



# TRINITY TIMES

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O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Friends,

In this season of joyful expectation as we lean eagerly into spring, I have been rejoicing in a new sense of promise in our Church, locally at Trinity, in Vermont and in the world.

“Look favorably on your whole Church!” First of all, Trinity’s Profile is out there now, attracting applications from clergy eager to see what God is up to in Shelburne, Vermont. The next several months need vigilant prayer coverage as the Ministry Discernment Committee waits to receive a list of applicants in May, collected and reviewed by Canon Lynn Bates, our Diocesan officer for Transition Ministries. Trinity is among the largest and most vital Episcopal congregations in Vermont and the only one looking for a full-time clergy leader right now. The MDC, Vestry and all of you who are praying and responding to questions raised by the discernment process have thoughtfully and faithfully waited for a new day at Trinity. In this Eastertide it is unfolding, as surely as green shoots force their way above ground to blossom in bright, new spring flowers.

“Things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made.” The Episcopal Church has been through difficult years. I believe it has been a time of needed reform; to sort treasure from rummage; to glean wheat from chaff and fertile seed from dead. For years the

Church has called upon our leaders to address this redemptive task at the highest levels. Three years ago, at the 77<sup>th</sup> General Convention, a task force was appointed to “re-imagine the Episcopal Church and create a plan for its governance, structure and administration.” Our own **Tom Little** is a member of that 24 person team and they have completed the commissioned Report (TREC) for the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention to be held in Utah this summer. Tom has agreed to lead a discussion on the TREC report right here at Trinity on April 26<sup>th</sup>! We are blessed to preview this church-wide mandate before General Convention. In a sense, it is a discernment process like our own, writ very large indeed! So save the date, a Sunday evening, starting with Evensong followed by potluck supper and expertly-led discussion of this ground-breaking report.

We often forget that God is still at work in human history. Even less do we imagine we are part of God’s redeeming action! Being at Trinity has reminded me that we are in fact indispensable in God’s loving plan to renew the whole Creation. God works through the Church, through each and all of us. We have only to say, “Yes, I am here and ready!” to be among those who are “being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made.”

Let the Church say, Amen!

*Jane +*



**We, the People of God**, are called to be and to build a new humanity. Jesus fought evil by giving himself to the cross. Are we to do that? Are we to be martyrs to ISIS or Boko Haram or Al Qaeda? I find that hard to believe.

Perhaps the path we are looking for is the one of non-violent confrontation taken by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. There is an institution—the Albert Einstein Institution—devoted to the study and propagation of this kind of change action. Their studies show how various non-violent tactics—even against vicious dictators—can bring about change. And it isn't just talk. Various revolutions have successfully taken place using their nonviolent method. In any case, I believe we as Christians — as the seed of the new humanity — are called to find and use ways to combat evil and build the new universal People of God. It's our mission. That's why the New Covenant exists.

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This is the conclusion of a recent sermon, titled “Evil and the Four Covenants,” by the Rev. Warner White, and can be found on his website [warnercwhite.org](http://warnercwhite.org). The following link will take you to the Albert Einstein Institution website.



**albert einstein institution**  
advancing freedom through nonviolent action

<http://www.aeinstein.org/>



This organization's mission is “To build interfaith communities that embody a culture of peace and empower a movement for change.” The Vermont chapter is planning to hold a Walk for Peace sometime in May. When the exact date is announced we will let you know.



#ViolenceStopsWithMe

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### **United Thank Offering: How sweet it is!**

Sugaring time in Vermont—with coins in the pocket to head to the Blue Box, and say a prayer of Thanks for the arrival of days that are longer, and the trees that are ready to yield the sap to be boiled down to become the natural sweetener that is the Official Flavor of Vermont. There is a saying among sugar-makers—“Short and Sweet”—with the season beginning later than usual, it *might* be short, with extra sweet sap. So, once it begins, enjoy a local sugarhouse adventure, but first remember to give Thanks for the good fortune to be amongst the Green Mountains, abundant with maple trees and hard working men and women who gather the sap and make the healthier sweetener that is Vermont maple syrup. And this message is going to be “Short and Sweet.”

— Your UTO Coordinators, Betty Ann and Don Lockhart



**Give Thanks four Your Blessings!**

## Salvation Army Ministry: We Did it Again!



With help from **Lisa Newton, SAM4U kids, Steve Gronlund, Missy Sisters, Lydia Hill, Sandy Walsh, Gail Currier, and Dan Foss**, another good meal was prepared on Sunday. Gail Currier also helped with set-up on Monday, as did **Lisa, Lars, and Eric Jenson**. The Jensons also served and did clean-up, with help from **Eliza and Leo Sarandos and Dana Valentine**. We were all assisted at the Salvation Army by Doug and Fitzgerald, with set-up and clean-up. They live near the Salvation Army, help out regularly, and know their way around. We served **75 meals, and 25 came for seconds**. I then took two quarts of leftover chili to Ronald MacDonald House.

