

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



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THE HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTER



OUR VISION STATEMENT“

The New Wine Vineyard— Revealing Christ through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To give honour and glory to God by making disciples of Jesus Christ, empowering them to live according to the principle of God's kingdom through the ministry and mission of the church.

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DEAN'S ADDRESS

BY THE VERY REVEREND
SHELLEY-ANN TENIA

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

"... Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles." Act 2:41-43

The season of Pentecost offers us many opportunities to connect with others. Connection, conversion and commitment are the movements of Easter people who follow the example of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit with the Mission of God always in full view before us.

I smiled when I was informed that the name of this newsletter would be "HTC Connect." How prophetic and timely! We are connected to and we share in the common life of our Triune God. Congratulations to the Communications Committee! Pray for them and with them as they keep us connected.

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us each day!



NOTICES

REGISTRATION FOR SERVICES

REGISTER ONLINE:

theholyltrinityreopening.eventbrite.com
(LINK ALSO AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM @THEHOLYTRINITYCATHEDRAL)

REGISTER VIA PHONE:

CALL 623-7271 BETWEEN
MON-FRI - 9AM TO 12PM

AVAILABLE SERVICES

FRIDAY 6:30AM | 12:00PM
SATURDAY 5:00PM
SUNDAY 6:00AM | 8:00AM | 10:00AM

(PLEASE NOTE EACH SERVICE WILL BE ONE (1) HOUR LONG)

WORSHIP REMOTELY:

Live Stream Services

Facebook: The Holy Trinity Cathedral
Monday to Thursday
6:30AM | 6:00PM | 9:00PM

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11AM

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KNOW YOUR FAITH

A tale of two “Catholics” – A very brief history of the Anglican Church by Omar Holder,

Anglicanism represents the middle ground between the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches. Two Catholic men played an important role in our church's history - Martin Luther and Henry VIII.



Martin Luther

Martin Luther, originally a Catholic priest, never intended to create a new church, just to reform the old one around two central themes: (1) the Bible is the primary religious authority and (2) humans may reach salvation only by their faith and not by their deeds. He wanted the Roman Catholic Church to stop selling indulgences, or 'get out of hell free' cards for money.

Nearly twenty years later, Henry VIII was made the head of the Church in England, rather than the Pope. He wanted “Catholicism without the Pope”, as he lived and **died** a Catholic believing in transubstantiation, priestly celibacy, and other Catholic doctrines.

Henry VIII



While most believe that he created the Anglican church in anger over the Pope's refusal to grant his divorce, historical record indicates that Henry spent most of his reign challenging the authority of Rome.

An Anglican, however, is the point of intersection between these two Catholics. Thomas Cranmer was deeply influenced by Luther and appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Henry. He moved the Church of England in a more “Protestant” direction by focusing on our shared tradition and belief which can be found in; the Book of Common Prayer (which he wrote) the Holy Bible and the 39 Articles of Religion.

Sources: Anglican.org, Anglicanjournal.com, History.com, stpaulepiscopalchurch.org & Wikipedia.org



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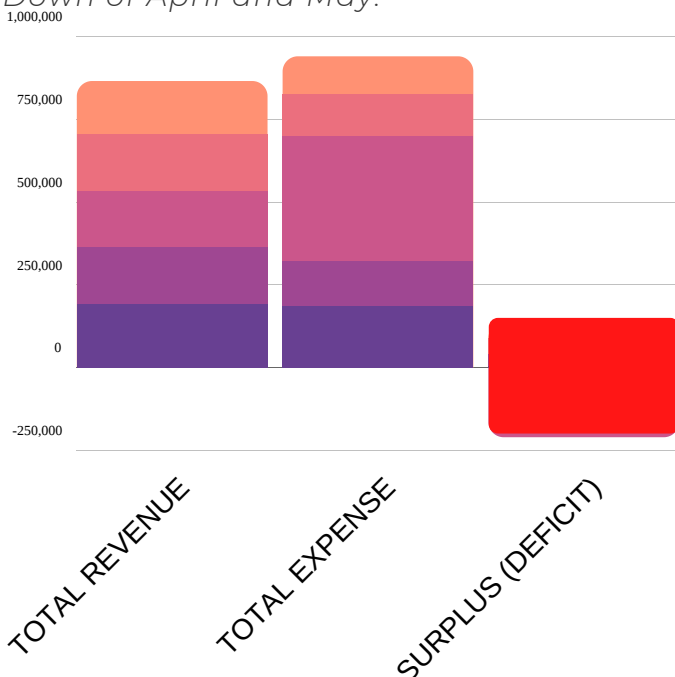
Governor Picton, in 1801, established the island's first Anglican Church in Port of Spain. This was a wooden building at the corner of upper Prince St. and Brunswick Sq., to which the Rev. J. H. Clapham was appointed to serve. During the night of March 24, 1808, a disastrous fire swept through Port of Spain, destroying Trinity Church, with the Cabildo House, the Jail and 412 houses, leaving about a score of houses and the Catholic Church standing in the lower part of the town.

