

*As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said,
"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3: 16-17*

Holy Trinity Parish News for Week of January 8th, 2023 Check out the website at <http://anglicanparishofhammondriver.ca/>

Please forward Facebook events to your contacts <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityhammondriver>

Other parish contact information is located at the end of this email. If you do not wish to receive these emails please reply to sender.

Readings for Sunday January 8th, 2023 The Baptism of the Lord ISAIAH 42:1-9; PSALM 29; ACTS 10:34-43; MATTHEW 3:13-17

Readings for Sunday January 15th 2nd Sunday after Epiphany ISAIAH 49:1-7; PSALM 40:1-12; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9; JOHN 1:29-42

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/>

Pray for local businesses this week: Beyea Excavation & Green Acres Farm

HAPPENINGS AT HOLY TRINITY - Call 506-647-8170 or 506-847-0850 for more information

Sunday January 8th - If you can stay we are looking for helpers after the worship service to remove decorations.

January Join! The Food for Life Program held on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm is taking a new direction following Rick Warren's "The Daniel Plan" focusing on 5 basics for leading a healthier life - Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends. There is no fee to join. Come for a lively discussion and information session on Wednesday January 11th at 6 pm. We are meeting in the church hall at Holy Trinity. Call 506-647-8170 for more information.

Centennial Celebration Sunday February 12th at 10 am: Holy Trinity Church was built in 1922 and consecrated in January 1923. To celebrate the 100th anniversary Archbishop David Edwards will be leading a service to commemorate the occasion followed by a reception in the church hall. All are invited and bring a friend! Please note the change in service time to 10 am (from 9 am).

Safe Church: Betty-Anne Waugh has been the Safe-Church Officer for a number of years and we are blessed to have her. She would like to have someone share the role with her.... so we are reaching out to you. If you would like to know more give Betty-Anne a call at 847-7776 or email her at lbwaugh@rogers.com for more information.

Notice of Annual General Meeting Sunday February 19th, 2023: The Annual General meeting for the Parish of Hammond River will be held at Holy Trinity on Sunday February 19th, 2023 at 10:30 am followed by a pot luck meal. All are encouraged to attend. It would be appreciated if those providing reports could send them to Cleo Cyr by February 8th, 2023.

COMING UP THIS WEEK - Call 506-647-8170 or 506-847-0850 for more information

Saturday January 7th:

Guild of St. Joseph 9 am breakfast meeting.

Sunday January 8th:

Worship Service 9 am followed by social time and removal of Christmas decorations .

Tuesday January 10th:

Choir Practice at 10:15 am

Health Ministry Outreach at Vineyard Church 9 am

Mission Meeting & Prayer Shawl Group at 2 pm

Wednesday January 11th:

Bible Study at 11 am

Food for Life "the Daniel Plan" new program 6 pm

Vestry Meeting at 7 pm

AA group meeting at 8 pm.

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MISSION IN MOTION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

Home Visits - Do you know of anyone needing a home visit or home communion? Call the church office and leave a message at 506-847-0850.

Mission Activities - If you are interested in joining any of the mission activities (making prayers shawls, joining the sandwich brigade or making soup for Romero House) call the mission leader at 506-647-8170.

NURTURING OUR FAITH

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer -

Newsletter <https://anglicanprayer.org/newsletters/AFP%20Newsletter%20Advent%202022%20final.pdf>

Surprise the World with B.E.L.L.S. by being a Blessing to someone, Eating with someone new, Listening to them, Learning from them, and Spending some time telling them about Jesus. <https://nb.anglican.ca/resources/discipleship-resources/pages/bells-surprise-the-world>

Home Prayer by Email - For the past 2 years Kathy Ferguson has been leading a home prayer by email group. Although this prayer group started when we couldn't gather during the pandemic it continues with Kathy sending a weekly email asking for our prayers for specific people, communities and groups - each week is different and she adds extra messages that remind us of how the Holy Spirit is always present in our lives. To join us in prayer and to receive these weekly emails please contact Kathy at kveinot@rogers.com

Great Talks! Check out Rev's Terence & Jasmine talks and teachings at <https://www.stonesj.org/sermons--teachings-online>

DIOCESAN NEWS <https://nb.anglican.ca/newsletters/241/display>

Archbishop David's video messages at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeDGdPUL2BV6Y46tkaTzcukRz3jM6BmWo> and the diocesan website for more news and events at <https://nb.anglican.ca/>

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"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." 2 CORINTHIANS 4:15 (NIV)

Holy Trinity Keeping Connected Prayer

Heavenly Father, we glorify your name and thank you for your many blessings. We humbly ask you to open our hearts and minds as we still ourselves to hear your word. In these difficult times help us to remember to focus on the positive not the negative and hold family, friends and neighbours close. Dear Lord we ask you to hear the cry of those who yearn for love and help us to find ways to keep connected with them, especially the elderly, the lonely, and the marginalized within the church and the greater community, nourishing them through prayer and action as we ourselves continue to be nourished through your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

The 5 Marks of Mission

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth