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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER
Trinity XXIV Pentecost 25

8:00am Holy Eucharist
Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist
Contemporary (BAS) with Music
Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

18th NOVEMBER (Chapel)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Traditional (BCP). Said service.



Get into the Christmas spirit at our annual Trinity Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar!

Enjoy a wonderful selection of handmade crafts, jewellery and accessories, Christmas décor, books and puzzles, delicious home baking, preserves, gourmet deli items, and much more! Be sure to visit the raffle table for a chance to win some lovely prizes. Serving coffee from 10-11:00am and a delicious hot luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. featuring cranberry chicken salad on a croissant with coleslaw and garnish, apple crisp with ice cream for dessert and tea/coffee.

Come out, bring a friend, enjoy some festive fellowship, and get a head start on your Christmas shopping while supporting Trinity Anglican Church. Everyone is welcome!



TUES 17th NOVEMBER	Tai Chi Foundations	9:00am
TUES 17th NOVEMBER	Counters	9:00 am
TUES 17th NOVEMBER	St. Vincent DePaul Community Lunch	11:30 am
WED 18th NOVEMBER	Contemplative Prayer	9:15am
WED 18th NOVEMBER	St. Vincent DePaul Community Lunch	11:30 am
THU 19th NOVEMBER	Choir Practice	4:00 pm
THU 19th NOVEMBER	Con Brio Practice	6-7 pm
SAT 21st NOVEMBER	Christmas Bazaar	10-2 pm



Christmas Bazaar

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.

Please drop your cookies, squares and mini tarts off to the Church between now and the afternoon of Thursday, November 19th

Thank you



By Karen Hunt Mitchell

LEAVING a volunteer position in the church can seem difficult.

First of all, churches really need all volunteers they can get! Volunteers provide extremely important roles in a parish family. Keeping the church doors open requires a skilled management team. Providing good worship requires faithful discernment and commitment. Gardens and building repairs are essential to a safe and happy home. Outreach volunteers are the hands and feet of our Lord in this world. Sunday school and youth leaders are planting the seeds of the gospel. The bakers and the vendors provide the bond of community life, as well as funds for the mortar that holds the bricks together, and on and on goes the list of essential volunteers in any parish family.

In an ideal volunteer situation within a faith organization, we have already planned our exit from this volunteer position before we even entered it. Established term limitations are helpful. Yet, most of us are not thinking of quitting a position when we sign up for one.

We usually approach our new volunteer position, or ministry, with hope and enthusiasm. We may feel the Spirit moving us, and we may see the opportunity to serve others, as our Lord commands us to, and we may be grateful for the gift or talent that God has given us. We are willing to share that gift with our Church community. It is a new beginning and it is exciting and hopeful.

Your new volunteer position will probably be as wonderful as you imagined, because you are bringing your joy and love with you into this new relationship with the church and its members. Volunteerism in our church families can be incredibly uplifting, and as situations change, it is our responsibility to acknowledge the constant presence of change, and to gracefully move forward with rebirth and reimagining.

But if things are so wonderful, why do they have to change? Our fellow volunteers, whom we love and count on, may become ill, die, or move away. Loss is then balanced with renewal and you will not be the new member for long. Other new volunteers will come into your group and bring their own enthusiasm and vision.

Your church may have new struggles with a myriad of issues from structural problems with your building, membership, and financial decline, and saying goodbye to your clergy and/or welcoming new clergy.

Your volunteer experience may also change because your own life has undergone change. Perhaps you have suffered a loss. A loved one has passed away or perhaps a family member is ill and requires more of your time. You may run into difficulties at your place of work, or perhaps you retire. The newly retired may feel an elevated sense of commitment to their volunteer position at church, and perhaps, elevated importance. Their perception of their volunteer role may not necessarily align with the reality of what their volunteer position started out to be. The locking of horns can definitely result.

Life, and all things associated with your life, will continue to change and evolve, and at some point, your current volunteer position may not lineup with your own well-being and your better discernment of how best you can serve God. This does not have to be something that we agonize over as it is completely

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SILVER BELLS

Ric Ashley has signed us up again to help with the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign 2026. Our day is Saturday 5th December. All you need to do is offer to do a 1 or 2 hour stint and maybe tinkle a bell? There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. You only have two locations this year to chose from. Thanks.

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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.



normal, and everyone experiences it – "it" being the awareness that it is time for you to step away from your volunteer position.

Leaving your volunteer position does not mean that you are never going to volunteer again, in that role, or any other role. Leaving your position, allows you an opportunity to discern where God can use you best, because in so discerning, the joy of the Holy Spirit will follow. Someone will fill your shoes, or the group will be rearranged to serve in a different capacity.

Regardless of how the volunteer group moves forward and onward, the group cannot move until you move away from the position that God is no longer calling you to fill. It really is OK to quit. The old saying, "Quit while you are ahead", holds great benefit for church organizations.
So how do you know you are quitting while you are ahead?

