



# The Trumpet

Trinity Episcopal Church

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## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Over the past month I experienced a wonderful confluence of the work our Facilities Task Force is doing and my reading. The church Facilities Task Force has diligently been working on the development of a Facilities Master Plan with our architects Jeff Potter and Associates. The architects have examined our current facilities to assess any repair and maintenance needs. They have visited with the members of the Task Force to ascertain what they perceived to be the current and future needs for our physical plant.

The second point of confluence has been my reading of a book by Philip Bess, *Till We Have Built Jerusalem*. Dr. Bess is the Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture. His book had an interesting quote by Winston Churchill. He is quoted as saying, "We shape our buildings, and then our buildings shape us." Surely that is true in our case. The beauty and majesty of our worship space shapes the type of worship that we experience on Sunday. In particular, the wonderful acoustics that are a result of the nave's construction enhance the

music of both the organ and choir. The beauty of the nave accentuates both our personal and communal worship and prayer.

Dr. Bess believes the urban areas of our cities are important in the creation of a



"good life" for their citizens. What I find most applicable to us as a church is that he points out that traditionally the Church was at the center, or at least a major player, in the creation of that "good life." Dr. Bess goes on to say that our church buildings should be both a reflection of

God's truth that we hold to as Christians and as witnesses to our communities of the important place of the Church in the local neighborhood and community.

I have few illusions that in today's world we will recapture our former glory in society. In fact, I'm not sure that we should. We can, however, make the proactive choice to be a participant in the life of our city. One of the ways that we can do that is by asking ourselves the question, "How does our physical plant add to or detract from the mission God has given to Trinity, in our neighborhood and to the city of Longview?"

As Christians, we believe in a God of incarnation - a God who has chosen, in Jesus, to become man and dwell in our midst. As the Body of Christ, we now take on that ministry of incarnation, being a palpable sign of God's presence in our city. It is a blessing to be a part of a Facilities Task Force that is faithfully discerning what that presence looks like as we move into our shared future. It will be exciting to see what they, working with the architects, will come up with. It is a great time to be a part of God's work at Trinity Church.

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

## STAFF

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries
Tim Baker	Director of Student Ministries
Tisha Grotemat	Director of Children's Ministries
Donna Armstrong	Administrative Assistant
Leno Mancilla	Sexton
George Pliier	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

## VESTRY

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Claire Alford	David Balliett	Lucy Germany
Bill Charles	Scott Jones	John Hall
Todd Holman	Elise McClure	Kim Howard
Dinah Rushing	Ted Skeans	Ava Welge
William Charles, Senior Warden		
Dinah Rushing, Junior Warden		
Barney Jones, Treasurer		
Kristen Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry		

# QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.”**

— John Wesley

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### *Expectant Heart Pregnancy Resource Center*

The Expectant Heart Pregnancy Resource Center is a local Longview agency providing assistance to women facing unexpected pregnancy. They offer lab quality pregnancy testing and counseling services to help encourage, care for, equip and empower women in a judgment-free environment. All services are offered free of charge and are available to all, regardless of income, race, or religion.

“Our desire is to stop your world from spinning out of control by providing free, long term support. We understand that sometimes you need a place to process everything, to think through all your options, to feel safe to share what's on your mind. Expectant Heart's calm and comforting surroundings can be that place for you.”

For more information about Expectant Heart Pregnancy Resource Center, visit their website at [expectantheart.org](http://expectantheart.org)



Lenten Service of Evening Prayer  
Monday - Friday at 5:30 PM  
Beginning Thursday, March 6th

Evening Prayer will be held in the  
choir area of the nave.



## SOUP, SALAD & OUR STORY

**Wednesday Evenings 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**Beginning March 12**

**The group will run for five weeks.**

**Soup will be provided.**  
**Bring your favorite side item to share.**

**YOUTH NEWS FOR MARCH**

**MARCH 2**

Sunday School Donuts  
9:00 AM

**MARCH 16**

Youth Hang Time  
Trinity Outreach Center • 4:30 - 7:00 PM

**MARCH 23**

Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen  
11:45 - 12:45 PM

**MARCH 30**

Guys/Girls Small Groups • 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Check the Trinity Youth Facebook page for  
locations and times

**Facebook.com/  
trinityepiscopalstudents**

**Longview Community Ministries  
Food Box needs for March**

1 lb. or 2 lb. dried beans  
1 or 2 lb. rice

Longview Community Ministries would like to ask for your extra support this month. Due to a generous grant, all food basket items collected in March and April will be matched. Please consider your donation to the great cause of helping wipe out hunger in Longview!

**March Musical Events at  
Trinity Church**

**KILGORE COLLEGE CHORALE**  
Spring Concert

Under the direction of Dr. Jim Tayler  
Thursday, March 6 • 7:30 PM

**SERVICE OF COMPLINE**

Performed by the men's Compline Choir.  
Refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.  
Sunday, March 9th • 8:30 PM

**SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG**

Featuring the combined choirs of Trinity Church  
and Christ Episcopal Church, Tyler  
Reception following in Guild Hall  
Sunday, March 30 • 6:00 PM

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

**GIFT SHOPPE**

906 Padon Street  
(Near main office at double doors near flag pole)

The Trinity Gift Shoppe has many new items coming in from our visit to market.

