



# Tidings of Holy Trinity Church

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*Holy Trinity is called to recognize,  
communicate and celebrate God's presence within,  
among and around us.*

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Dear friends,

I often troubled my teachers at seminary, asking "We are so devoted to discipline and rigorous practice of faith during Lent and penitential seasons; but why do we not have more to say about 'living in the power of the Resurrection'?"

Well, the first answer is 'that should be our "default setting;" ' (the normal Christian life of Thanksgiving). It is also true that weight of loss and struggle is often what sets apart the truly happy and blessed moments; and only that contrast allows us to see them for the richness they convey!

Keeping this in mind, this Easter season we have introduced into our Sunday liturgy some new "frames of reference" to help contrast and define some nuances in this glorious resurrection life we share in the Risen Christ. The life of the Risen Christ as lived through the work of the Church and the faithful will be emphasized through alternative forms of the Prayers of the People (to set out the variety and power of passionate response to the Gospel imperative;) while the Eucharistic Prayer will develop our sense of the gentle nurture inherent in the image of Christ our mother (sic; Dame Julian of Norwich et al). Oh, how Anglican!! :)

*Faithfully, in the joy of the resurrection, I remain*

*Yours in Christ, (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore*

## Senior Warden Speaking

Last month I let you know that Ellen Lincourt was moving to St. Michaels' in the Heights in Worcester. This month I let you know that Pam Graham is moving to work at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. We thank Pam for her fellowship, gifts, and talents shared in worship and service on the vestry. Pam is not sure when she will actually move but we wish her well, God Speed and love in her new venture – her new beginning. We will miss you.

Pam's departure leaves an open seat on the vestry. If you are at all interested or curious about "sitting" on the vestry, please talk with Fr. Richard, Nancy Waugh, or myself—better still come to the May 11 vestry meeting and see what it's all about. At this vestry meeting, we will discuss the Mutual Ministry Review that will start at the June vestry meeting. You will remember that a Mutual Ministry Review is undertaken yearly to allow the congregation, lay leaders and clergy to compare notes, take stock of goals and objectives put in place the previous year. Have they been met or have we fallen short? Should new goals and objectives be made, should some stay the same? This year's Mutual Ministry Review will also consider whether Fr. Richard will become our Rector. Comments, suggestions, and questions are always welcome. Please speak with Fr. Richard, Nancy or myself if you have any.

Members of the congregation have shared that they like the altar where it is now so it is staying "up front".

I mentioned, last month, new beginning - you will find information in this Tidings about a new beginning that is coming to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church – The Club House. We pray that you will agree this new beginning is a perfect opportunity to share our building, extend our hospitality and to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus on Hamilton Street.

Please know that there are plans in place to repair the bottom step to the foyer stairs, currently roped off, so everyone is using the ramp. It has recently been decided that these repairs should be combined with much needed repairs to brick work at the front of the church. The brick work to the left of the foyer door received extensive damage during the melting snow and ice season caused by cascading water from the flat foyer roof. We pray that these repairs will be completed soon.

As always - please remember in your prayers: Fr. Richard, Nina and their family, all the Lay Leaders and those involved in ministry at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, pray for each other, the Hamilton Street neighborhood and the communities that we live in.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions please do not hesitate to talk with Fr. Richard, Nancy Waugh or myself (774-200-4279 or [abritinusa@gmail.com](mailto:abritinusa@gmail.com)).

*Looking Forward....*

*With gratitude and blessings*

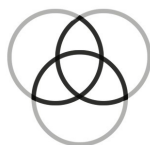
*Tamsin Lucey*

*We can do no great things just small things with great love.*

### Trinity Sunday, May 31

Trinity Sunday - our name sake Sunday - our church's Birthday Sunday will be celebrated in the parish hall after the service with a Birthday cake. Children will blow out the candles and cut and serve the cake.

Come join us for the party!



### FRIENDLYS FUNDRAISER

Chris Bolte, our parish secretary, and family volunteer weekly at Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary in Brimfield. The sanctuary is holding a Friendly's Fundraising Day on Monday, May 18. If you would like to help, by eating at Friendly's in Sturbridge anytime on May 18, please visit [www.heretodaysanctuary.org](http://www.heretodaysanctuary.org) for the coupon. A coupon is needed so the shelter receives a donation based on your purchase. Thank you!