COUNTING THE COST

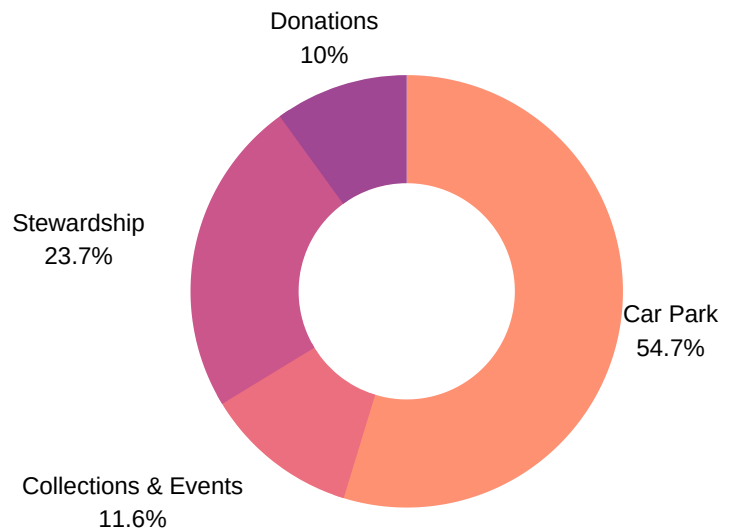
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW – YEAR TO DATE 2020 BY EDWINA LEACOCK

For the year 2020 the Vestry budgeted Total Revenues of \$2,711,177 and Expenses of \$2,294,960. With a Projected Operating Profit for the Year of \$416,217. As at end May 2020 our Revenues total \$918,997 with Expenses of \$955,580, resulting in a loss of approximately \$37,000 for the period. It is to be noted that with the onslaught of the Covid-19 virus and the closure of church services, the revenues were affected in April and May in the areas of Car Park Rentals, Loose Collection, and Funeral and Wedding Fees.

Our Year to Date reveals a marked distinction between the first quarter namely, before Covid-19 lock down at end of March and during Covid-19 Lock Down of April and May.



For the first quarter (before Covid-19) our Average Revenues were distributed as follows: Car Park – 54.75%; Collections at church and other Church events – 11.58%; Stewardship – 23.74%; Donations and Other Revenue – 10%. During the Covid lock down whereas car park revenues as a % of total for the two months reduced to 34.10%, Stewardship and Donations, increased to 27.88% and 11.74% respectively. The Church extends its most sincere appreciation for persons continuing to meet Stewardship commitments during these trying times. In addition, the outpouring of donations towards Social Outreach was also highly welcomed.



On the other hand, while Total Expenditure was budgeted for the period at approximately \$914,779, actual expenditure was \$955,580. Expenditure was maintained by keeping costs to a minimum during the Covid lock down period. However, the major cause of this variation was a significant expense incurred for the insurance of the church and the organ in the amount of \$243,270 that was not budgeted at that level.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY

(ACMS) BY BRENT MILLER SECRETARY AND SECOND LONGEST SERVING MEMBER.

The ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN'S SOCIETY (ACMS) began in the late 1950's, with members being stationed by the northern and southern Church doors, to ensure that the 6am and 8am Eucharist ran smoothly. At that time many ACMS members were also members of the protective services who served the Cathedral with distinction. The list included persons such as the Barbadian Mr. George Drayton, Mr. Vivian Kerwood, Mr. Clyde Mc Clean and Mr. Oswald Young. Our longest serving member, Mr. Lloyd Kellman, will be celebrating his 100th birthday on the 23rd August 2020. The ACMS is very dynamic in its work for the Cathedral family and engages members with social outreach and Evening Prayer, which fall in line with three of the six objectives laid out in the HTC prayer card: to deepen the spiritual life of members; to encourage the reading and systematic study of the Holy Bible and to emphasize that the principles of Christianity must be applied to all human relationships. It is against this backdrop that we seek to collectively develop the spiritual gifts of members that enhance the life of not only the Cathedral family, but by extension the community around us. Despite the difficult environment our group soldiers on at reinventing ourselves to make our organization as relevant as possible. To join the ACMS, we encourage men of all ages to contact Mr. Brent Miller, Secretary and second longest serving member.



YOUTH NEWS

THE CAR PARK PROJECT BY CANDICE MARKS

The car park lines in the Abercromby Street car park had faded over the years. In an effort to upgrade, the Vestry invited the youth of the parish to assist with repainting the car park lines. As a result, on January 4, 2020 a cross section of approximately 10 persons including youth (mainly the young men), Vestry and parishioners came to assist with the painting from about 10am to about 2pm. With the guidance of a professional, volunteers were able to clear the area, ensure that lines were drawn correctly and that the right method was used to apply the paint. It was the perfect scenario of many hands making light work. Food was also provided at the end and so it provided the opportunity to fellowship.



YOUTH NEWS

BOYS WILL BE BOYS BY MR. DENSLEY MITCHELL PRINCIPAL PRIMARY (AG)



The Richmond Street Boys' Anglican Primary School held its Carnival Frolic on Wednesday 19th February 2020 on the school's compound with the theme "I Love My Country". The school's principal, Mr. Densley Mitchell spoke on the Good, the Bad and the Ugly Aspects of Carnival and the action kicked off with an electrifying, fun filled Dance-A-Thon followed by a well-choreographed rhythmic dance performance from the Richmond Street Boys' Dance Crew. Other activities included; an original performance about the Covid 19 virus from the Std. 1 Department; Lip Sync performances and the Parade of Bands. The Infant Department won with their presentation of "Tropical Paradise".



CELEBRATING THE "LITTLE" VICTORIES.

BY MRS. GILLIAN ROBERTSON-EMMANUEL

The staff and students of St. Catherine's Girls' Anglican celebrated their annual Carnival Calypso Competition and Parade of Bands with each class designing a costume depicting something they wanted to see come to pass for the year 2020. The parents who attended the Carnival show were overwhelmed by the details and quality of the costumes, so much so, that they pleaded for the students to take part in the national junior Carnival competitions. The winner of the school's Calypso Competition was Khadijah Lashley, with her rendition of "Conquering the S. E. A". Twelve Standard Three students formed the school's first 4H Club and one month later, the group attended a 4H Fair at the Queen's Park Savannah where they learnt about many local crops and their by-products. During the second term, the school participated in the annual Central Games. They grabbed 6 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals in the Field Events. In addition, Jolene Nanton, a Standard Three student, represented the school at the Selebwason De Vwa Di Muen Yon Listwa Story Telling Competition and a group of Standard Three girls participated in the Nutrition Quiz: A Healthy Lifestyle Non-Communicable Diseases NCDs and Children. During the COVID-19 lockdown, the St. Catherine's staff used the Edmodo platform to share revision exercises with the student population on a weekly basis. Physical Education videos were also posted and Zoom meetings were used to check in with students.

YOUTH NEWS

COPING WITH THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC BY DAMALI MANNING

In an effort to communicate with the youth of the parish a WhatsApp message was sent where everyone was asked to respond with a heart emoji indicating their level of well being during the stay at home period during Covid 19. Some of the responses indicated that they were doing well, while others indicated that they were not.

Thus, on Friday March 8th 2020, we tried our first zoom youth meeting with a discussion on Anxiety and Coping With the Covid 19 Pandemic. Let's just say, it was a difficult topic for anyone to get through as the experiences were wide and different for each person. Some of the youth were not totally comfortable sharing, but at the end most of them contributed to the conversation. The general responses were that they missed going outside and hanging out with friends. Their anxiety was mostly centered around not knowing upcoming dates and formats for CSEC and CAPE examinations, as well as the increased amount of work and new platform (virtual) for teaching and learning. Suffice it to say, school was stressing them out.

John 16:33 was shared and reminded us that God didn't promise to remove all troubles from our life but that he conquered the world for us. It's okay to be anxious sometimes and God is not offended by this. Feeling anxious about the next step in life may be a part of our faith journey. Philippians 4:6 was then discussed and we came up with ways to get through these anxious times. A list of the various practices which can be utilized to improve the physical, spiritual, emotional and mental areas of life was generated.



At the end of the session they were asked to think about the various times God brought them through a difficult period in their life. Maybe you too are having some trouble dealing with the changes brought on by the COVID 19 pandemic. Remember it is okay to be a little anxious occasionally as change can increase anxiety. Try out some of these practices if the challenge exists.

FEATURED EVENTS

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING BY SHANICE JENI BRANCH

The Church has left the building and found a new space; the internet. On March 26th, the government of Trinidad and Tobago issued a necessary lock down to all services, with the exception of essential workers, in an attempt to monitor and stop the spread of COVID 19. The Church organization complied, and was forced to get familiar with online features to continue sharing the word of the Lord with its people. The Holy Trinity had a fair online presence prior to the outbreak but the numbers and engagement have significantly increased on several platforms including Facebook, WhatsApp, Zoom and Instagram. For many, it is saddening to be unable to greet one another physically, however the online spaces have provided the flexibility for many more to be present nationally and internationally.

The Bishop, our Dean and Clergy have bound their efforts together to divide the responsibility of posting several services daily. In fact, the Church organization planned several projects to help church goers feel connected and enthusiastic about annual church festivities such as:

Palm Sunday: *April 5th- #palmsundaychallenge: Parishioners were asked to take a photo or video of any greenery at the entrance of their home.*

195th Anniversary: *The platform of Zoom was used. Each person had the opportunity to log into Zoom to share your favorite stories about the Cathedral at the worship party.*

Trinity Sunday: *Parishioners were asked to submit photos and names of themselves or their family. These photos were then stuck on the pews.*

Due to the progress, our nation has been cleared to reopen sooner than we thought, but The Holy Trinity Cathedral will proceed with its endeavours to share God's word online for the benefit of many and to adjust with the new normal.



SOCIAL OUTREACH

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER BY GWENYTH BRIZAN

The Social Outreach Ministry is one of the oldest Ministries in the life of the Holy Trinity Cathedral. The Ministry provides Health Services, Education Support Services, counselling, Emotional and Social Support. Evangelism is also an important role, providing home visits to the sick and shut ins and assistance to those who are unable to help themselves.

The core of the program includes a Food Distribution Network which provides food and clothing to the hungry and homeless, which is supported by the Dean, The Very Reverend Shelley-Ann Tenia and managed by a committee comprising of coordinator Gwenyth Brizan and her team Celia Jack- Charles and Lenor Jackman. Other supporters of the team are Donna Sealey, Gwendolyn Roberts, and Elizabeth Samuel-Howe.

The group meets two (2) to three (3) times per week to plan, organise and parcel groceries and sort out clothing. Distribution takes place once per month to an average of 25-35 persons on the third Thursday of each month. The Social Outreach program is sustained by contributions of non-perishable food items, clothing and monetary gifts from the Cathedral Family and the wider community.

For the period Jan 2019 – December 2019 an average of 358 bags were distributed. We serve a wide community of Port of Spain and environs including East Dry River, Laventille, Diego Martin, Sea Lots, Morvant just to name a few. Regardless of religious affiliation or background we treat our clients with equal opportunity, great respect and dignity.

During the first five (5) months of 2020, our distributions have increased rapidly mainly due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Our community base also expanded as far as Carenage and Diego Martin in the west to San Juan in the East. For the months of April and May 2020, our committee distribution network expanded to include the distribution of food vouchers which were donated by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for those affected by Covid 19. To date over 400 food hampers were distributed, and 150 food vouchers. Our goal is to assist as many underprivileged persons as possible, including those who suffer in times of disasters such as fires, flood, earthquakes and other pandemic.

The Committee is grateful for all donations received from various firms, associations, and parishioners. With God being our helper in time of need. we continue to serve to the best of our ability. Please continue to give your support in any way you can.



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