



A 2011 Profile for **Trinity Episcopal Church** in Folsom, California

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## A 2011 Profile of Trinity Episcopal Church to guide us in our discernment process for a new rector

With guidance by the Holy Spirit, we seek to present an accurate profile of our congregation that expresses the hopes and expectations for the future of our parish.

*The Profile Committee's Mission Statement*

*Shepherd the flock of God that follows you and give care spiritually . . . with all your heart –1 Peter 5:2*

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*Chalice bearers  
and acolytes  
await the start  
of the service*

## Trinity Folsom is calling a new rector

### Mission Statement for Trinity Church

We are a Christ-centered church, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. We believe in:

- sharing God's love for the world in and through Jesus Christ
- providing Christian education
- serving our community and the world through outreach and mission
- respecting the dignity of every human being and welcoming all on their journey of faith

### Prayer for the Calling Process (from the Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



*Father Michael Kerrick, our interim rector, visits with a parish family after a Sunday service; right, Bishop Barry Beisner visited in 2010*

"I felt welcome because a dear lady was very cordial to my husband and me and suggested things I might like to be involved in"

# Welcome to Trinity

We are a Christ-centered Episcopal church that welcomes all who wish to share in God's love as they walk in their faith

Trinity Episcopal Church in Folsom, California, has embarked on a journey to call a new rector. We have prayerfully asked God's blessing to guide us in a thoughtful and discerning search.

Trinity is a warm and caring parish that welcomes all people committed to their faith in Christ and their community with one another. We began our quest in early 2011, after our rector for the past 12 years, the Rev. Charles Cornell, retired. The Rev. Michael Kerrick has since served as interim priest. Our congregation has enjoyed an especially positive and rewarding relationship with both pastors.

To conduct the search, the Vestry formed two committees – a Parish Profile Committee and an Applicant Review Committee. This document is the culmination of the Profile Committee's work.

Our first task was to discern what qualities our parishioners seek in their new rector. We wanted to make sure all parishioners would have a voice in the process. With the help of representatives from the Diocese of Northern California, we developed a survey to gather information on the congregation's preferences for a new rector and their evaluations of the attributes and activities of the church.

About 70 percent of the congregation completed the survey, a much better than average representation. Through the survey results, we learned critical information about our parishioners' hopes for the future of our parish and their feelings about issues relating to their rector.

As the next step, the Applicant Review Committee will use these results to call a rector who will bless Trinity Church with the spiritual leadership to guide us on our continuing journey of faith.





## Who we are

Based on our survey results, Trinity's parishioners come from all walks of life and economic classes. By and large, we are well-educated people of a variety of ages, backgrounds, politics and philosophies who take an active interest in each other, the church and the community at large. We are a caring parish, with members who participate in church ministries far beyond Sunday worship. (A link to survey results, along with other links, is on page 23.)

In 2010, Trinity had 366 communicants in good standing and averaged 144 worshipers each Sunday. From the survey, we also learned:

We are a parish that is growing older:

- 45 percent of us are 65 or older
- 35 percent are Baby Boomers between 45 and 64
- Only 4 percent are under 25

We are a loyal parish:

- About 53 percent of us have attended Trinity for more than 15 years
- 23 percent have attended Trinity more than 25 years
- 16 percent joined the parish in the past 10 years

We are also dedicated and active in ministries to help one another and the community:

- About one-third of parishioners serve as ushers, lectors, coffee hour hosts and Thrift Shop volunteers
- Between 10 and 20 percent have participated in hospitality groups, pastoral and eucharistic ministries, Altar Guild and Vestry

Most of us live fairly near the church:

- 55 percent live in Folsom
- 18 percent live in adjacent Granite Bay or Roseville
- 27 percent live in other nearby communities east of Sacramento

"I feel called to work on establishing a deeper relationship with my Lord and Savior"

"The more members we have, the more we can spread the teaching of Jesus in thought, word and deed"





*The children ring handbells for a Christmas Eve pageant; one Sunday evening a month, Trinity holds a candle-lit contemplative service; right, the Rev. Pat Kempster leads prayer at a service in the Parish Hall*

## Our worship services

Trinity holds three eucharistic services every Sunday morning, at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., and an evening service at 7:15 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Additional services are held on church holy days. The Sunday services each have a unique character. The earliest is the smallest of the morning services and the simplest; the congregants sing hymns accompanied by organ music.

The 9 o'clock service is our family Eucharist. During the first half of this hour, the children attend Sunday School; then they are brought to the church to join their families for communion. On the fourth Sunday of each month, Sunday School is suspended and the youngsters attend the full service, with the older ones serving as readers and eucharistic ministers.

At the 11 o'clock service, the full choir sings with an organ accompaniment from September through June.

The evening service, Sacred Space, consists of contemplative prayers, brief scripture readings, chanting and periods of silence. There is no sermon, but holy communion and a healing station are offered.

Eucharistic ministers volunteer to hold services and serve communion at a nearby residential care facility three times a month. The residents are grateful for the opportunity to receive the eucharist, and often the services draw members of other denominations.

We also are blessed with many volunteers who serve coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall after each service. Our coffee hours are a welcome time of fellowship among our members.



"I like the traditional approach in expressing our faith"

"I would like one service to be more contemporary so it is more relevant and accessible to those of us under 50"



## The rector position at Trinity

Trinity seeks a full-time salaried rector responsible for pastoral, liturgical, administrative and spiritual leadership

**A** rector in the Episcopal Church occupies a unique position, being both a colleague in ministry with all the baptized and the pastor responsible for the spiritual well-being of the members of the parish. The rector shares responsibility with the bishop for the ministry of the Episcopal Church in the parish. His or her primary role, as a priest, is to reveal the presence of God and to remind the community of the priesthood of all believers.

Trinity is a congenial, active parish devoted to living the Christian faith with one another, our families and our community. We are fortunate to have a full-time rector. We were guided spiritually by our previous rector for 12 years, and, upon his retirement in January 2011, have been well served by an interim priest. We are now seeking a rector who:

- accepts primary responsibility for **worship** according to the Book of Common Prayer
- serves as chief steward and administrator of the assets and **ministry** of the church
- is responsible for overseeing **Christian education and formation** in the parish
- assists the parish in reaching out to and **welcoming** members of the larger community into the church
- is the **chief pastor** of the parish, overseeing the care of individuals and families in joy and sorrow
- encourages the church to **serve the larger community** with concern and care for the needs of the world

*We continually  
remember before  
our God and Father  
your work produced  
by faith, your labor  
prompted by love,  
and your endurance  
inspired by hope  
in our Lord Jesus  
Christ*

*—1 Thessalonians 1:3*



*My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory  
– James 2:1*

## Whom shall we call?

Parishioners want a new rector who is well grounded in scripture and will preach with biblical authority

To help us discern the person God has chosen to lead our congregation, the profile committee compiled and analyzed the results of the parish survey. With such a high percentage of parishioners responding, we feel we were able to create an accurate picture of Trinity parish.

Below is the key information we learned about our parishioners and their goals for a new rector.

First, we found it informative to tally the words the survey respondents most often used to describe their reasons for belonging to Trinity: God, love, worship, people, service, friends, home, community.

**Growth:** The survey showed parishioners want to welcome more newcomers and determine ways to draw more worshippers to the parish. Focusing on a strong youth group and Sunday School were two suggested means to reach this end.

**Services:** Parishioners tend to prefer the traditional Episcopal services, yet they appreciate a conversational style of preaching. They like music, with traditional hymns being the favorite.

**Areas to improve:** Parishioners want to find ways to increase financial giving, even in these hard times, and encourage more participation in ministries.

**The new rector:** Our parish is looking for someone who is a strong preacher, a leader who will help set goals and strategize ways to reach them, someone who is active in both parish functions and the secular community.

"I like some sermons to include historical context of the readings or topic"

"I would like to see a priest who is 'alive' in Jesus, who can bring the living God into our daily lives, who is spiritually open and challenges the faith to grow deeper"



*Interim Rector Michael Kerrick offers announcements before the service*

According to the survey, parishioners are looking for a rector who will:

- be well grounded in scripture and preach in a manner that applies the lessons of the Gospel to our everyday lives
- preach with biblical authority in a style that leans toward informal/ interactive but also reveals a sense of humor
- conduct services that meet the needs of the diverse age groups of the parish
- be a leader who will help us grow in the Lord and discern our mission at Trinity
- encourage and support youth and youth activities
- lead us in developing goals and strategies to bring people to the Lord and Trinity
- help us to increase membership in and financial support of Trinity
- demonstrate strong administrative and executive skills; prior experience as a rector is not important
- attend most parish functions; be active in the secular community as well as the Diocese

The congregation also listed personal qualities they wanted the new rector to possess::

- integrity in dealing with congregants
- dedication to God and our parish
- pastoral care and warmth
- enthusiasm for the mission of our church
- inspirational leadership to achieve the parish goals
- commitment to spiritual growth of self and our congregation
- a balance of humility and self-assurance

"I think we need a rector who loves Trinity for what it is"

"When in distress and need, this is what I hope for from a spiritual leader: Help me to discern and accept God's will; help me find my way"

"(I would like a priest) who is tolerant and accepting of differences and diversity in the world's peoples and sees God everywhere"



*Diana Draper Nary has been Trinity's organist and music director for more than 40 years*

## Trinity's staff

Trinity's small staff is dedicated to ensuring the parishioners and the community receive the spiritual services they seek

**T**he current staff at Trinity includes the rector, music director/organist and secretary. Several other positions, such as the Sunday School coordinator, nursery aide and youth director, receive stipends.

**The rector** is a full-time clergy position. Currently an **associate priest** volunteers to assist when needed, during certain events and when the rector is sick or out of town.

**The parish administrator** is a full-time position. This position assists the rector, coordinates the bulletin and newsletter and performs administrative duties.

**The part-time music director/organist** is responsible for working with the rector to select the music program for services, leading the choir and playing the piano or organ during services.

**The youth director** leads teen programs. The stipend for this position is funded from proceeds (after expenses) of a rental house that was endowed to the church.

**The Sunday School coordinator** develops the Sunday School curriculum and trains the volunteer Sunday School teachers. Sunday School serves children in preschool through sixth grade.

**The nursery aide** ensures the nursery is prepared and open during the family service at 9 a.m. every Sunday and cares for the infants and preschool children whose parents drop them off.

**The treasurer**, a volunteer position, oversees the church's finances and prepares financial statements.

**The assistant treasurer**, a volunteer position, handles the Sunday donations.



*Gerry Cutler has served as Trinity's parish administrator since 1997*



*So we, though many, are  
one body in Christ, and  
individually members  
one of another.  
– Romans 12:5*

## Serving Folsom for 156 years

Trinity Episcopal Church, the first religious congregation in Folsom, has its roots in earliest California history

**B**y all accounts, Folsom needed a place of worship when Trinity Episcopal Church was founded here in 1856.

In the eight years since gold was discovered, the town had grown from a scraggly mining camp to a raucous stopover for prospectors headed to the hills. Folsom was the end of the line for the only railroad in California, and the would-be miners disembarked into the busiest stage coach hub in the state. One writer described Folsom as a place of “restaurants and saloons and gambling houses running full blast.”

The date of Trinity’s first service is lost to history, but it is known the congregation met in the Folsom Hook & Ladder Company hall, a building that still stands.

At the time of the first service, the church belonged to the Episcopal Missionary District of California, which included the entire state and adjoining areas. Northern California became its own missionary district in 1898 and officially the Diocese of Sacramento in 1910. In 1961, the diocese changed its name to the Diocese of Northern California, as it is still known.

In the late 1850s, Trinity’s parishioners built a little Carpenter Gothic church on Figueroa Street, a neighborhood of fancy Victorians then known as Folsom’s “Nob Hill.” The church is today the oldest building in Folsom being used for regular services.

Despite its tony address, the new “poverty-stricken Folsom church” struggled to find the money to serve. Even the conductor on the new railroad helped by giving lectures about Folsom and donating the admission fees.

Learn more about Trinity in “The History of Trinity Episcopal Church” by the late L. Ernest Moberg, available at the church office.



*Parishioner Dolores Heggie sketched this view of Trinity in 1998*



*Trinity Church in 1934: The parish has since added a portico, removed the fence and landscaped, but the church building and its heavy oak doors remain original*

Still, church records reveal long periods during which services were held infrequently or not at all. Trinity remained a mission church until 1954, when the Rev. Tom Ward was assigned here as full-time vicar.

Father Tom left after nine years, but his spirit remains. In 1972, Trinity needed \$6,000 to buy the Victorian house next door to the church. Two days before the payment was due, not a penny had been raised. That day, the news came that Father Tom had died and left Trinity a bequest. The amount: \$6,000.

The Victorian, now known as “Trinity House,” became the church office and is one of two historic homes Trinity owns. In the 1960s, the church bought another Victorian to use for the Thrift Shop. Nearly 50 years later, the Thrift Shop still donates its proceeds to help support the community and organizations that care for the needy.

Trinity’s mission to serve is exemplified by the role parishioners played in founding the Folsom Twin Lakes Food Bank. In 1974, Rachel Rutherford, the wife of Vicar Reid Rutherford, who succeeded Father Tom, learned of several needy families in Folsom and led parishioners to start a food closet to help them. For years, the congregation distributed the donated food out of a member’s garage.

In 1986, Trinity joined its food closet with the Twin Lakes Ministerial Association to form the Twin Lakes Food Bank. Today, the Food Bank provides food and clothing to more than 2,500 needy and homeless people in the Folsom area every month.

Trinity’s members work to give tirelessly to less fortunate members of their communities. These ministries are recorded elsewhere in this profile.

For 155 years, Trinity Episcopal Church of Folsom has been a source of enlightenment, education and spiritual solace for its community. Through hard times and good times, God’s faithful people supported and maintained the church. Trinity thrives today because of their commitment, ever mindful of Jesus Christ who calls us all into God’s Presence.



*Father Tom Ward*

*And God appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues – 1 Corinthians 28*



*Trinity Church*

*And I tell you, you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of hell  
shall not prevail against it  
– Matthew 16:18*

## Trinity's properties

Trinity is fortunate to own several properties in historic Folsom; its buildings serve the parish and the community

**T**rinity Church is in the heart of historic Folsom, one block from the original downtown. Our property comprises three separate parcels, housing five buildings, between Figueroa and Mormon streets along Wool Street.

One of our buildings is a rental home; the other four are parish buildings: Trinity Church, Trinity House (our offices), the Parish Hall and the Trinity Thrift Shop.

### The Church

Constructed during the late 1850s, Trinity Church is a picturesque wooden structure that faithfully captures the popular Carpenter Gothic architecture of that time. Because of its uniqueness and its history, Trinity holds a special place in the hearts of Folsom citizens and parishioners.

Because we are in Folsom's historic district, we must maintain the historic look of all our buildings. The most recent major renovation of the church building took place in the mid-1980s, when we raised the church and poured a proper concrete foundation, added a new roof and painted the exterior.

Around the same time, we renovated the interior as well, adding a choir loft over the narthex, new carpeting, more pews and air conditioning. After this many years, it is time for the next round of renovations to begin. This year the exterior has been repaired and painted and the front doors restored.

The church can seat 137 people comfortably for services.

### Trinity House

Trinity House, an early Folsom Victorian, serves as the church office. The house was built in the 1890s and purchased by the church in 1972. It contains six rooms,



*In 2011 we painted the church and replaced the deteriorating cross*



*Trinity House, top, built in the 1890s, contains offices and a conference room; our Parish Hall serves the community as well as parishioners.*

two bathrooms and a basic cellar. Four rooms are used for offices, one room is a small meeting room and another is the “bride’s room” for weddings. Renovations in the early 1990s have brought this building up to standards. This year the exterior was repainted and small repairs were made.

### Support Rooms and Nursery

In late 1993, we completed the construction of a new Parish Hall, support rooms for the church and a nursery. This project took about 18 months, but ground work had started years before. Happily, we “burned the mortgage” on this project in early 2010.

The support rooms are adjacent to the church behind the altar and accessible from the church as well as from the outside. They consist of five rooms: sacristy, clergy sacristy, Altar Guild room, choir/acolyte vesting room and a bathroom.

The nursery, adjacent to the support rooms, contains a large playroom, small crib room and bathroom.

