

Holy Trinity Riverbend

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

September 5, 2021 - Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Message from Rebecca:
It's been another lovely week to be outdoors here in Edmonton. My roses are still blooming, and the weather has been perfect for morning or evening walks. I finished reading another book and managed to complete a jigsaw puzzle that was giving me lots of grief! I also looked into possible venues for our church to meet including the Cineplex Odeon Theatre. They offered very nice seating and access to the concession stand, but they didn't have space for us at the Windemere location so I'm still searching. I have an inquiry to rent space at a local high school as well, and I've kept in touch with the Bishop elect as to our wishes to buy property. If anyone has ideas they want to share, please do!

Brian and Carol asked me to send everyone their hellos as they enjoy a few more weeks of rest in

Canmore. **Catherine** got a head start on winter and has made lots of scarves and hats for those in need so they will be ready for distribution this November. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness! **Terry and Patty** reported their son's wedding last weekend was a beautiful event and they couldn't be happier with how things went. **Chao** is loving her new job which allows her to have weekends off to spend with her family. And we were all very blessed to have 2 yr old **Faye** say a prayer for us at the end of today's coffee chat! How precious is that?



Season of Creation: Christians around the world are invited to

give particular attention to praying and caring for **God's creation as part of the global Season of Creation, observed from September 1st to October 4th every year.** General Synod 2019 passed a resolution adopting the Season of Creation in the Anglican Church of Canada as a time of prayer, education, and action and encouraging dioceses and parishes to participate.

To avoid confusion, it is worth noting that the **Season of Creation is not a liturgical season like Advent or Easter but rather a time of intentional prayer and reflection.**



MacTaggart Place Retirement Residence: The management of

MacTaggart have requested that Rev. Rebecca again provide a worship service to the residents once a month (the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.). **Our first service will be September 8th.** It is a joy to be able to offer a worship service to the residents as we have not been able to do this for the last 18 months due to COVID restrictions at the residence. All in attendance will be masked.

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!!!!



September Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations!

Birthdays:
Sarah, Paul and David.

Anniversaries:
Paul and Suzanne; Grant and Lorna; and Ian and Rebecca.

On behalf of the entire parish, we send you all our blessings on your special day!



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 **Grant Kvemshagen.**



This Week's Bible Quote -- *"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* ... Lamentations 3:22-23



Inspirational Thoughts: *"Do what you can, where you are, with what you have." ... Teddy Roosevelt*

And

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." ... Alice Walker



Upcoming for Sunday, September 12, 2021 - Sixteenth

Sunday after Pentecost: Presiding at the service will be Rev. Rebecca and Prayers of the People will be offered by **Bonnie Tejada**.

Readings:
Proverbs 1: 20 – 33
Psalm 19
James 3: 1 - 12
Mark 8: 27 - 38

Food Bank: As a reminder, **the first Sunday of each month, is our food bank donation day.** The Edmonton Food Bank needs your help. If you are not able to drop off your donations at the nearest firehall or the Edmonton Food Bank, please let Rebecca know and she will come and pick up your donation. As a reminder, the most needed items are: beans, canned fish/meat, baby formula, peanut butter, healthy school snacks (100% real juice

boxes, granola bars, fruit cups), soup, canned fruit and vegetables.



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/>



Virtual Sunday School: Just a reminder that along with the worship bulletin which is distributed each Friday, we also enclose a **children's lesson/activities.** We do hope to resume our Sunday School program shortly.



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=aXZxMmZYa0tjNDZQNpDUE1UaE5aQT09>

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.

Vestry –
Steve Johnson
Rector's Warden
Carol Graham –
People's Warden
Vince Tejada - Treasurer
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(Note: **A copy of our Newsletter is posted each Sunday on our website.**)