

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

Pentecost XII

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Contemporary (BAS) with Music

Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST (Chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist



TUE 18 th AUGUST	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
WED 19 th AUGUST	Contemplative Prayer	9:15am
THU 20 th AUGUST	Caring for the Core	11:30am
THU 20 th AUGUST	Funeral Service for Elizabeth Rotherham	11:00am
THU 20 th AUGUST	Migrant Farm Workers Ministry	2:00-8:00 pm
FRI 21 st AUGUST	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
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In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Rotherham

The funeral service celebrating Elizabeth's life will take place on:

Thursday, August 20th at 11:00 a.m. at

Trinity Anglican Church, Simcoe

The Venerable Dr. Rick Jones will officiate, with the
Right Reverend Bishop Terry Dance preaching.

Following the funeral all are warmly invited to gather for a reception and a
time of shared remembrance downstairs at the
Simcoe Legion.

NOTICE

A Special Vestry Meeting will be held on **Sunday
August 23rd** at the end of the 10:30 service to record the
change in Rector's Warden.

Thank you,

The Wardens

Three Gifts from the Celtic Church

Several people have asked me to put into writing the three key
points of my homily from last Sunday. I am happy to do that here,
but I am struck by how many people are unaware of our (Anglican)
Celtic heritage and the unique gifts that ancient tradition offered. It
is one of the great ironies of history that having been decimated by
the “barbarian invasions” and the fall of Western Civilization and
the Roman Church, that same Roman Church and civilization was
rebuilt on the scholarship of the Celtic Monks and Missionaries.
While Rome was falling, in Ireland, in Iona, in Scotland and in Lindis-
farne, Northumbria, monks were copying Biblical and Classical texts,
creating libraries and manuscripts that would be used to rebuild
Western Europe. This was very clear in the case of Emperor Charle-
magne who would go on to become the Holy Roman Emperor. His
chief advisors were prominent Irish scholars and monks including
Clement of Ireland, Saint Denis, Joseph Scottus and others. Seem-
ingly ignoring or forgetting this great debt, when the Roman Church
regained power, it set about forcing strict conformity throughout the
Empire including the British Isles and Ireland. Part of this campaign
of conformity was to repress the Celtic Christian Religious culture
and spirituality. The formal start of this repression began at the
Council of Whitby in 664. The problems seemed simple on the sur-
face, the two groups had different dating of Easter, and the monks

wore different shaved tonsures, but deeper than this
there were two conflicting ideas about the Nature of
God, Creation and Humans. The Celtic Christians,
since St. Patrick, were committed to scholarship and
learning both for men and women, creating huge
centres around monasteries. They also believed that
when God created everything in nature, including
humans, that they were essentially good or at the
core “made in the image of God” or Holy. They took
this teaching from reading the Creation account in
Genesis and also from St. John’s Gospel. The Celtic
Christians always believed that God’s creation was
intrinsically full of light and the essence of God. (St.
John 1) So now we get to the three issues of my
homily:

If God created everything then Creation is Good and
Holy, and needs to be respected if not revered.
There is no Platonic dualism, adopted by the Roman
Church, which would say the physical world is evil or
fallen and only the Spiritual World is Holy. This
meant that everything in life, getting up, getting
dressed, lighting fires, going on trips, farming, falling
in love, raising children, everything was part of the
spiritual life of the Christian. This is testified to by
the many prayers and songs that have been pre-
served, escaping the official persecution in the rural
villages and in the homes and firesides of Ireland,
Wales and Scotland for hundreds of years. That is
the first gift, there is no difference to God between
our physical or “regular” life and our Church, prayer,
or spiritual life. Our lives and our spirituality can be
one.

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**THE PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
HERE AT TRINITY**

Here at Trinity we take seriously the power of prayer and the biblical injunction to pray for one another. This is particularly important when one of our members is facing medical emergencies or suffering from longer term ailments. You have probably noticed that during the Prayers of the People or Intercessions, we have two categories for these prayers, short term and long term. The names of the lists reflects the intentions of the prayers. When we put someone onto the prayer lists we make pastoral notes about the reasons and who has referred this person. This helps the clergy to provide pastoral support if required and also for the office to follow up and enquire if the person is still in the critical stage of the medical problem. If we find that the crisis has passed we remove people from this short term list. In some cases people will still have ongoing needs for prayer and we move their names to the long term list. It is sometimes a challenge for the office and clergy to know everyone's status and sometimes we will make mistakes. We deeply appreciate it when someone contacts us and helps us keep our records and prayers on track. We want to honour our commitment to hold one another in prayer and thank you for your support in doing this ministry. Rick+

Secondly, if God is present in all of Creation, then Creation is Holy and needs to be respected. Before St Francis was calling the Sun brother and the Moon sister, the Celtic Christians were Praying with the Sun and Moon and seeing aspects of God in the world around them. They were accused of pantheism or worshipping nature but in fact they were panentheistic, seeing God in nature but knowing that God is also more than nature itself "the Trinity". Hence our modern word (pan=nature, en=within, theistic= God) This meant that they could say that there are two Books of Revelation, the Book of Scriptures and the Book of Nature, both giving grace to the believer. Or the saying, "If you want to see the face of God, look at Nature." Obviously, this attitude stands in contrast to a religious view that only sees Nature as something to be exploited for human use. This is the second gift, creation is important good and we are part not separate from it.

