684,669

most expenses on or below budget

clergy expenses - planned to have a full time Rector by January 1<sup>st</sup> but Rev'd Karen started on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Rev'd Philip was included in fiscal year but went on disability in April.

Terry shows Rectory reported as net of expenses; auditors show income going in and expenses going out separately on the audited financial statements.

fundraising is shown as net as well.

Golf tournament funds shown as deferred revenue as it was delayed until September.

73% revenue comes from offerings – heard from the Diocese a good mix is 75% offerings and 25% from other resources, so we are doing well.

last minute special appeal last year raised over \$12,000; didn't have this the previous year reduction in office expenses; due to a staff member on disability

Offerings have dropped from 600,000 in 2009 to about 460,000 in 2019

Attendance dropping at a greater rate, if these trends continue, we cannot continue to operate as a program church.

# tax receipts issued down 23% over 10 years

Caroline kept busy renting space; closing of the Aurora Cultural Centre for renovations, starting in spring 2020, is bringing groups over to the church

recognized great contribution by Ruth Corpuz with many thanks

**Motion** to accept the financial statements of June 30, 2019 as presented, moved by Stephen Granger, seconded by Kelly Peters; carried

#### 11. The 2019 – 2020 Budget ~ Terry Mawhinney

	<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>
Beginning Deficit	31,018	52,621
Revenue Less Expenses	(11,880)	9,723
Interfund Transfers	11,880	11,880
Accumulated Deficit	31,018	31,018

some challenges, ministry fund only, did come up with a balanced budget ended the year with the same deficit of \$31,018 that we started with we expect an increase in the operating fund of \$57,063

planning on two major fundraisers, golf in the spring and something in January  
 no longer have a Diocesan Grant that covered Philip's curacy  
 expect to have 13 month special appeal for \$15,000  
 2 full time clergy in place – increased costs  
 Property – expecting some major repairs  
 Office – budgeted for 2 full time admin  
 total expenses going up by \$97,000 – to help with this  
 Deferred revenue of \$15,000 from golf tournament not in the budget and possibly receive  
 an Area Council amount which will not be more than \$10,000  
 Dan currently 3 days a week, moving to 4 days and will go to full time around 3<sup>rd</sup> week in  
 October.

**Motion to accept 2019 - 2020 budget as presented**, moved by Betty Innes, seconded by  
 Doug Keith; carried (noted a voice of query by Joan McIvor)

**Motion that the vestry of Trinity Aurora authorizes the Church Wardens to maintain a Line  
 of Credit with our bankers in the amount of \$100,000.00**, moved by Linda Adler; seconded  
 by Bill Marshall; carried

**12. Endowment – Scott Allan**

assets went up a bit after significant distributions and there was not a significant amount  
 of contributions this past year

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Cash	\$ 31,260	\$ 27,561
Investments	680,068	666,839
Insurance (CSValue)	143,255	141,491
Loan to Ministry Fund	<u>4,788</u>	<u>9,037</u>
	\$ 859,371	\$ 844,928

loan to ministry fund started at around \$40,000 several years ago and will be gone in just  
 over a year.

contributions are on the low side; can be done in several ways – funerals, legacies, wills  
 and in any general donations. Assets are there in perpetuity.

distributions approved at vestry - \$15,000 in 2019 & \$18,000 in 2019

Proposed disbursements for 2020

Gran Aurora (Stephen Lewis Africa) \$	2,000
Welcome Table	2,000
PWRDF (Bahamas Relief)	2,000
The ABLE Network	2,000
AIDS Comm. Of York Region	500
Diocesan Music Camp	250
<u>Wardens (capital items)</u>	<u>8,750</u>
Total	\$ 17,500

**Motion** that the vestry of Trinity Aurora approve the Endowment disbursements, moved by Cathy Gross, seconded by Carlene Young; carried

### 13. Acknowledgements

Catherine Dallen and David Fulton stepping down as Wardens Emeritus  
Dave Young and Mei Zhu retire as senior wardens, Dave is back on again as a 1<sup>st</sup> year warden. Two signed books by Margaret Silf given as parting gifts and many thanks thank-you to Caroline Varsava for her guidance and support and Carlene Young for volunteering in the office with the bulletins.

### 14. Appointments to Advisory Board (previously known as Parish Council)

#### Appointments by the Rector

Rector's Warden: Sarah Hartman  
Deputy Warden: Katherine Webster  
Deputy Warden: Deb Wilson-Smith (new warden)  
Chancel Guild Coordinators: Marg Blackie and Valerie Keith  
Sunday School Coordinator: Katherine Corbett  
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Kathleen McGill  
Envelope Secretary: Anna Thomson  
Treasurer: Terry Mawhinney  
Property Coordinator: Dave Young  
Youth Coordinators: Kelly Peters and Liz Keith

#### Elected

Peoples' Warden: Marc Brouillard  
Deputy Warden: Lorraine Bell  
Deputy Warden: Dave Young  
Lay Members of Synod:  
Doug Keith (Year 1 of Term 2) and Tom Fletcher (Year 1 of Term 1)  
Substitute Lay Members of Synod: Joy Marshall, Mary Rogers and Deb Wilson-Smith  
Stewardship Coordinator: David Town  
Outreach Coordinator: Beverley Wood  
Music Ministry Representative: Kelly Peters  
Parochial Tribunal: Valerie Keith and Moira O'Bryan (new position at Trinity, if dispute around voting at Vestry, meet with the wardens & the Incumbent to resolve)

**Motion** to close the nominations, moved by Doug Keith, seconded by Betty Innes; carried

**Motion** to accept the nominations as presented, moved by Jenny Beal; seconded by Linda Adler; carried

### 15. Banking Resolution

**Motion** that in addition to the churchwardens and the Treasurer, this Vestry approve that Dave Young, Mei Zhu, Lorraine Bell and Katherine Webster remain as signing officers and

*that Deb Wilson-Smith be added as a signing officer of Trinity Church, Aurora for the fiscal year 2019 – 2020, moved by Kelly Peters, seconded by Renée LeBlanc; carried*

**16. Appointment of the Auditors**

**Motion** *that the auditors for the financial records of Trinity Church, Aurora for the fiscal year 2019 – 2020 be the firm of BDO Canada LLP, moved by Sarah Hartman; seconded by David Fulton; carried*

**17. Other Business**

Vestry 2020

mixed Feelings with the chapel for next year's meeting; sound not great but love the ambience and ease for mobility issues. Vestry meeting 2020 suggested by Karen for a Sunday after church with lunch. A bit difficult with 3 services so may have just two on that day. Proposed for the last Sunday in September and will revisit afterwards whether to keep on Sunday or move back to Tuesday night.

Pastoral Emergencies

now set up, call the main number and press 4 to leave an urgent message. The clergy on call will be paged that there is a message. Thanks to Doug Keith for setting this up.

**18. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm with a closing prayer**



Diocese of Toronto  
Anglican Church of Canada

## The Bishop of Toronto's Pastoral Letter to Vestries

Posted on February 4, 2020

To our Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

Beloved in Christ, peace and grace be with you.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit..." These words from the Gospel of John, chapter 15, were spoken by Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper. They are tender – words spoken in the shadow of the cross to disciples who would become the Church. John 15 was also the centerpiece text for my charge to Synod in November 2019. If you have not had a chance to watch it, I invite you to consider doing so. The imagery of the vine, the grower, and pruning for growth form the roots of the Priorities and Plans of the Diocese for the next two years, as they have done for our strategic plan Growing in Christ beginning in 2016.

Recently at a meeting I was asked by a lay member of Diocesan Council, "Bishop, what is your vision for the Diocese? In a word or two, what do you want us to do?" And I said, "Simple...Grow!"

At its root the strategic plan calls us to "grow" in Christ. What does this mean, to grow in Christ?

It means that in all that we do, whether in our parishes, outreach ministries, diocesan ministries, chaplaincies and communities, we are summoned to flourish; in number, in maturity of faith, in our life of prayer and worship, in our leadership, in our embrace of a mission that calls us to move beyond the walls of the Church. To grow in Christ means to trust the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. To grow in Christ means that we sometimes have to let go of old structures and ways of doing things that keep us from taking the risks necessary to pursue the One we pledge to follow – Jesus.

Vestry provides one moment for every congregation to consider the challenge to grow in Christ. No matter the size of the community, no matter how large or small the budget, no matter the number of lay leaders or clergy, no matter the obstacles to balancing a budget...Are we doing all that we can to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ? What is one thing that we can do to deepen our discipleship? What is one thing that we can do to serve the needs of our neighbours? What is one thing that we can do to strengthen the bonds of affection that we have for each other?

Each year at vestry we ask you to consider supporting a social justice initiative through a particular motion. In the past we have asked vestries to consider addressing issues of poverty, raising the minimum wage and affordable housing. In 2020, we are asking you

consider being good stewards of creation as we grapple with the growing climate emergency. We invite you to consider setting a goal to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

Sometimes we can focus only on what we don't have at our annual vestry meetings, not enough money, not enough time, not enough people, not enough... Sometimes we can spend too much time only thinking about how on earth we are going to balance the budget. That's not to say that balancing the budget isn't important...it is. Rather, consider the words of Jesus in John 15. In the face of a future that doesn't always seem very clear, lift up your hearts. Reach out and grow in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew J. Asbil  
Bishop of Toronto



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## **Area Bishop's Pastoral Letter to York-Simcoe Vestries 2020**

*to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting*

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the Name of our Loving, Liberating and life-giving God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

I once again offer my prayers and good wishes as you gather for your annual Vestry meetings. I thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to God's mission and your parish's participation in that mission.

I strongly encourage your Vestries to pass the Social Justice Vestry Motion on Climate Change. The concern about climate change should be taken seriously by all of us and we need to debunk the view that, "it is a hoax." We only need to look at all that is happening around the world floods, earthquakes, extreme weather and recognize that 'nature is rebelling.' I share the perspective that, "Addressing climate change will take commitment from every sector of our society: governments, businesses, churches and other faith and community organizations, and individuals. Let us encourage our governments and each other to take up the challenge."

It is a year since our new Diocesan bishop, Andrew Asbil took over the leadership of our Diocese and he challenges us to be open to taking responsible risks in the Mission and Ministries to which we are called. In his Charge to our Synod meeting in November 2019 Bishop Andrew spoke about pruning for growth, of letting go of dead wood and trying new things for the sake of the gospel. He said, "It is not a time to be afraid; it is a time to have courage". I join with Bishop Andrew in encouraging every parish in York Simcoe to live fully into your baptismal ministry with boldness and confidence in the promise of Jesus Christ, "I am with you always, to the end of the age". Matthew 28: 20

I ask that you uphold in prayer our new Primate, the Most Reverend Linda Nichols as she leads our Church in Canada in a time of great challenge. She along with about five hundred bishops of the Anglican Communion will be attending the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury U.K. in the summer of this year. The theme of the conference is 'God's Church for God's world: walking, listening and witnessing together'. Please pray for this historic meeting of bishops which takes place about every ten years. Bishops and their spouses will meet from July 23 to August 2, 2020.

I continue to be very concerned and disturbed by the ongoing level of violence taking place in some of our communities. I ask your prayers for those in law enforcement and the judiciary, that they will act justly and explore with all social partners means and ways by which to address violence in our communities and work towards reducing if not eliminating such violence.

As a people of faith, hope and confidence in a loving, gracious and merciful God, our roles as Christians are to bear witness to the love, hope, and mercy offered us by Almighty God every

day. We must continue the missional work that is before us, in building communities of compassion, hope, peace and justice.

The Area Council will continue in its leadership to provide funding for wonderful and meaningful ministries taking place in the Episcopal area of York Simcoe. I commend the good ministries being carried out across our area amid great challenge in some cases. I am most grateful for those persons who serve on the council and look forward to the work that will be done in the year ahead.

The College of Bishops is grateful for the faithful ministry carried out across the Diocese by dedicated clergy and laity who give so much of themselves in serving their parishes and communities.

