

# Holy Trinity Riverbend

## LIFE TOGETHER - HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

### November 7, 2021 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

**A Message from Rebecca:** It has been another busy week in our house, with some unexpected calls and requests that reminded me how important our presence is in one another's lives, even those of strangers. I was asked to offer prayers at the bedside of a person I'd never met who was dying. It was both beautiful and humbling to speak God's words of comfort to this person and see God's grace envelope them. It was as if my sermon today on devotion and sacrifice was taking on a life of its own.

I continue to inquire about places we can worship and pray that God will provide us something soon so we can celebrate the season of Advent, our voices ringing with gladness at being together once again.

And just a reminder, if you know you will be attending the service, please consider

reading for us. It's always nice to have a blend of voices.

At coffee chat I learned about the marriage and wedding customs of other countries which is always fascinating. We have so much to learn from one another. And we talked about Remembrance Day, of course. And although I missed it, I'm going to look for "No Stone Left Alone", a documentary honoring Canada's fallen heroes. Those that saw it said it was well done and well worth watching.



**A Prayer of Commemoration For The Fallen:**  
Although we are not

together on November 11, we offer this prayer of remembrance:

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language,

race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from the Church of England)



**Warm Clothing Drive:** With the end of our warm clothing drive we thought you might be interested to know what we collected for the Inner City Pastoral Ministry:

Hats - 1  
Scarves, neckwarmers - 28  
Touques - 5  
Winter boots - 2 pairs  
Coats - 14  
Vest - 1  
Socks - 132 pairs  
Men's underwear - 26 pairs  
Women's underwear - 16 pairs  
Long underwear - 2 pairs  
Undershirts - 15  
Sweaters - 3  
Mittens - 4 pairs  
Women's hoodies - 3  
Gloves - 1 pair  
We also had a donation of 18 bus tickets to assist people with their transportation needs.

In addition, we donated a bag of assorted children's

clothing and light weight adult clothes to Goodwill.

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to all of you who were able to help this important ministry with your generous donations.

**C**limate Change: The news on our environment has been dominating the headlines now for the past few weeks as global leaders and others meet to discuss how we can care for our planet. Below, is some information taken from a TedEd website as well as a link to a short video entitled 'What if there were 1 trillion more trees?' that I thought you might find interesting.

*How can trees help in the fight against climate change? Dig into the efforts to rebuild damaged ecosystems and reduce carbon emissions.*

*Today humanity produces more than 1,400 tons of carbon every minute. To combat climate change, we need to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and draw down excess CO2 to restore the balance of greenhouse gases. Like all plants, trees consume atmospheric carbon through photosynthesis. So what can trees do to help in this fight? Jean-François Bastin in this video digs into the efforts to restore depleted ecosystems.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hxE7Af98AI>



**G**iving: Your Vestry would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued generous giving (and serving your church). Thank you for making God's love real in these difficult times and for your financial giving through the challenges we have been experiencing. Your financial gifts allows us to sustain and grow the life of HTR and to continue to spread God's Word in our community. If you have not already signed up for 'Pre-Authorized Giving', we would encourage you to take advantage of this process (the link to the form is noted below). The other two methods of contributing to the church is to use **Electronic Fund Transfer** - just send it to Rebecca's email address found at the end of the bulletin and she will arrange to have it recorded by our bookkeeper in your name, or alternatively, If you would prefer to make your contributions via **cheque**, Rebecca can arrange to come by and

pick it up. Link to Pre-Authorized Giving: <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/give/donate/pages/give-monthly>



**H**TR 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!



**S**ermon: A copy of the Sunday Sermon, and the Prayers of the People, are emailed to our parishioners every Sunday morning. Presiding at today's service was Rev. Rebecca, and the Prayers of the People were from **Bonnie Tejada**



**T**his Week's Bible Quote -- *"So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ... Ephesians 3: 17 - 19*



**I**nspirational Thoughts: *"If the wind will not serve, take to the oars."* ... Latin Proverb

And

*"The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible."* ... Arthur C. Clarke



**P**ayer For This Week: Jesus, our companion, when we are driven to despair, help us, through the friends and strangers we encounter on our path,

to know you as our refuge,  
our way, our truth and our  
life. Amen

(from the Church of  
England)

## U ppcoming for Sunday, November 14, 2021 – Twenty-Fifth

### Sunday after Pentecost:

Officiating will be **Rev.  
Rebecca** and Prayers of the  
People will be offered by  
her as well.

#### Readings:

1 Samuel 1:4-20;

1 Samuel 2:1-10 As

Canticle;

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18),  
19-25;

Mark 13:1-8

**M**ore 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/>



**V**irtual Sunday  
**School:** Just a  
reminder that along  
with the worship

bulletin which is  
distributed each Friday, we  
also enclose a  
supplementary children's  
lesson/activities. As  
parents know from an  
email sent our earlier,  
**Sarah**, after many years of  
leading the children's  
ministry, has stepped down  
from this role and we are  
currently seeking  
additional Sunday School  
teachers so we can continue  
with Sunday School. If you  
volunteer, please note that  
All lesson plans are  
provided. I want to take this  
opportunity **to thank  
Sarah for her unwavering  
commitment to the  
children's Sunday School  
program – you are a  
blessed part of HTR!**



**H**TR 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.co  
m/htrchurch/](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=aXZxMmZ  
Ya0tjNDZQNvpDUe1UaE5aQ  
T09](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.

**V**estry –  
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Carol Graham –  
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Newsletter is posted each  
Sunday on our website**).