



HOLY TRINITY NEWS

JULY 2025



Sacred Silence - From the Rector

On July 6 and again on August 3 we will be trying something new: our 10am service will be spoken on those days, that means there will be no music. In years past, primarily pre-COVID, that is what the 8am service looked like. For some people this time with less auditory input (with which we are constantly surrounded) was a time to focus on the words that they and the priest were saying and it was where they found themselves most connected to the presence of God.

It is true that music is and always has been a large part of the Anglican worship tradition and so of the Episcopal Church as well. I love our music program here. Kay is a gem for which I am grateful every day. And our small and mighty choir could give choirs at larger churches a run for their money. I also value the times when I am able to worship more quietly with a simple spoken service. Holy Trinity will never, at least while I am here, entirely remove music from our worship – but there are times when a “sacred reset” is not such a bad thing.

The truth is that not everyone is spiritually fed by music every Sunday, although many are. Not everyone is spiritually fed by a steady diet of quieter or more contemplative services, although many are. Living in community as we do we have to find a balance that feeds everyone in different ways.

God speaks to us in a myriad of ways. The organ or piano, the voices of the choir, the congregation singing together, the lyrics of the hymns is a place where God is often pretty clear. There are also times when we hear God best when we are silent – or at least quieter than usual.

We, individually and collectively, are still shifting into new realities following COVID. The end of the 8am service was a shift. This experiment is another. These two Sundays will be another step into finding balance and continuing to live into our new reality.

Kathleen+

Living with Integrity

On Saturday, June 28 nearly 40 people gathered to hear some wit and wisdom from John Edwards about Living with Integrity. John talked about his life in general and specifically spoke about being a part of the Vermont General Assembly and the House Judiciary Committee in 2000 when they crafted and passed Civil Unions for same-sex couples. He was joined by Tom Little, who was the Chair of that Judiciary Committee as well as being the Chancellor for the Diocese of Vermont. We were grateful to have them with us to share their experiences.



Parking and the sidewalk

Just a friendly reminder that when folks park in front of the church it is appreciated if we try not to park over the sidewalk area. There is plenty of room for most cars to be safely inside the lane line. Doing this keeps the sidewalk clear for anyone walking. We have witnessed on our video cameras individuals with walkers or canes or pushing strollers who have had to go around parked cars into the street because they are unable to continue walking on the sidewalk.

July Calendar

Fri 7/4- Office Closed

Picnic at Marshalls, 3 pm - ?

Sun, 7/6 – Pastoral care meeting, 9:15

Mon 7/7- Outreach meeting, 9:00am

Mon 7/14- Vestry meeting, 5:00pm

Thurs 7/24- Dill Pickle Canning, parish hall, 6:00pm

June 9th vestry meeting bullet points

-Celebration of New Ministry Aug 21st w/ reception to follow

-Insurance claim denied for St. John's

-Holy Trinity will be exploring other possibilities with the Sheldon House

Diaper Ministry Update

**Opening day February 3, 2025 Open
Mondays and Wednesdays 10 - 1
February, 2025**

3 visitors -

6 wipes packages and 16 diaper packs

March, 2025

25 visitors -

38 wipes packages and 65 diaper pack

April, 2025

Hygiene products began: 73 taken 40

20 Visitors

18 wipes 54 diaper packs

May, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 77

19 visitors + 1 (food, blanket, sleeping bag)

19 wipes 27 diaper packs

June, 2025

Hygiene products distributed: 88

17 visitors

17 wipes 24 diaper packs



**Volunteers:(clockwise from lower left)
Mary Hartman, Molly Hartman-Lontine,
Pat Gaboriault Kay Benedict, Kathleen
Schotto, Deanna Edwards, John Edwards,
Kellie Saboski, Mary Wood, Sheri Moore,
Mary Hartman, Natalie Good, Laura
Simon, Helen Short, Luca Lontine(diaper
counter)**

Thanks

Thank you Holy Trinity for the delicious food, visits, phone calls, and surprises following my fall and fractured pelvis - I am told it will be several months for healing to occur. Grateful to you - Linda

A note to my Church Family

I can never be grateful enough for all the love, help and encouragement I receive from each of you. My birthday was also so special and I am still enjoying it. Much love to all,
Mary Gladden

Special Notes from the Sunday School Teachers

First of all, I want to thank all the parents who worked

to support me during this Sunday School year. It was

great to find so many ways to connect with your children and share the stories of Jesus and his wonderful messages to guide us in our daily lives.

Sunday, June 8th was our last Sunday School class, however, nursery coverage will continue for children 5 and under throughout the summer. This means that Mattie Lampman will continue to cover Nursery with the support of parents during the first part of the service and children will return to the service following the Prayers of the People.