The next time we will cook for the Salvation Army will be **May 17** after the 10:30 service. We'll serve the meal the next day—**May 18**—at the Salvation Army building in Burlington. **Emily and Will Kallock** have already signed up to serve in May!

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## Shelburne Foodshelf Donations

Many thanks to all who have donated items at Trinity for the Shelburne Foodshelf. The need continues and if you are able to give in the next few weeks, we have been told the following goods would be most appreciated: **macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, boxed rice, mashed potatoes, baked beans, canned fruit, toilet paper and cleaning supplies.**

— The Jensen Family



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## It's time for a Kitchen Cleaning Party!

Because Trinity's kitchen is used by so many groups, small spills and greasy drips accumulate on the stove-top and in the industrial hood. Things are left in the refrigerator way past their "use by" date. Cupboard doors are sticky, and so are the drawers.

Please join us for "fun in the kitchen" on **Tuesday, March 31st, 9 am to 12 noon. Lunch will be provided.** Bring your rubber gloves, cleaning supplies and a pail, if you have one.

### So, who are all those people in our kitchen?

- ✓ The Shelburne/Charlotte Rotary (47 breakfasts per year, 30 to 50 people each time)
- ✓ Trinity's Senior Luncheon (4 times per year, 60 to 90 people each time)
- ✓ Salvation Army Ministry (meal preparation 5 times per year)
- ✓ Men's Breakfast (Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10, 15 or more people)
- ✓ Women of Trinity Breakfast (once a month, ~10 people)
- ✓ Sunday Coffee Hour (Refreshments, every week)
- ✓ Other Trinity Events (annual meeting, Maundy Thursday meal, pot lucks, etc.)
- ✓ Rentals (3-4 meals per year, all catered, no heavy cooking)



Let's make everything sparkle before Easter!





## Easter Flowers

Flowers will return to the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Lilies, tulips, azaleas, and hydrangeas will spill from window ledges and on tables, heralding the resurrection of Christ and the advent of Spring.

The congregation is invited to offer these flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for the loved ones in their lives, by contributing to the Trinity Flower Fund. (This fund is also used for non-budgetary altar expenditures such as candles, linens, etc.)

Flower Fund Envelopes can be found in the pews. We will recognize those for whom the flowers are offered in the Easter Sunday bulletin, so please *make sure the money and information reach **France Leblanc** by **Palm Sunday (March 29)***. Please make checks payable to: **Trinity Flower Fund**. Be sure to include a note with your name and if you are making the donation in memory of, or thanksgiving for, someone (please print the name). You may place them in the offering plate on Sundays or mail them to Trinity Episcopal Church, 5171 Shelburne Road, Shelburne, VT 05482.



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### Think SPRING! Think FLOWERS!

We would love to have more people sign up to bring in flowers for the altar on Sundays. There are all sorts of vases in the basement. You can bring flowers in on Fridays when the church is open or you can contact **Dorothy Glendinning** [dorothy@marshotel.com](mailto:dorothy@marshotel.com) or **Paulette Hammond** [phammond679@yahoo.com](mailto:phammond679@yahoo.com) and one of us can meet you there on Saturdays. Gardens will be blooming soon-we hope! *The sign-up sheet will go up the week after Easter.*



### Women of Trinity Breakfast: Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m.

We had a very successful breakfast in February and decided to make it a regular event! If you have any questions, please contact **Paulette Hammond** at [phammond679@yahoo.com](mailto:phammond679@yahoo.com) or **Molly O'Brien** at [msobrien@live.com](mailto:msobrien@live.com).

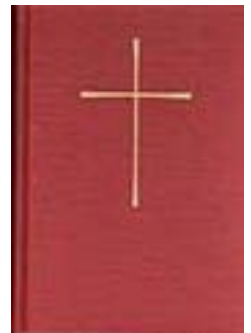
Shelburne may not have an Easter Parade, but we can still wow them in the aisles at Trinity. If you'd like to brighten your bonnet for Easter morning, bring a hat and any decorations you might want to use/share, and have breakfast with us on Saturday!

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### Hooray!

All 30 Books of Common Prayer have been “adopted”! Thank you to all who participated.

If you missed your chance the first time, we can still get more prayer books to replace the most worn out. So fill out a blue form (in the Cloister) if you would like to donate one and *PRINT* the name(s) of those to whom you would like it dedicated. The cost is \$14 per book. Thank you!



## The Annual COTS Walk is May 3<sup>rd</sup>

The EPISCOPEDS will walk again!



