

Welcome Rev. Georgina Harris



Interim Priest in Charge

Rev. Georgina Harris started her Interim Ministry on April 16th. As a half-time Interim Priest, she will assist the Parish in the Interregnum--the period of self-reflection--during which parishioners are invited to consider what they want the future of Holy Trinity to be.

Georgina will be in the office two days a week and on Sundays. She will preside on April 22nd & 29th but will be away on May 6th when she will be baptizing her grandson! Please introduce yourself at Coffee Hour.

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Parish Council

Parish Council will meet on Thursday May 3rd at 3pm. - 5pm. And going forward, on the 1st Thursday of the month

The Wardens will meet on April 26 at 2pm - 4pm. And going forward on the last Thursday of the month.

HAPPENINGS

A Royal SPRING TEA celebrating the wedding of Prince Harry to Megan Markle will take place on Saturday May 19th. See Dianne Keats for details.

The Refugee Committee received news that our Syrian family will arrive on May 8th. For more information see Paul Richards or Sheila Johnston

The Interregnum

With Father Neil's departure and Reverend Georgina's arrival, the Interregnum period has begun. This is a period of self-reflection during which parishioners are asked to assess our past achievements, examine our current situation and share our aspirations for the future. The goal of the next few months is to collect, process and record our congregation's perspectives on a number parish life and to plan for the years ahead. The information will be used in the writing of a Parish Profile. This document will be a vital resource for determining the qualifications we seek in a new Rector. And it will provide a vision for those wishing to apply for the Incumbency. [Cont'd on page 2... "The Rest of the Year"...](#)

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The Wardens and Parish Council will meet for focused discussions. Next all our ministries will be invited to participate in small groups. Then we will have a plenary session or two when the entire congregation can participate in focused conversations... a wide range of topics including: Worship and Liturgy, Ministries, Outreach, Facilities, Finances and Strategic Planning.

The Interregnum comprises three phases. In Phase One in May, Rev. Georgina will lead consultations with the Wardens and Parish Council. There will also be focused conversations with our Parish ministries as well as discussions with all those who want to share their thoughts about Holy Trinity's future. Phase Two is scheduled for June. The information, opinions, priorities and aspirations collected from the May meetings will be reviewed in a plenary group comprising the entire congregation. A Diocesan facilitator with expertise in working with large groups will lead these meetings. Phase Three involves the writing of a Parish Profile based on all of the above

consultations. This document will be submitted for the Bishop's approval. Typically, this will lead to the posting of the position of Rector, then to short-listing the candidates, then to interviewing and finally to a selection for the Bishop's approval and appointment. Phase Three will take place between September and February. The successful candidate may have to give three months notice to his/her employer. This means the new incumbent may arrive at Holy Trinity in June 2019.

For more information please see the "Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Diocese of New Westminster" a copy of which is in our Library.

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With enormous thanks to Robin Inglis and his DIY team, the washrooms are getting a much-needed upgrade. Meanwhile, please use the facilities off Griffith's Hall.

A Message from the Wardens

Currently, Holy Trinity has 3 weekly services, 32 active groups and ministries (Buildings and Grounds; ACW; Altar Guild, Choir, Coffee Hosts etc.) and a membership of 204 households that comprise 325 parishioners. The Sanctuary is booked 10 - 15 times annually for weddings and funerals and last year the Griffiths Hall and Library were used over 100 times! These statistics describe a thriving faith community and Holy Trinity is considered one of the Diocese's larger churches. Yet, many are concerned about our decreasing attendance, our diminishing offerings and the parish's future. So, what's the solution? Well, there isn't ONE solution. There are many approaches to answer the challenges we face. And the Interregnum - the time between the retirement of one Rector and the appointment of another - is the opportunity we have been given to discern the path ahead. All are welcome to participate in the upcoming conversations and to contribute to building a vision supported by strategic and financial plans. We need your presence, your voice and your ideas. So, let's do what we do best and convene as a family to consider the past, to do some self-reflection about our present situation and prayerfully plan for our future.

Come and journey.