We continue to be indebted to retired clergy who serve in interim ministries, as priest-in-charge or fill-in on Sundays as needed. I thank the following clergy who are providing pastoral care and support of the following parishes: The Reverend Bob Bettson, Interim Priest-in-charge of Christ Church, Stouffville; The Reverend Canon Barbara Hammond, Interim Priest-in-charge of St. Paul, Newmarket; Bishop George Elliott, Priest-in-charge of the Parish of Lloydtown, Christ Church, Kettleby and St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg (while The Reverend Sheilagh Ashworth is on leave); Bishop Patrick White, Interim Priest-in-charge of Church of The Evangelists, Tecumseth.

We keep in prayer clergy and laity in our area who are facing significant health challenges. We pray for their families, care givers and the medical teams who support them. The Reverend Jason Prisley accepted an appointment to the parish of St. Hugh and St. Edmund, Malton in York Credit Valley area. We place on record our sincere thanks for the good and exemplary ministry he exercised as the Incumbent of Christ Church, Stouffville. On Sunday May 12, 2019 I presided over the closing of the parish of St. James, Lisle. It was a good celebration, even though there was some sadness, and we place on record our sincere thanks for the ministry of that parish in the 133 years of Christian witness in the community of Clougher-Lisle. We are indebted to the Reverend Jim Wilcox their Priest-in-charge for nine years who served them faithfully until the closure. We wish Jim every blessing in his retirement. On May 30, 2019 we celebrated the new ministry of the Reverend Karen Hatch as Incumbent at Trinity, Aurora and we welcomed Karen and her husband Brian back to York-Simcoe. The Reverend Eileen Steele was appointed Incumbent of the parish of Penetang & Waubaushene July 1, 2019; and The Reverend Jonathan Turtle was appointed Incumbent of the parish St. John, Craighurst & St. Paul Midhurst August 1, 2019. It was with sadness that we bade farewell on November 27, 2019 to the Reverend Sid Maddock who served the Anglican Church of Canada faithfully. There was a wonderful celebration of the life and witness of Sid at St. Margaret of Scotland, Barrie. May he rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

I thank the Regional Deans, the area Liturgical officers and our area Administrative Assistant for their ongoing support of the ministry of York Simcoe. Please continue to keep in prayer the Reverend Sheilagh Ashworth, Regional Dean of Holland who is on Long Term Medical leave. I am grateful to the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green who is acting as Regional Dean of Holland. We are happy to learn of the significant health progress Canon John Anderson has made and who is hoping to make a gradual return to work beginning in early 2020.

On a personal note, I again express sincere thanks on behalf of my family for your prayerful and moral support of us during my illness last year. I continue to recover well and looking forward to my Episcopal visits during the year. I thank you also for the condolences extended to me on the death of my youngest brother last July and my father on December 20, 2019.

May God bless you richly in 2020 and equip you in the work to which you are called.

Yours faithfully,

The Right Reverend Peter DeC. Fenty  
Area Bishop of York-Simcoe  
Bishop Suffragan of Toronto

## **Incumbent's Report**

Once again our vestry package is filled with reports that have beautifully captured the activities of our Christian community in what has turned out to be a very different year than previous years. I continue to be incredibly grateful for all of our ministry leaders who have shared their insights and for everyone who lives out their discipleship by supporting Trinity in various ways.

Last year, I wrote my vestry report having only been your Incumbent for five months and I remarked that I hope all of the changes that took place weren't too overwhelming. Who would have thought that this past year would be even more challenging! As others have remarked, COVID-19 has changed the world in which we live:

### **Worship**

On the instruction of our Bishops, our church buildings were closed on March 15<sup>th</sup> in an effort to curb the pandemic and keep everyone safe and healthy. At Trinity, we did not move to live-streaming right away for a couple of reasons:

First, very rarely are we given an opportunity to be reminded that we belong to a wider church and get spiritually fed by all of our Bishops and the Dean of our Cathedral. With our building closed, those who "attended" the Cathedral services were treated to some powerful reflections and beautiful music as well. We also watched how a church service could be conducted with a camera and less than five people in the sanctuary with ease (although I am sure it had its challenges). Easter Sunday had over 1000 people participating in on-line worship! I know several of you "attended" other services around the world. I would love to hear what experiences you had or are having and whether any of what you experienced could be implemented at Trinity.

Secondly, we wanted to take the necessary time to figure out how we move forward being the Church in a new way and to reflect on what is important moving forward and perhaps what would need to change. Over the summer Doug Keith and Doug Jarvie researched the necessary equipment we would need to livestream while Melaney Zhu and Mei Zhu created a new website that had the capability of livestreaming! We also set-up a youtube channel for Trinity and kept our facebook page updated and hopefully engaging.

While we had not been able to gather as a full congregation for worship since early March, we tried to find new and creative ways in order to stay connected. On Tuesday evenings, we began hosting weekly Compline services (Night Prayers) via the Zoom platform, which provided the opportunity for us to gather, albeit virtually, within our church community and to check-in on one another and to share stories about how our lives had changed. These services are continuing and over the summer we had approximately 20-30 attend. The "zoom room" opens at 7:30 p.m. for anyone who wants to say hi! The service is led by Fr Dan or myself, parishioners take turns volunteering to lead the responses and provide music. Please consider coming on one Tuesday evening, the link to the service is in our weekly webnews. We would love to see you!! We also tried virtual "tea" a couple of times. Two people "attended" but we recognize the summer is quieter at Trinity and may re-introduce this again later in the fall. I am grateful to Doug Leitch and Cathy Gross who created "COVAID" as another way of

keeping all of us in touch. It is not a worship service but instead of way of checking in with each other during this pandemic. If you haven't "attended", please consider doing so

The Church was in "red" phase for several months which meant we could not visit, our buildings were closed and we were not permitted in hospitals, nursing homes or retirement centres. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, with the cases of the pandemic lowering, the Church entered the "amber" phase. I give thanks to: Katherine Webster, Lorraine Bell, Katherine Corbett, Berk Rogers, Joy Marshall and Bill Newman (AUC) for agreeing to serve our community as the Re-entry Working Group. They worked all summer to create the guidelines needed to meet the Diocesan requirements and keep all of us safe as we prepared to re-enter our building. When I returned from vacation I was in awe at the 20+ page document that had been created. We chose to enter slowly with only one service at 9:00 a.m. so that there would be time for sanitizing the pews before AUC held their service. With only 50 people permitted at the service because of physically distancing, we knew livestreaming was going to be the direction we needed to go and re-arranged some of the furniture to help with physical distancing and smooth transitions between cameras. None of us knows what the future holds with this pandemic, but we will continue to take one day at a time, observe physical distancing and do our utmost to make sure we keep everyone safe and healthy.

### **Outreach**

Trinity continues to provide leadership as well as spiritual support to the Wednesday night Welcome Table dinner, currently being served in Trinity's parking lot in a 'drive thru' format. The church always smells so enticing on these days as we get a whiff of roast beef, gravy and mashed potatoes or macaroni & cheese with bacon and ham cooking in our kitchen. Every Tuesday evening bread is delivered and left in the narthex and when we enter the building on Wednesday morning, we are greeted with the smell of fresh bread! Over 100 guests are typically served each Wednesday and the volunteers know them by name! In fact, as I write this, 125 people were served last night!! I have deeply enjoyed being a member of one of the Welcome Table teams and serving dinner (when it was held in our basement) or chatting with people outside when it moved to a take-out meal. I once even served as a "sous-chef" when a call went out for help. I cut onions, opened too many cans of tomatoes to mention and attempted to stir and cook ground beef to serve 100+ people. I returned to my office and when Caroline and Dan saw me, they burst out laughing! My hair was soaked from sweating and my face was as red as a tomato. I had to blow dry my hair and wash my face before meeting with a parishioner! Needless to say, I am grateful that my office has a private washroom!

Other important ministries at Trinity include our Clothes Closet which sells gently used clothing at very reasonable prices. It is always such a joy to see people leaving with a bag of much-needed clothing. Unfortunately, due to covid-19, clothes closet had to temporarily shut down, but they hope to re-open in the new year. We will keep you posted! Donations were stopped for a while as well but are now, once again, being received. Special thanks to Marg Blackie who keeps tabs on the clothing in the box to make sure it doesn't overflow!

## Pastoral Care

I continue to be in awe at the dedication of our lay volunteers, under the direction of Kathleen McGill. This dedicated and faithful group of people visit those who are unable to attend our church services for various reasons; reminding them that they are very much a part of our Christian community. COVID-19 made in-person visiting impossible but our lay volunteers called those who were homebound and wrote cards. Fr Dan and I started calling through the parish list which is no small feat with over 600+ names on it! Please know that your Priests are here for you. If you want to talk with us, please give us a call! We love visiting and getting to know you.

I would be remiss if we did not take a moment to remember those who died this past year from July 2019-June 2020. Let us remember: John Caseley, Helen Florence Sarles, Marjorie Lerway, Patricia Winnifred Twiss, Thelma Dwyer, Janet Weiss-Townsend, Marie Smith and Martin Lanaway.

*“Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the dearly departed rest in peace and rise in glory.”*

## Our Ministry Team

In August 2019, we welcomed The Reverend Daniel Graves to our ministry team as our Associate Priest. Fr Dan’s main role is Christian Education and Formation. Trinity is a pastoral-sized/transitional-sized parish that needs two Priests and it is a tremendous gift to have both a male and female on staff. Someone may be more comfortable speaking with a female priest while others would prefer to speak with a male. That is one of the gifts of team ministry. We both have our own responsibilities and different gifts but we work closely as a team; even though some responsibilities inherently belong to the Incumbent.

I know we have had many changes this year (again). Some staffing changes are listed in the Wardens’ report under Human Resources but I wanted to share a few others with you as a pastoral note and also make a distinction between an employee versus a volunteer:

Our beloved Janet Weiss-Townsend had been sick since early 2019. Sadly, on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 she died. I know she was much loved at Trinity and greatly missed. I also know she was receiving wonderful pastoral care from Rev’d Heather, Caroline and many members of our congregation. Janet’s presence is still missed today; especially when we see at the bottom of the webnews “the church mice”! The “church mice” have changed but it will remain on the bottom of our webnews in thanksgiving for Caroline and Janet’s ministries. I am sorry that I didn’t get to work with Janet but it was a pleasure meeting her and being a recipient of her warmth and kindness. May Janet continue to rest in peace with the Saints in glory!

Anna Thompson, our Envelope Secretary gave us notice that she was stepping down from her role because she was moving out of Aurora. We give thanks for her attention to detail and her years of service in this ministry. We are looking to move some of the Envelope Secretary responsibilities to Geri, our Church Administrator. Thank you to Doug Keith who has been acting as Interim over the summer!

Terry Mawhinney, after a number of years serving as our Treasurer, notified us that he would not be able to continue in the role as of this vestry meeting. I am so grateful to Terry

and the patience he has shown me as I ask numerous questions about the finances, parochial returns etc... Thank you, Terry! We were all blessed to have you serve in this capacity.

Caroline's retirement wasn't a surprise and I give thanks that she stayed on in her role as Parish Administrator for my first year and a half. She is an incredibly gifted administrator and Trinity and I were blessed to be served by her. We shared many laughs, some wonderful tea times and lunches. She promises to visit for tea on occasion when we are allowed to gather once again. After a little "break", we will start approaching her with ministry opportunities!!

Rev'd Heather's retirement came as a bit of a surprise but understandably with COVID-19, there was no more visiting, no Eucharist services and pastoral care started to look very different. We give thanks for her ministry over the years as our Vocational Deacon and Pastoral Minister and wish her all the best in this part of her spiritual journey.

Serving the people of Trinity continues to be a joy and a privilege (even in the midst of a pandemic). I continue to feel blessed and I look forward to the year ahead and what it will bring! I still believe that the future of God's church lies in service, ministry and compassion. As I said last year, when our service meets the world's needs, we will be truly living as a Gospel people. I am sure there are other ways of meeting different needs in this different time! If you have any creative thoughts and ideas, please feel free to share them with me.

