



# The Trinity Bell



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*The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.*



## A Word from Father Tony

Writing for the Living Church, Jason Fout, associate professor of Anglican theology at Bexley Seabury, offers great insights into who we are as Episcopalians and where we need to go in our next generation of ministry.

“I’ll begin with this observation. The Episcopal Church has for a time operated, in many regions, as a niche operation. We’ve done a singularly bad job of retaining those who grow up in our church, and have become a sort of halfway house for people leaving behind one denomination or another, very often either Roman Catholicism or other, more evangelical groups.”

Well, I can certainly attest to that. Neither of my two sons who were raised in the church and very active in Episcopal youth groups are going to an Episcopal church today. And yes, many of you have come to Trinity from varying backgrounds. There are fewer and fewer “cradle” Episcopalians in the church today.

Fout warns, “We can no longer rest in the notion (deeply beholden to Christendom) that a self-selected elite will make their own way to our red doors. To put it bluntly, the challenge for us in this next generation of ministry is to get past ourselves, to be occupied less with working to be sure our party, or our denomination wins. As the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, put it recently, ‘There is only one vital distinction which transcends the differences between different strands of churchmanship, and that is the distinction between dead church and living church.’”

We should choose life!

While conversations will certainly continue concerning what it means to be Episcopalian, to be Anglican, these are “in-house” conversations and much less important

than our main goal, which is “offering the world a credible witness to Jesus Christ.”

Whoa! That’s an incredible calling! Trinity Melrose – offering the world a credible witness to Jesus Christ!

Attending a conference on mission in New Zealand, Fout noted, “A great deal of the culture in New Zealand has simply moved on from the Christian faith. This does not mean there is no future for the church, but they are clear that if they have a future it is not to be found in being a halfway house for other Christians or through victory in destructive, internal disputes.”

There is a growing conviction in New Zealand and beyond that the life of the church is inextricably linked to the life of God’s mission in the world.

Fout believes the future of the Episcopal Church must be missional: going into the world, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom; teaching, baptizing and nurturing new believers; responding to human need through loving service to others; seeking to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation, and finally, to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. These are the Five Marks of Mission, which proclaim the Mission of the Church is in fact the Mission of Christ.

So, Brothers and Sisters, we have a goal for 2016 and beyond, to offer the world, especially Melrose and the Lake Area, a vibrant witness to the power and love of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Warmly, Tony+

**The Next First Sunday is:  
February 7, 2016  
One Service at 10:00am**

**Lunch will follow the service.**

**Head of the Church  
Jesus Christ**

**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard  
Bishop of Florida**

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**Service Times**

**8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday**

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**DEADLINE FOR THE MAR/  
APR. TRINITY BELL IS  
FEB. 15th**

**NEWS FROM ECW**



The next meeting of the ECW will be held on Feb. 2nd at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. Betty Zowarka will be the featured speaker and she will have pictures and much information on her recent trip to Cuba and the rebuilding and blessing of our sister church, La Trinidad, in Bermejas, Cuba.

Everyone in the Parish is invited to attend this meeting (that includes all of you men!)

The Diocesan ECW Winter meeting will be held on Feb. 20th at Camp Weed. Rev. Sandy Tull will be the guest speaker and will speak on "Belonging" a topic we all think about in various forms now and again. Registration forms are available in the office or from Vi Paul.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Feb. 2 Jonathan Olalde  
Feb. 15 Rocky Currier  
Diane Sargent  
Feb. 20 Christine Patience  
Marie Curewitz



O God, our times are in your hand; look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*BCP p. 830*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Feb. 15 Val and Jerry Thomas



O God, bless our relationships, assist us with your grace, so that with true fidelity and steadfast love we may honor and keep the promises and vows we make to one another. Let us love one another as a sign of your love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GIGGLESOME**

As Valentine's Day approached, I tried to think of an unusual gift for my husband. When I discovered that his favorite red-plaid pants had a broken zipper, I thought I had the "perfect Valentine." I had the pants repaired, and gift-wrapped them. On the package I put a huge red heart on which I printed: "My Heart Pants for You." I was the surprised one, however, when I saw the same heart taped to our formerly empty, but now overflowing, wood box. On it he had written: "Wood You Be My Valentine?"

