

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Season of Creation

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist  
Contemporary (BAS) with Music  
Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER (Chapel)  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist



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| SAT 12 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Prayer Shawl Ministry         | 9:30 am      |
| SUN 13 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Welcome Back Lunch            | noon         |
| TUE 15 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Tai Chi Foundations           | 9:00am       |
| WED 16 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Contemplative Prayer          | 9:15am       |
| WED 16 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Lynn Valley Voices            | 4:00 pm      |
| THU 17 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Caring for the Core           | 11:30am      |
| THU 17 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Migrant Farm Workers Ministry | 2:00-8:00 pm |
| THU 17 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Choir Practice                | 4:00—5:30 pm |
| FRI 18 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Tai Chi Foundations           | 9:00am       |
| FRI 18 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | Migrant Farm Workers Ministry | 2:00-8:00 pm |



Mark your calendars! Sunday School returns on **Welcome Back Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** during our 10:30 morning service.

While our young family community may be small, our hearts are big and our doors are wide open! Whether you have grandchildren visiting for the weekend, a young neighbor looking for a church home, or children of your own, they are always welcome to join us.

Just come as you are, whether the children are returning or joining us for the very first time, we can't wait to celebrate the start of a beautiful new season together as we share God's love with the next generation, one child at a time.

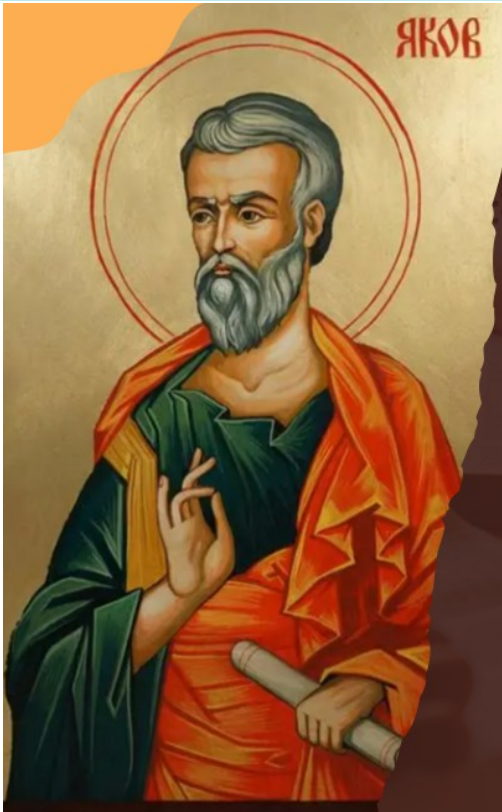


**BAC Coffee Time**  
**September 20, 2026**  
**9:00 am**

They will have two guests - Kevin Hewitt and Ken Milner. Both gentlemen are candidates for the Mayor of Norfolk.

They will be introducing themselves and accepting questions.

**(THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL DEBATE)**  
all members of our congregation are invited  
As usual light refreshments will be provided.



MIXER ROOM

Join Our  
BIBLE STUDY

The Letter of James  
Leader: Kevin Norbury

Starting Wednesday,  
October 14-November 18

A Six-week study  
11:30-12:30

✦ Bring your Bible, a notebook, and invite a friend.

Trinity Anglican, 80 Colborne St.S

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# Where Forgiveness Begins

A stream of anger ran steadily below the surface of my younger self. Occasionally I would lash out at perceived slights or insults. Mostly I just kept my guard up around others and struggled with resentment and loneliness. I’ve talked previously about my father’s abusiveness and the struggles my mom and I faced after we had fled.

Like many of us, I held those early childhood experiences and the dysfunction of my family of origin to blame for my inner turmoil. Eventually it dawned on me that blaming my father and my mother for my personal misery wasn’t getting me any closer to tranquility. So, forgiveness seemed to be my best option. Only, try as I might, I couldn’t do it.

One night I reluctantly attended an Episcopal healing service. Initially, I intended to remain a spectator. But with a seatmate’s gentle encouragement, I stood up and asked the priest and those around me for prayers.

The priest asked, “What do you want to pray for.”

I said simply, “I can’t forgive my parents.”

He replied, “Can you ask Jesus to forgive them?”

When I said yes, I was swept up into a mystical experience that I cannot adequately describe nearly four decades later. To paraphrase the 19th Century Revivalist Charles Finney, the Spirit washed over me in great waves of liquid love. I was left speechless and weak-kneed for a while.

Contrary to what you might expect, I did not suddenly experience a forgiving heart. Actually, I felt something more like this: “Wow! What the heck was that?” And I was left to pray and to study Scripture to discern the message I was sure I was meant to receive.

After months of reflection, the message came to me undramatically in a kind of calm aha moment. I heard it as this: “You’re forgiven.” That’s it. Just, “You’re forgiven.”