Finally, I know I am blessed to be loved by my husband Brian, our cat Edward and my family. Their continued love and support uphold me in my vocation. My older sister (Lisa) and her family recently moved to Aurora and my nephew Elliott played at one of our 11:00 a.m. services and my niece Rachel volunteers with Welcome Table! It is such a joy to be able to drop by their house, stand on their front lawn and chat before going home.

*"Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine!"*

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen +".

The Reverend Karen Hatch  
Incumbent

## Associate's Report

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Trinity. Of course, the year took an unexpected turn in March with the lock-down, but ministry and our life together have continued and there have been many blessings along the way.

A portion of my time is spent doing the things that all priests do, preaching, presiding at the Eucharist, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. Trinity is a diverse community and I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you at our three very different Sunday services, in home visits, the men's group, and through our study groups.

Much of my time, and the central focus of my ministry at Trinity, is to offer Christian Education programming. These courses are attended by members of this parish and other parishes in the area. Last September, I offered a four-week program on "Suffering and Joy in Paul's Letter to the Philippians". We examined the letter as an example of a "letter of consolation", a genre of ancient letter-writing. We considered the letter in the context of how consolation was offered through a variety of ancient religious and philosophical traditions and asked how Paul's letter might speak to us today.

In the late fall, I offered a five-week program on "Four English Saints: Seeking the Virtuous Life". We examined Bede's Life of St. Cuthbert, John Foxe's The Life and Martyrdom of Thomas Cranmer, Izaak Walton's Life of John Donne, and Lytton Strachey's Life of Florence Nightingale (from Eminent Victorians). We considered each life through the lens of the Christian virtues (the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and love, as well as the cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice.) We examined the genre of life-writing and asked to what degree these four individuals serve as models of a holy life. We also considered the imperfections of so-called saints and what that might mean for our journey of seeking holiness as Christian people.

After Christmas we did a theological study of the book of Romans. We looked at Romans through the eyes of great figures in church history (e.g., Luther, Calvin), modern theologians (e.g., N.T. Wright, John Breck), as well as through several theological lenses (Justification by Faith, Election and Predestination, the role of the Holy Spirit, and Political Theology). The course examined how Romans has been used to develop the theology the church has inherited. A spring program on the Dead Sea Scrolls was intended to be offered but was cancelled due to COVID-19. I intend to offer it in 2021.

When COVID-19 hit, I moved online and offered an online Bible Study during Holy Week on the Passion According to St. Matthew. This was followed up by regular online blogging which included regular posts on theological issues as well as an attempt at some fiction. The Archdeacon takes place in the same fictional world as my Mr. Perkins stories and seeks to offer insight into the world of "church-land".

This fall, I am offering a full online program entitled "The Apocalyptic Imagination", via zoom, which will study a variety of Jewish and Christian end-times texts including Daniel, I Enoch, the Book of Revelation and the "little apocalypses" found in the synoptic gospels.

Enrollment in all the above courses has been excellent, averaging about 25-35 participants. Most courses are offered in a morning and evening timeslot to facilitate participation of as many individuals as possible.

Baptism preparation has continued this year. We are grateful to the Sinyards for offering this ministry. I also led a very enjoyable series of Confirmation classes with several of our young parishioners. They are an impressive and intelligent group of individuals!

Occasionally I drop into the youth group and am always impressed by the leadership of Liz and Kelly, and the wonderful program that they run. They continued to meet online during the pandemic and then in the park during the summer (physically distanced). It was especially enjoyable to be invited to attend the youth group prom in Liz's backyard. Congratulations to our youth for showing us how to keep going during challenging times!

Several other Christian education opportunities were also offered by clergy and members of the parish. In the Spring, Rev. Karen led an excellent study, "Journeying with (Joan Chittister)", and Cathy Gross and Lenore Pressley have continued their excellent and well-attended "Progressive Christianity" sessions. Unfortunately, the latter was cut short due to COVID, but we hope for its return in the near future. Cathy Gross and Doug Leitch have also been offering a monthly online meeting, "COVAID", during the pandemic. The men's group, of which I am a part, continues to engage in deep discussions on a variety of topics on a weekly basis. We spent a couple of months discussing a book on contemplative prayer. During the pandemic we continued to meet by conference call and in the summer continued at the Town Park.

In mid-August, Bishop Fenty asked me to take on the responsibility of being Priest-in-charge at St. Stephen's, a small church plant in Maple, for a period of 6 months, at 1/3 time. Their services take place Sunday evenings, so I will continue to be here Sunday mornings. I continue to look forward to offering a full slate of Christian Education courses here at Trinity over the next year and continue my work as your Associate Priest. It has been a joy to serve with Rev. Karen and all the members of the ministry team and staff.

In spite of the difficult circumstances, it has been a wonderful year and I look forward to continuing our ministry together in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Daniel F. Graves  
Associate Priest (Christian Education and Faith Formation)

## The Wardens' Report

The Wardens of Trinity are responsible to the Vestry for the day to day operations of the church, including all major decisions regarding finances, property and staffing. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we rely on prayerful discernment in our decision-making process, in order to ensure the smooth day to day operations of the church and the future of Trinity Anglican Church.

This year's Warden Team was made up of:

- ✧ **Sarah Hartman** (*Rector's Warden*)
- ✧ **Marc Brouillard** (*Peoples' Warden*)
- ✧ **Katherine Webster**
- ✧ **Lorraine Bell**
- ✧ **David Young**
- ✧ **Deb Wilson-Smith**

The Warden Team is ably assisted by **Terry Mawhinney**, who is our Treasurer and who is responsible for overseeing the budget and communicating with the Wardens and Vestry. We give thanks for the many hours that this team has put into supporting, and making decisions on behalf of the Trinity community.

This report highlights some of the significant events that have transpired during the 2019-2020 year.

### Covid-19

To say that the impacts and ramifications of this global pandemic have been unprecedented would be an understatement. Covid-19 and the resulting closures and restrictions have forever altered the daily activities that we often took for granted, including work, shopping, socializing, and even gathering to worship. Even as our provinces and regions continue to gradually re-opening, albeit with measured and prescribed protocols to help keep everyone safe and healthy, the future of what lies ahead as a result of this pandemic remains uncertain.

As we slowly moved into the Amber Phase of the Diocese's reopening protocols in September, we began live streaming our Sunday service on September 13<sup>th</sup> on Trinity's YouTube channel for those unable to attend in person. A big thank you to both **Doug Keith** and **Doug Jarvie** for taking on the 'techie roles' in order to make this possible.

2020 also saw the launch of a new and improved trinityaurora.ca website. The new website, based on an entirely new web platform offers much more feature-rich content, links to register for in person worship, a calendar of upcoming events, links to our live streamed services, and much more. Not only does our new website offer more current information and easier navigation, it also makes it easier and more efficient to post new content. A huge thank you to **Mei Zhu** and her niece **Melaney** for their tireless efforts in moving us forward with our web presence.

In order to facilitate regular offerings to Trinity in support of the various ministries that we support, a renewed focus on Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) was also undertaken. In addition to this initiative, the ability to receive Interac e-transfer directly through our bank account was also setup for those parishioners looking for alternate means of contributing to Trinity. Not only to these initiatives provide for contactless options when it comes to regular contributions, they also help promote the eco-friendly initiatives of our Green Team.

### Human Resources

This has been a year of some hellos and goodbyes:

- **Rev Daniel Graves** was appointed Associate Priest at Trinity in August. He is responsible for Christian Education & Formation.
- At the end of February, **Philippe Lheureux** (Assistant Custodian) and **Roxanna Farrell** (Event Coordinator) decided that it was time to move on from Trinity in order to pursue other opportunities more aligned with their respective skill sets.
- **Anita Johnson** (Nursery Co-ordinator) gave notice early in the year that as of June she would be unable to continue in the position. We give thanks for her ministry with some of our youngest members. With COVID-19, the nursery is not permitted to be re-opened until the church enters the “green” phase (we are currently in the “amber” phase). When we enter the “green” phase we will re-consider how to move forward with this position.

The following staffing changes would fall into next year’s report but we didn’t want to ignore these important transitions):

Good-byes:

- **Caroline Varsava** announced her retirement earlier in the year but when the pandemic began, we asked her to re-consider her retirement date and she graciously agreed to stay on until August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Reverend Heather Westbrook** announced her retirement in August from both her contract with Trinity and her role as a Vocational Deacon. Her retirement request was granted by The Bishop of Toronto and your leadership team as of August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Ruth Corpuz**, our Bookkeeper announced that she would not be renewing her contract with Trinity after ten years in order to devote more time to her growing business. We give thanks for her diligent work and dedication to Trinity over the years. Her contract with us ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Hellos:

- **Vernon Tsukada** joined our team on September 7<sup>th</sup> as an Assistant Facilities Coordinator ably assisting Bob Groves with maintaining our building and ensuring all touchpoints and pews are sanitized regularly. Welcome Vernon!
- **Geraldine (Geri) Sinclair** started as our new Church Administrator on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Her hours of work will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. We are excited to have you join our team!

- **Jenny Cheong** will start as our new Director of Music Ministries on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Jenny not only plays the piano and organ but also the cello! She will be working 20 hours per week and her office will be in Rev'd Heather's former office. (This office was offered to Fr Dan but he loves the basement and with Jenny only working part-time, it frees the office upstairs for meetings and Carlene who volunteers helping with some of our administration). We look forward to Jenny joining us and give thanks to Joy Gannicott who so beautifully filled in during this transition. Thank you Joy!

### **Finance**

Specific finance details for the fiscal year 2019/2020 can be seen in the audited **Financial Statements**. Contributions to the Ministry Fund (our operating fund) were 22% below budget and 11% lower than the previous year. Other revenue was 41% above budget and 51% higher than the previous year however, this surplus was largely due to grants received from the Diocese to help cover the cost of clergy costs and monthly allotment for the months of April, May and June (\$24K per month), as well as the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) that we received from the federal government. Despite these additional sources of revenue, our total revenues were 6% below budget and 12% lower than previous year. Lower revenue was offset by expenses that were lower than budget projections by 14% and below the previous year by 13%. Overall, the Ministry Fund's surplus position improved by \$60,030 for the fiscal year 2019/2020.

### **Community building and outreach activities**

Trinity continues to provide leadership, as well as spiritual and financial support to the weekly Welcome Table dinner on Wednesday evenings, currently being served in Trinity's parking lot in a 'drive thru' format. Over 100 guests are typically served at Welcome Table, of which almost 25% are children.

Other important on-going ministries at Trinity continue to include Clothes Closet which sells gently used clothing at very reasonable prices. In turn, it donates its revenue to Welcoming Arms and other ministries. The First Nation Metis and Inuit Committee supports the intentional process of education, advocacy and strategic funding aimed at an informed relationship with our First Nation, Métis and Inuit neighbours and friends; it is a founding member of, and contributes to, the Pimatisiwin Nipi (Living water) group.

In support of our community building initiatives this year, we also undertook a Christmas 'mail drop' campaign in which specially designed postcards (thank you, **Katherine Webster** for your creative flair) introducing Trinity Aurora to the community and providing a listing of all of our Christmas season services were sent out to approximately 9,000 homes in the Aurora area. While an exact number of visitors to our parish as a result of this mail out are difficult to quantify exactly, we did notice a number of newcomers to some of our services. A similar 'mail drop' campaign had been planned for the Easter season however, we were forced to postpone it due to the Covid-19 closure.

### **Fundraising**

Again this year, the **Welcome Table** hosted another successful **Trivia night**. The **ACW** held a very successful Christmas bazaar. Many thanks and congratulations go to both efforts for their hard work and success.

All of these ventures help to keep us within our budget projections and we are grateful for all the support we receive from the congregation.

### **Property**

Details on the property committee can be found in the **Property Report**.

