



# Trinity Tidings

November 20, 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 Mark 13:24-37.
- **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 **Trisagion**. The 1979 BCP is the first to offer the trisagion as an alternative to the **Kyrie** in seasons (Advent and Lent) when we cannot use the **Gloria**. We use the Trisagion a lot at Trinity Folsom, mostly because the rector is enamored of the Hymnal's music setting of it, an Eastern Orthodox tune that he finds very moving. Last week, when our word of the week was Kyrie, we said that we don't use the Kyrie much here because we use the Trisagion instead, but since then, we decided to use the Kyrie during the upcoming Advent season. We'll replace the Gloria with the Kyrie this Advent, and perhaps we'll use the Trisagion in Lent, so that you can get a good sense of them both!

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## Construction Pic of the Week



We have steel! Our project has not had many delays, but for the past few weeks, we've been waiting on the steel frames going into the church building and Parish Hall, and not much could happen until they arrived. They were delayed because of the electricity shut-offs during high winds; the fabricator couldn't operate the machinery without electricity, so there wasn't much to be done except to wait. But it's finally here, and our contractor does not think the relatively short delay should cause a delay to the scheduled end date, March 17th, 2021. The steel frame in the church building allows us to expand without having to put in more of the posts that currently rise out of the pew seating and obstruct views, and the steel frame in the Parish Hall will allow us to open up the stage area without adding any supporting columns. Welding will be happening for the next week or so, and then the appearance of our site will change rapidly as the walls can be framed up around the steel and new roofs constructed above it. Onward!

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## Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist ~ November 25th, 7pm

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist will be broadcast online on our [Facebook](#) page at 7pm on Wednesday, November 25th. Please note that we won't have Trinity Wednesdays or the Wednesday Compline service that Wednesday. We'll be broadcasting from a new place, too – on Sunday afternoon, we'll be moving the altar to Trinity House. We had planned to return to campus earlier, but there were a few delays and changes of plans. We've been at Brett's house since the beginning of September, and we have loved it, but three months is a long time for the church staff, the altar, the lighting and sound and video equipment, etc., to take over someone's living room; we are profoundly thankful for the hospitality of Brett and his housemates during this time. We will particularly miss Molly the cat's occasional appearances during worship, but there will be four dogs with us in Trinity House, so we won't be bringing Molly with us to our new location.

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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 *small kitchen appliances and household items: blenders, coffee makers, griddles, mugs, insulated travel cups, kitchen towels, etc.*

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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### Diving Deeper: Weds Morning Bible Study

If you're looking for an opportunity to dive deeper into the Scriptures, consider joining our Wednesday morning Bible study. The Wednesday morning Bible study meets on [Zoom at 11am](#) and studies a lesson that will be read in church on the following Sunday. It's really more of an exploration than a study, with members of the group asking questions, reflecting and commenting, and sharing their thoughts. There's no homework – the lesson for the week is read at the beginning, and you don't need to do any preparatory reading. It's a great group, and a great way to study Scripture, make connections, and build relationships. If you want more information, or want to give her a heads up that you're coming, e-mail the facilitator of the Wednesday morning Bible Study, [Adriana Findlay](#).

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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 ~ Two Kinds of Peace

This week's closing hymn, with words by Carl Daw and the tune by Charles H. H. Parry, is Hymn #597, "O day of peace." The tune was composed by Parry in 1916 as a setting for William Blake's poem "Jerusalem." It is extraordinarily popular in England, sometimes called the unofficial British national anthem, and has become loved by many in America since its inclusion in the Hymnal 1982. Daw, who was commissioned to write a hymn about peace, struggled to write a text fitting for Parry's marvelous tune. He finally found inspiration in something he read that quoted Isaiah 11:6-8 ("The wolf shall live with the lamb..."). This became the inspiration for verse 2. The first stanza is a general prayer for peace, articulating pax, which is peace that results from the absence of conflict. The second verse expresses an active peace, shalom, based on goodwill. ~ 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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## End of Year Donations and Stock Transfers

Just a reminder, all donations must be postmarked by December 31st to appear on your 2020 statement for tax purposes. And if you're planning to sell stock to make a gift, or transfer stock to the parish, remember that it isn't quite instantaneous, so you might want to plan ahead and act a little early. Contact [Barbara](#) in the church office if you have any questions about gifts of stock or donation statements for tax purposes.

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## Trinity Wednesdays

Trinity Wednesdays will be on break next week (November 25th - tune into the Thanksgiving Eve service on our Facebook page instead), but we'll be back on December 2nd to 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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## Annual Pledge Cards

We have received 183 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 20 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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## Communion Sunday ~ November 29th

The next Communion Sunday will be November 29th. 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](#) 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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## Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets after church at 10:15am on Zoom [here](#). This week, we'll be studying one of Jesus' most famous miracles, and we will again be looking at art after two weeks of no slides!

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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## 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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