### Parish Hall

The Parish Hall contains seven rooms, two bathrooms and a kitchen. The largest of these rooms, the main hall, is about 1,500 square feet. The other six rooms, of various sizes, are mainly used for Sunday School classes. Two of these rooms are on a raised platform in the main hall that can be used as a stage when a movable wall is opened. Three other rooms separated by movable walls surround the main hall. To the side of the main hall are two youth rooms. The hall can seat 320 for services or a meeting and 150 for a meal. The kitchen is a well-equipped preparation and serving area.

The parish hall is a very busy multipurpose facility, used by some church or community group every day of the week.

### Trinity Thrift Shop

The Trinity Thrift Shop, next to the Parish Hall, is housed in a quaint Victorian purchased by the parish in the 1970s. The Thrift Shop is our most visible outreach

“We are fortunate to have such a well-equipped nursery to care for our little ones”



*In early 2011, the congregation proudly burned the mortgage on the Parish Hall*



*But this I say, he which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully  
– 2 Corinthians 9:6*

in the community, selling, at very low prices, gently used clothing and household items donated by parishioners and others. The shop is entirely volunteer-staffed and managed. The building is kept in repair by the Thrift Shop volunteers. It was repainted this year through a donation by a parishioner.

### Rental House

The last building is a house next door to the Thrift Shop that was acquired in 1993. This house was purchased by a parish family and donated to the church for the purpose of providing a stable source of income to supplement our youth programs. The rent from the house has been sufficient to provide for the upkeep of the building as well as fund our youth projects.

### Grounds

The grass areas of the properties are maintained by a contracted gardening service. The shrubs and flower beds are maintained by church volunteers. Tree service and pest control are contracted out. Minor projects are completed during parish work days, generally held twice a year.

### Future/Challenges

While most building exteriors have been repainted this year, there remain interior repairs and upgrades to be accomplished. The church will need new air conditioning and new flooring and the pews will have to be refurbished or replaced. The Parish Hall exterior will need repainting within the next few years.

The church is landlocked to a great extent by its location in the historic district of Folsom. We have to keep our exteriors true to historic design although we do have an informal OK from the city to expand the church by 15 feet toward the street. Because we share street parking with the public, parking can present a problem when there is an activity in the historic district. The aging of the congregation and very busy young families are reducing our volunteer pool for projects. We are fortunate to have no outstanding debt on the properties and a capital improvement fund to cover major repairs or improvements.



*In late 2011, parish volunteers cleaned and spruced up the Thrift Shop*



The Thrift Shop, staffed solely by volunteers, supports church and community programs; right: acolytes process; a Thrift Shop volunteer completes a sale

## Lay ministries help do God's work

By supporting our lay ministries, parishioners answer the call to reach out to the congregation and the community

**E**ucharistic ministries play an indispensable role in supporting the spiritual work of Trinity parish. For a relatively small congregation, our members participate in an active lay ministry program that blesses the parish and the community.

### Community Outreach

**Outreach Council:** This ministry coordinates Trinity's contributions to community services that help the less fortunate. Some beneficiaries of Trinity's generosity are the Twin Lakes Food Bank, Christmas gift programs, a parish in a disadvantaged area and a shelter for homeless teens.

**Pastoral Partners:** This is a wonderful ministry of caring in which parishioners serve as "partners" to members who may need the support or contact of a friend. The volunteers for this ministry keep in touch with their partners, pray for them and keep the clergy informed of their special needs. The members of this ministry attempt to match every parishioner with a pastoral partner.

**Thrift Shop:** For more than 50 years Trinity's Thrift Shop has served the community by selling donated items at prices needy families can afford. The Thrift Shop also provides free items, such as warm coats and blankets, to parishes, organizations and individuals especially in need. A staff of dedicated volunteers keeps the Thrift Shop open to the public four mornings a week.

**Eucharistic visitors:** Parishioners who volunteer for this ministry take communion to and lead worship and music for residents of care facilities who





*Trinity parishioners always prepare a sumptuous breakfast for our annual Christmas bazaar; right: an Altar Guild member fills the candles; our nursery is a safe, fun place for small children.*

cannot travel to church. People of other Christian denominations often join these services, and all who attend are grateful for the opportunity to participate in sharing the word of the Lord.