### LOAVES AND FISHES MINISTRY

Thank you for your generous donations brought to church during April. Food was taken to the food pantry at St. John Paul II. On May 3, brown paper bags and a suggested shopping list will be on a music stand by the Narthex Doors. Please take a bag and shop from the list as you are able. As the weather gets warmer please consider buying food that is typically eaten in warmer weather. Food returned by Sunday, May 31, will be blessed before going to the pantry the following week. Thank you for your continued participation in the ministry.

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".*



*With Love, Peace, and Joy.  
Bill Nelson and Tamsin Lucey*

### THE MISSION PLATE

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity Church - Dave and I will be returning from Arizona on May 1st, and looking forward to seeing you all again. I miss my home church family and worshipping with you. Spring is gorgeous here with the cactus in bloom, spring desert flowers blossoming amidst the saguaros, and palo verde trees covered in tiny yellow flowers. And then we will be able to welcome another spring in Massachusetts.! How lucky can one get!

For the Mission Plate donations for May, I would like to extend our collection for Dave Holland and his needs. Lana explained to me and to you that he needs help funding a computer, and since I am not sure what that will cost, I thought we could extend the donations collected in May for his efforts and work in mission. We are a small congregation, but our hearts are big and we are very willing to help.

Looking forward to seeing you all on May 3, 2015! ~Suzy Sharp ([774-230 3426](tel:774-230-3426))



**HTEC will have a choir for Pentecost Sunday, May 24, and Trinity Sunday, May 31. We will rehearse at about 11:00 a.m. each Sunday, in the church. Rehearsal time should last about 45 minutes. All voices that enjoy singing to the Glory of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are welcome. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord in the form of music. If you are interested in singing, please feel free to speak to Anne Bouvier-Monroe, our organist. We are looking forward to seeing some of our regulars and some new people in the choir.**

## **BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES & SAFETY "RODEO"**

**SOUTHBRIDGE COMMON , 1 MECHANIC ST, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA**

**9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 @ 10:00 AM**

**Come join the fun, with or without a bike!**

The Blessing of the Bicycles is an ecumenical community event to celebrate a new season of sun, safety and using our bodies to propel around our communities and beyond. The Safety Rodeo is to provide an opportunity for you or your family to learn, practice, and demonstrate bicycle handling skills in a fun, noncompetitive atmosphere to increase bicycle safety and enjoyment.



## HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday May 30

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We invite you to join our effort to support the Red Cross and either make an appointment to donate blood or help on the day, or provide a snack. Please see Tamsin Lucey for more information. Look for more details coming soon on the web site, Facebook, the Sunday service bulletins and flyers.

There is always a need for blood donors to help prevent a shortage. Here's how you can help the patients in need:

1. Make an appointment to donate blood.
2. Share this information with everyone you know. Let them all know their help is needed now.
3. Bring a friend! If every donor brought a friend to donate, we could help prevent a shortage.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit  
<http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation-v6> and enter

Sponsor Code: **HTCSB**

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

4–Aliana Bousquet  
12–Gordon Adams  
15–Sally Baum  
28–Mary Hicks

*If you have a birthday this month and are not listed but would like your name to be included in our monthly Tidings for birthdays, please contact the office.  
Thank you!*

### MEMORIAL BOOK

HTEC is looking for a person who enjoys the art of handwriting to update our Memorial Book. The Memorial Book lists all of the contributions made in memory of a loved one. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping out, please see Fr. Richard or Tamsin Lucey.



### THE CLUB HOUSE

In the fall of 2014, Fr. Richard and I were approached by Lynne Simonds about the possibility of the undercroft and classrooms being used as a place for middle school (6, 7 & 8) children in Southbridge to come and have a place they could call their own – a Club House. Fr. Richard and I recently submitted a letter of intent to apply for a grant from the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts to help get the Club House project started. We will find out in late May if we will be invited to apply for a grant. Either way – The Club House will slowly but surely take shape and come into being sometime later this year. The Club House hours will be mutually determined to work with current and anticipated use of the undercroft and classrooms. Currently Lynne Simonds is working with Southbridge Middle School, the Jacobs Edwards Library, Harrington Hospital, The Center of Hope, The Family Health Center and The George Wells Human Health Center to put together partnerships and programs for The Club House. The Club House will be run by staff, volunteers and high school mentors, using their own funds and paying us rent. Expect to see more information about the Club House soon. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak with me.

*Tamsin Lucey, Senior Warden.*

### YARD SALE AT HTEC

A team of people have come forward to ensure that Holy Trinity Episcopal Church hosts a Community Yard Sale this year. Bart Krug, Joe DiSalvatore, Rose Reith, Cat Reith-Lowery, and Barbara Wilson - thank you all very much.



The date has not yet been determined but will be in the summer, will be known by the middle of May!! Stay tuned for more information.

Tables and spaces will be available for parishioners and non parishioners alike. As of yet, no one has come forward to organize and "man" a table for items donated to the church. If **YOU** are interested in; unpacking, organizing, selling and repacking unsold stuff, donated by others, on behalf of HTEC, please talk with Joe or Bart as soon as possible. If no one comes forward there will NOT be a Holy Trinity table and NO donations will be accepted.

Everyone is invited to have a table to sell their own stuff - stuff they no longer want or need, stuff they make and would like to sell. Anyone interested in having a table or space, grilling hot dogs or burgers, serving drinks and snacks should talk with Joe (617)875-5741 or Bart (774)289-9670.



Join us for Family Worship in Blakely Hall

**May 10 & 24**

When families come together to worship  
with kids in mind.

### FREE COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS



May 9, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome!





### GREEN THUMB MINISTRY

Spring is here and the grass is greening up and growing. We will soon be cutting the grass at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. The mowing rota in 2014 worked very well each member of the team mowed just 3 or so times. The 2015 mowing team is signing up now, if you would like to join please add your information to the sign up sheet on the table at the back of the church or contact Bart Krug. Many thanks and Happy Mowing...

### PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24



The first Christian celebration of Pentecost happened in Jerusalem. The disciples spoke in native languages that could be understood by visitors from far off lands. Pentecost is celebrated now at HTEC with people reading the Acts Chapter 2 verses 2 to 21 in different languages all at the same time. This year join us in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on May 24 as we celebrate Pentecost and hear the scripture read in Modern Greek, Dutch, Russian, Swahili, French (Canadian) Spanish (Southbridge dialect), English (British), English (American), and from The Message. If you would like to take part using another language please let Fr. Richard or Tamsin Lucey now, the more languages the better!

#### **March Financial Report**

##### **On the income side:**

- Pledges are down by \$3,322 over budget. We have \$10,000 in prepaid pledges so the pledge line is "artificially" over budget.
- Fundraising is under budget.
- Rental income is over budget.

Overall income is down \$7,200 after adjusting for the prepaid pledges.

##### **On the expense side:**

- Most lines are under budget except for salary and utilities. The oil and insurance will vary as they are paid once or twice a year, but money is put in reserve for these expenses.
- Church repair and maintenance is way over budget: the snow shoveling alone was \$2,022.50 with \$550 coming from 2014, and therefore reserve funds.
- Expenses are down ~ 5,000 which makes the cash flow about even.
- We have not yet been billed for the window and bathroom work done by Cole Contracting, ~\$2,300 but the money is in reserve. We will also have an expense for the gutters and the front stairs soon.

#### **Non Operating Budget**

1st Q Foodshare and March Mission and Outreach collection will be sent in April.

##### **Summary**

- The Statement of Financial Position, however, looks good, and we are optimistic pledges will catch up.
- Money was moved into the Fuel Fund and the Insurance Fund and into the reserve fund to be used for budget lines under spent going forward.
- The very good news is that as of 3/18/15 we only used 200 gallons of oil over last year at that date, and it was a brutally cold winter.
- We bought 4000 gallons of oil at \$2.395/gallon delivered on 3.31.15 ( Paid in April) for \$9,581.44, so we will have almost enough oil for the 2015-2016 heating season.

*Susan Howland, Treasurer*

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**The Episcopal Diocese of Western  
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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

## Sunday Services

*9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist*

**Celebrant and Preacher**

**The Rev. Richard Signore**

### Save These Dates

#### **Holy Trinity Church**

Sunday, May 3—11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 9—10:00 a.m.—Free Community Yoga Class

Saturday, May 9—10:00 a.m.—Blessing of the Bicycles and Safety Rodeo—  
Southbridge Common, 1 Mechanic Street.

Sunday, May 10 —9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Sunday, May 10—11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 17—11:00 a.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 23—4:30 p.m.—Free Simple Supper at Elm St.  
Congregational Church

Sunday, May 24—9:30 a.m.—Family Worship

Saturday, May 30—9:00 a.m.—American Red Cross Blood Drive  
All Day—HTEC @ Southbridge Fest

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#### **Class Information**

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.—Yoga