Thirdly, this essential God-ness or goodness of God is also part of our human make up. The twisting of the so called Fall story in Genesis into a blanket condemnation of human nature was not part of the Celtic Christian or Roman Christian thinking until St. Augustine in the fourth Century. In fact, it was a Celtic priest scholar named Pelagius who led the public debates against this "made up" doctrine. When Augustine finally won over the Pope to his views, Pelagius was excommunicated, banished and his teachings perverted. He is now known for a heresy in his name that says that humans don't need the grace of God for salvation. This was never his position. He simply said that no matter how depraved humans get they are essentially made in the image of God and are redeemable. This matters because, especially today we need to remember that we cannot ultimately discount or write off anyone, including ourselves.

Also, that we can't somehow blame our "fallen nature" for the sinful habits and actions that we all develop, and need to worked on with God's grace. Original Sin is a great excuse for those who use it that way and it doesn't help our essential self esteem either. There are enough people and organizations in this world that will try and make you feel unloved and unworthy of love or only conditionally loved. The Church shouldn't be one of them.

So these then are the three gifts of the Celtic Church that could benefit us today. Love of Creation, Love of Self and Neighbour and an undivided Spirituality. After Church I was talking to a visitor at the back of the Church who had brought his teenage children. He confessed to me that these Celtic ideas about respecting creation and seeing the good in human nature were much more in line with what he believed and was glad to know that they were actually part of the Original Christian story. Fortunately, this story, long suppressed, is gaining new strength and being rediscovered in the Church and world today.

Rick+

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HEALING *through music*

Experiencing the death of a loved one is difficult.
We are here to help.

"Healing Through Music" is a 4-week group offering coping skills using music, discussion, and self-care.

Sessions include music activities, guided relaxation, and helpful tools you can use every day.

No music experience needed—just bring yourself.

Tuesday August 11, August 18, August 25, and September 1, 2026
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
23 Market St. W., Port Dover

Preregistration is required and space is limited.
For more information or to register please contact us at 519-410-0881
or email kyla@norfolkhaldimandhospice.ca





Do you have a child that likes to sing?

Trinity Anglican choir & the Con Brio music program is hosting their annual Choirs & Carols event on December 13.

We are creating a choir just for this event!

INTERESTED CHILDREN AGED 5-16, MAY JOIN FOR FREE. COMMITMENT TO ALL REHEARSALS IS NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION.

REHEARSALS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 6-7 PM STARTING OCTOBER 8, 2026 UNTIL DECEMBER 10, 2026. (10 REHEARSALS IN TOTAL)

CONTACT GENA AT CONBRIOMUSICPROGRAM@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.



AT 2:30 PM
 13
 DECEMBER

80 Colborne St. S., Simcoe

PATIO THURSDAY'S LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

6PM TO 9PM

JULY 9TH- Shane Pinchen
JULY 16TH - Dan Fewings and Mike Catarino
JULY 23RD - TRIVIA NIGHT IN THE CLUB ROOM
JULY 30TH - Marco and Tony
AUG. 6TH - Maddie Ball and Jesse Murphy
AUG. 13th - R and R - Mercer and Harten
AUG. 20TH - TRIVIA NIGHT IN THE CLUB ROOM
AUG. 27TH- Amber Banks and Nolan Gibson

Food Available





Br. 79 Simcoe, On.
200 West Street



We Can Provide the jars.

If anyone is doing any jam making or canning over the summer, please consider doing a bit extra for the bazaar. Things like pickles, chutney, jams, marmalade, salsa, pasta sauce, lemon curd, etc. We would be most grateful. For more information please talk to Deb Vankerrebroeck at church or give her a call at 519-428-6474.

We can supply the jars if needed.

Port Dover SUMMER festival

Art in the Park

August 15 & 16 Saturday 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday 10 am - 5 pm

- Arts
- Crafts
- Antiques
- Music
- Food
- & tables of pre-loved
- Books

PLUS, ALL WEEKEND ENJOY

PORT DOVER MAIN STREET MARKET

SHOPPING LIVE MUSIC DINING

ALL OVER DOVER Sidewalk Sales Friday, Saturday, & Sunday August 14, 15, 16

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NOW HIRING

Jarvis Community Christian School is looking for a Full-Time School Bus Driver to join their team!

If you are dependable, responsible, and enjoy working with students, they would love to hear from you.

Interested? Contact Tom Smith

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday
9:00am-12:00 noon

Visitors always welcome.

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WANTED:

YOUR EMPTY EGG CARTONS!

Help us stop walking on eggshells! Mike Capper on behalf of The Caring Cupboard needs egg cartons, they have fresh bulk eggs arriving that need a safe home.

Please raid your recycling bins and bring us your clean, dry cartons:

- 6-Pack Sizes (Half-Dozen)
- 12-Pack Sizes (Dozen)

No 18-count boxes, please!

Drop them off to the Church Office
Tues—Fri, 9-12:00pm.

So crack open your cupboards and help us deliver fresh food to our community!



Bedtime Prayer:

Last Sunday we talked about the Oral Tradition and how in the past the Christian Faith was taught by immersion by parents and grandparents. We noted that, “Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep”, the 18C English Prayer was well known.

It has been modified to make it less scary for children.

“If I should die before I wake, I pray thee Lord my soul to take.”

Has been changed to, “Jesus guide me through the night and wake me with the morning light.”

Here is a truly scary bedtime prayer learned by Pam Turner as a child in Yorkshire, U.K.

“Four corners Round My Bed
Where four angels Spread
One to Guard, One to Pray
Two to Carry My Soul Away”

Pam recalls trying to figure out which corners the death angels were spread!!

Boiler Update:

The Wardens have received quotes from three contractors for the boiler replacement and are now finalizing the quotes for review. Once this is completed we will make a decision and the arrangements to start the work.

Currently our Boiler Fund is \$27,545.00—if you wish to donate to the Boiler Fund please mark your cheques on the memo line “Boiler fund”.

Thank you for your support