### **Worship and Music**

**Acolytes:** The word “acolyte” means “one who helps” – and our devoted acolytes do. Parishioners of all ages volunteer for this ministry to serve the three Sunday morning worship services. Acolytes assist the clergy and add to the wonderful tradition of the services held at Trinity.

**Altar Guild:** Altar Guild members decorate, prepare and care for the altar for all services. They also take care of all the linens and vestments.

**Choir:** Under the direction of Trinity’s organist, Diana Draper Nary, our choir sings at the 11 a.m. services and for special occasions. Diana has been Trinity’s music director for more than 40 years.

**Lectors:** Parishioners read scripture and lead intercessory prayers for each service. Teen members often read during the 9 a.m. service.

**Chalice bearers/eucharistic ministers:** These dedicated parishioners assist the priests in serving communion at the eucharistic services.

**Nursery:** Staffed by a parishioner, Trinity’s colorful, well-equipped nursery offers child care for infants and young children during the 9 a.m. service.

### **Parish Fellowship**

**St. Catherine’s Guild:** The Fellowship Committee changed its name this year to honor St. Catherine of Siena. This ministry serves the members of Trinity – literally. This group’s volunteers cook and serve the food for our events, including newcomer receptions, and they extend their ministry to include Christmas and





*Trinity's Youth Group enjoys camaraderie as well as Christian fellowship; a Sunday School class learns scripture through crafts; right, a chalice bearer is ready for service; volunteers host Coffee Hour after each service*

Easter gifts for homebound parishioners. They also send out welcoming packets to visitors who fill out a "Voice From the Pew" card.

**St. Martha's Guild:** This group meets twice a month to work on handcrafted items to sell at our annual Christmas bazaar to benefit Trinity's outreach programs. The quilt raffle is the highlight of the event. The members of this ministry are blessed to enjoy the camaraderie of crafting while helping others.

**Ushers/greeters:** Our ushers and greeters are the first smiles and hugs you get when you arrive at church. These volunteers come early to hand out bulletins, stay late to clean up, and also perform tasks to help the rector during services.

**Coffee hour hosts:** Parishioners who volunteer for this ministry provide food and beverages for the congregation after each service.

#### Christian formation

**Sunday School:** Trinity's Sunday School program strives to instill in its children the faith, love, joy and wonder that come from knowing God. Parishioners teach these classes, open to children from kindergarten through sixth grade.

**Confirmation classes:** Trinity periodically offers classes for members who wish to be confirmed or received as Episcopalians and for members of other denominations or faiths who want to convert to the Episcopal faith.

**Bible study:** The rector or parishioners lead courses to study portions of the Bible or other aspects of Christian thought and belief.

**Young adult study group:** Parishioners from ages 18 to 35 meet to discuss and study biblical topics relevant to young adults.

**Youth Group:** Trinity's Youth Group, for youngsters not yet out of high school, is currently on hiatus, but we hope to restart this important ministry after our new rector is in place.





*The bake sale table overflows with homemade treats at the Christmas bazaar; right, a young wise man in the children's pageant awaits his cue; a dog receives his blessing at the annual Blessing of the Animals;*

## Parish activities: Faith and fellowship

Throughout the year, parishioners gather for social and learning activities that foster camaraderie in faith

Trinity life includes many activities that bring parishioners together to learn more about their faith and create fellowship with one other. Often, the parishioners themselves initiate these activities. Here are some of them:

**Parish Picnic:** Each September through 2010, the parish held an outdoor service and picnic at a Folsom park. The vestry sponsored the event and provided the lunch. This service was moved to the Parish Hall in 2011 because of the steep increase in park rental fees.

**Christmas Bazaar:** Early each December, during a popular holiday market in historic Folsom, Trinity holds a Christmas bazaar and breakfast featuring craft items from St. Martha's Guild, Christmas greens, Thrift Shop gift items, homemade baked goods and other gift choices for purchase by parishioners and the community.

**Children's Christmas Pageant:** On Christmas Eve, the youth of the parish present a live Christmas pageant that includes performing carols with handbells.