As you probably noticed, that’s not what I was asking for. I had prayed for God to help me to be able to forgive. And it took me another stretch of time in prayer and study and reflection to begin to get the point. I am somebody who has needed and will repeatedly need God’s forgiveness. Even though I may make progress, perfection will remain a heavenly aspiration.

To put that another way, I am somebody who has needed and will continue to be sustained by God’s mercy. When I forgive somebody else, I’m just sharing with them what God has already given me free of charge.

Jesus is not soft on sin. And he doesn’t expect his followers to be either. That’s because he understands that sin is more than rule breaking. Love is his supreme commandment. As Paul puts it, “Love is the fulfilling of the law.” (Romans 13:10) Sin is the opposite of love. Love weaves the community together in bonds of mutual affection and braids the individual soul into the divine life. Sin is a way of being that erodes community and diminishes the soul.

And that’s why Jesus teaches us to hold sinners to account. He says, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.” (Matthew 18:15) But Jesus is not instructing perfect people to condescend to the flawed and the blemished. He’s urging us to think of forgiveness on analogy with what D. T. Niles said about evangelism. Instead of a well-fed person doling out bread to a beggar, it’s one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.

No one in the Christian community is higher or lower than anyone else. We are radically equal in our need for God’s mercy and in the infinite love that God pours out upon us. None of us is to be exempt from accountability. And none of us possesses moral superiority. We need each other as we stumble along the way of Jesus.

The paradoxical demand that Jesus places upon us—strange in a world ready to condemn and to exclude—is that we hold one another accountable with love. Our aim is always restoration and reconciliation. But it’s crucial to understand that reconciliation requires hard and serious work by sinners: contrition and amendment of life.

Contrition is genuine remorse for actions that have caused harm to someone else. We’ve all heard lame non-apologies.

Mistakes were made.

I’m sorry you feel that way.

I hate that this happened.

All of these formulas evade responsibility. A genuine apology owns the harm we’ve done. It’s more like this: I have done wrong and by all rights you should spit in my eye. Please forgive me.

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In addition to genuine remorse, mending a relationship requires sinners to change behavior. Thieves stop stealing. Liars tell the truth. Abusers respect boundaries. And crucially, sinners accept that relationships are not merely resumed but transformed. To paraphrase Lewis Smedes, just because you’re forgiven doesn’t mean you get your old job back. The church is acting like the church when it takes Jesus at his word, “I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” (Matthew 9:13) Or, as the popular saying goes, the church is a hospital for sinners, not a hotel for saints. *And now, to this week’s spiritual practice...*

A Spiritual Practice: The Jesus Prayer

Sit in a quiet comfortable place. Close your eyes. Take a couple of minutes to let your body, heart, and mind settle. Repeat the Jesus prayer in rhythm with your breath:

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.*

Inhale: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God

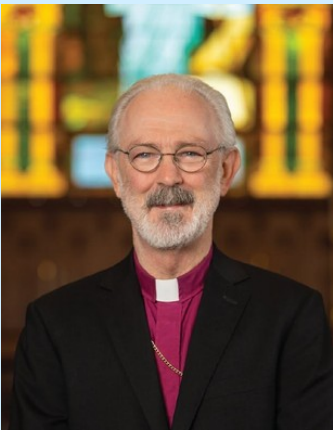
Exhale: have mercy on me a sinner.

Breathe normally. Repeat this ten or twenty times or set a timer for five or ten minutes. Expect your mind to wander. That’s natural. When it does, gently come back to the practice.

You can carry this into your day. While you’re doing ordinary things like washing dishes, taking a walk, or waiting in line, let the prayer run in the background of your mind.

That’s it for this week friends. Until next time, be well and God bless.

Jake Owensby  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana and the Chancellor of Seawanee: The University of the South.



**Do you have a child that likes to sing?**

**Trinity Anglican choir & the Con Brio music program is hosting their annual Choirs & Carols event on December 13.**

**We are creating a choir just for this event!**

INTERESTED CHILDREN AGED 5-16, MAY JOIN FOR FREE. COMMITMENT TO ALL REHEARSALS IS NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION.

REHEARSALS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 6-7 PM STARTING OCTOBER 8, 2026 UNTIL DECEMBER 10, 2026. (10 REHEARSALS IN TOTAL)

CONTACT GENA AT [CONBRIOMUSICPROGRAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CONBRIOMUSICPROGRAM@GMAIL.COM) TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

AT 2:30 PM

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DECEMBER

80 Colborne St. S., Simcoe

**You are invited to a travel presentation about Spectacular Scandinavia**

**Norway, Sweden, Denmark and more**

Join a local group as we tour these spectacular countries for 15 days in July, 2027. Fully escorted. All transportation included.

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**PORT DOVER** – 2:00 pm - Grace United Church-18 Chapman St. W.

