



# Trinity Tidings

November 13, 2020

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**Prayer List** - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

**Altar Flowers** - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).

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## Stay at Home, Stay Connected

We worship on Sunday mornings at 9am [here](#).

You can find the Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](#) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

Zoom meetings require a password to enter, but you should be able to bypass that by clicking on these links. The password for all Zoom meetings, except the Youth Sunday School, is trinity.

- **Young Adults** are meeting on Mondays at 7pm on Zoom [here](#)
- **Altar Guild** is meeting on Tuesdays at 11:30am on Zoom and would love for you to join them [here](#)
- **Qi Gong**, practice of simple movements, meditations, and breathing practices, on Zoom on Tuesday at 5:30pm [here](#).
- **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 11am is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). For next Wednesday, the lesson Matthew 25:31-46.
- **Trinity Wednesdays** is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#).

- **Thrift Shop Volunteers** meet on Zoom at 10am on Thursdays and all are invited [here](#)
- **9am & 11:15am Choirs** meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm [here](#)
- **St. Martha's Guild** meets on Zoom on Fridays at 11am [here](#)
- Fr. Todd is hosting a **parish-wide Social Hour** on Zoom every Friday at 5pm [here](#)
- **The children's Sunday story time video** is [here](#) and the conversation starters/questions are [here](#).
- **Youth Sunday School** for middle and high school students meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **Sunday School for Adults** meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **The recording** of last Sunday's Sunday School for Adults is [here](#).

The parish office is closed. Barbara, Fr. Todd, and Mtr. Erika will be in on Sundays and occasional weekdays to take care of mail, finances, and other essential work to keep the parish running. If you need to be in touch with any of us, e-mail us or call us (Fr. Todd's mobile: 916.367.9281) or call the church office (916.985.2495), which has been rerouted to go to Barbara's mobile phone. If you e-mail us (Fr. Todd [[tbruce@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:tbruce@trinityfolsom.org)]; Mtr. Erika [[eessiem@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:eessiem@trinityfolsom.org)]; Barbara [[trinity@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:trinity@trinityfolsom.org)]), we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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## Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [kyrie](#). We don't make much use of the Greek kyrie in our liturgy, though we do use the English translation at the 7pm service every week (well, when we had it, and when we will have it again!) and often in our Sunday morning liturgies during Advent and Lent.

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## Construction Pic of the Week



We are still waiting on steel (a few pieces should arrive today and the rest next week) so that we can install it and frame up the building around it, so there aren't many dramatic changes to show this week. A lot of little but important things have been happening though – there's a lot of work happening on the Parish

Hall ceilings and walls, and new HVAC is being installed in the church building. This picture shows the HVAC folks installing ducting in the small space between the nave ceiling and the roof: the church building will be getting a new roof anyway, so they went ahead and cut into the existing one to access the space. We liked this picture because it shows the beautiful view of the treetops over Sutter Street and the American River, and

it's probably the closest view any of us will ever get of the iconic Celtic cross that sits on the front of the roof!

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### **Communion Sunday ~ November 15th**

The next Communion Sunday will be this Sunday, November 15th. Now that we know about how many to expect, you don't have to worry about signing up. Just pull up into the Wool Street parking spaces between **1pm and 3pm** to collect your consecrated hosts, and then tune in on the **Facebook page** that evening at 7pm for a very short liturgy during which we will all take Communion.

If you would like to receive Communion but can't get to the church that afternoon, e-mail [Fr. Todd](mailto:Fr.Todd) and let him know. Our Altar Guild has volunteered to pick up and deliver hosts to those who can't get to the church.

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### **Libby Vincent's Ordination ~ Save the Date, December 18th**

The Reverend Deacon Libby Vincent will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, December 18th, at Trinity Cathedral in midtown Sacramento. We don't have a time yet, but we will get it to you as soon as we have it. Because of the pandemic, attendance is limited to the ordinands and their sponsors, so Fr. Todd will be representing us in the liturgy. But like Libby's ordination to the diaconate earlier this year, the service will be broadcast live so you can watch at home. Pray for Deacon Libby as she approaches this momentous occasion, and celebrate with us as we welcome her to the ordained priesthood in The Episcopal Church!

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### **Annual Pledge Cards**

We have received 176 pledges for the 2021 budget and are very close to our goal! Thank you so much – it really helps your vestry to be able to adjust the budget and plan for next year when we receive pledges earlier rather than later. But we're still looking for about 25 more pledges, so if you haven't returned your pledge card yet, we would love to receive it soon. You can mail it to us, drop by the church and put it through the mail slot in the front door of Trinity House (and get a peek at the construction progress!), hand it to us on a Communion Sunday, or skip the card and e-mail your pledge to [pledge@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:pledge@trinityfolsom.org). We are deeply grateful for your support of this parish!

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## Christmas Around Town

Christmas Around Town provides the clients of Twin Lakes Food Bank and other neighbors in need identified by local non-profits to “shop” for Christmas gifts for their families; they’re given free vouchers to use to “purchase” items in the Christmas Around Town shops. This year, as we have in the past, we are signed up to supply and staff the Women’s Shop – so we get to help folks shop for their moms, wives, partners, and sisters.

We’re collecting gifts to stock the store – and this week, we’re especially looking for all sorts of **baking things, cooking pans and utensils, and kitchen gadgets.**

We keep track of what the most popular items are each year, and you can find a shopping list [here](#); you can drop items off at Trinity House, or if you are shopping online, have them sent to the church. If you don’t enjoy shopping (hi Fr. Todd!), you can also make a donation instead – just mark it Christmas Around Town, and we will use it to purchase items for our store. If you have any questions about Christmas Around Town, contact [Janice Freeberg](#) or give her a call (916.768.5100).

