



***Holy Trinity Anglican Church***  
***First Sunday in Lent***  
**Sunday February 22, 2026**  
**10:00 am**

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*The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron*  
*The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector*  
*The Venerable Tanya Phibbs, Associate Rector*  
*The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon*  
*The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon*  
*The Reverend Diana Boland, Vicar*  
*The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate*  
*Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music*  
*Neil F. Young, Contemporary Musician*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

*Berceuse – L. Vierne*

Processional Hymn #175

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

A Penitential Order

*BAS p. 216*

*Celebrant:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People:*

**And also with you.**

## Land Acknowledgement

*Celebrant*

We gather here today on the ancestral hunting grounds of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaron peoples, in the territory of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum and the Huron Tract Treaty.

*People*

**From many places and peoples, we come together as one for prayer and worship.**

*Celebrant*

We acknowledge the injustices that Indigenous Peoples have endured since colonization.

*People*

**We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation.**

*Celebrant*

We honour Indigenous Peoples' wise stewardship of land and water.

*People*

**We will strive to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Amen**

*Celebrant:*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:*

**His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

*BAS p. 216*

Confession

*BAS p. 217*

*Kyrie*

*#687*

The Collect of the Day

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading                    Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7     *Jack Nahrgang*

Psalm:                                32                                 *Cantor: Terry Marklevitz*



Second Reading                Romans 5: 12-19                    *Alizon Sharun*

Gradual Hymn #178     *Restore in Us, O God*

The Gospel                        Matthew 4: 1-11  
*Deacon:*                         The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
   according to Matthew.

*People:*                         **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

*Deacon:*                        The Gospel of Christ.

*People:*                         **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon     *The Rev'd Tianna Gocan*

Anthem:                                 *Hide Not Thou Thy Face – R. Farrant*

Nicene Creed     *BAS p. 188*

Prayers of the People (*written by Gail Mowbray*)                    *Kyle Gascho*

*Response:*     **Lord, Hear Our Prayer**

The Peace     *BAS p. 192*

Peal of the Bells     *Peter Ryde*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #615

*Just As I Am*

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer #3

*BAS p. 198*

*Sanctus and Benedictus*

#689

The Lord's Prayer

*BAS p. 211*

Breaking of the Bread #7

*BAS p. 213*

*Agnus Dei*

#690

The Communion

*All Christians of any age are welcome to receive communion with this community of God's people. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to drink from the common cup. If you are uncomfortable drinking from the cup, you may pass by the chalice bearer or stop and touch the cup or bow your head briefly. If you are not receiving communion but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.*

Communion Hymn #67     *God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living*

Prayer After Communion

Doxology

*BAS p. 214*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #170

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

Dismissal

Postlude

*Tune in E – G. Thalben Ball*

Please join us today after the 10:00 a.m. service for the  
**Annual Vestry Meeting in the Upper Hall.**  
A soup lunch will be provided.

Join us later today at 4p.m. for  
**“Choral Evensong”**  
An afternoon of beautiful choral music,  
insightful scripture and meaningful prayer.

## **NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **St. Stephen's Deconsecration Thursday February 26th**

The date of the deconsecration for St. Stephen's will be Thursday February 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Please join us as we grieve, remember and celebrate the good ministry that happened there.

### **Lenten Series:**

For the five weeks in Lent, we will be offering the *Difference Course*, developed by the Church of England to cross divides, navigate disagreement and pursue a just and flourishing world. We will first gather for dinner and fellowship followed by the course. Join us at 5:30pm on Wednesday nights in Lent (February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th) to learn how we can make a difference!

### **Men's Breakfast Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 A.M.- Coffee/tea and juice available.

8:30 A.M.- Breakfast is served.

If you wish to help with kitchen work, please come for 7:15 to 7:30 a.m. or plan to stay after for clean up. Invite a friend for one of the best breakfasts in Stratford. Free will offering - give what you can afford. If there are any men that wish to sign up to let me know by e mail ([wtphibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:wtphibbs@hotmail.com)) or sign at the back of the Church-name and e mail address.

### **Food Bank Wish List**

If you would bring us small-medium jars of jam, you would make our Tuesday morning customers berry happy!