**CURSILLO**

If you would like more information about Cursillo, please speak with John or Cheryl Katterhenry, to anyone who has already attended a weekend or to Father Tony.

We have the names of the next team members, if you don't have a copy already, you can pick one up in the office.





## NOTES FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

I've become aware that there is some misunderstanding as to what constitutes "membership" in Trinity. I fell into that category 11 years ago. I had been attending services here as a communicant for 4 years, I pledged, participated in ministries of the church and considered myself a member. Surprisingly, I discovered that I wasn't a "Member" as far as our membership report to the Diocese is concerned. Trinity had no record of my Baptism, which is a requirement for membership.

In order to be an "official" member of Trinity, your Baptism information has to be recorded in Trinity's official records. Additionally, if you were a member of another Episcopal church, we need a transfer of membership from that church.

If you've been Confirmed in a Catholic or Evangelical Lutheran church, your Confirmation information needs to be recorded here and you must be "Received" by the Bishop when he comes to Trinity.

To be a voting member, our bylaws stipulate, you must be an adult communicant of the parish, regularly attend services and business sessions of the congregation, be recognized as a member of the congregation and contribute to the funds or expenses of the congregation and have done so for 6 months previous to the meeting.

If any of you considers yourself a member of Trinity and didn't realize the verification needed by the office, please speak with Father Tony. If any of you wish to be confirmed or received, the Bishop will be here in May and it can be done at that time. Father Tony will be starting an Inquires class for those interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception or Affirmation. You may also attend simply to learn more about the Episcopal Church.

We hope all who wish to be members of Trinity will become "official" members in 2016.

Blessings to all,  
Donna



## JR. WARDEN'S REPORT

Flux

To let go of what we think we know, to make room for new epiphanies, requires a willingness to accept fluidity, flux, change, growth. The willingness to not be locked in to a previous edition of our selves, not be locked in to previous editions of others or even previous editions of who we think Jesus is. -Br. Mark Brown

As we move forward in this new year I think we all need to be looking for "new epiphanies" in our life. Gods greatest command was to Love! His Word has to be a living thing. There is no life without change. Let us be open to the Word thru the Holy Spirit as he leads us to new understanding of His will for us.

This year has started out with one big change in my responsibility - our Sexton of 6 years has made a major change in his life and moved to Tampa-St. Pete area. Please be patient with me as I find a way to accomplish the many tasks he performed for the Church with minimal supervision. This will not be an easy task. Therefore I ask that if you see ANYTHING that needs attention that you contact me by phone or email so I can make arrangements to take care of it.

This month should see the installation of the new carpet in the Wicker Room and at the front and side entrances to the Parish Hall.

I would like to thank Rodney Paul, Greg Hominy, Bob Tickle, Pat Warren & Fr. Tony for all the work they did during the past growing season keeping the grounds looking great. A special thanks to Larry Alsobrook for replacing the shrubs on the side of the Church.

We will continue with painting of various buildings this year. We are currently in the process of treating the roofs with a biodegradable product to kill the mold without "etching" them as bleach does.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.  
-1 Peter 4:10

Bob Hood, Junior Warden  
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**Trinity Bell Report for the month of December & YTD, 2015**

	Dec Actual	Dec Budget	Over/Under	Y-T-D Act	Y-T-D Bud	Over/Under
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 25,344	\$ 17,559	7785	\$235,244	\$210,252	24,992
<b>Total Expense</b>	23,048	15,755	(7,293)	238,208	210,168	(28,040)
Surplus / (Deficit)	2,296	1,804	492	(2,964)	84	(3,048)