### **AUC**

We continue to share our space with **AUC**. They have the main sanctuary for their 11:00 Sunday service. The Wardens were enthused to hear of their current plans to rebuild on their Yonge Street site. We are totally supportive of their journey and are happy to accommodate their needs in the interim. We continue to strive to work with AUC to ensure a positive relationship in a challenging situation.

### **Respectfully submitted by,**

Sarah Hartman

Marc Brouillard

Katherine Webster

Lorraine Bell

David Young

Deb Wilson-Smith

## Parish Statistics

### July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2020

Event	Jul 1/13 – Jun 30/14	Jul 1/14 – Jun 30/15	Jul 1/15 – Jun 30/16	Jul 1/16 – Jun 30/17	Jul 1/17 – Jun 30/18	Jul 1/18 – Jun 30/19	Jul 1/19- Jun 30/20
Average Sunday	254	232	208	176	169	147	152
Marriages	2	6	5	5	5	0	2
Baptisms	16	12	13	11	15	12	4
Confirmations	6	7	10	3	7	0	3
Reaffirmations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals*	10	18	7	7	9	11	29
Christmas Worshippers	1,548	1,606	1,553	1,457	1,312	1,286	1322
Palm Sunday	651	*282	243	258	226	247	0 Covid-19
Holy Week	416	*317	273	326	260	228	0 Covid-19
Easter Sunday	782	652	652	591	563	509	0 Covid-19

\*Includes funeral services for the wider community.

## Parish Records

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Baptisms

Nikita Basiratpour	September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Tina Basiratpour	September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Madeleine Aimee Goldthorpe	November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019
Henry Gray Miranda	November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019

### Confirmations

Tobias Eric DeVries	October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Jennelle Mairi Bain Dickson	October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Sabrina Maria Pauline Tari	October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2019

### Marriages

Amy Mary-Grace Durant & Kyler James Murphy	September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Amanda Nicole Jones & Adam Patrick Kelly	October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019

### Deaths (Date of Death not burial)

<b>John Caseley</b>	<b>July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>
Carolyn Fleming	August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Josephine Ann Farrow	August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
<b>Helen Florence Sarles</b>	<b>August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>
<b>Marjorie Lerway</b>	<b>August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>
Louise Elizabeth Margaret Rough	October 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Osborne Hollis Isaac	October 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Thelma Coon	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019
Leeona Audrey Tettman	December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Arthur Hamilton McGeachie	December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Margaret Von Eckhel	December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019
Marie Koliopolos	January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
William Smith	January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Renton Howard	January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Alexander Hamilton Low	January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
<b>Patricia Winnifred Twiss</b>	<b>January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
Alvin Stuart Pegg	January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Shelly-Anne Bujold	February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
<b>Thelma Dwyer</b>	<b>February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>

Robert Blais	March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
<b>Janet Weiss-Townsend*</b>	<b>April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
Gerry William Mole	April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Ruth Edwina Laird	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
<b>Marie Smith</b>	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>Martin Lanaway</b>	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
Marion Lillian Berry	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020
Eileen Ryzek	May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
William John Cornish	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020
John Andrew Wood	June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020

**Bold denotes a member of Trinity**

**Bold with \* means not recorded in the Burial Registry**

## The ABLE Network

A Message from The ABLE Network,

The ABLE Network has completed our twelfth year of operation. We support 35 individuals with intellectual disabilities as they participate in the community with work experience, recreation, volunteering, transit training and continuing education. We have three locations in York Region – Aurora, Richmond Hill and Stouffville. Since March 2020, we have had to close our in-person programming due to COVID-19 and we quickly started to provide programming on-line. We now provide a minimum of 3 hours per day for all participants, via Zoom.

The pandemic has been hard on ABLE financially. We stopped charging fees to our families but continue to employ 6 full time employees (2 employees at each of your three York region locations). With voluntary payments from families, support from the government and reserves from previous fundraising, we are getting by. Starting in November, we will be charging reduced fees to our families as we increase the on-line programming we provide. At this time, we have no plans for in-person programming.

Fundraising is always an important aspect of ABLE. We are very grateful for the successful fundraising event (Million Dollar Night) that we had last October as our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. The funds raised there have been very important in helping us get through the current pandemic. Our only fundraiser in 2020 will be the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon which, like most things, will be a virtual walk.

We have been fortunate to receive a donation from the Trinity Endowment Fund to help with our Friday lunch program. We are currently not having a Friday lunch program but look forward to having this again when it is safe for us to do so.

We currently have partnerships with over 35 local businesses and community partners. Over 20 of our participants receive some form of payment for the work they do. In most cases, these jobs and activities are currently on hold, but we look forward to renewing these partnerships once the pandemic is over. ABLE has wonderful volunteers. Many of our volunteers and community partners are connected to Trinity and we feel very blessed to have their support and encouragement.

One thing that our Aurora staff and participants have been able to continue during COVID is the Giving Garden. We prepared the soil, planted, watered and maintained this garden beside the parking lot at Trinity. Recently, we have been able to harvest our crops and distribute them each Wednesday evening at the takeout style Welcome Table.

Our participants have been very involved in volunteering at Trinity. Up until March 2020 we were doing the following: at the Clothes Closet we empty the donations bin every day, creating signs and restocking supplies as required in addition to running the Clothes Closet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wednesdays we setup Binions Hall for the Welcome Table. Wednesday

mornings we bag the bread that is donated from Cobb's Bakery to be distributed at the Welcome Table, do the laundry from the Welcome Table, replenish the envelopes etc. in the pews every week to get them ready for services on Sunday, one participant does some light cleaning duties in the church and one participant is the telephone volunteer for the office on Tuesday mornings. On Wednesday mornings we have a participant who helps Bob with putting out the churches weekly garbage, setting up the tables and chairs for the Welcome Table and other general cleaning duties. We also keep the Rectory clean on a daily basis. ABLE also partners with Welcoming Arms by organizing the donated toiletries on Thursday mornings. At the moment, all of these volunteer activities are on hold.

We are very grateful for all the support that Trinity provides for us. Our participants have grown wonderful relationships with the staff and parishioners at Trinity and we are really missing those relationships at this time. Many thanks to Trinity for your continued support of ABLE and we hope to be with all of you soon.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Barb Allan, Director, The ABLE Network

### **The Anglican Church Women**

November - All Soul's! A beautiful solemn service where the ACW plays an important role. It's a time to reflect, grieve, light candles and remember our dear loved ones who have died. After the service there is sherry, homemade scones, clotted cream and jam! A time of fellowship and a safe place to share, laugh or cry!

At our Annual Christmas Bazaar we raised over \$9,000.00. Way to go !!!! Two thirds of the money raised we give back to Trinity. Each year it amazes me how we all make this day look so effortless. There are always big smiles on everyone's faces and great joy in our hearts. A lot of work goes into putting the bazaar together and I would like to acknowledge that, so here is a BIG thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and talents in making Trinity's Bazaar a huge success. A special thanks to Jill Tate for all her organizing of the luncheon. Also a huge thank you to the men at Trinity who help set up and clean up. We greatly appreciate all you do for the Bazaar. Thanks to Moira O'Bryan, my partner in the planning of the 2019 Bazaar.

Unfortunately, 2020 was met with a pandemic called Covid-19 and to hopefully stop the spread places of gatherings were shut down pretty fast. With Covid-19 still very much a threat to health and safety it's with great sadness that the ACW will not be organizing a Trinity Christmas Bazaar for 2020. If things are greatly improved for the spring of 2021 then we will plan a Spring Sale and later a Christmas Bazaar in November.

Thanks to my amazing Executive Team. It is a pleasure working alongside these fabulous women. They are always ready to help in a pinch!

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kelly Peters  
ACW President

## Getting Connected through Baptism

Services for Holy Baptism occur 3 times a year. Parents and adults interested in Baptism are encouraged to participate in a four week Getting Connected program. This program uses journey imagery to help individuals reflect on their own spiritual journey connected with God, themselves and others. In the last session we discuss the spiritual tools that support us such as prayer, communion, the bible and the Baptismal Covenant.

Baptism dates for 2019/ 2020

September 15, 2019 (special circumstances)

November 3, 2019

February 23, 2020

May 31, 2020

Respectfully submitted by,  
John and Deb Sinyard

## Biblical Storytelling

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.*

*Colossians 3:16*

Biblical Storytelling ministry continues at Trinity, growing since the first “telling” just over four years ago. This past year, there were eight parishioners actively involved and interested in telling the stories from heart rather than reading them. We are encouraged and supported by clergy. We aim to tell every few weeks at both services and try to choose good stories from the lectionary, mainly from the New Testament (NRSV). In the past year, we have brought more than ten stories alive through BST, including The Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman, Jesus Calls Nathanael, The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector, Proclamation of John the Baptist, beautiful tellings of Psalm 146 and 119, The Birth of Christ, and Jesus Calls His Disciples. Just before all in-person gatherings were abruptly cancelled in mid-March due to the pandemic, one of our newest Tellers had rehearsed the story of Moses Bringing Water From a Rock in preparation for a telling that was for a cancelled service. This story was a comfort, as the world entered into a time of uncertainty and worry this spring, and we were reminded of God’s constant presence and care for His people.

Last October, Jenny and Katherine again attended the Canadian Festival of Biblical Storytelling in Burlington. The workshops and discussions helped us grow in our skills, confidence, and appreciation of this unique ministry. Dr. Cynthia Park was the keynote speaker and Eden

Nameri was the Featured Teller, for the weekend. All of their presentations were outstanding. If you are curious about BST and would like to know more, this Festival is a great opportunity (*note: the 2020 Festival does not appear to be scheduled, so look for its resuming in 2021*).

We would be so happy to welcome new members to our ministry team! Biblical Storytelling is a very rewarding and enriching ministry – both for the hearers and the tellers. We find that during our learning preparation time, the scriptures blossom in meaning and depth in our hearts, and we are so blessed through the experience.

Respectfully submitted:

Jenny Beal, Katherine Corbett, Stephen Granger, Athena Graves, David Moore, Christie Okundonor, David Town, and Cora VandeBeek

### **Chalice Bearers**



I find myself at a loss for something to write. With Covid 19 we have been away for almost half of the year.

Up until February we were scheduling two Chalice Bearers at 9:15, and looking for additional people to help with 8:00 and 11:15. We will obviously have to regroup once we get back to having wine and three services, so stay tuned.

While we have all felt lost without our weekly services for the past 5 months, I would like to thank Rev. Karen and Fr. Dan for providing Compline on Tuesdays. It has helped to maintain the feeling of community.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Linda Adler

### **Chancel Guild**

The Chancel Guild Ministry involves preparing the sanctuary of Trinity for worship Sunday mornings, as well as the first, third and fifth Wednesday morning of the month in the Chapel.

Saturday mornings are spent polishing brass and silver and preparing candles for worship. The vessels and elements are carefully prepared and set out with fresh linens.

The Chancel Guild also assists clergy in preparation for funerals and weddings if communion is required. Our ministry also involves serving the community, as we minister to 6 retirement and nursing homes in Aurora once a month.

I am thankful for the dedication and devotion of our guild members, as they faithfully prepare for each service of worship. I would also like to thank all who have helped beautify the Church with flowers, especially at Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Margaret Blackie  
Directress of the Trinity Chancel Guild

## Church School

*Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray. Proverbs 22:6*

What a great and unexpected year we've had at Trinity Church School!

**Teaching Team 2019-2020:** Trinity Church is blessed with a very committed, loving, and enthusiastic team of Church School teachers. Many thanks to:

JK to Grade 4

Tania DeVries

Sandra Liem

Emily Prue

Katherine Corbett

In addition to preparing and teaching the children on Sunday mornings, our teachers participated in an autumn planning meeting, Safe-Church training, and a Super Bowl party. We have been grateful for Rev. Dan Graves for his support and spiritual guidance for our ministry.

