

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 01st NOVEMBER

All Saints Day

8:00am Holy Eucharist

Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Contemporary (BAS) with Music

Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

04th NOVEMBER (Chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist



Diocese of Huron Charge to Synod 2026
The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend,
Bishop of Huron

A Narrative Summary of Bishop Todd’s Charge to Synod.

Bishop Todd’s 2026 Charge to Synod builds on themes he has presented to the Diocese over the previous six year. His central message for 2026 is an invitation to “Plunge more fully into your life in Christ.” This continues from last year’s emphasis on faithful stewardship and generosity, which is seen not simply as ways to maintain the Church, but as essential expressions of Christian life.

Bishop Todd makes an important distinction: stewardship is not a program designed to sustain the institution. Rather, the Church is sustained so that people can grow in faith and generosity., offering their gifts both within the Church and for the wider world. Stewardship, therefore, is not simply about financial contributions or keeping parish activities running—it is connected to the deeper purpose of the Church: enabling lives shaped by faith, generosity and life in Christ.

The Bishop went on to develop this invitation through the image of a farmer who searches for treasure in a field. After the farmer dies, his children work the soil thoroughly, hoping to discover the hidden riches. They find no gold, but their labour makes the land fruitful. The treasure, the Bishop suggests, is not a separate object waiting to be found. It is the fruitfulness that comes through the work itself.

In the same way, Christian life is deepened through the ongoing practice of following Jesus. This is described as a life-long process of conversion and formation, drawing on the idea of the catechumenate, which is traditionally a period of preparation for Baptism and mystagogy (a Greek term meaning "to lead through the mysteries", describing a form of liturgical catechesion that helps believers transition from the visible signs and rituals of the sacraments to their inner, spiritual realities), being led more deeply into the mysteries of Christ. These are simply stages that end once someone is baptized, rather, they describe a



TUES 03 rd NOVEMBER	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
TUES 03 rd NOVEMBER	St. Vincent DePaul Community Lunch	11:30 am
WED 04 th NOVEMBER	Contemplative Prayer	9:15am
WED 04 th NOVEMBER	St. Vincent DePaul Community Lunch	11:30 am
WED 04 th NOVEMBER	Lynn Valley Voices	4:00 pm
THU 05 th NOVEMBER	St. Vincent de Paul Community Lunch	11:30 am
THU 05 th NOVEMBER	Huron Farm Workers Ministry	2:00-8:00 pm
THU 05 th NOVEMBER	Choir Practice	4:00—5:30 pm
THU 05 th NOVEMBER	Con Brio Practice	6-7 pm
FRI 06 th NOVEMBER	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
FRI 06 th NOVEMBER	Huron Farm Workers Ministry	2:00-8:00 pm

continuing journey into the richness of Christian faith and way of life it calls us to embody.

This journey matters not only for those already within the Church, but also for the wider community. The Bishop recognizes that many people are experiencing increasing difficulty and that there is a deep hunger and thirst for something more. He encourages parishes to be ready to welcome those seeking meaning, connection, and hope. By growing more deeply in our own life in Christ, we become better equipped to share that life with others.

To support this growth, the Bishop is asking parishes to make discipleship a year-round priority, particularly through small-group ministry of six to twelve people. Facilitated, and focused on four things: providing opportunities to gather around the presence of Christ, to and learn about him, pray together, offer mutual support and care, and undertake a shared mission or task that brings joy. The intention is not simply to add another activity to an already busy parish calendar, but to create relationships and practices that help people grow in faith and live it out together.

Towards this end, Bishop Todd introduces the idea of resonance as a way of understanding what can happen when we become more deeply connected with God, one another, and the world around us. He contrasts resonance with social

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Christmas

BAZAAR

SATURDAY 21st November, 2026
10 AM to 2 PM

Homemade Preserves	Gourmet Deli
Handmade Items	Books & Puzzles
Jewellery & Accessories	Raffle Table
Bake Table	Christmas Table
	Much More

Serving Coffee 10am - 11am
Hot Luncheon served 11am - 1pm

TRINITY CHURCH 80 Colborne St. S, SIMCOE

Christmas Bazaar

DELI COOKING BEES

Enjoy a morning of fellowship while helping cook for the Bazaar Deli. Mondays starting at 9:30 am.

Nov. 2 - Cabbage roll casserole

Donated Ingredients needed for cabbage roll casserole: Cabbage, ground beef, long grain rice, V8 juice, tomato soup, onions.

Nov. 9 - Apple Crisp

Donated Ingredients needed for apple crisp: Apples, brown sugar, quick oats, butter, apple juice.



Attention Cookie Bakers

We are in need of cookies, squares and mini tarts for the cookie trays we make for the Bazaar. Any kind; use your favourite recipes. Please keep the cookies small as large cookies don't fit well on the trays.

Thank you



The Lynn Valley Voices

PRESENT

Peace & Remembrance

40 experienced singers share beautiful choral music to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice

Friday, October 30th – 7:30 pm
Waterford United Church
135 Main St. S., Waterford

Sunday, November 8th – 3:00 pm
South Cayuga Community Church
6182 Rainham Road, Dunnville

Admission by Donation
Questions? 416-505-1658

THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.
LEST WE FORGET.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
11TH NOVEMBER

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acceleration: the constant pressure to move faster, achieve more, keep up with technological change, and continually increase our efforts just to maintain our place. This pressure can leave people feeling alienated—disconnected from their work, their communities, creation and God.

Resonance offers a different way of living. Rather than trying to control or consume everything around us, we become open to being touched and changed by what we encounter. The Bishop illustrates this through an experience of stopping to appreciate the beauty of the landscape and a spectacular moonrise. The moon itself had not changed, but the experience created a moment of connection and wonder. Something spoke to those who were present, and they responded. This was the same moon that every creature that's ever lived on land has a relationship with. And somehow it was momentarily available to us in a new way.

He connects this idea to our life of faith. God's presence may be encountered through daily practices, relationships, worship, the natural world, and the experiences through which we become more attentive to the divine. Such encounters are not always comfortable or harmonious; they can also challenge us, guide us and call us to change. The important thing is to remain receptive-to listen and to respond.

Therefore, Bishop Todd's invitation to us for the coming year is to ask within our own traditions and open to the "ever present, ever new" gifts provided by the Holy Spirit of God how we can cultivate Christian resonance. This includes our daily rhythms and spiritual practices, our worship and meetings, our meals together, our relationships, and our outreach to the community. It means becoming more attentive to where God is at work and more willing to respond to what we hear and experience.

Ultimately, Bishop Todd brings these themes together in his call to ***"Plunge more fully into your life in Christ."*** Faithful stewardship remains central, but it is joined with a renewed emphasis on discipleship: practicing the Christian life, learning to follow Jesus, and helping others discover the same treasure. We are invited to not merely maintain the Church but to become a community continually formed by Christ - one that grows in faith, listens deeply, shares generously, and offers the world the hope and joy of the Gospel.

For us at Trinity, this is an invitation to consider how our worship, fellowship, pastoral care, outreach, and everyday relationships can help us grow more deeply in Christ. It asks us to see discipleship not as one more responsibility, but as the ongoing journey at the heart of our life together as we "plunge more fully into our lives in Christ".



A Practice for All Saints' Day

Holiness Happens

When we think about grief, the death of a loved one usually comes to mind. Some of us also rightly associate grief with other kinds of loss. Relationships dissolve, health fails, careers flounder. With each loss we mourn a life that was. A life that we shared. A life that was ours.

In each of these experiences of grief, something or someone is gone. Absence gnaws a ragged hole in our souls. But there is another kind of grief. I have heard it called unconventional grief. And I have seen it firsthand many times.

For instance, on one of my regular visits to a skilled care facility, I walked by a man and a woman huddled close together at the edge of a common area. The woman sat serenely in a wheelchair, smiling vacantly at the man. The man—her husband I assumed—had placed a small tape player on an adjacent table. Big Band tunes drifted from the tiny speaker. I heard him say to her tenderly, "You remember this one. Don't you?" Then he sang wistfully along for a couple of bars. "You remember. This was our song."

Unconventional grief occurs when the person we've lost is still right in front of us. A loved one may drift into dementia or sink into addiction. A person we once knew can be spirited away from us by brain injury or mental illness. The one we love is gone. And still sits at the Thanksgiving table.

This kind of sorrow is not the same as anticipating someone's death. Walking with loved ones through their final months or weeks or days is a tender experience all its own. A loss is coming, and it will be sharply painful. By contrast, unconventional grief involves continuing to live with a person who has become a stranger or to whom you are now a stranger.

What do we do with this kind of sorrow? More specifically, does our belief in the resurrection of Christ offer a perspective that helps make sense of life in the midst of ongoing sorrow?

Sometimes, Christians make do with a flawed coping strategy. They believe that a carefree Paradise awaits believers after death. All suffering is temporary. In Heaven we won't suffer any more. We'll be happy as little celestial clams. None of our earthly sorrows will matter any more.

And there lies the problem with this coping strategy. What do you mean that our earthly sorrows won't matter anymore? So, none of the heartache that comes with loving these people actually makes a difference? We just have to wait it out and then we can forget all about it?

I believe in eternal life. Jesus-followers are resurrection people. But I don't for one minute believe that the resurrection diminishes the importance of our mortal suffering. On the contrary, the resurrection saturates even the most sorrowful moments of our lives with significance.

Following Jesus is all about learning to care with abandon. That's the very essence of eternal life: unguarded, relentless compassion. That kind of caring is going to leave a mark. In your hands. And feet. And side.

The resurrection vindicates a life utterly given over to care. The resurrection assures us that even our deepest wounds—our most grievous sorrows—have deep significance. Sorrow in the name of love is the Way of the Cross. That Way leads to the empty tomb.

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FOR THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY



Movember is here again and with it, Bob Vankerrebroeck's upper lip again has a strange growth on it. This year he's raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. Their mission: "In trusted partnership with donors and volunteers, we improve the lives of all those affected by cancer through world-class research, transformative advocacy and compassionate support."

Bob is requesting that any donations/cheques be made out to Canadian Cancer Society and dropped off at the church. He will need your full name and address so that tax receipts can be mailed at a later date. For more information please call him at 519-582-2292.



Riffing on an image from the apostle Paul, you could say that, in Christ, the tomb becomes the womb of eternal life. He suggested something like this in his letter to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 5:3). It can be easy to forget that Paul's letters were mostly pastoral responses to the life-struggles of real people. The tiny congregation of Thessalonica had been in existence for only a brief time. Its members included both Jews and Gentiles. Continued on page 4

Paul had been forced to move on from Thessalonica while the congregation was still in its theological infancy. His teachings were radically new. The members had brought with them to this new faith a stew of ideas and practices about life after death from their various backgrounds. Getting their collective head around the resurrection was taking time.

Apparently they were waiting expectantly for the imminent return of Jesus. They had concluded that living believers would greet Jesus and receive eternal life. Unfortunately, Jesus was taking his sweet time about the return trip. In the meantime, people were dying. People they loved. What would happen to those who had already died? Or, to put it another way, they wanted to know how the faith would give meaning to their sorrow.

Paul responds that the resurrection is for both the living and the dead. The Day of the Lord will come like labor pains on a pregnant woman. Now, in his words to the Thessalonians, Paul seems to suggest that God will come back suddenly and settle scores. But in his letter to the Romans Paul talks about those labor pains in a different way. He says, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now" (Romans 8:22).

In other words, God responds to our suffering. Joins us in our suffering. Transforms our suffering. Vindicates our suffering. In Jesus, compassion's heartbreak gives birth to an entirely new kind of life. A life that passes through death and beyond the grave again.

To love—even when that love is breaking our heart—means something. Holiness happens there. We humans naturally wonder what to do with our sorrow. Jesus teaches us to wonder expectantly what God is doing with it. And then he tells us that, whatever it is that God will do, God will do it through our compassion for one another.

Remembering Your Saints

Find a comfortable, quiet place to sit. Have a pen and a pad to jot your thoughts. Don't worry about writing an essay. Just record the thoughts as they come.

1. Remember someone who shaped your life and who has crossed from this life to the next. Say their name aloud and then say, "I remember..." Name something specific. Maybe a meal you shared or a gesture they always made or the sound of their laugh. Jot it down.

2. Now think of someone still living whose thoughtfulness, faithfulness, or wisdom has affected you and shaped you in some way. Say their name aloud and then say, "Thank you for..." Be specific. Maybe it was a needed phone call or note, a casserole when you were sick, a word of encouragement, or just sitting with you when the odds were against you. Jot it down.

3. Be somebody's saint. Choose an intentional act of care. In the next few days, do something specific for one other person. Pay a visit, make a call, send a note, share a meal. Don't try to fix anything or give advice. Just show up and look alert. Jot down what you intend to do, for whom, and when.

Close with this prayer: Holy God, thank you for giving me companions on the road. They've eased my burdens, enlightened my mind, opened my heart, and nurtured my soul. They've been a channel of your love to me. Give me the grace and the wisdom to offer that same friendship to others along the way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

From the Woodlands - The Right Reverend Jake Owensby, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana