

Holy Trinity Riverbend

LIFE TOGETHER - HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

October 3, 2021 - Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Message from Rebecca:
Today I would normally have held a pet blessing but without a place to gather, I couldn't find a safe way to do it. Therefore, I am sending a prayer to each of your beloved pets this morning that they will be watched over and cared for by the same loving Father who watches over us.

I have investigated a couple more places to worship including Taylor College on 23rd Avenue. I will let you know if anything comes of my inquiry.

We had a **last-minute flurry of donations for medical cards for Buye and our final total surpassed that of last year by \$40. HTR's contribution will enable 92 people to purchase a medical card** so give yourself a pat on the back!

Elisabeth joined us for the coffee chat today, having just completed her 5K run

for breast cancer. She raised \$500 for this worthy cause and broke her own personal best record! **Ping** said he got his yard work completed for the winter which is another big job out of the way. I know the leaves are falling fast and furiously at our house. **Faye** is always a delight to see and today she blew everyone kisses as we concluded our chat. What a great way to start a Sunday afternoon.



Season of Creation (September 1 - Oct. 4) - **Wrap Up:** To help maintain our focus during the Season of Creation, **it is suggested that we engage with our local ecology through the use of an 'Earth Examen'**. By way of information, an examen is a

way of beholding an object or being in prayerful wonder. Through questions, you are invited to reflect on God's presence and the goodness of that which you behold. During this Season of Creation, consider contemplating a part of your local ecology. This is an exercise that you can choose to do alone, or with a group.

Pick a natural or agricultural place to contemplate. A forest. A river. A city street with a natural area. An urban park. A farmer's field. A hilltop. Find a comfortable place to rest in or near this place. Enter into prayer in whatever way is natural to you. Invite Holy Wisdom to open the eyes of your heart. When you are ready, reflect on the following.

Week 5 suggestion -

What can you do to ease demands or promote the rest of this ecological site you have been visiting?

-Based on your examination, how do you identify with this place?
 -What have you discerned is required to care for this place?
 -What will be your act of compassion to promote rest for this common home?

Note: With this final examen suggestion, we conclude our formal Season of Creation program. We hope you found the suggestions over the past 5 weeks useful as you contemplated God's wonderful creation.



Annual Winter Clothing Drive **Reminder:** With the colder weather now upon us, **during the month of October** we will be doing our annual clothing drive. We are looking for the following: **thermal layers for men's/women's size M/L, warm socks, gloves, mittens, toques and new or gently used coats. If you are able to donate, please let Rebecca know and she will arrange to come to your home to pick them up. You can also e-transfer a donation to Rebecca and she will arrange to purchase**

items on your behalf to donate. We will work with the Inner-City Pastoral Ministry to have your donations given to those in dire need of this type of clothing.



Prayer For This Week:

Creator God, sustainer of all things, You have entrusted to us the care of your world. In the face of the planet's distress, Rescue us from the paralysis of complacency and defeatism; Teach us to blend prayer and activism, hope and determination, That your Church might truly be good news to all creation. Amen

(From the Diocese of Canterbury)



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=UCtYbTIwWE5tMldSWkZFSHVzQWZlZz09>

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 and Prayers of the People were from Rev. Rebecca..



The Gift Of Life:

As a Partner for Life with Canadian Blood Services, the Anglican Diocese of

Edmonton has pledged to donate 100 units of blood in 2021. **With 13 weeks to go, the Diocese needs 30 donations to hit our target.** Thanks to those who are serving the community in this way.

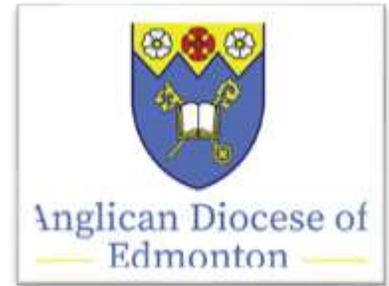
[Click here](#) to join our Anglican Blood Donation Team. Our Partner ID is ANGL696986. To donate blood, call: 1-888-236-6283 or visit [Canadian Blood Services](#).



*"The only way to do great work is to love what you do."
... Steve Jobs*

And

"If you can dream it, you can achieve it." ... Zig Ziglar



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. **Also, Sarah is resuming our Sunday School program on October 10. We are also continuing to seek additional Sunday School teachers to help spell Sarah off for certain Sundays. Thanks to Alex for letting us know he is available to help Sarah.** If you would be interested in volunteering for this important ministry, please let Rebecca know. All lesson plans are provided.

This Week's Bible Quote -- *"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." ...*
John 17: 20-21

U pcoming for Sunday, October 10, 2021 - Nineteenth

Sunday after Pentecost:

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

Readings:

Joel 2: 21 -27

Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2: 1- 7

Matthew 6: 25 - 33



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/>



Inspirational Thoughts:

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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(Note: **A copy of our Newsletter is posted each Sunday on our website.**)