Collections	December Actual	December Budget	Over/Under Budget	Jan-Dec YTD Actual	Jan-Dec YTD Budget	Over/Under Budget
Pledge Offerings	\$10,030	\$12,221	(\$2,191)	\$139,160	\$146,552	(\$7,392)
Non-Pledged Of-	2,930		626	20,865	24,000	(3,135)
Growth Income	360		(164)	5,965	6,200	(235)
Plate Offerings	535		160	5,171	4,500	671
Priest Fund	1,605		692	10,730	11,000	(270)
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$15,460</b>	<b>\$16,337</b>	<b>(\$877)</b>	<b>\$181,891</b>	<b>\$192,252</b>	<b>(\$10,361)</b>

Carol Pettie,

**SCHEDULE OF LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

**Community Luncheons** are held every Wednesday starting on February 10th. On March 6th the Luncheon will be held here at Trinity. There is a schedule of where each will be held in your Colossians or you may pick one up at the office.

**Lenten Soup Suppers** will be held every Wednesday evening starting on Feb. 17th along with St. Mark's from Starke. The schedule is not yet finalized but will be published as soon as it is.

**The Boy Scouts Pancake Supper** will be held on Shrove Tuesday, the 9th of February. This year they will be blessed with some help from Autubon members.



**Palm Sunday, March 20, 10:00am Service**  
**Interactive Passion Gospel**



**Evensong, Monday, March 21, 6:00pm in Church**



**Taize, Tuesday, March 22, 6:00pm in church**



**Tenenbrae, Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 in church**

**Maundy Thursday, March 24, 6:00pm Maundy Service with Seder Dinner**



**Good Friday, March 25**  
**Noon Good Friday Liturgy**  
**6:00pm Stations of the Cross**





## SERVERS' SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2016



DATE	SERVICE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	LECTOR	USHER	GREETER
07-Feb-16	Single Service 10 AM	Bob Hood Chris Greenfield	Jeanne Eaton	Jeanne Eaton	Lynda Leukel Elaine Ashley
14-Feb-16	8:30	Rodney Paul	Mary Rynd	Brian McCrea	Vi Paul
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Liz Middleton	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn
21-Feb-16	8:30	John Katterhenry	Mary Rynd	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore
	11:00	Marie Curewitz	Laurie Alsobrook	Kristi Gregory	Joyce King
28-Feb-16	8:30	Chris Greenfield	Brian McCrea	Jeanne Eaton	Virginia Smith
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Suki Hoffman	Liz Middleton	Margaret Kidd
Altar Guild					
Vestry					

**Thank you for placing yourself in the service of Our Lord and His Church. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please arrange for your replacement and notify the office.**



# February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10am ECW Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30 Book Study 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI Anon	3 10:00am Evangelism <b>6:00pm Eucharist and Healing Service</b>	4 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker	5 2-5pm Thrift Shop	6 9am- noon Thrift Shop
7 <b>First Sunday</b> <b>One Service 10:00am</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b> Lunch Following	8	9 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30 Book Study <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> <b>5:00 Pancake Supper</b> 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon	10 12 Noon and 6pm Ash Wednesday Services	11 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker	12 2-5pm Thrift Shop	13 9am- noon Thrift Shop  Valentine's Gala 
14 8:30 and 11:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Breakfast Adult & Youth Classes 12:00 Lunch	15 7:00pm Vestry	16 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30 Book Study 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI Anon	17 <b>6:00pm Eucharist and Lenten Soup Supper</b>	18 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker	19 2-5pm Thrift Shop	20 9am- noon Thrift Shop
21 8:30 and 11:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Breakfast Adult & Youth Classes 12:00 Lunch	22 DOK Meeting 6:00pm 	23 10am Sisters' Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30 Book Study 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI Anon	24 <b>6:00pm Eucharist and Lenten Soup Supper</b>	25 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker	26 PH in use	27 PH in use PM 9am- noon Thrift Shop 
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## The Bishop's Institute Book of the Month: January

*'I Am With You'* by Kathryn Greene-McCreight; reviewed by The Rev. Carl M. Saxton, II

In "I Am With You" Kathryn Greene-McCreight guides her readers through an extended meditation on the theme of light and darkness and the relationship of creation to Creator. Asked to write this meditation by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, as a book particularly for the season of Lent, Green-McCreight weaves her themes into a deeply meaningful contemplation of walking through the "darkness" of Lent and Holy Week - the preparation for and Passion of Jesus Christ - and emerging into the bright light of Christ's glorious Resurrection at Easter.

