



TRINITY BELLS DECEMBER 2019

Dear Ones,

It strikes me that of all the seasons of the year, Advent and Christmas are replete with customs and traditions that linger long in our lives. The rituals we create for ourselves or have shaped us as Children never lose their potency and power to connect with a mystical life that exists all year within us often unnoticed. The rituals remind us of what life is about, who we are, and what is most important to us. Setting out the crèche, bringing out items and ornaments given or inherited that mark this special season, baked treats or foods we only prepare once a year, Carols, pageants, concerts, decorating trees, visits with friends, cards and phone calls, telling stories of Christmases past mark time as we give our attention to details as Christmas Day draws near.

'At this time of the rolling year' I set aside during Advent to read one stave of A Sometimes I will read it aloud with a good Patrick Stewart's performance. After I from worship in the wee hours I do not without having viewed even a little of the Christmas Carol with Alistair Sims. the sweetness, mystery and joy of the



time each week Christmas Carol. friend, or listen to have returned home settle down to sleep 1951 version of A Somehow it adds to celebration.

For me neither Advent nor Christmas are complete without the ritual of entering into a dialogue with the Carol as a Song of Reclamation. At Christmas we celebrate the Difference of the Incarnation of Divine Love in the person of Jesus makes in the world and in our lives. Each year I enter into the story asking a question what needs reclamation within me this year? Each year I find a different character or aspect of the story captures my imagination offering a response to my question in the days leading up to Christmas.

Christmas never fails to bring the brightest and most special and unexpected gift we do not find under the tree; the gift of transformation. Our rituals are an enactment and reenactment of connecting with the mysterious. Christmas blurs the boundaries of time and place ultimately bringing with it the gift of allowing us to reclaim our truer selves and be reclaimed for the life of Love come down at Christmas. Get ready! Christmas is coming to bring Joy to every longing heart. Be prepared for the unexpected as you might be the only gift our neighbor ever receives.

Mtr. Joanne+

FROM THE WARDENS

Dear Parishioners:

As we look forward to the blessings of Christmas to be spent with family and friends, please keep in mind those parishioners who lost someone in 2019, those who fell ill or are suffering financially or in any other way.

As your wardens, we are dedicated to working with our wonderful new Interim Priest in Charge, Mother Joanne Izzo, our committed staff, the Vestry, our band of volunteers, and the many committees, groups and ministries who form the foundation of the Church we all care for so much. We look forward to working together in the shared goal of making Trinity an even better and more spiritual home for all of us in 2020.



At left: Wardens Alexis Alexander and Liz Kaye with Mother Joanne Izzo (new Interim Priest in Charge) at the All Saints Brunch, November 3

MERRY CHRISTMAS and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From your family at

Trinity Church!

BURNING BOOKS

The next Burning Books next selection is *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover, which describes a childhood in Idaho with a father who didn't believe in government support or sending his kids to school. The NY Times Book Review wrote, "'Heart-wrenching . . . a beautiful testament to the power of education to open eyes and change lives.'" We'll meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30 at the home of Sarah Halliday, 6 Glen Lane in Glen Head (516-382-5703).

For January we've selected *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan, about a leading High Court judge in England who presides over the family division (a 2017 movie starring Emma Thompson and Stanley Tucci). The NY Daily News wrote: "Convincingly presents a complex woman in all her nuances. . . . A paragon becomes all too human in this aching tale." Date and place TBA.

John Platt

ADOPT A FAMILY



We are continuing the annual Adopt a Family tradition (through St. John's Episcopal Hospital), and this year have a family of four with 2 girls, ages 10 and 7 to provide Christmas gifts. To sign-up/donate a gift for a family member, please contact Lisa de Bruin for details at lisapr@optonline.net or 944-7369. Please gift wrap (with holiday wrapping paper), and label each gift with the name of the child or adult that the gift is for. Please bring gifts to Trinity by Sunday, December 8th. Thanks for your generosity and for making his holiday season joyful!

Lisa deBruin

TRINITY'S WELCOME BACK BBQ- SEPT 8



Ronit Meyers & Mike Callahan



Leslie Weible & Helen Oehrlein



Don & Laura Kavanagh, John Platt & Ann Mingorance



Sarane Ross & Aleta Crawford et al



Jaine, Nova & Syd Verma



Teacher Dolly Marquez and daughter



Dottie Seyfried, Karl Hansen, Kathy Mendall, Peter Fick & Ken Bongort



Julia & Cristina Price, Sheila & John Platt



Maryellen Hansen giving a birthday cake to Bill Holzkamp



Aleta Crawford walking the labyrinth



Maryellen Hansen, Kathy Mendall, Ruth Fick & Laura Kavanagh walking the labyrinth

ADVENT: A SEASON OF ANNUNCIATIONS THAT GUIDE OUR LIFE'S JOUREY



Please join us for Scripture, Song & Sharing of Spiritual Stories with Mother Joanne on the following dates:

Sundays-

December 1, 8, and 15 at 2:00 pm
in the Fireplace Room

Wednesdays-

December 4, 11 & 18 at 6:45 pm
In the Fireplace Room

-OUTREACH- ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 6 months to 16 years for the benefit of the Rural and Migrant Ministries in Riverhead. The toy box is in the back of the church. Deadline is December 8th.