**9:15 a.m. Church School classes:** Each Sunday, we've had a group of between four to twelve JK to Grade 4 participants. We open our time together with lighting a candle and a prayer, then hearing a Bible story, followed by a variety of activities, games, crafts or dramatic retellings, to explore the story and God's message, more deeply. We close with prayer, before rejoining families upstairs.

**Curriculum:** Our teachers use "Whirl Lectionary" curriculum, published by Sparkhouse. We are *thrilled* that the curriculum is available digitally, which allows teachers online access to lesson plans (including options for different age groups), activity ideas, background devotional context, colouring sheets. We are able to customize and adjust our lesson plans

to suit our personal style and strengths, and our student participants' interests and ages. Each week's story focus aligns with the lectionary schedule, which means families can have follow-on conversations at home about the week's scripture focus.

***Pew Scribbler Clipboards:*** Many thanks to the office staff and volunteers for their faithful weekly preparation of our scripture-based pew scribblers for kids. Once in-person services resume this fall, activity packets will be available any children in attendance to use and take-home, as per Diocesan guidelines.

***Seasonal & Intergenerational Worship Services:*** We had planned to have kids and youth plan, lead and take an active role in worship for an April "Earth Day" themed service, but all in-person events were on hold from mid-March onwards. Holy Week activities were also suspended.

***Church-School-By-Zoom:*** As the church cautiously approaches resuming in-person worship beginning in mid-September, Diocesan guidelines indicate that in-person programs for children will not resume (children will remain with their families for the whole service). However, with creativity, flexibility, and the magic of technology, Church School is back! Each week, we will gather and adapt our program so that we can explore and learn about God's love via Zoom, through interactive and engaging sessions on Sunday mornings.

Many thanks – teachers, families, clergy, church staff & volunteers, and congregation – for your prayers, support, energy, and faith. It is an honour serve in this ministry, walking with Trinity's children and their families, as they grow in their faith.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine Corbett, Church School Team Leader

## **The Clothes Closet**

The Clothes Closet operates with 24 volunteers who work on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Tuesday and Thursday staffing is supplied by the ABLE group.

We are open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with the exception of Thursdays when we are open 9:30 to 2:30.

Our gross revenue for the period of this report was \$14,687 which was \$10,000 less than last year as we have been closed since March 14<sup>th</sup> due to the coronavirus.

Saturdays are very popular and profitable when the United Church serves breakfast drawing in a large number of customers. For the past three years we closed on Saturdays during July and August as the number of customers declines greatly when the breakfast is not provided.

We recorded 2045 paying customers during this report. We also provided free clothing to 311 clients with vouchers from Welcoming Arms and Yellow Brick House.

We give Welcoming Arms \$12,000 annually. The rent for the space we use is \$2,800 annually.

We have decided to stay closed until at least January 2021 due to the pandemic. I am very concerned about the safety of our volunteers as most are seniors and some have health concerns. We will assess the situation at that time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Legault,  
Coordinator, The Clothes Closet  
September 7, 2020

### **Endowment Fund**

During the year we met 2 times as a committee to review investment results and discuss on-going matters.

Communications to the Parish to encourage continued giving to the Fund were made during the year. We met with clergy and staff to encourage communication about the Fund when planning parishioner funerals.

At year end the Total Assets held by the fund were as follows:

Marketable securities	\$ 690,000	(with 12 month increase of 1.5%)
Insurance policy CSV	145,528	
Cash in bank	21,993	
Total Assets	\$ 857,519	

The fund investment returns were very moderate this year. Not surprisingly, with COVID 19 whipsawing the markets, there was a great amount of volatility during the period, but the long-term moderate risk nature of our investments kept the returns reasonable.

Contributions (\$1,245) to the fund were very low, with no special campaigns this year and the massive disruption to the complete church community. Investment income was \$25,262 (\$30,754 prior year, capital and income).

Distributions of \$17,500 (\$18,000 prior year) approved from the prior year were paid out (Wardens for capital items \$8,750; PWRDF (Bahamas Hurricane Relief \$2,000; ABLE Network \$2,000; Welcome Table \$2,000; Gran Aurora \$2,000; AIDS of York Region \$500; Choir Camp \$500).

I would like to thank the members of committee for their continued interest and support in the Endowment Fund initiatives.

Respectively submitted by,  
Scott Allan

### **Envelope Secretary**

This year has passed with no difficulties or surprises at the fiscal end. This is due to our very experienced counting teams and the very important expertise of Ruth Corpuz, our bookkeeper. Revenue comes into the church in many different forms. Sunday givings sent for blessing during each service is one way to help the church grow. We also have an established pre-authorized giving (PAG) program in which funds are deducted from your bank account or withdrawn from Visa or Mastercard and this year we introduced e-transfers as well. More and more parishioners are choosing these more convenient forms of donations and as a result this helps our Wardens in budgeting for the church ministry expenses and spiritual growth programs. We encourage all parishioners to consider these very convenient ways of giving.

Tax receipts at the end of the year are always a bit of a challenge. They are expected to be accurate and delivered to the parishioners in a timely manner. Many thanks to Ruth for her help, knowledge and time spent printing the tax receipts and statements when required.

May I extend a very grateful thank you to all the persons on all the counting teams. Without your commitment each month, this ministry would be difficult. May I extend an invitation to anyone who would like to help with this ministry. We are always looking for extra helpers to count one Sunday a month. Thank you and God Bless.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Anna M. Thomson  
Envelope Secretary

### **Flower and Garden Guild**

Although our group arranges flowers for most Sundays in the year, with the exception of Lent and only greenery for Advent our first gathering together is the festival of Thanksgiving.

We decorated our beloved Trinity with many flowers and fruit and vegetables. With so many hands and happy faces it was light work.

We used many branches and greenery during advent in this wonderful anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child.

Our next and most loving task is to prepare the Church for the Christmas season.

We always receive a great deal of much needed material in the form of branches and berries. We bring out old treasures of the past and always find something new to add. Lots of lights and flowers. What an amazing time we have getting everything ready for the all of our Christmas services.

Unfortunately, that was all there was this year. Covid 19 showed up and spoiled all of our fun.

We do believe better days are coming and we will be able to once more enjoy one another's company and decorate our beloved Trinity.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Betty Innes

**FNMI**  
**First Nations Metis Inuit Committee**

During the year, FNMI continued work at four pillars to reconciliation and restoration with Indigenous Peoples:

- to establish and maintain partnerships with Indigenous Peoples;
- to explore opportunities to learn about issues facing Indigenous Peoples from coast to coast to coast;
- to advocate in support of Indigenous Peoples in sharing the work of caring for the land and waters of this part of Turtle Island;
- to provide strategic funding in collaborations with First Nations in northwestern Ontario.

After March 2020, this work continued in somewhat different ways.

Pimatisiwin Nipi continued to benefit from the involvement of members of Trinity with other Anglicans in a variety of parishes in central and southwestern Ontario, gathering with the National Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald. In July 2019, we celebrated the establishment of the Indigenous Anglican Church in Canada at the meeting of General Synod as Canon Andrew Wesley from Moose Cree First Nation had hoped in speaking to us on Indigenous Sunday. A change of leadership in Pikangikum and two evacuations due to a raging forest fire put plans for Phases 3 and 4 on hold. In October 2019, the Pikangikum Water Working Group reviewed what had been done in Pikangikum in bringing safe, clean water to homes and the need to explore other possible Indigenous communities who also had long-term or short-term water advisories in place. Pimatisiwin Nipi sought to pivot away from raising further funds for Pikangikum FN even though there were still over 400 homes that still needed improvements in plumbing as well as cisterns for safe, clean water brought from the water treatment plant by truck and for wastewater removed by another truck to the sewage lagoon. Pimatisiwin Nipi made arrangements with the Primates World Relief and Development Fund for raising funds for Indigenous Water Projects in other Indigenous communities other than Pikangikum FN. During Advent Conspiracy 2019, without the focus on Pikangikum FN, members of the Parish did not contribute as in the past so about 30% of the previous year's donations

were received. Pimatisiwin Nipi connected with the NGO WATER FIRST EDUCATION AND TRAINING INC. which works collaboratively with Indigenous Peoples to recruit youth from their communities for 15 to 18 month long internships in water management. WATER FIRST benefits from an Indigenous Advisory Council so the initial set of youth came from Manitoulin Island and the second set from the Bimose Tribal Council near Kenora in northwestern Ontario. WATER FIRST is in the process of recruiting youth from Indigenous communities along the eastern shores of Georgian Bay. Pimatisiwin Nipi is considering supporting some internships when federal or provincial funding is not sufficient. In June 2020, Pimatisiwin Nipi opened lines of communication with Chief Dean Owen from Pikangikum FN in order to continue to support this Indigenous community. Chief Dean Owen and members completed Phase 3 bringing water to standing points in the community. Chief Dean Owen also benefits from the two engineers who started the Pikangikum Water Project in making plans for Phase 4 and access funds through PWRDF already raised for this purpose. In June 2020, Pimatisiwin Nipi began the process of opening lines of communication with Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler from Nishnawbe Aski Nation in order to be introduced to at least one Indigenous community and build a collaborative working relationship so more Indigenous communities can have safe, clean water when the taps are opened in their homes.

On September 29, 2019, members of Trinity were invited the Headwaters Indigenous Awareness Group in Orangeville to attend an Orange Shirt Sunday lunch and circle with Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux from Georgina Island FN and Vice-Provost of Aboriginal Initiatives at Lakehead University. Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux shared stories of the impact of residential schools on Indigenous families and communities, pointing out ongoing federal policies of underfunding for education, health, and child welfare for Indigenous Peoples. Stories demonstrating the resilience were also shared, illustrating the need for Indigenous Peoples to learn to speak their language, to know the ceremonies marking life changes, and to practice a way of life which connects them Creator.

In the fall, members of Trinity attended three circles with Elder Glenn Trivett who is an Ojibwa Knowledge Keeper and a member of the Odawa Midewiwin Medicine Society. At the time, Glenn Trivett was also the Coordinator of the M'Wikedong Native Cultural Resource Centre on Manitoulin Island. In his teachings, Glenn Trivett explored the history of relationships between Settlers and Indigenous Peoples in order to engage Settlers in efforts towards the building of relationships in moving forward towards reconciliation.

For the last Sunday in Pentecost the Celebration of the Reign of Christ, the Indigenous Priest from Toronto Urban Native Ministries Leigh Kern returned to the parish of her youth. The Reverend Leigh Kern has Metis heritage through her mother's family. She spoke about her trips to Toronto as a youth to learn about issues facing Indigenous Peoples as well as the overrepresentation of Indigenous Peoples in the criminal justice systems and her work in the prisons in Toronto. The Reverend Leigh Kern facilitated a circle about the Anglican Church of Canada's documentary DOCTRINE OF DISCOVER: STOLEN LIVES AND STRONG HEARTS. Interest was expressed by participants in exploring this documentary in more depth.

In December 2019, Dave Gordon arranged for 30 adults from the parish and 8 other Anglican Churches to attend FIRST LIGHT at Ste. Marie among the Wendat to experience two longhouses with different drumming experiences among other historical displays. On the following weekend, the Reverend David Franks accompanied members of the Youth Group and some of their extended family members to FIRST LIGHT.

For the FNMI Lenten educational circles, two sessions covered parts of DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: STOLEN LIVES AND STRONG HEARTS before Trinity was closed to keep people safe as the pandemic spread. Grandmother Mim Harder and former Native Child and Family Services of Toronto social worker Randy Pitawanakwat participated as Indigenous resources in each of the leaning circles, adding their knowledge and experiences to our discussions. Doug Jarvie helped with the projector, screen, and sound system, contributing to the success of these circles.