**Drop by and enjoy shopping!**

We are continuing our half price clearance sale on many items.

Sunday 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM  
Wednesday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM



**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper**

**Hosted by the Vestry**

**MARCH 4**  
**5:00 PM to 6:30 PM**  
**Parish Hall**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 5**

**Service Times**

**10 AM**  
Imposition of Ashes

**12:15 PM & 6 PM**  
Eucharist &  
Imposition of Ashes



# Vestry Ushers in New Year with New Members & New Ideas

By Lucy Germany, Vestry Communications Coordinator

The first vestry of the new year "came in" with enthusiasm and an obvious sense of dedication to the needs and spirit of Trinity. Yes, members of Trinity, you are in good hands with a vestry eager to tackle topics such as church building security, finances, upcoming activities including the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper; an interesting Lenten program featuring "story telling", and the stewardship drive for the new year. Any one of those could be classified as a challenge, but the assembled twelve vestry members—elected by you, the congregation—confronted all of them with enthusiasm and wisdom.

The first big issue confronting the group was the status of security for Trinity, which Barney Jones, treasurer, outlined in some detail including incidents of tampering with outdoor lighting and locks, problems which have been rectified by the security committee. Jones said that, where needed, new locks will be installed and electrical work for improved exterior lighting is being studied, the results of which will be then presented to the Endowment Board for review. As a result of the study's implementation, lights will be installed at every entrance to the building, and solutions will be studied to protect air conditioning units which are vulnerable to destructive action by intruders seeking to acquire copper, a raw material used in the construction of all such units. There is also, Jones said, a possibility that fencing around some units may be necessary in order to insure complete protection. The Vestry accepted the electrical bid and will approach the Endowment Board for payment in the amount of \$5,000 for pending electrical work if they consider it to be an appropriate use of monies from the Crowder Fund.

The Vestry learned from Todd Holman that the work of the Facilities Task Force was moving along nicely. Recently, the task force met with architect Jeff Potter to consider security matters, as well as improvements to restrooms and outreach possibilities. As it matures, the plan will be presented to the vestry for consideration.

Fr. Kevin announced that the theme for the 2014 Lenten Program will be "Our Story," material for which will be offered by storytellers who are familiar with the history of the church. The Lenten program begins March 12.

Two new standing committees have been formed: One to handle stewardship matters and one to serve as the Nominations Standing Committee, seeking out potential church members to fill various offices. Both committees are made up of vestry and non-vestry members so that more church members have opportunities to serve in key positions. Members who would like to serve in such positions are invited to speak with Senior Warden, Bill Charles.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Tisha Grotemat, Director of Children's Ministries

In Sunday School, during the season of Lent, your child will get to experience the most amazing and thought provoking Easter journey ever as they travel and walk the final days with Jesus. They'll experience the excitement surrounding Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, the significance of the Last Supper, the darkness at Gethsemane, the sacrifice Jesus made at the cross, and the joy of his resurrection. It has been my experience, after teaching for several years, that children learn best through their five senses, so when I came across *Walk with Jesus* and setting up Sunday School into five sessions during the Lenten season I was ecstatic! Please bring your children during this time.

In Children's Church, we will be using Godly Play and going through the Lenten season by learning all the important colors, meanings and liturgy. **As always I NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Please contact me at 903-617-7899. Due to Safeguarding regulations, it is very important to have a second person with me at all times. Your only responsibility will be to assist.

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The banner features a background of flames. On the left, the text "Spring Gala" is written in a white, serif font. Below it is the TST logo, which consists of a shield containing the letters "TST" and a circular emblem. At the bottom left, the date "March 29, 2014" is displayed in white. On the right side, the text "TST SPRING GALA" is in white, "March 29, 2014 • 6:00 PM" is in yellow, and "Summit Club - 3700 Judson Road" is in white. Below that, "SPONSORSHIPS • CAR RAFFLE" is in white. At the bottom right, the text "For more information, visit the Trinity School of Texas website at www.trinityschooloftexas.com" is in red.

Spring Gala

TST

March 29, 2014

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March 29, 2014 • 6:00 PM  
Summit Club - 3700 Judson Road

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## Happy Birthday

3/1	Jim Heinz	3/12	Steven Harkrider	3/17	Patsy Charles
3/4	Jerry Harris	3/13	Jacob Baker	3/19	Betty Hurst
3/5	Hal Willoughby	3/13	Alan Robertson	3/19	Marilyn Mann
3/8	Ron Fadal	3/14	Glenda Mann	3/21	Christy Collins
3/8	Charles Thomas	3/15	Elizabeth Stroup	3/26	Harper White
3/10	Ted Skeans	3/16	Janet Brown	3/27	Wyatt Scott
3/10	Jan Stanley	3/16	Emily Sparks	3/28	Beverly Paschall
3/11	John Martin	3/17	Keely Barbe	3/31	Lisa Sawyer
3/12	Christopher Wilks	3/17	Gayland Rushing		
3/12	Cliff Phoenix	3/17	Randy Crowley		

## Happy Anniversary

3/5	Charles & Ann Ireland
3/7	Jim & Nancy Sawyer
3/8	Chris & Tisha Grotemat
3/8	Cliff & Terry Phoenix
3/11	Joe & Lori Weatherford
3/12	Michael & Linda Leath
3/13	Joe & Ellen Hendrix
3/28	Jerry & Terri Fields

# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of March – Lectionary Year A

Date	March 2 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	March 9 The First Sunday in Lent	March 16 The Second Sunday in Lent	March 23 The Third Sunday in Lent	March 30 The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Verger	S. Alford	M. Wilks	M. Wilks	S. Alford	M. Wilks
Acolytes					
8:00 10:30	T. Gignilliat Team 1	J. Sloan Team 2	T. Gignilliat Team 3	G. Rushing Team 1	T. Gignilliat Team 2
Lay Readers					
8:00	L. Snider J. Hall	B. Charles L. Snider	L. Snider G. Hoover	J. Sloan G. Rushing	G. Hoover L. Snider
10:30	E. Smith S. Thomas	B. McClellan J. McClellan	L. Germany R. McPhee	J. Fowler J. Welge	J. Hall C. Collins
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matt. 17:1-9	Gen. 2:15-17,3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matt. 4:1-11	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Rom. 4:1-5,13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Ps 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ps 23 Eph. 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
L. E. M. 8:00	L. Snider J. Sloan	B. Charles L. Snider	L. Snider G. Hoover	J. Sloan G. Rushing	G. Hoover L. Snider
10:30	J. Fowler J. Sawyer	G. McWhorter G Hoover	L. Germany B. Charles	J. Fowler J. Welge	J. Hall J. Sawyer
Altar Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team
Usher	Thorson Team	Campbell Team	Alexander Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team
Greeters	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team
L. E. V.	B. Charles J. Mraz		M. Arnold L. Leath		B. Charles J. Mraz
Parish Security	T. Kirkindoll	G. Pfler	T. Devon	G. Pfler	T. Kirkindoll
Vestry Counters 8:00	B. Charles D. Rushing	B. Charles A. Welge	B. Charles E. McClure	J. Hall D. Rushing	B. Charles E. McClure
10:30	S. Jones C. Alford	L. Germany T. Skeans	S. Jones C. Alford	C. Alford T. Skeans	S. Jones C. Alford
Flower Delivery	C. Prior C. Wilks	D. Fricks L. Leath	Z. Brown M. Harkrider	B. Hancock D. Skeans	E. Cargill J. Walters
Coffee Hour	P. Charles	S. French	MOT	J. Barth	L. Leath

# March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Regular Sunday Schedule 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School Donuts	3 5:00 PM Tai Chi Trinity Outreach Center 5:30 PM Evening DOK	4 5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Parish Hall	5 ASH WEDNESDAY Imposition of Ashes: 10:00 AM 12:15 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6 5:00 PM Tai Chi Trinity Outreach Center 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 7:30 PM Kilgore College Chorale Spring Concert	7 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	8
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23 Regular Sunday Schedule 11:45 AM Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen	24 5:00 PM Tai Chi Trinity Outreach Center 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	25 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	26 10:00 AM Trinity School Holy Eucharist Service 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM "Soup, Salad & Our Story" 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	27 5:00 PM Tai Chi Trinity Outreach Center 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	28 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	29 6:00 PM TST Spring Gala
30 6:00 PM Service of Choral Evensong 5:30 PM Youth Guys/Girls Small Groups 6:00 PM Choral Evensong	31 5:00 PM Tai Chi Trinity Outreach Center 5:30 PM Evening Prayer		<b>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</b> 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist			

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### **March Special Events**

2nd	Youth Sunday School Donuts, 9:00 AM
4th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Parish Hall, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
5th	Ash Wednesday Services, 10:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM, Nave
6th	Kilgore College Chorale Spring Concert, Nave, 7:30 PM
9th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
12th	"Soup, Salad, Our Story" Begins, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall (Every Wed for five weeks)
16th	Youth Hang Time, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM, Trinity Outreach Center
23rd	Youth Serve at Martha's Kitchen, 11:45 AM
29th	Trinity School of Texas Spring Gala, 6:00 PM, Summit Club
30th	Choral Evensong, 6:00 PM, Nave
30th	Youth Small Groups, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (Check Youth Facebook Page for details)

### **April Special Events**

6th	Youth Sunday School Donuts, 9:00 AM
13th	Palm Sunday Services, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM (Procession at 10:30 AM)
13th	Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave
17th	Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM
18th	Good Friday Services, 8:00 AM & 12:00 PM
20th	Easter Sunday Services, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
24th	East Texas Children's Chorus Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave
27th	Youth Small Groups, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (Check Youth Facebook Page for details)
29th	Trinity Masterworks Concert Featuring Mozart Requiem, 7:30 PM, Nave