**Harvest Dinner:** Once a year, Trinity holds a harvest dinner to evoke the time when farm families gathered in the fall to celebrate the successful harvesting of their crops.

**C.S. Lewis Study Group:** This group meets on a Saturday afternoon every other month to read and discuss the writings of Anglican lay theologian C.S. Lewis.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Once a year, parishioners may bring their pets – any pets – for a blessing by the priest.

**Faith-based Classes:** Trinity frequently offers classes on topics related Christian faith. A Christian Believers class and a discussion group on the film "Amazing Grace" about the Anglican Church-based efforts to end British slave trade are two examples.





*In 2011, Trinity made some needed repairs on the parish buildings. Here, the congregation blesses the new cross that will be placed atop the church*

## Finances

Although the economic times are challenging, Trinity parishioners have stepped up to meet the church's needs

Trinity Church's economy, like the national and state economies, has been in a challenging situation for several years. However, with our parishioners' dedication and willingness to volunteer, we are meeting our needs. We are blessed to have a full-time rector.

In 2011, we finished the year better than expected, with income exceeding expenses by \$23,303. For 2012, we have a balanced budget.

However, our total budget has declined over recent years as our membership and attendance have dropped. Membership has fallen slightly from 377 members in 2009 to 366 in 2010. As a result, pledges also have declined. For 2012, we have 106 pledges totaling \$248,722, for an average pledge of \$2,346.

Attendance at Sunday services decreased to an average of 137 in 2011. Plate offerings have remained generous, however, and are one reason why we finished 2011 in the black.

We reached an exciting milestone in 2010 – we paid off the mortgage on the Parish Hall. This achievement leaves Trinity with no outstanding loans.

The Thrift Shop continues to be a bright spot in providing extra income for the church while also helping people in the local community.

Of particular note, ongoing repairs are normally necessary for our 155-year-old church. This year, using the capital improvement fund, we refurbished and made repairs to the church and Trinity House, as detailed on page 14.

On the following page is Trinity's condensed financial report for 2011, prepared by Treasurer Danise Hetland.

**Trinity Church, Folsom  
Condensed Balance Sheet  
12/31/11**

**Trinity Church, Folsom  
Condensed Income Statement  
12/31/11**

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash, operating	\$ 93,388
Cash, savings	\$ 11,254
Cash, Endowment Fund	\$ 73,631
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$ 178,273</b>
Cash, Altar Guild	\$ 15,392
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 16,209
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 209,874</u></u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Restricted Funds & Activities	\$ 21,161
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,161</u></b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Current Earnings	\$ 20,340
Retained Earnings	\$ 168,373
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 188,713</u></u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 209,874</u></u></b>

<b>Income</b>	
Plate, Pledges, Givers of Record	\$ 262,648
Other	\$ 43,722
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 306,370</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries, Payroll Exp, Benefits	\$ 161,037
Mission & Program	\$ 51,442
Operational Expenses	\$ 70,588
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 283,067</u></b>
<b>Income over (under) Expenses</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 23,303</u></u></b>



*Riders and walkers enjoy a beautiful afternoon at Folsom Lake along one of the city's many scenic bike and walking trails; a youngster enjoys a festival activity at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary; a character plays the recorder at the annual Renaissance Faire*

## Folsom: An ideal place to live

Folsom is no longer a small town, but with good planning and natural assets, it has retained a small-town feel

For 155 years, Trinity Episcopal Church has stood in the historic heart of Folsom, a remarkable community nestled along the American River in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Folsom is blessed with a high quality of life, exceptional amenities and an embracing community spirit.

Though the city has seen explosive growth in the past three decades – from 11,000 people in 1980 to 70,000 today – Folsom's leaders and citizens worked together to plan a community that would provide a rich lifestyle for its residents.

The effort succeeded: In 2007, Money magazine ranked Folsom the 34th best place to live (of 35,000 U.S. cities), and in 2011, U.S. News & World Report named Folsom one of the top 10 places to retire.

Some parishioners live in nearby communities, all with similar aspects of life but each with a different appeal. They include Roseville, Granite Bay, Orangevale and El Dorado Hills. But Trinity's home is Folsom, and the church from its beginning has blessed and been blessed in return as a good citizen of this town.