This 3-mile trek through downtown Burlington follows the path a person who is homeless might travel to visit COTS shelters. All money raised through the COTS Walk goes toward services to support Vermonters who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

**Molly O'Brien** and **Veronika Travis** invite any interested members of Trinity to join their fundraising team and walk together to show support for ending homelessness and offering our neighbors hope and dignity along the way. If you have any questions, please contact **Molly** at [msobrien@live.com](mailto:msobrien@live.com)



## The Baptism of Ann & Kathryn Foss Sunday, June 7



This will be a very special day for Dan and Olga, as well as the entire Trinity family as, in the waters of baptism, the twins are lovingly adopted by God into God's family, which we call the Church, and given God's own life to share and remind us that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ.



If you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, please contact the Church Office and make an appointment to talk with Jane: 985-2269.



The next date for baptisms will be in August and/or All Saints Sunday in November.



## Holy Week Service Schedule

### Palm Sunday (March 29): 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Palm procession to mark Jesus' triumphal entry, dramatic reading of the passion according to Mark, Holy Communion.



### Holy Monday (March 30)

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, in the Chancel



### Holy Wednesday (April 1)

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, in the Chancel  
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, in the Chancel



### Maundy Thursday (April 2): 6:00 p.m.

A light soup and bread supper. Footwashing. Institution of the Eucharist. The commandment to love. Stripping the altar. Setting the Watch\*

\* "The Watch" is our all-night prayer vigil.  
(8:00 p.m. Thursday - 11:00 a.m. Good Friday).

Please sign up at church for an hour as we respond to Jesus invitation to *"Watch and pray with me."*

### Good Friday (April 3)

#### Stations of the Cross: 11:30 a.m.

We follow the way of the cross through this traditional service of 14 stations with brief readings and collects at each.

#### Good Friday Liturgy: Noon and 7:00 p.m.



### Easter Day: the Feast of the Resurrection

#### 8:00 and 10:30: Eucharist

Coffee Hour following each service.

*Please consider bringing something to share.*

## Mission Discernment Committee (MDC) Update

### Moving to a New Phase in Trinity's Transition Process

We have a new mission statement! On February 17th, The Vestry adopted the statement recommended by the Ministry Discernment Committee: *We, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Shelburne, Vermont align ourselves with the vision statement of the Episcopal Church in Vermont to pray the prayer, do the deeds, and learn the mind of Christ. We welcome and include all those who join us for worship and community life in Christ. In gratitude for God's grace in our lives, we reaffirm our baptismal vows by:*

#### Phase II:

*Understanding the Congregation and the Leadership Expected of a New Priest*

#### Caring

for each other, young and old, and for our neighbors everywhere striving always to "act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly before God." (Micah 6:8)

#### Praying

together in liturgical worship and encouraging each other to nurture an individual spiritual practice and daily prayer.

#### Phase III:

*Getting to know the candidates—and Them Getting to Know Us*

#### Sharing

our treasure, time and talent with people in Vermont and the world as faithful stewards of the earth accountable to God.

#### Studying

Scripture and related resources that help us grow closer to God in love, understanding and faith.

### May these guide us as we carry out our Member Mission Ministries!

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, **Lynn Bates**, Transition Minister for the Episcopal Church in Vermont, posted Trinity's Community Profile to the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) website. There, through the Ministry Portfolio, clergy, seminarians, and lay leaders are matched by their skills with ministry opportunities in parishes, diocesan offices, and church-related organizations. This posting signals Trinity's entry into a phase of active searching for a new Rector!

Lynn ([lbates@dioceseofvermont.org](mailto:lbates@dioceseofvermont.org), 802-863-3431 x105) will now receive names of interested candidates. She will conduct an initial screening and then give a list of candidates to Trinity's MDC, probably in May. Next, the MDC will launch a process of interviews and visits to get to know the candidates and allow them to get to know us.

You can see Trinity's responses to the 12 narrative questions that are part of the Profile on Trinity's website: <http://trinityshelburne.org/trinity-transitions/> under Transition Documents.

After the shared meeting between Trinity's Vestry, MDC, Bishop Ely, Lynn Bates, and Ann Cooper, Bishop Ely sent this message, "Great meeting last night. Thanks for all your great work. God is up to something special at Trinity and God's people are responding. Thanks be to God!" In the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ, who calls us into fellowship and sends the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us. Amen.

— **Ann Dillenbeck**, MDC Chair, [adillenb@gmail.com](mailto:adillenb@gmail.com) 425-2106



The February sun was shining when we took the Senior Luncheon to Hawaii!



Carolyn Donahue & Jan Sudbay



Vanda Crook & Friends



The Ukulele Ladies



YUM!



Hawaii



A few of the crew



Our Guests



## Reimagining the Episcopal Church

Join us for Evensong & Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m.

As Jane mentioned in her letter to us (page 1) in 2012 the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church established a **Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church [TREC]** which was charged with creating a plan for reforming the Church's structures, governance, and administration.

Following the dinner, **Tom Little**, who was a member of TREC, will lead a discussion of this report. (Follow this link to read the report.)

<https://extranet.generalconvention.org/staff/files/download/12219.pdf>

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He is Risen!



He is Risen Indeed!