Once again, please know that we continue to look for adults and children who would like to be involved

with our Christian Youth Programs. Please feel free to contact Rev. Kathleen or me if you have interest.

Sunday School will begin again in the middle of September. Blessings, Mary Wood

Our final Sunday School class took place on Pentecost Sunday with a musical presentation of "This is the Day the Lord Has Made."



St. John's Highgate Raffle Quilt

The St. John's raffle quilt is currently on display in the parish hall. Raffle tickets are for sale during coffee hour. \$5/ticket, or 5 tickets for \$20. Or talk to Sandi Kenyon about tickets. Proceeds will go to restoring the church.



La Bella Incognita
Sunday, July 20, 3:30pm
The Highgate Manor

Seth Dempsey, Lute & Theorbo
Alex Miron-Perreault, Violin
Jessica Tovey, Violin
Alice Boissinot, Guastavino, Gamba & Cello

Works by Vivaldi, Purcell & Corelli.
Admission free.

All donations will help "Raise the Floor" of the historic St. John's Church, Highgate.

464 Highgate Road, Highgate Center, VT



Art Wall

"Random Brain Escapes"

Artist SUE REAL was educated at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. She was awarded the Canada Council Exploration Grant for two consecutive years, 1983 & 1984. Her artwork has been exhibited in Canada and in Europe; and her work is in the public collections of the Canada Council Art Bank (Ottawa, Canada), the Robert McLaughlin Gallery (Oshawa, Canada), and the Berlinische Gallery (Berlin, Germany). The artist's preference for found objects comes from her interest in environmental issues and advocacy. Sue Real currently resides in St. Albans, Vermont.



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Joyfully invites you to our Celebration of
Ministry as we welcome our new Rector
The Rev. Kathleen Schotto
And as we celebrate our ministry to God's
people in our community
Thursday, August 21st, 2025, 6:00 PM



July 18 & August 29

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Abenaki Tribal Office,
100 Grand Ave, Swanton

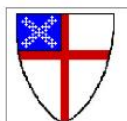
The Northwest Vermont Medical Reserve Corps and the Abenaki Tribal Council is hosting a free footcare clinic open to the public. **Please bring your own towel.** Clinic is by appointment and walk-in.



Make an Appointment:
Call Helen Short 802-752-5497



Community Canning Workshop 2025



Holy Trinity Church is offering a series of 3 canning workshops. The workshops will be open to the first 20 people. People may attend 1, 2, or 3 of the workshops. These are free to all participants with all materials provided.

Canning Workshop Dates

Dill Pickles: July 24th 6:00-8:00

Salsa: September 4th 6:00-8:00

Applesauce: September 25th 6:00-8:00

Please register for workshops at
office@holyltrinityswanton.org or call Kiley between 9-2
at 802-868-7185



All workshops will take place at
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



July Angels by Linda B Straight from the Heart

Day 1 Our angels are with us always.
Smiles are still priceless especially yours

Day 2 Your kind of wonderful is the best kind

Day 3 Today matters more than yesterday

Day 4 Ba a dreamer and a doer & there will be no stopping you!

Day 5 Your hard work is always paying off

Day 6 Our angels say we have so much to offer

Day 7 Plan, hope, reach, win!

With angel mail, you write your special request on a piece of paper and mail it to the angels. Thank the angels as if the request has been already granted

Angels are closer than you think. It is time we take charge

Angel is the only word in the language that can never be worn out

Lord, you and he angels will give us unlimited love that we leave in your hands

Lord, the angels and I thank you for showing us the right direction. Help us to pay close attention to this matter

Grow in Grace

When was the last time that you were wonderstruck by our Lord's greatness and by his angels. That is a very special thing.

Gracious Lord Jesus

I invite you to speak to me with your angels staying by close by.

I open my eyes to see you

open my ears to hear your voice

open my heart to receive your word

open my hands to accept what you give

Our angels are so happy with this wonderful gift.

Gather up love and your angels will always be ready.

Be kind to one another. It always works.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hunter Cheney**
- 5 Sarah Nielsen**
- 13 Frank Short**
- 18 Shelley Robtoy**
- 20 Katherine Winchester**
- 26 Kathleen Schotto**
- 27 Tara Webster**
- 28 James McDonald**
- 30 Randy LaFlam**



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Amy & Rob Giroux**
- 6 Carol & Harry Moulton**
- 8 Barb & Steve Trushaw**
- 14 Sarah & Eric Hadd**
- 20 Mary & Sam Carleton**



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