In tune with her theme of light and darkness, the author has structured her work to loosely follow the eight monastic hours of prayer, moving from the setting of the sun, through the watches of the night, into the rising of the sun at dawn. Light and darkness in our lives are illustrated throughout with a look at current themes in the contemporary world and in our individual lives. These illustrations include our willingness or unwillingness to recognize God's call upon us to welcome and care for the stranger in our midst, the fear and uncertainty caused by terrorism and violence in the world, or our own relationship to God in His seeming absence from our lives and our world.

Greene-McCreight also examines the relationship of Creator and creation through a look into both God's address to humanity and our own address in return. The most engaging example of this is the melding of the Scriptural story of Job and the reaction of the disciples to Jesus' sleeping through the raging storm in the Gospel of Mark. In both instances God responds to our questions about the divine intentions by asking questions of us about our own relationship to Him.

Both themes - light and darkness, address and response - take the reader through the season of Lent in a thoughtful and contemplative way. Each of the eight chapters ends with a list of questions for reflection, inviting the reader to go even deeper in considering the themes in light of his or her own life of faith. This is not your typical day-by-day diet of scripture and reflection that we have come to recognize as a daily devotion for the Lenten season. Green-McCreight's work calls us to a deeper examination of the meaning of Lent and our relationship with God.

The whole work has the unfortunate feeling that one is reading the text of a sermon series linked together by the common theme of light and darkness. The author has the habit, in the early chapters, of focusing repeatedly on the meanings of particular Greek and Hebrew words, and this can feel a bit like a sermon heard often in seminary chapels. However, this minor aberration does not, in the end, take away from the depth and meaning of the whole. Kathryn Greene-McCreight does indeed give us a book that guides us through the "dark" of Lent into the "blinding light of Easter."

### THE TRINITY BELL AND COLOSSIANS



The Trinity Bell will be going to a bi-monthly edition starting in March. The "Bell" will be published for Jan./Feb., Mar/Apr, May/June, no July/Aug, Sept/Oct, and Nov/Dec. If your organization has something to be advertised or announced for the two month period, please submit it to the office on the 15th of the month prior to the first month of publishing. ie. Feb.15th submission for the March/April "Bell."

In addition to printing "Colossians" for the bulletin each week we will also be sending it out to everyone on email, and posting it on our website. Information for "Colossians" should be submitted by Monday for the following Sunday's edition.

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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY**

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| Feb. 2  | ECW Meeting 10:00am  |
| Feb. 7  | <b>First Sunday<br/>One Service 10:00am<br/>Annual Meeting</b> |
| Feb. 9  | Pancake Supper 5-7   |
| Feb. 10 | <b>Ash Wed. Services</b><br>12pm and 6pm                       |
| Feb. 11 | PH in use  |
| Feb. 13 | Valentine's Party  |
| Feb. 15 | Vestry Meeting   |
| Feb. 20 | ECW Diocesan Mtg<br>Camp Weed                                  |
| Feb. 26 | Church in use  |
| Feb. 27 | Church in use  |
| Feb. 28 | Men's Club   |

## **REGULAR EVENTS**

### **Sunday : 8:30 & 11:00am Holy Eucharist**

9:30am Breakfast

10:00am Children's Sunday School

Adult Christian Formation

Noon Lunch

### **1st Sunday of the Month**

One Service only at 10:00am

In the Parish Hall

Lunch Following

Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study at Betty's Pizza

### **Wednesday: 6:00pm Eucharist**

### **Thrift Shop**

Open 10am to 4pm Thursday

2pm—5pm Friday

9am—Noon Saturday

### **Access Program**

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am—2pm