## **Youth & Young Adult Bowling Night**

Join us on March 1st at 5pm for a fun evening of fellowship and community building at Mike's Lanes. Feel free to bring a spare... It'll be a strikingly good time!

## **Vacancies for Voices**

If you would like to sing in our Church Choir which sings at the 11am service and Evensongs, now is the time to come forward. We are a friendly and welcoming group; no audition is required. Weekly rehearsals; Thursdays evenings, 6:30 - 8.00. Please contact our new organist, Ian Sadler @ [sadlermusic57@gmail.com](mailto:sadlermusic57@gmail.com) or speak to him on any Sunday morning.

## **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR- Stratford Anglicans Team...**

Thank you to all that have donated and for those who are planning to donate!! At this point (Feb 16) we have reached \$6505 AMAZING work- I know we will rise even higher...Our team out of 66 teams is number 4!!

Please continue to give and move us close to \$7,000 and beyond!!  
<https://cnoy.org/home>

Donate to any of our team members-

Rob and family	Robin Rutherford
Tianna	Cindy or Will Ramier
Eileen Bart	Lee Jeffery
Jane Foster	Tom Patterson
Nancy McCallum	Tanya or Wade Phibbs
Melissa Reynen	

A great team eager to walk for this worthy cause! Please contact me if you have questions or concerns. Wade Phibbs  
[wtphibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:wtphibbs@hotmail.com)

## **Upcoming Readings – Sunday March 1st**

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

Chancel Team #1

### **Accompanying Wayne to Church**

Wayne Schmidt is a man of strong faith, and he loves coming to church here. It's important to him, and this is a happy and welcoming place for him. For 25 years, a roster of parishioners has been picking Wayne up on Sunday morning, sitting with him at the 10:30 service, and taking him home after church. Some of the people who have been accompanying him in recent years are no longer available. Please prayerfully consider whether you would be willing and able to accompany Wayne to church, typically once a month. If you'd like to learn about it, speak with Tom Patterson, Lori Colbeck or Pam Ayres.

### **Grief Support**

Beginning in mid- March (start date TBA), Cheryl Firby and Nancy Adams will facilitate a small grief support group, meeting on Monday afternoons in the Club Room at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 41 Mornington St., Stratford, for 6 weeks. People who have experienced the death of a loved one can often find companionship and encouragement with others who have shared that difficult journey. The group will be reflective and conversational in nature, and everyone is invited to participate at their own level of comfort. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating with us, please contact Nancy by email at [spiritworker@gmail.com](mailto:spiritworker@gmail.com), or speak with her between the 9:30 and 11:00 services at Holy Trinity on Sunday mornings. We'll be using the book "*Understanding Your Grief*" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a well-known grief educator and counselor as a resource in our discussions, and it is available at cost (\$20) from Nancy or the church office or may be ordered from the bookseller of your choice.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 22 - \*Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Feb. 24 - \*St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall  
\*Reconciliation Book Club at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM
- Feb. 25 - \*Wednesday Morning BCP Service at 10:00 a.m.  
\*Chimes Concert at 12:00 p.m.  
\*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave  
\*Lenten Series at 5:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall  
\*A.R.T. Social Night at 6:00 p.m. at Crabby Joes  
\*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA
- Feb. 26 - \*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.  
\*Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Feb. 27 - \*Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room  
\*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12 p.m.
- Feb. 28 - \*Men’s Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall  
\*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Mar. 1 - \*Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:00 a.m.  
\*Contemporary Holy Eucharist Service at 9:30 a.m.  
\*Sung Holy Eucharist BAS Service at 11:00 a.m.

### Easter Memorial Flowers - 2026

Parishioners wishing to donate towards the 2026 Easter Memorial Altar Flowers may contact either:

\*Susan LeBrun at: [Bermuda.david@outlook.com](mailto:Bermuda.david@outlook.com)

\*Kelly Strasler at: [office@holyltrinitystratford.ca](mailto:office@holyltrinitystratford.ca)

\*Or call the office at 519-271-3572

**Please provide your dedication, and the amount you wish to contribute by Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>.**