If you are quitting, or talking about quitting, while constantly complaining about how worn out or overworked you are, or how fed up you are with Church leadership or other volunteers, you know that you should have left long ago. When you started your volunteering, you saw such worth and value in this work and you saw how it brought you closer to your fellow church members and to God. It is our responsibility as volunteers to manage our attitude and our personal commitment, and to leave a position that still looks and feels like a joyful mission to the next prospective candidate for the job. If our volunteerism has turned into a "Woe is me" campaign, then your replacement will never be found.

So how do we find your replacement now that you have discerned that it is time to leave your volunteer position? The answer is to actually leave your volunteer position! In the very least, hand in an official resignation that includes a date of termination of your volunteer activities in that capacity. How can a replacement be found, if you never leave your position?

It is not unusual for someone to announce their resignation, sometimes over and over again, and never actually leave the position. No one is going to step forward to volunteer or to offer their name for consideration, if they think they are stepping on your toes. If this volunteer position is no longer giving you joy and enthusiasm, or you are not able to keep the commitment, and you have talked about resigning, then resign. Resign with a date of termination. Your career in volunteerism has not come to an end. You just need to re-examine your current situation, the gifts you now have to offer, and listen to the discernment of the Holy Spirit. For God's sake, and the church's, don't just talk about it, resign!
But what happens when a volunteer suddenly resigns, and doesn't talk about it? It is the responsibility of all members of a faith community, not just the leadership team, to be aware of situations where our members and our volunteers may feel unsafe.

If a volunteer is feeling bullied or harassed, they should know that their community openly welcomes conversations concerning personal rights and safety. A bullied volunteer should know that they can either turn to their clergy, wardens, or other persons in leadership, and be heard. Concerns should never be responded with dismissive and invalidating comments, such as,
"That's just his personality", or "We just accept that she is that way because she gets a lot done". Every volunteer should be aware that the Anglican church has a Safe Church policy, and they have the right to use that tool to express their feelings about being bullied or harassed.

So volunteers, come one and all! Come to your new volunteer commitment at your church, with joy and discernment, knowing that you never need to feel trapped there. When it is time for you to leave that volunteer position, leave that position on fire with the joy and discernment you planted there. The group will appreciate you, and at the same time, set you free to be inspired in new ways. The group you leave will find a new volunteer, or they will re-organize and reinvent themselves to best utilize their current resources. You deserve to soar or sail or sit in on, the next adventure God has planned for you!

Karen is retired from careers in business, social work, and entrepreneurial ventures in restaurant ownership and dance studio direction. Volunteer work in the Anglican church has been a part of Karen's life since she was a child.







For All the Saints

Prayers and Readings for Saints' Days
According to the Calendar of the
Book of Alternative Services of the
Anglican Church of Canada

Hilda *16 November*

Abbess of Whitney 680 — Commemoration

Hilda was a seventh-century Englishwoman who became the abbess of Whitby and nurtured adjoining households of nuns and monks. The Venerable Bede wrote of her: "All who knew abbess Hilda, the servant of Christ, called her Mother because of her wonderful devotion and grace …; she never ceased to give thanks to her Maker or to instruct the flock committed to her care."

She was born into the royal family of Northumbria and lived a quiet, devout life in the world until the age of thirty-three, when she decided to take the habit of a nun. Almost at once she was given charge of a small community at Wearmouth, and her guidance proved so effective that she was asked to renew the life of another community nearby. In the year 657 she finally moved to Whitby, a monastery which included a household of monks and a household of nuns. Under her leadership it became the most famous religious community in all England.

The Venerable Bede reported: "Not only was Hilda an outstanding example of holy life to all who were in her monastery, but she also provided an opportunity for salvation and repentance to many who lived far away and who heard the happy story of her industry and virtue." Bede went on to say: "So great was Hilda's prudence that not only ordinary people but also kings and princes sometimes sought and received her advice when they were in difficulties. She compelled those under her direction to devote so much time to the study of the holy Scriptures and so much time to the doing of good works, that there was no trouble in finding many who were fitted … for the service of the altar."

So, we give thanks for Hilda of Whitby, who died in the year 680 and used her own gifts of holiness and wisdom to nurture holy gifts in others, that they might serve the people of Christ and make seventh-century England a household of God.

Collect

Lord our God, you girded your servant Hilda
with the gifts of justice and holy strength,
and made her a wise and prudent mother
in the household of your Spirit.
May we never cease to give thanks to you, our Maker,
or be slow to instruct one another
in the knowledge and love of your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



*Hild is often depicted holding a **pastoral staff (crozier)** representing her authority and role as a high-ranking monastic leader and **abbess** who governed double monasteries (housing both men and women) at Hartlepool and Whitby. And, a **model of a church** (Whitby Abbey) symbolizing her legacy as the founding abbess of Whitby Abbey in 657 AD, which she established as a major center of learning, literature (nurturing the poet Cædmon), and church administration where several trained bishops served.*