As the pandemic progressed, FNMI updates written by the Reverend David Franks were posted as part of the weekly Trinity email to parishioners. These Reflections were based on the method used by Archbishop Mark MacDonald in reading a gospel passage in three movements: in exploring what catches the attention of participants in a circle after the first reading; what God is saying to us after the second reading; and what God is calling us to be and do after the third reading. Indigenous Anglicans use this method in decision-making circles. Issues facing Indigenous Peoples are examined through the history of relationships between Indigenous Peoples and Settlers to this part of Turtle Island. The intention of treaties as a means of sharing the land and waters as well as of supporting Indigenous Peoples to feed themselves and participate in the care of Creator's creation for the use and benefit of generations into the future are being explored. Systemic racism and instances of personal experiences of racism continue to impact Indigenous Peoples, calling for creative and collaborative approaches in changing relationships with the most vulnerable.

For Indigenous Sunday on June 21, 2019, Dave Gordon, Doug Jarvie, Mim Harder, Jonathan Maracle, and the Reverend David Franks put together parts for the sermon of the Trinity website. Doug Keith provided the technical expertise to bring the pieces together. On the following week, the Rector Karen Hatch also provided a link on the Trinity weekly email to a very powerful sermon prepared for use on Indigenous Sunday by the Reverend Leigh Kern.

On April 13, 2020, Janet Weiss-Townsend entered a new Creation with family with her at home with her sons Cameron and Jay after a lengthy battle with cancer. Over the years, Janet Weiss-Townsend worked in the background gathering information for communicating FNMI events to the Parish and for publishing worship bulletins. Her patience and compassion were evident. Her knowledge and skills made these preparations happen smoothly. Her interest in others health and well-being made it a sacred experience to meet with her and speak with her. In conversations with Janet Weiss-Townsend, one experienced the presence of Creator, Redeemer, and Great Spirit. Her parting words, "Be well!" were always a rich blessing to hear. On June 28, 2020, the Reverend Sheilagh Ashworth began her journey into the Spirit World as a continuation of her life and work among us. As a mother of two daughters Madeleine and

Sarah Ashworth, Sheilagh Ashworth entrusted them at the end of over a year in battling with cancer to the care of her sister and extended family. As an Associate Priest at Trinity and later as the Incumbent of the Parish of Lloydtown, Sheilagh Ashworth built relationships encouraging us to be curious and practical in our care of Creation and inclusive in our interactions with all Peoples. Over the years, Sheilagh Ashworth supported Indigenous Water Walkers who walked around the Great Lakes and more locally around Lake Simcoe offering medicines to the waters, listening to the waters speak and sing, and praying for the healing of Mother Earth. As one of the initial Anglican Churches supporting the Pimatisiwin Nipi, Sheilagh Ashworth organized the Schomberg Country Run so that people of all ages could participate and raise funds for safe, clean water in homes in Pikangikum. She enjoyed activities with people of all ages, particularly with youth so she accompanied youth to winter retreats and outdoor events. Sheilagh Ashworth participated in creative ways of connecting youth and adults with Creator, Redeemer, and Great Spirit. Sheilagh Ashworth brought adults to FNMI learning opportunities at Trinity and to First Light events at Sainte Marie among the Wendat. In her awe of the wonders of Creator, Sheilagh Ashworth practiced a faith full of thanksgiving for all of the gifts which Creator provides.

FNMI Coordinator The Reverend David R. Franks

### **Lay Pastoral Ministry**

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience. Love is patient, love is kind. ... This is what the Lord Almighty **said**: 'Administer true justice; **show** mercy and compassion to one another."*

Lay Pastoral Visiting is essentially a very simple ministry. It is the reaching out in Love, in the name of Jesus, of one lay person to another, using the ordinary daily skills that we all use in our daily lives. These are the skills of communication, listening, showing love and concern, of sharing laughter and tears, of understanding hurts and disappointments. Everyone has these skills to a greater and lesser degree. Most people can use them effectively to share in the life of someone who is less independent and restricted in their daily activities.

Again, this year, the Lay Pastoral Visitors have been blessed with a committed team of commissioned volunteers who are dedicated to this wonderful ministry.

Sadly, after 10 years of overseeing our ministry, Rev. Heather is retiring. On behalf of all our Lay Pastoral Visitors we wish to thank Rev. Heather for her years of guidance and commitment to our ministry. As of March of this year our Lay Pastoral Ministry underwent a significant change in the way we minister to the seniors that we serve. As a result of Covid 19 we were unable to visit them in their residences. Instead, we ministered to them remotely using whatever tools we had available. All were contacted by way of phone, letter writing, emails or

sending flowers. This was challenging for both the visitors and our seniors as we lost the benefits of personal contact.

Despite covid-19 our goal is to continue reaching out to all those seniors we serve by whatever means possible. Through Lay Pastoral Visiting these parishioners can continue to enjoy the Anglican tradition and stay in touch with members of their parish. It may also be a time in their life when they appreciate it the most.

On behalf of our Lay Pastoral visitors I would like to, once again, thank Rev. Heather for sharing her extended knowledge of Pastoral Care to each and every one of us. It was truly a blessing.

May God continue to watch over our ministry and those we are privileged to serve.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kathleen McGill  
Lay Pastoral Coordinator

## **Media Ministry**

The Media Ministry is truly a team effort. Doug Jarvie and Doug Keith are the co-leaders for the Sound Booth and Valerie Keith is the schedule coordinator. There are a variety of people who operate the sound board and their time and talents are valuable to Trinity's media ministry. On Sunday mornings and other services, the sound booth technicians manage the microphones for the clergy, assisted listening devices for parishioners and operate the telephone ministry. Separate sound systems are also maintained for Binion's hall and the chapel.

Once Church services were shut down, ministry duties were limited to editing and posting weekly homilies received from clergy to the Trinity website. Future responsibilities will involve setting up video equipment for livestreaming Church services that will be available every Sunday morning and then editing the video and posting it to our new website. Anyone used to hearing the online sermons will be able to view the service and/or jump forward to the sermon. There will be a large initial cost to set up the online video service that will rely heavily on a pending Reach grant from the Diocese. The initial setup will use some donated and borrowed camera equipment and the purchase of an essential video switcher that enables web streaming and it is anticipated that the grant funds will enable the purchase of the Church's own video equipment that will allow easier Sunday morning setup and a higher quality production.

There are vacancies in this ministry. If you know of someone who may be interested in learning more about how this all works and serving Trinity as a sound booth technician, please contact the co-leaders or schedule coordinator, or the church office for more information. We provide training and guided support to learn how to operate the system.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Doug Jarvie and Doug Keith, Co-Chairs

## **Music Ministry**

### **Trinity Choir**

The 2019-2020 music season at Trinity has been one of challenge, change and resilience as well as much musical growth and fellowship. This year the adult and youth choirs at Trinity worked together under the interim musical leadership of Joy Gannicott and continued to foster their wonderful intergenerational friendships and musical connections. Choir members faithfully attended Thursday night practices together from 7:00-8:15pm and Sunday worship at 9:15am despite balancing the busy lives that so many of us lead today. The choir rose to the occasion during the Christmas season with additional beautiful music for our Lessons & Carols and Christmas Eve services. With the closing of the church due to Covid-19 we have tried to remain in contact and managed to record two hymns as a virtual choir (thank you David Moore and Joy!).

We look forward to singing together again when permitted. When we do resume, please note that Trinity's Choir is open to all singers who enjoy music and we are always looking for new members. No experience is necessary. If you know of someone, young or older, who might enjoy singing with us, please contact Mary Ridgley at [ridgley@rogers.com](mailto:ridgley@rogers.com)

Youth Choir Note: In addition to Sunday worship, the Youth Choir also performed at our Coffee House Karaoke & Choir Camp Alumni Reunion in late February. We had a fabulous evening and were joined by over 35 Diocesan Choir Camp Alumni for a great evening of music and fellowship. Unfortunately, the Diocesan Choir Camp was cancelled due to Covid-19 but we managed to meet with our fellow campers and alumni on two "Zoom Get-Togethers" during our camp time in August. We are looking forward to returning to Choir Camp in August 2020!

Thank you again to Joy Gannicott for leading us so capably and warmly with her musical talent. We would also like to thank John Clements for sharing his musical talent and wonderful organ & piano music with us over the years.

### **Trinity Orchestra**

Trinity's orchestra continued to be a strong and inclusive group throughout their 2019-2020 season. Members supported each other by sharing their musical skills, being flexible with schedules and playing parts for a variety of music instruments. We continue to proudly span the generations from high school students to those who are already enjoying retirement. The orchestra enhanced the music for worship at several 9:15am Sunday services throughout the fall, played beautifully at our Carol Service, and performed at our February Coffee House. We also celebrated our love of music with a year-end outdoor rehearsal which was enjoyed by our neighbours. An amazing and delightful group of musicians!!!!

Trinity's Orchestra is open to all instrumentalists who enjoy playing a variety of band and church repertoire. We practice on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the church and would be delighted to welcome any new players when we are able to resume. If you might be interested in joining us please contact Mary Ridgley at [ridgley@rogers.com](mailto:ridgley@rogers.com)

## **Festival Chorus with the York Chamber Ensemble**

Many members of Trinity's Adult Choir and Trinity Unplugged joined the Festival Chorus to perform with the York Chamber Ensemble here at Trinity for a wonderful concert Christmas under the direction of their new conductor Michael Berec. Any singers from Trinity or the local community who are interested in being part of future concerts are invited to contact Mary Ridgley at [festivalchorus00@gmail.com](mailto:festivalchorus00@gmail.com)

Faithfully submitted,  
Mary Ridgley

## **Handbells**

The Trinity Barton Handbell choir is a three-octave, twelve-member handbell choir who plays under the direction of Kim Leitch at Trinity Aurora. We are a group of dedicated music-lovers who play at Trinity every six weeks or so, at weddings, festivals, and community events. We are members of the Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers (OGEHR) and participate in workshops and national and international handbell festivals.

While our 2019/2020 season was cut short by COVID-19 in March 2020, we did accomplish quite a bit before then. We welcomed two new members and said goodbye to a long-time player and friend who moved away. We played at several Sunday services, at Coffee House in the fall, and at one of our favourite services – the pre-Christmas service of Lessons and Carols. We had started to prepare for our second annual handbell concert, in conjunction with Aurora United Church and Mount Albert United Church, and were looking forward to learning music for the 2021 OGEHR Handbell Festival in Kingston.

While some ringing events have been postponed, we are looking forward to returning – in whatever form that may take – very soon. When we return to ringing, we practice Thursday evenings. If you are interested in participating in this joyful music-making ministry, please contact Kim Leitch at [kimleitch@sympatico.ca](mailto:kimleitch@sympatico.ca) or (905)830-5723.

## **Trinity Unplugged**

Trinity Unplugged has been together for more than 20 years. As with so many other ministries, this year has been a year of transition. The last service we were able to play at was March 8,

2020 and the shutdowns caused by Covid-19 resulted in dramatic changes to our church services shortly after. When we were playing, our music selections continued to emphasize a folk-alternative, contemporary sound which stirs the soul and taps into the wide array of contemporary gospel music. For the members of the choir, our music choices are a form of prayer which we offer in glory and praise. With that spirit in mind, we began holding virtual get-togethers on a weekly basis from April until the middle of July. It was a great opportunity to stay connected and for each get-together, we would sing a few of our favourites and watch a YouTube video or two of new music. The Corbett family provided the music leadership and the rest of us went on mute and sang along. We tried singing synchronously, but the laws of physics meant that the delays – small as they are – made trying to hear each other sing next to impossible. Having said all of that, it has been a special privilege to be a part of the spiritual journey of others with music. Special thanks to Katherine Corbett as well as Keith, Meghan and Robyn who helped lead our music. Thank you to Lenore Pressley for leading prayers at each practice, and our get-togethers. A special thanks to Lenore for managing our benevolence funds for many years – a role she retired from at the beginning of 2020.

Thank you to our many musicians. Sadly, we lost some members this past year for a variety of reasons. It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our long-time member and friend, Martyn Lanaway.

As always, we love our music, and we welcome any and all who would like to join us in hopes of a return to practising and playing in person sometime in 2021.

**TRINITY UNPLUGGED SERVICES**  
July 2019 – June 2020

Trinity Services 2019 – 9:15 a.m.: October 20, November 17, December 15  
Trinity Christmas Eve Service, Dec 24, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.  
Trinity Services 2020 – 9:15 a.m.: January 19, March 8

Respectfully submitted by,  
David Town

**Nursery**

The nursery provides a safe, warm, fun and a welcoming environment for the children of our Trinity and AUC families. The nursery is a ministry for the children from 0-4 years of age. We do crafts related to the seasons of the year, we also read Bible Stories, have a snack time, and play with a soft ball etc. The time goes very fast. The children socialize, play and sing songs. The children have a great time. We had a very good start to last fall, for Trinity 2 to 4 children, for AUC up to 10 children. When March Break came around, Corona Virus happened and everything stopped. We always need more volunteers in the future.

Many thanks to Katherine Corbett , Kelly Peters, Sylvia Gilpin, Leslie Brook, Veronica Dorset, Sandra Liam and Debbie, who have given their love, kindness, time and talents to this lovely ministry. It has been a privilege to work with all of you and I wish you all the very best in everything you do.

With Love Sincerely,  
Anita Johnston  
Nursery Coordinator

## Property Report

The general condition of the buildings and property is good. No major repairs expected in the foreseeable future.

**Air Conditioner #14 failed.** Compressor is burnt. Replacement will cost nearly \$8000. Deferred to 2020 since the Sanctuary is not being used at this time. One of the pumps in the Binion's Hall malfunctioned . No back-up and no damage. The Mechanical vendor tightened a disconnected pipe. No charge.

Garry had submitted a request to the Diocese "Out Faith, Our Hope" program for a grant to upgrade the Binion's Hall kitchen in line with current building codes and for new equipment. While approved, we were not granted the full amount. Submission has made through Welcoming Arms for a second grant to top up the funding for the kitchen in Binion's Hall.

\*\* This project has been put on hold as a result of the pandemic

### Alarm system

We had to move the wireless receiver that detects the historic chapel door because it was creating false notifications when we tried to arm the system.

We implemented a key Fob system to allow us to better manage the access to the building. Back door keys have been recalled. Electronic fobs have replaced these, allowing us to better track who and when there is access. Doors can be electronically timed to opened and lock without anyone present.

### Dishwasher – Binion's Hall

We are investigating opportunities to get a new machine. The pre-heater is leaking. We have deferred replacing the machine to 2021 since it was not being used through the summer due to the pandemic. Expected to cost between \$3000 - \$4000

### Carried forward from last year.

There is some concern for furnace and air conditioners as they age and parts become less available. Venting and piping is no longer up to code so replacement will need to consider this additional expense.

## Going Forward

- Pole lights in the parking lot need to be replaced. We will upgrade to LED lighting at a cost of about \$800 per light
- We will cut down a couple of dead trees in the parking lot in the fall of 2020
- Brick and stone work around the main church
- Chapel walls need some repair and paint
- Paint sanctuary
- Low flush urinals in the lower washrooms
- Upgrade kitchen

Many thanks to the committee members and others who work tirelessly to keep the property functioning

Respectfully submitted by,  
David Young  
Property Manager

## Readers and Intercessors

*But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word. [Acts 6:4](#)*

This guild is made up of a group of dedicated lay volunteers who carry out two very important ministries at Trinity, both of which require a time commitment. Readers study and practise the scripture passage they are to read, so that they can make the passage come alive for the listeners. While a list of prayer intentions is provided by the parish office, Intercessors give thought and attention to the needs of the local congregation, as well as to the world at large, so that these are incorporated into the weekly prayers. With experience, those leading the prayers become more comfortable with creating their own prayers, but resources are available, in both hard copy or online, if they are needed.

The number of lay people who are actively participating in these ministries, at this time, is as follows:

8:00 am service	- 4 readers
9:15 am service	- 30 readers & 13 intercessors
11:15 am service	-15 readers & 7 intercessors

A number of the members of our guild are willing to act as both a reader and an intercessor. Some readers and intercessors only wish to be scheduled at specific services, while others are willing to read or lead the prayers at either of the main services. When, occasionally, a reader or intercessor may not be available for a particular service, the clergy will step in to fill the role that is needed. At times, extra readers may be recruited to read during the Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons or at other special services.

As we begin to gather together for in-person worship, during this time of Covid 19, new approaches may need to be taken. These will have to be determined as time goes on.

When, things are normal we would benefit from having more readers for the 8:00 am and 11:15 am services, and an increase in our number of intercessors would prove helpful, so that people could be scheduled only once in a two-month period. If you attend either of these services, I ask that you give some thought of becoming part of these ministries.

Our parish motto “connecting spiritual journeys” is very much lived out by those involved in the Readers and Intercessors ministries. The way in which the passage is read – through the use of pauses, emphasis, and inflection – enables the reader to share his/her understanding of the text with the members of our community. Intercessors, when preparing the Prayers of the People, must remember that they are representing not just themselves, but offering prayers on behalf of the People of God – the whole congregation – presenting **our** hopes, **our** praise, and **our** thanksgivings to God.

It is my hope that, later in the year ahead, when conditions allow it, we can hold both a Readers and an Intercessors Workshop/Training session. This will allow current members of our ministry group to refresh their knowledge, and share their experiences of these ministry roles, and will also give members of the community, who are interested in getting involved in either or both of these ministries, an understanding of what they entail.

I am very grateful to all of the members of our guild for their dedication to these ministries, and their willingness to share their spiritual journeys. I very much appreciate their support and co-operation when scheduling problems occur, and their willingness to arrange, and inform the parish office of necessary changes. On behalf of the whole congregation, I offer them our thanks.

If you have any questions with regard to these ministries, or if you think either of them might fulfill an aspect of your ministry, please speak to me or pass your name on to me through the parish office.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Pat Robinson – Coordinator

## Screening

As Trinity’s Screening Coordinator I oversee the screening process for all high and medium risk volunteers. These are people who work with vulnerable people/situations (children, elderly, home visits) or work with money entrusted to them by others. They must be screened as outlined in the policy “Responsible Ministry: Screening in Faith” from the Diocese of Toronto. High risk volunteers must complete a police check every 3 years, attend a Safe

Church workshop every 3 years and be interviewed by a Warden or Ministry Leader. Medium risk volunteers must attend a Safe Church workshop every 3 years and be interviewed by a Warden or Ministry Leader. My role as Screening Coordinator requires the updating and recording of all volunteer police checks, workshop attendance and interviews. This process ensures that Trinity remains a safe, loving and supportive place for all.

It is truly amazing how many volunteers we have in both high-risk and medium-risk ministries here at Trinity. God calls us to serve and we are blessed to have volunteers that bring forth a variety of gifts to share with others.

I would like to extend many thanks to Dave Town for his leadership facilitating the Safe Church Workshops. Thank you for your time and dedication. I would like to extend thanks to Caroline as well for her help and support.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for taking the time to complete the screening. Trinity is truly blessed to have such dedicated and committed people carrying out the many ministries within Trinity and beyond.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lori Wood  
Screening Coordinator

## **Servers Guild**

Flexibility has been key this year – and our Servers stepped up to the plate! September started out small but strong, with a roster of 13 Servers. Over the year we welcomed two new Acolytes and promoted 2 Acolytes to the Crucifer role.

This year was quite successful for our Servers, particularly working with a new Rector and Associate Priest. Some new procedures were introduced, and other ones changed. Strong training (and occasional prompts!) ensured everything went smoothly during the services. When church reopens after being closed for so many months, I am sure procedures will change again - and I know our Servers are up for the challenge!

I also want to extend a special thank you to all the parents, who get our Servers to church early to “robe up” and be ready for the service. Also, thank you to all former Servers (now in college/university) who helped during Advent and Holy Week.

Our Server team is made up of enthusiastic and dedicated youth. I am always amazed at their commitment and participation at Trinity and I look forward to working with them for another year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margot Secord

## Sidespeople

Trinity Sidespeople provide a welcoming and safe environment for parishioners at all services, including many special events such as funerals. They distribute bulletins, respond to questions regarding services and provide assistance as required. This includes collecting offerings and ushering congregation to communion.

Until the COVID-19 shut-down we had about 40 people on 5 teams serving the 9:15. There are 5 people rotating at the 11:15 service making it self-sufficient. At 8:00 we are down to one regular person. Others share the duties when he is away.

We are always looking for new members to join one of the teams. Please contact me if you feel called to this service opportunity.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all those who participate. Their dedicated commitment is truly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by,  
David Young

## Benevolence

*“Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it.”  
Proverbs 3:27*

Benevolence suggests kindness, charity, good works, love for and of humankind, devotion to human welfare, rendering service and good works. These are valuable and important concepts that we at Trinity strive to include in our church and community Benevolence Program.

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, community residents and our local O.P.P., Christmas packages including winter mittens, scarves, hats, clothing and vouchers were distributed to individuals, families and Welcome Table visitors. Recipients were most appreciative of this attention and kindness.

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” – Psalm 133:1*

This quotation truly reflects Trinity’s positive participation in and support of Welcoming Arms Programs.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beverley Wood

## Welcoming Arms

Welcoming Arms, a registered charity, is a partnership amongst seven local churches providing supportive programs to low-income and marginalized members in our community. Each of the following churches provides financial and volunteer support: Aurora Cornerstone, Aurora United, The Campus Bathurst, The Campus Bayview, Our Lady of Grace, St. Andrew's Presbyterian and Trinity Anglican Church.

### Welcoming Arms' focus includes:

**Vision:** A Christ-centered partnership relieving the burden of poverty in our community.

**Mission:** Welcoming Arms believes in the inherent dignity of all people. Reflecting Christ's love, we seek to help those in need to experience a fuller participation in society by providing social, economic and spiritual support.

**Strategic Planning:** New objectives are developed every 3-5 years to reflect and build better infrastructure, governance and procedures.

The vision, mission and strategic plan reflect the joy and love of our volunteers and clergy.

We offer weekly and seasonal programs. Our weekly programs include Bridging the Gap, Welcome Table and Martha's Table, which operate out of Trinity's former rectory, Binion's Hall and St. Andrew's Parish hall, respectively.

## Weekly Programs

### Bridging the Gap

Within a safe and informal setting of the rectory, visitors are welcomed and given opportunities to share their concerns and needs. Volunteers offer ears and hearts that listen, provide hope and encouragement. Practical assistance with grocery gift cards, York Region Transit tickets, basic toiletries and referrals to other community agencies and services are offered as well.

In reviewing the activities from July 1, 2019 to March 23, 2020:

- 1,087 Aurora family visits (01/07/19-19/03/20)
- \$43,595.00 in grocery gift cards were distributed (01/07/19-19/03/20)
- 2,829 YRT tickets were distributed (01/07/19-19/03/20)
- WA distributed toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers and paper goods. These items were donated by individuals, community groups and purchased by Welcoming Arms.
- In liaison with community agencies, provided assistance with medical, dental, housing, utilities, and children's programs.
- Provided Clothes Closet vouchers to those in need (every other month).
- Provided Tim Horton's or grocery gift cards, Clothes Closet vouchers and toiletries to homeless persons.

This program was staffed by 30 volunteers, working in teams from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Mondays and Thursdays, and on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

### **Activities from March 23, 2020 to June 30, 2020**

Due to the serious nature of the corona virus, the Bridging the Gap office was closed and visits were discontinued. However, recognizing the needs of our visitors, team leaders recommended a telephone assistance service be established. Visitors were invited to call at any time, for any need, and a volunteer would return the call with an offer of assistance. Updated information, especially available through the Town of Aurora, provided our volunteers with suitable sources for immediate help. A plan for re-opening Bridging the Gap, with recognition of safety restrictions is being prepared, hopefully to commence as soon as possible.

Special thanks to Mayor Tom Mrakas for his understanding of those citizens in need by establishing the “Aurora Cares Committee”.

## **Seasonal Programs**

### **STAPLES Back to School Program**

In September 2019, Welcoming Arms directed 57 students from 25 families to Staples for gift cards to by school supplies.

### **Christmas Assistance Program**

Welcoming Arms, St. Vincent de Paul and the Aurora Minor Hockey Association supported 139 families with stockings and grocery gift cards. A total of \$18,325 in gift cards was distributed of which Welcoming Arms provided \$9,150.

### **Christmas Dream Luncheon**

In co-operation with the Royal Canadian Legion and the Salvation Army, Welcoming Arms prepared a wonderful Christmas Day celebration, including a delicious turkey dinner, entertainment and gifts for over 150 Salvation Army and Welcoming Arms visitors.

Donations and additional funding were also gratefully received from individuals, businesses, community organizations, service groups, and fundraising events.

## **Fundraising, Donations and Meetings**

While our main focus is on helping those in need in our community, other activities include

- Involvement in fundraising events (Pine Tree Potters Guild, Empty Bowls program, Trinity Trivia Night, the Aurora Legion’s “Catch the Ace” draw) – July1, 2019 to March 23, 2020.
- Ongoing meetings/forums with York Region Agencies

- Monthly meetings with team leaders and bi-monthly meetings of the Welcoming Arms Executive Council.
- Continued volunteer recruitment and screening.
- Due to the Corona virus the following sessions have been temporarily postponed: strategic planning, volunteer training and appreciation.
- Welcoming Arms is very grateful for the financial donations received from individuals and community businesses.

### **Program Changes**

- Bonnie Thamm-Evans, Executive Director, resigned on March 27, 2020.
- Executive Council Treasurer, Peter Barr resigned. Denyse Slack temporarily resumed the role of Treasurer.
- YRT ticket distribution became unavailable due to the PRESTO card process. Tickets were distributed until supply was depleted.
- Limited Bridging the Gap assistance began on April 20, 2020 and appointments (via phone) established.
- Tax clinics were set up, one-on-one and completed remotely by a volunteer with in the extended CRA deadline.
- All meetings were held via ZOOM.
- Elaine Komaromi's term as Executive Council Chair concluded on June 4, 2020. Many thanks to Elaine for her excellent leadership and positive contributions to Welcoming Arms.
- Doug Steele was elected as Executive Council Chair on June 4, 2020. Welcome Doug!
- Keri Holmes continues as Welcoming Arms Administrative Assistant. Thank you, Keri, for your very capable guidance and assistance.

### **Welcome Table**

This is actually two reports: Welcome Table Pre-March (before COVID) and Welcome Table after the advent of COVID. What has remained the same is the devotion, energy and commitment of our volunteers. What also remains the same are the number of guests we serve each week, 85-105.

Prior to COVID Welcome Table continued weekly with four teams of chef, sous chef, dishwashers, servers, security and Friends who prepared and served hot nourishing meals in a safe, comfortable environment in Binion's Hall at Trinity. Each week Phil Bitbender's team of bread volunteers pick up surplus bread from Cobb's Newmarket for distribution to our guests. When COVID first hit and Trinity stopped all in church programs, Welcome Table stopped as well. However, the need in the community remained. Mayor Tom Mrakas involved Trinity's Bev Wood and Barb Allan in a committee to find resources to continue to support the community. Plans began to start Welcome Table. The same but different.

In May Welcome Table began to serve meals again. The Town put up electronic signs announcing we were going to open once again. The meals are cooked by local restaurants

(Bijoy's, Catharina's Kitchen, Topper's Pizza, Food in Motion, Magna Kitchens, McDonald's, The Aurora Legion). The Town of Aurora donated two tents that are placed outside Trinity in the parking lot. Mayor Mrakas and his wife Alison pick up the meals each week for delivery to Trinity. Apples have been provided at cost by Brook's Farms in Mount Albert. The meals and bread are packed up in the narthex and given out by Welcome Table volunteers outside. Rain or shine. Instead of the 18-20 volunteers who usually helped each week, we now manage with six so we can be socially distanced. Since the meals are cooked off site, this can be done. Guests arrive on foot, bike or by car. Those with cars often pick up meals for friends and neighbours. Jill Tate has sourced take out containers for us, and we have streamlined our packaging of meals each week.

At the end of August, we held a barbeque for our guests with a summer meal of hamburgers, potato salad and fresh peaches. By mid September we have been given permission by Trinity's Wardens to start cooking in Trinity's kitchen with only two to three persons (masked) in the kitchen. Meal packaging and distribution remains the same. Welcome Table volunteers are flexible and have adjusted to the changing situation. All volunteers wear masks, social distance from guests and other volunteers and problem solve each week. We all look forward to being able to return to sit down meals where we can spend time with our guests and talk to them once again. In the meantime, we smile behind our masks, try to chat with guests while they pick up their food, and offer any encouragement we can.

We have been supported financially with a 2019 Endowment Grant from Trinity, as well as donations from Powell Construction and many concerned residents of Aurora and Trinity. We could not have our annual fundraiser Trivia Night this year, so these donations have been most welcome and needed. We have had several large donations from local residents who have watched what we do each week and have come by with financial support.

We have lost two cooking teams. Jack and a Ruth Doris retired in July as did Jeff Torno. Both Jack and Ruth and Jeff were long time volunteers and they are missed! So we are looking for two chefs or cooks to step into their shoes. By late summer, ABLE Network's Community Garden had vegetables available for our guests. So in addition to a hot meal, fruit, juice, bread and dessert, guests often leave with a bag of cucumbers, tomatoes and peppers picked hours before! So, we continue different, but the same. Grateful for the amazing continued community support and support from Trinity.

Submitted by Joy Marshall and Barb Allan on behalf of Welcome Table

### **Martha's Table**

Martha's Table is a drop-in community lunch program that offers hot soup, sandwiches, fresh fruit and desert. A welcoming place, the program operates every Thursday from 11:30am to 1:00pm. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. With Anne Neuman and Tom Connor, co-team leaders and 30 volunteers, over 50 people are fed. Congratulations to Tom who received the honour of Aurora's 2020 Citizen of the Year. A short cancellation of the program occurred as a

result of the pandemic. Fortunately, the service was resumed as a take-out lunch distributed in the Trinity church parking lot until June 25, 2020.

Welcoming Arms volunteers welcome your interest and involvement in this vital community organization. For further information on becoming a volunteer or to contribute to our fundraising efforts please refer to our website [www.welcomingarms.ca](http://www.welcomingarms.ca).

*“By love serve one another.” – Gal, 5:13*

Respectfully Submitted by:

Elaine Kormaromi  
Chair, Welcoming Arms

Beverley Wood  
Past Chair, Welcoming Arms

## **Youth Groups**

The youth groups meet on Friday nights from 7 to 9pm. Junior Youth are from grades 5 to 8 and the Senior Youth are from grades 9 to 12. They are an awesome group of young people who have a great time exploring their faith.

Who would have thought in September as Elizabeth Keith and I sat down to plan the year ahead for youth that a pandemic was coming and things would grind to a halt but we kept going regardless and just had to get a little more creative in the challenges coming our way.

We started the year off with a Diocesan Youth Retreat at Muskoka Woods. We had a very late start on Friday night as buses with key leaders didn't arrive until around 9pm. It was wet and raining and we were all stuck in one room. It was a very tired and quiet group of youth going to bed that night. We had fun but the youth are wanting to attend the POW WOW in Curve Lake next September.

We have done scavenger hunts, Escape Room and playing games in Binions Hall and more. We've had some great discussions during our lesson nights and we've had special guests Mim Harder doing the Blanket Exercise and Haze Schepmyer from Gritty Guru and Jennifer Neville Lake ( who lost her 3 children and her father to the actions of a drunk driver) for a workshop to help eliminate impaired driving. They have raked leaves for Trinity's neighbours. They also did a Poinsettia Fundraiser just in time for Christmas. We wrote out over 150 Christmas cards for the attendees at The Welcome Table which has wonderful dinners on Wednesday nights. A few of us ventured to the First Light at Sainte Marie Among the Hurons. It was beautiful to see and walk along the lighted path. We had a wonderful dinner and went to many buildings from cedar tea to animals. Could not have asked for better weather for December.

Each night we end the evening with a Reflection/Meditation segment in the church. It's a great way to relax and calm the mind. It is often led by one or 2 of the youth. Sometimes deep breathing, talking over the night's discussion or anything on their minds they wish to talk about.

In 2020 we managed to get the last swim night in at SARC pool as the next day things were closed due to the pandemic called Covid-19. The challenge begins on getting very creative. Social Distancing and staying home are key with the pandemic sweeping across Canada. Liz and I wanted to keep things going with the Youth Group to give them some form of normal. Webex to the rescue and so began our first VIRTUAL YOUTH GROUP. They were all very excited to know we weren't stopping our Friday night's. We had so much fun and played all different types of Web games from Kahoots to finding items in our own houses and becoming superheroes with powers.

We put on the 1st EVER Youth Got Talent night. We had piano playing, Blackbird on guitar, storybook reading and yes, a BBQ lesson on making the best burgers and so much more talent. Rev'd Karen was on with us to watch the show and Rev'd Dan also joined us.

We went on meeting virtually until June when we could start meeting in person but practicing responsible social distancing at the Town Park. It was so wonderful to see them again in person. We had great chats, played in the splash pad, Town Park Scavenger Hunt, Bocce ball and more.

In May we launched Trinity Youth News with Meghan Corbett at the helm. She did an awesome job. It is now in the capable hands of Issy Tari and Ella Desbarats.

This year we had three grade 12 graduates, Max Lemoine, Anand Sanchirb and Meghan Corbett. Two will be going to Queen's this year. Congratulations!

With Covid-19 the youth couldn't have their Prom Night so at the end of August we had our 1st Youth Group Prom Night in Liz's backyard. Dress up time and everyone looked wonderful. Rev'd Daniel joined the festivities. We toasted to the graduates, lots of pictures were taken throughout the night, we danced and played our last game of Silent Football with the current Miss Commissioner Meghan Corbett leading the game. It is so much fun to play.

Well, I could go on and on writing about this fabulous group but I will stop here and say ...! I love being a part of this Youth Group Ministry and working beside Elizabeth Keith which we are now called the "DYNAMIC DUO". Thanks to Sid Galappatti, Lynda Urry-Wilson, our awesome volunteer leaders. We each bring special gifts to enhance the success of a wonderful youth group. Thanks to the parents who will help out in a pinch when needed.

To the youth! Every Friday you bring something special each and everyone of you and I'm so proud to be a part of your lives. You are the future of Trinity! God bless you all!

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kelly Peters  
Youth Group Co-Coordinator

## 2020-2021 Appointments and Nominations

Incumbent  
Associate Priest  
Honourary Assistants

The Reverend Karen Hatch  
The Reverend Daniel Graves  
The Reverend David Franks  
The Reverend Diane McHardy  
The Reverend Paul Robinson

### APPOINTED

Rector's Warden  
Deputy Warden  
Deputy Warden  
Chancel Guild Coordinators  
Sunday School Coordinator  
Youth Coordinators  
Envelope Secretary  
Treasurer  
Property Coordinator

Katherine Webster  
Deb Wilson-Smith  
  
Margaret Blackie/Val Keith  
Katherine Corbett  
Liz Keith and Kelly Peters  
  
Ross Carter  
David Young

### ELECTED

Peoples' Warden  
Deputy Warden  
Deputy Warden  
Lay Members of Synod  
  
Substitute Lay Members of Synod  
  
Stewardship Coordinator  
Outreach Coordinator  
Music Ministry Representative  
  
Parochial Tribunal

Lorraine Bell  
Dave Young  
  
Doug Keith (Year 2 of Term 2)  
Tom Fletcher (Year 2 of Term 1)  
Joy Marshall  
Mary Rogers  
Dave Town  
Beverley Wood  
Kelly Peters  
  
Valerie Keith  
Moira O'Bryan

\*While all members of the parish are invited to attend quarterly advisory board meetings, ministry leaders are requested to be in attendance.