**SIMCOE** – 6:00 pm – South Coast World Travel-61 Robinson St.

Please RSVP to [janice@ketchen.net](mailto:janice@ketchen.net) or call 416-505-1658/519-426-2144.

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Good Morning from POROS

Here are a couple of pictures for you. One is the village of Poros dominated by the clock tower. We live below and to the right, You can see a prominent church St George’s. We are very close and hear all the many calls to prayer! The second is the little chapel that overlooks the town. I was standing directly in front of it for the town picture. It is easy to go to church every day and to light candles for loved ones and other concerns. Have a wonderful day, blessings from Poros,

Rick+





WANTED:

YOUR EMPTY EGG CARTONS!

Help us stop walking on eggshells! Mike Capper on behalf of The Caring Cupboard needs egg cartons, they have fresh bulk eggs arriving that need a safe home.

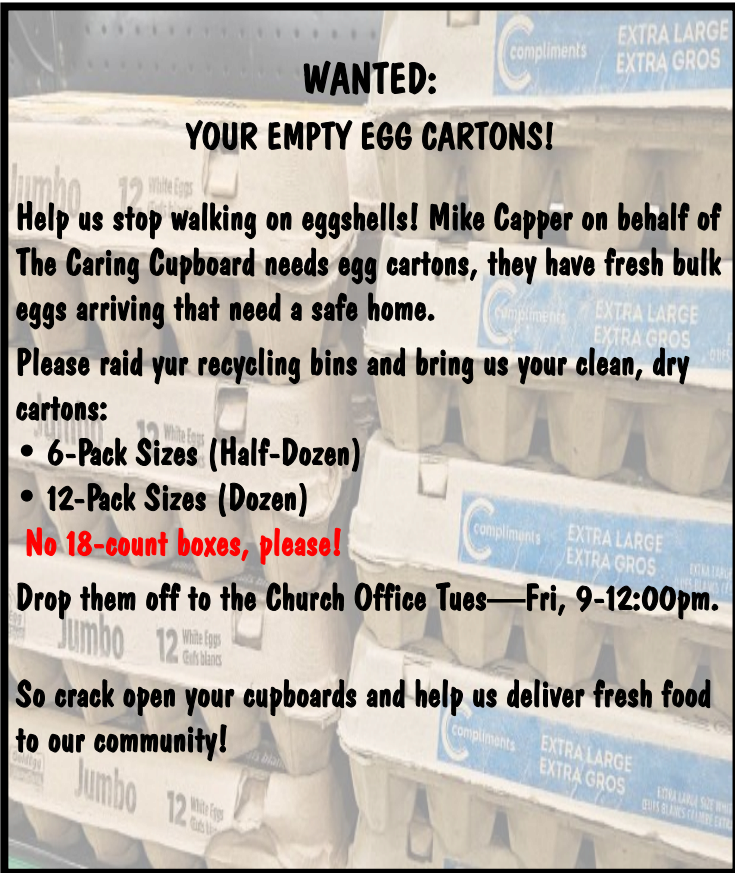
Please raid your recycling bins and bring us your clean, dry cartons:

- 6-Pack Sizes (Half-Dozen)
- 12-Pack Sizes (Dozen)

**No 18-count boxes, please!**

Drop them off to the Church Office Tues—Fri, 9-12:00pm.

So crack open your cupboards and help us deliver fresh food to our community!



2026 Bazaar Planning Meeting

Please join us in the **Mixer Room** on **Sunday, September 20th**, after the **10:30 AM service**, as we begin planning for the **2026 Bazaar**.

Everyone is welcome - we would love to hear your ideas and suggestions. Do you have a particular task at the Bazaar you would like to help with?

As the saying goes, “many hands make light work” and with your help we can make this year’s Bazaar the best one yet. We hope to see you there!

If anyone is doing any jam making or canning over the summer, please consider doing a bit extra for the bazaar. Things like pickles, chutney, jams, marmalade, salsa, pasta sauce, lemon curd, etc. We would be most grateful. For more information please talk to Deb Vankerrebroeck at church or give her a call at 519-428-6474.





Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

Help Keep Our Trinity Social Events Going!

We all love the fellowship and connection that comes with our church social events. To make sure these gatherings can continue, **the Trinity Social Committee needs your help!**

We are looking for new members to join our team. Our commitment is light—we hold only **one planning meeting per year** and gather helpers from the congregation to share the work for each event. If you would like to help us keep these special moments a part of our church life, please contact **Debbie Vankerrebroeck** at **519-428-6474**.



Jarvis Community Christian School is looking for Supply/Spare School Bus Drivers (Part-Time) to join our team!

If you are dependable, responsible, and enjoy working with students, they would love to hear from you.

**Interested? Contact Tom Smith**  
at [transportation@jarvisccs.com](mailto:transportation@jarvisccs.com)

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**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday**  
**9:00am-12:00 noon**  
Visitors always welcome.

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