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## Advent Activity Kits



Since we won’t be able to have our usual Advent wreath-making workshop, our Director of Children’s Ministries Karen Van Winkle is putting together some kits of Advent activities. They’ll include the four candles you’ll need to make an Advent wreath, a short devotional for the Sundays of Advent, and crafts and activities for the young and the young at heart – you don’t have to be under 18 to enjoy these, and households without children are welcome to sign up for one! To help Karen know how many to make, please sign-up [here](#) and let us know that your household would like a kit, and how many copies of the activities to include (each kit will include one set of candles per household, but you might want multiple copies of the activities for each individual in the household). They will be available for pickup on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th, at the church from 1pm-3pm (it’s also a Communion Sunday).

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## Music Notes ~ Watching, Quickening, and Undulating

The prelude this week is a piano arrangement of “He, watching over Israel” from Felix Mendelssohn’s Oratorio Elijah, premiered in 1846. Mendelssohn tried to follow the style of Bach and Handel, resulting in an elegant romantic musical style that is loved by many. The work is scored for large orchestra, soloists, and choir, lasting just over two hours. In the second of two parts, the angels sing a beautiful chorus with these words: “He,

watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.” (Psalm 121:4 & Psalm 138:7). As part of the story, this reminds us that while the pagan god Baal (a deity who fails miserably in the oratorio) may doze off, Elijah’s God is active and comforting all the time. Listen for this activity in the constant undulation of triplets (groups of three notes against two) throughout. ~ Brett Judson, Director of Music

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## **HART of Folsom Seeking Volunteers**

Trinity Folsom will be “hosting” the HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) of Folsom winter shelter from February 21st-February 27th. We’ll need a few folks each evening to make and serve dinner, and two people to stay overnight in the shelter. We’ll be getting a sign-up sheet out soon. If you have questions or are interested, contact the HART of Folsom volunteer coordinator (and Trinity Folsom parishioner) Jessica Leng: you can [e-mail her](#) or give her a call (916.201.1321).

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## **Trinity Wednesdays**

Trinity Wednesdays is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#). We’re reading Sara Miles’ book [jesus freak](#). For the 18th, read the sixth chapter (“Follow Me”) and reflect on these [questions](#).

We’ll be on break on November 25th (tune into the Thanksgiving Eve service on our Facebook page instead), and on December 2nd, we’ll start a new book, N.T.

Wright’s [Surprised by Hope](#). You’ve probably heard a lot of people talk about heaven and what happens when we die, but do you know what the Bible, and what the Christian tradition, actually say about it Join us to find out!

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## **In Our Prayers**

Though we don’t read it during the Sunday services, we do maintain a parish prayer list, and a prayer group of dedicated parishioners pray for everyone on the list. If you have a prayer request you would like to be added to the parish prayer list, e-mail us ([prayers@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:prayers@trinityfolsom.org)). Your prayer requests are held with love, and with confidentiality. If you ever have a prayer request that you don’t feel comfortable having on the parish prayer list, e-mail [Fr. Todd](#) or [Mtr. Erika](#).

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## Extra Christmas Greens Available

Since we have to order full cases of Christmas greens, if you didn't manage to get in your order before we stopped taking them, we have some extras to sell on a first come, first served basis! All proceeds go to Heifer International. We have available:

4 Western Cedar Garlands (\$32 each)

5 Holiday Centerpieces (\$27 each)

1 Noble Fir Door Swag (\$31)

3 28" Mixed Evergreen Wreaths (\$49 each)

6 22" Mixed Evergreen Wreaths (\$33 each)

If you want to go ahead and make a purchase, e-mail Janice

([christmasgreens@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:christmasgreens@trinityfolsom.org)).

Greens will be available for pickup at the church on December 6th.

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## Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets after church at 10:15am on Zoom [here](#). This week, we'll reflect on some commands and nuggets of wisdom Jesus offers his disciples as he sends them out into the world to preach the Gospel, and think about how they might help us to live as Christians in the world today.

For our younger children, who would have attended Children's Chapel and the kindergarten and elementary Sunday School classes, Director of Children's Ministries Karen Van Winkle is hosting a story time. She'll be telling a story while she builds it out of Legos, and she'll invite the children watching to build with her – or draw, or whatever creative activity they like. This is a prerecorded video; it will be posted on our Facebook page after Sunday service and saved in the videos section of our Facebook page, or you can watch it before Sunday morning by clicking [here](#). Karen has also prepared some questions and conversation starters for you to use during or after watching the video; you can find those [here](#).

For youth in middle and high school, we're hosting a live Zoom with Karen and Mtr. Erika on Sunday morning at 10:15am [here](#). A special password is required to access this Zoom; e-mail [Karen](#) to get it.

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## Meet Mtr. Erika

To give you a chance to spend some time with Mtr. Erika, we're setting up small group Zooms with her on Thursdays at 3pm. The groups will be limited to four to ten people so that it will be easier to have a conversation. The last group is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, and there is still space available on that day and on several of the earlier days. You'll need to sign up in advance [here](#) to reserve your spot, and once you're signed

up, Mtr. Erika will send you the link to the Zoom. Having trouble navigating the sign up?  
E-mail [Barbara](#) or call her in the church office (916.985.2495) and she will help you out!

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