



THE TRINITY TRUMPET

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

RENEWED IN THE LOVE OF JESUS

Fr. Bill Carroll, Rector

“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” (BCP, p. 265) This year, we will hear these words once more on Ash Wednesday (February 17). We will offer the full liturgy with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at 12:15 and 6:00 pm. This year, some may prefer to receive the ashes and Holy Communion privately. Please call me (903-399-1190) to schedule a time on or after Ash Wednesday, either at church or at your home.

Lent provides time to reflect on our own weakness and renew our trust in the Savior’s love. This year, I’d like to challenge us to move beyond giving something up for forty days, as important as that can be. What disciplines might we adopt this Lent that we can continue year round? **Fasting, self-denial, and almsgiving** are certainly part of the answer, especially if we remember that the Lord commands us to fast from injustice and to care for our neighbors’ bodies: “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break

every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?” (Isaiah 58:6-7)

In our rush to action, however, we should not neglect **repentance, prayer, and Bible study**. At Trinity, we are committed to “lifelong formation and study of the Word.” (See our Draft Rule of Life for Trinity in this edition of the *Trumpet*.) Some of us have a regular pattern for these already. I would like to urge all of us to find more time this Lent for disciplines of this kind. Our relationship with Jesus is the foundation for all we do. As with physical exercise, it is best to begin with modest, achievable goals. Even fifteen minutes of daily prayer and study can be life changing, and it is possible to build self-examination and penitence into this time.

Where might we begin?

With regard to *prayer*, I would recommend using the daily devotions for individuals and families (Prayer Book, pages 137-140), taking time for silence before God alongside these prayers. It is important to remember, though, that there is no right or wrong way to pray. Evening Prayer is hosted nightly at 7:30 pm on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/trinitylongview). The most important thing is to spend some time seeking a deeper relationship

with Jesus Christ. *Repentance* might begin with a daily examination of conscience and reflection on Psalm 51. The sacrament of Reconciliation of a Penitent (private confession with a priest) can be used at any time by appointment and is especially appropriate during Lent. The Prayer Book makes it available for those who need it or want it, but does not require it. For *Bible study*, I recommend starting with the Psalms and Gospels, reading no more than a chapter or two a day.

May this Lent—and every season that follows—be a time for us to grow in the likeness of Jesus. Through our chosen disciplines, may we learn to see his face and be changed by what we see. For Jesus is the face of God, turned toward us in love. And he will make us new.

Fr. Bill+



Ash
Wednesday

FEBRUARY 17TH

Services of Holy Eucharist
and Imposition of Ashes

12:15 PM and 6:00 PM

TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector
Dr. James Douglas "Doug" Stump, TST Head of School
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator
Bill Bane, Director of Music Ministries
Jacqui Baker, Director of Children's Ministries
Leno Mancilla, Property Manager
Trudy Godsey, Endowment Board President

VESTRY

Wiley Thomas, Senior Warden
Robert Maly, Junior Warden
TBA, Treasurer
TBA, Clerk of the Vestry

Class of 2021

Steve Lindsey, Dinah Rushing, Wiley Thomas, Tricha Wilcox

Class of 2022

Kathy Gray, John Hall, Robert Maly, Alan Robertson

Class of 2023

Jan Barth, Shirley Griffin, Trey Smith, Sallie Tullberg

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Newgate Mission



INSPIRING HOPE

Newgate Mission exists to feed the people of God in mind, body and spirit. All of their ministries and services aim to meet the basic needs of our human condition, especially those affected by poverty. Newgate United Methodist Mission of Longview, Inc. began in 1990. While Newgate is a mission of the United Methodist denomination, it opens its doors to cross all denominational lines as we all participate together in God's mission. They also seek to collaborate with local community agencies who share their passion to love and serve our community. We are honored to support the work of this great ministry this month.

Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Fr. Bill Carroll with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep him informed of any pastoral issues that he may need to know about. You can reach him at any time:

Cell Phone - call or text (903) 399-1190

Email: frbill@trinityparish.org

He will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10 p.m. for general issues and at any time for an emergency. Please use your discretion for items that can wait until normal business hours. But, please err on the side of calling or texting for any issues you feel need his urgent attention.



**FEBRUARY
2021**

Zoom Sunday School - Every Sunday Morning at 9:15 a.m. Let Jacqui know if you want to join this fantastic group of kids so she can send the link. jbaker@trinityparish.org

Children's Sermon - Each week a new Children's Sermon is posted to the Children's Ministry Facebook page. You can access it here: [Facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren)

Weekly emails are being sent out with Christian Formation attachments for families who wish to stay home. Let Jacqui know if you want to be on the weekly email list. jbaker@trinityparish.org

Be looking for Lenten Packets by February 17th! If you are not getting our weekly Children's Ministry emails, but would like to receive a Lenten Packet, please contact Jacqui.



KIDS' BIBLE ACTIVITY BAGS

Are available on Sundays at the back of the nave for younger and older students that follow the lectionary for that Sunday. Bags are to be taken home and not returned to the back of the nave.

HAPPENINGS IN FEBRUARY

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Monday, February 8 • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

MEETING OF THE VESTRY

Tuesday, February 9 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 17
12:15 PM & 6:00 PM

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Mornings at
7:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

To join the study, please
email Fr. Bill at
frbill@trinityparish.org for
info about how to log in.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Evenings at
6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

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email Fr. Bill at
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WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

12:15 PM Wednesdays

February



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Daphne Scott (2/02)

Mike Lewis (2/03)

Patricia Florence (2/04)

Eugenie Holman (2/04)

Alyce Sparks (2/04)

Bobby Carney (2/05)

David Balliett (2/10)

Risa Harris (2/10)

Alexandra Jones (2/10)

John Robbins (2/10)

Jan Barth (2/11)

Harry Barth (2/12)

Gail Wilks (2/12)

Michael Abernathey
(2/16)

David Maly (2/18)

Sallie Tullberg (2/19)

Nancy Elswick (2/23)

Jennifer Jackson (2/23)

Margaret Partin (2/23)

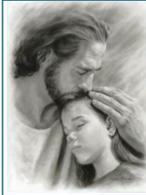
David and Brenda Alexander (2/05)

Robert and Shannon Guttry (2/12)

Sammy and Cherisa York (2/12)

Ed and Bonnie Rast (2/16)

Wiley and Judy Thomas (2/20)



*Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love.*

Joel 2:13

A Rule of Life for Trinity Episcopal Church (DRAFT)

This “rule of life” intends to make our baptismal vows more specific through several practical commitments. They are offered not in a legalistic spirit but as touchstones for our growth. At Trinity, we aim to “follow in the steps of Jesus” (1Pet 2:21) and to put him first in our lives. And so, this is our joyful commitment as his disciples:

Center our lives in Jesus, through weekly public worship and daily personal prayer.

Grow in his likeness through lifelong formation and study of the Word.

Serve the neighbors he gives us through authentic relationships and shared gifts.

Promote love, respect, and accountability in our common life, staying open to his Spirit.

Practice self-care and holy rest, so our lives may be fruitful in his love.

Work and give generously to support his mission.

At our March 9 retreat, the Vestry will make adjustments to this rule and adopt it as a working document to guide our Christian formation ministries and practice of discipleship in the coming year. It is reprinted here to provide guidance for our Lenten observance. If you have comments, please call or email Fr. Bill (903-399-1190; frbill@trinityparish.org) by March 2 at 5 pm. All written comments received will be shared with the Vestry. There will be a second round of comments prior to the annual parish meeting in January 2022, when we hope to ratify and formally adopt this rule.

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Welcome to Dr. Doug Stump Head of School at Trinity School of Texas

Dr. Stump has served in private Christian education since 1998, serving as classroom teacher, dean of students, assistant administrator and head of school. His first passions were English and history, and he taught these subjects in middle school and later high school. He has taught research and writing at the college level, as well as a seminar course on exploring global cultures through film. He has taught leadership and research at the doctoral level, and most recently taught teachers who wanted to become principals in a masters leadership program. His passion is Christian school leadership, and he is excited to be part of TST. He has four children – three of whom are pursuing their advanced degrees. He enjoys many hobbies, including film, hiking and camping, national parks, golfing, woodworking, and cooking. He and his youngest daughter also enjoy exploring thrift shops.

Dr. Stump earned his B.A. from Carson Newman University, a M. Ed. from Marymount University, and his Ed. D. from Shanandoah University.