**History:** Folsom's history is rooted deep in the Gold Rush. It was the second place gold was found after the historic discovery in Coloma. In 1856, it became the terminus for the first railroad in the West. For more than a century, the town thrived as a gold-dredging base, a railroad hub and a center for the surrounding cattle ranches.

The town's past is charmingly preserved in its original main street, a block from Trinity, now home to more than 40 art galleries and studios.

**Weather:** Folsom has a Mediterranean-type climate: rainless summers, snowless winters. Yet we enjoy four seasons with colorful autumns.





A 120-year-old wagon bridge now links to a popular walking trail; right: City Hall is known by its traditional clock; a cattle drive opens the July pro-rodeo; the Folsom High band marches in the annual Veterans Day parade

**Area median home prices (1/12, Zillow):**

- Folsom: \$316,000
- Rancho Cordova: \$171,200
- Granite Bay: \$471,400
- El Dorado Hills: \$387,300
- Orangevale: \$190,600
- Roseville: \$244,700

**Economy:** Folsom is financially sound. The city has cultivated a high-tech business environment, including a large Intel campus, and Folsom individuals and businesses in 2010 received more patents than any other community in the region.

**Housing:** Homes are affordable by California measures. Styles vary from Victorian to ultra-modern, from compact to expansive with views.

**Schools:** Folsom is known for its excellent schools. Middle- and high-school students frequently win regional science competitions. Folsom High’s jazz band and jazz choir are nationally ranked, and its football team wins championships. Our community college is home to a first-class regional performing arts center.

**Outdoor recreation:** Folsom has 34 miles of bike and hiking trails, many along the river, our two lakes, five creeks or preserved wetlands. You can raft the river or swim, sail, kayak or camp at the lakes. The city’s 47 parks offer play and sports for all ages, and our varied ecosystems attract many species of birds.

**Family fun:** A new library is a resource for the whole community. Our zoo sanctuary is known for its cutting-edge work on humane treatment of animals. The swim complex has three pools and an active competitive youth program.

**Heart:** Folsom is a caring town. Our residents and organizations unstintingly help the needy. The Food Bank feeds everyone who comes to its door. The Folsom Athletic Association ensures all youngsters can play sports regardless of finances. The Folsom Police annually distribute hundreds of Christmas baskets of toys and food.

**Nearby:** If there’s something you don’t find in Folsom, it almost certainly is close by. We’re a half-hour from Sacramento, less than an hour from two state universities. On a day trip, you can reach the ocean, ski resorts, wineries, the gold country, Lake Tahoe and the many treasures of San Francisco.



**Folsom high school 2011 API scores:**

- Folsom High: 860
- Vista del Lago: 881

# Links to Trinity resources

Trinity Folsom	<a href="http://trinityfolsom.org/">http://trinityfolsom.org/</a>
The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California	<a href="http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/">www.norcalepiscopal.org/</a>
Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento	<a href="http://www.trinitycathedral.org/">http://www.trinitycathedral.org/</a>
Trinity Thrift Shop	<a href="http://trinityfolsom.org/thrift_shop.html">http://trinityfolsom.org/thrift_shop.html</a>
Survey Results (PowerPoint)	<a href="http://trinityfolsom.org/docs/parishsurvey.pdf">http://trinityfolsom.org/docs/parishsurvey.pdf</a>
City of Folsom	<a href="http://www.folsom.ca.us/">http://www.folsom.ca.us/</a>
Folsom Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.folsomchamber.com">www.folsomchamber.com</a>
Orangevale Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.orangevalechamber.com/">http://www.orangevalechamber.com/</a>
El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce	<a href="http://www.eldoradohillschamber.com/">http://www.eldoradohillschamber.com/</a>
City of Roseville	<a href="http://www.roseville.ca.us/">http://www.roseville.ca.us/</a>
Community of Granite Bay	<a href="http://www.granitebay.com/">http://www.granitebay.com/</a>
Folsom Cordova Unified School District	<a href="http://www.fcusd.org/">http://www.fcusd.org/</a>
Camp Noel Porter	<a href="http://www.campnoelporter.org">www.campnoelporter.org</a>