Alexis Alexander



We have now been open long enough that our pre-K class includes a child who has been with us since she was an infant! With our second infant room, we now can have up to 16 infants in our program. This will lead to greater numbers in both our toddler and pre-K classes as the children age up, so we are budgeting for increased enrollment in 2020.

Our children are celebrating the fall season. They enjoyed dressing up for Halloween, and searching for their pumpkins in the Pumpkin Patch. This was also a great opportunity to engage with our parents and give them time to socialize with each other. Now we are in the midst of lesson and activities centered on Thanksgiving. We hope that yours is very happy!



Bridget & Amanda Spillane with son Emmett

Jaine Verma, Director

A Friendly Reminder

If you would prefer to have Trinity Bells EMAILED to you, please let us know (we can save on postage, and you can enjoy it in FULL COLOR when emailed to you...)

If you no longer want to receive Trinity Bells (snail mail OR email), please let us know.

If you would like to be removed from ALL Trinity lists, whether it be Trinity Bells or other correspondence, please let us know.

Contact Ruth at ruthafick@hotmail.com



Kathy Mendall & Sheila Platt, delegates to the 153rd Diocesan Convention...busy studying the ballot

MUSIC

The Trinity Adult Choir and the Trinity Children's Choir are busily preparing music for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. An eclectic mix of musical styles and composers makes for a festive roster of selections that will enhance the worship services for December and January. It's always a wonderful thing to offer familiar and new music for the congregation to listen to and participate in. Making a joyful noise is such an integral part of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

There is a rich history of the music of Christmas that we sometimes fail to recognize. The earliest Christmas music dates back to the 4th Century. Early Medieval Polyphonic music began in the 12th Century. The 13th century saw the rise of the carol written in the vernacular, under the influence of St. Francis of Assisi. In the 15th Century English Carols were dominated by the compositions of John Audelary. Christmas carols from this period still sung include "The 12 Days of Christmas", "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen", and "O Christmas Tree". Popular "wassailing" was a means for feudal peasants to be invited to the lord's manor and to dine and drink together and enjoy great feasts and banquets. Under Cromwell in 1647, the English parliament prohibited the practice of singing Christmas carols as pagan and sinful. And Puritans generally disapproved of the celebration of Christmas. In 1660 when Charles II restored the Stuarts to the throne, the English once again practiced the public singing of Christmas carols as

part of the revival of Christmas customs. The Victorian Era saw the popularity of Christmas carols emerge with "Silent Night", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", and "O Holy Night".

Look out for a good variety of music (new and old) from the Trinity choirs this festive season!



Religious Christmas card, Marcus Ward & Co., about 1870, England.
Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Leslie Waltzer

SPECIAL NEW YEAR COFFEE HOUR



On Sunday, **January 12th** there will be a celebration of the New Year during coffee hour. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share with your fellow parishioners. Beverages will be provided. Contact Maryellen Hansen at 671-5661 if you have any questions.



ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & BEYOND – 2019/2020

SAVE THE DATES:

DECEMBER	Advent: A Season of Annunciations that guide our Life's Journey- Scripture, Song, Sharing of Spiritual Stories - offered on various dates; see info elsewhere in this newsletter
Dec 3	Burning Books meets 7:30 pm at the home of Sarah Halliday to discuss <i>Educated: A Memoir</i> by Tara Westover
Dec 5	Carol singing at the Roslyn Tree Lighting by the Clock Tower, 5:30 pm- led by Ariann Forella – song sheets available
Dec 14	Holiday Music Majesty performed by the North Shore Community Chorus with Brass, Percussion & Organ (Ken Bongort, Helen Oehrlein & Brigitte McConnell are members), 8 pm
Dec 18	Deadline for Christmas flower memorial donations (see below)
Dec 22	4 th Sunday of Advent
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Eucharist - 4:00 (Family service Christmas Carols, Candle Light and Candy canes) & Traditional Festive Christmas Eve Eucharist 10:00 pm (music begins at 9:40)
Dec 25	Christmas Day- Feast of the Nativity – Simple Eucharist with Carols, 9:30 am
Dec 29	10am Special Service Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist
Dec 31	Vigil New Year's Eve – Contemplative Service- 6pm
Jan 6	Epiphany – Said Eucharist at 7pm
Jan 10	Burning Books meets 7:30 pm to discuss <i>The Children Act</i> by Ian McEwen. Date & place TBA.
Jan 12	Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am – “New Year Coffee Hour” – see info elsewhere in this newsletter



If you would like to donate Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones, please send your request and donation **no later than December 18 by noon.** (use envelope included in this newsletter)

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WISHING ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!