Holy Trinity Riverbend

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

August 29, 2021 - Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Message from Rebecca: My two-week vacation has quickly come and gone, and as with many vacations, I spent the first week still 'working'. However, we were able to get away the second week for a short visit to Jasper (that I wished could have been longer), the Muttart Conservatory, and a visit to Fort Edmonton Park.

Yesterday we were lucky enough to celebrate the **outdoor baptism of Sophia** with the sun shining, and friends gathered. It was a beautiful service and Sophia was just sparkling with anticipation at being baptised! **I want to thank Elisabeth, Ken and Alex for reading, and Patti for singing.** The blend of voices made for a lovely service.

With another school year about to begin, the church enters the Season of Creation from September 5 to October 5. If you haven't already, you may want to get an orange shirt for **Every Child Matters** which we will celebrate **September 26th.**

Coffee chats will resume next week, and I hope you can take a few moments to join us and let us know how things are going. Until then, as my six year old grandson says, 'stay awesome and share the love'.

News: Many of you might remember the **Rev. Jon Connell,** who served at HTR for a number of years. We have just learned that he has been appointed the Rector of The Vestries of St Andrew's and St Mary's, Aberfoyle (Scotland) on August 14. On behalf of HTR we send him our blessings!

Annual Buye $5 Coffee Fundraiser: For the past several years, our Diocese has done an outstanding job raising funds for the people of the Buye Diocese to enable them to purchase medical cards. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we can make a difference in the lives of many of our brothers and sisters living in Burundi. **Through the month of September, we encourage each parish to take up a collection for the purchase of Buye medical cards. 100% of the monies collected go directly to the purchase of medical cards.** There are no administrative fees. Medical coverage is out of reach for most people in the

Diocese of Buye. **A $5 medical card covers 80% of their costs and will help women in need, and children under the age of 18.** If you are able to donate please send your donations directly to Rev. John Gee at the Synod office or **alternatively you can e-transfer them to Rebecca Harris and she will arrange to handle the donation on your behalf.** Your generosity makes a huge difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Burundi. Last year HTR sent a donation of $400, which translates into our being able to help 80 people!!!!

Children's Talks: At our last service we read a short children's talk offered by one of our Sunday School kids addressing the topic of what Jesus/God meant to them. If your child would like to offer a similar talk, please let Rebecca know and she will work it into one of the upcoming worship services.

Way to Go Team Anglican! Can we reach 60 before the end of August?
As a Partner for Life with Canadian Blood Services, the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton has pledged to donate 100 units of blood in 2021. So far, 59 units of blood and plasma have been donated (up five units from last week!). Let's see if we can reach 60 by the end of August. Thank you to those who donate regularly and, if you've never signed up before, please consider whether this might be the time to do it!
Click here to join Team Anglican. Our Partner ID is **ANGL696986.** To donate blood, call: 1-888-236-6283 or visit **Canadian Blood Services**

Reminder: Consecration of our Bishop: On the morning of September 18, 2021, the diocese will celebrate the **consecration of the Rev. Stephen London as the 11th Bishop of Edmonton**. The service will begin at 11:00am at All Saints' Anglican Cathedral. Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson, will officiate and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, will also take part. Details regarding the physical attendance of the congregation are yet to be determined, however the service will be livestreamed through the All Saints' Cathedral YouTube Channel. As more details become available we will share them with you.

HTR Virtual Coffee Session.
Our HTR Virtual Coffee Hour, takes place **every Sunday, at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom. The link is sent to all parishioners on Friday's and is also noted on the church website. If you would like to bookmark it the link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89937764015?pwd=UCtYbTIwWE5tMldSWkZFSHVzQWZNZz09

If asked, the Passcode is: 087498. We hope you can join us as it is a great way to stay connected!

Sermon: A copy of the Sunday Sermon, and the Prayers of the People, are emailed to our parishioners every Sunday morning. Today's Sermon was from **Rev. Rebecca** and the Prayers of the People are courtesy of **Patti Holmstrom**.

This Week's Bible Quote -- *"The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth." ... Psalm 145: 18*

Inspirational Thoughts: *""Know what you want to do, hold the thought firmly, and do every day what should be done, and every sunset will see you that much nearer to your goal." ... Elbert Hubbard*

And

""Every time you are tempted to react in the same old way, ask if you want to be a prisoner of the past or a pioneer of the future." ... Deepak Chopra

Upcoming for Sunday, September 5, 2021 (our next regular service) - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Presiding at the service will be Rev. Rebecca and Prayers of the People will be offered by **Grant Kvemshagen.**

Readings:
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17;
Mark 7:24-37;

More Anglican News: If you are looking for more news about 'happenings' in our Diocese and beyond, this can be done by accessing the diocesan website link: https://edmonton.anglican.ca/

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Virtual Sunday School: In keeping with our normal practice, **we will not be offering Sunday School during the months of July and August.** We will restart the Sunday School program in September.

Parents, **each Friday** when we distribute the worship bulletin, we will also include, courtesy of the Diocese of Chelmsford, **an additional series of activities (and readings) for younger and older children** for your use on Sundays. (Note: This information was previously

attached to each of our newsletters.)

HTR Online Worship: We offer a live virtual worship service each Sunday using ZOOM. The **link to the service, as well as the Worship Bulletin is distributed each Friday**, along with the HTR Virtual Coffee Hour link. You do not need to have ZOOM on your computer to be able to view the service. (Note: If you cannot make the live worship service, **we post the video recording of the service on our Facebook page shortly after the live service.** The link to our Facebook page is: **https://www.facebook.com/htrchurch/**

To access the live virtual service, simply click on the link on Sunday (**the service starts at 10:00 a.m.**). **If you would like to bookmark it, the specific link to the Virtual Worship Service is:** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8443386844?pwd=aXZxMmZYa0tjNDZQNVpDUE1UaE5aQT09

Note: From time-to-time we have experienced some technical difficulties with Zoom due to system upgrades, etc. on Zoom's part. With this in mind, we test the link to the service early every Sunday (prior to the service). If for any reason, the above noted link is not operational, we will send out an alternative link to the service by 9:45 a.m. on Sunday.

As an informational item, the Virtual Worship Service and our Virtual Coffee Hour each have their own unique Zoom links.

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