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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.

HOW MANY CROSSES CAN YOU FIND?



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DEAN'S ADDRESS



BY THE VERY REVEREND
SHELLEY-ANN TENIA

During Eastertide, we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin, death and the grave. We celebrate our redemption and our hope of eternal life. We affirm the power of God's love and God's trustworthiness and faithfulness.

Easter reminds us that we are free, that we have purpose and responsibility. Additionally, Easter reinforces that we have access to God's powerful love, God's life giving Spirit and God's ubiquitous presence.

The power of the resurrection moves us beyond fear, anxiety, doubt, awe, worship and celebration and propels us to the work of discipleship and mission - learning from Jesus and living like Jesus.

The recently completed review of our Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020 and its performance, undertaken in February 2021, highlighted some achievements of work done in faith:

- Increased congregational engagement through teaching, prayer and diversity in worship
- Expansion and strengthening of social outreach
- Commitment and inclusion of young parishioners to ministry and in decision-making
- Safer physical environment.

We, leaders and general members, will sustain our passion for ministry if we walk in our Easter faith. With hope and confidence, we will move in the right direction with consistency focusing on what is working well and what needs scaling up. There is also a keen desire for innovation, for more holistic approaches and a whole- church response in addressing priority needs. Critical work must continue in bridging generations, and in keeping younger persons engaged with enhanced experiences within the church community.

Finally, to deepen our responsiveness to mission and build on earlier work of being an effective Church in the community, the review recommends a focus on:

1. Increasing active participation of members and external partnerships for God's work
2. Rethinking of mission and ministry to meet the economic, social, and security needs of families and children
3. A strategy for strengthening both human and financial resources.

Our Easter faith is empty unless it is lived - put into practice every day and everywhere. Jesus is Alive! Hallelujah! We go and grow together with Him.

NOTICES

WORSHIP REMOTELY

Live Stream Services

Facebook: The Holy Trinity Cathedral
Monday to Friday
6:30AM | 12:00PM | 6:00PM | 9:00PM
Sundays
7:00AM
(Subject to change)

TV Broadcast

TTT: Diocesan Services
Every Sunday
11AM

Radio Broadcast

Talk City 91.1FM
Every Wednesday
9PM

WORSHIP IN PERSON

Services at the Cathedral

Fridays: 6:15AM & 12PM
Saturdays: 5PM
Sundays: 7AM

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KNOW YOUR FAITH

... AND ALSO WITH YOU - BY OMAR HOLDER
The Bible



The Anglican understanding of the Bible is that it tells a story of God's saving grace to change the lives of those who read it.

PROOF

The effect of this doctrine shows the Anglican's discomfort with the use of "proof texts" to "prove" a particular point.



Anglicans see the Bible like a "well-secured chest". While you can memorize every word, unless you can open the chest, you will never know the treasure within.



It is the Holy Spirit that helps us to unlock the chest. It does not open it in a lightning flash, but over many years of pondering and drawing out the meaning. To open the chest we must understand the words, the author, ourselves and the risk of our interpretation compared to others.



Evening Service- Saturday, March 27th, 2021



The three brass tablets with blue insignias, on the left side of the northern door, commemorate the numerous local and foreign soldiers who fell in World War II.



CLERGY CORNER

7 QUESTIONS WITH DEACON CHERYL MOTTLEY

1. Who is your hero?

My hero is my mother, although she is dead now for a number of years, God bless her soul. She was a friend, a great listener and always gave sound advice which must include a piece of scripture. Her favorite saying was 'let divine order be established' and 'as long as you are serving God, He will always bless and direct you'.

2. What is your biggest fear?

My greatest fear is drowning. Although my birth sign is Pisces, I am afraid of the water. As a young woman I almost drowned at Maracas Bay. It was a terrifying experience. I could not get out of the water as the waves kept tumbling me up and down, and I am almost certain that God saved me that day by divine intervention, as I am still not clear how I made it back to shore. Since then, whenever I visit the beach I would not go into the water. I would just lime on the shore with my friends.

3. What is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment is parenting my son. He has attained his Ph.D. He is happily married to his high school sweetheart, they have two beautiful children and, most importantly, he has maintained a Christian life, fully dependent on God with his wife and children.

4. What is your favorite book to read?

Apart from the Bible, I would say I really enjoyed reading *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwanda Holocaust* by Immaculee Llibagiza. In this book Llibagiza, who was twenty four years old, gives the story of how she discovered God during one of history's bloodiest holocausts in 1994, where she lost most of her family. It taught me that during the worst of times, God can be seen.

5. What is your favorite game or sport to watch or play?

I have a love for cricket. I have been following this game since I was a teenager. I have supported the West Indies Cricket team, playing locally and I have traveled to most Caribbean countries to support them. Although I am not an avid player of the game, I can give a good knock. I have continued to support the team although they are up and down, but they are still my team.

6. How do you stay organized?

Let me begin by telling you that I am a morning person. In ordinary times I am up between three thirty and four in the morning, at which time I do my morning devotion and meditation. So my day begins - in my home there are three almanacs which are placed at strategic points around the house. On these are notes written for remembrance such as birthdays, appointments, reminders to call persons etc. Now, I also have a diary which is prioritized by projects for the day and onwards. I usually strive to complete my day's task. Sometimes it can be a bit challenging to stay organized, because at any given time something more important may just pop up and throw me out of sync, but there may be a bigger picture as to why.

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CLERGY CORNER

7 QUESTIONS WITH DEACON CHERYL MOTTLEY (CONT'D)

7. What do you like most about the Anglican religion?
What I like about the Anglican Church is the consistency of our liturgy. I find it comforting that regardless of where you worship, be it UK, US, or the Caribbean, the services are very similar. This consistency reminds us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. The fact that we use CPWI prayer book and hymn book makes you feel at home in any service. Even if the preaching varies, the message is always the same 'thy kingdom come, God is love', there is always the presence of reverence at the services, and warmth and acceptance.



PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT

MS. STEPHANIE POWERS



We send blessings to Stephanie Powers, the very first of many Parishioner Spotlights to come. Ms. Powers has been a member of The Holy Trinity Cathedral since 1975 and has offered stewardship in many ways since then. However her latest contribution to the Anglican church involves a partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Georgia based in Atlanta, which consists of Trinbagonians, living in Atlanta, USA.

The Association graciously presents two scholarships to Trinbagonian students every year and though the initiative fell short due to the pandemic in 2019, Ms. Powers and the Association collaborated and managed to source over 60 tablets for educational purposes to students in need.

Stephanie Powers had been an educator for forty years, so this project was of special interest to her in giving back to her community and church. Alongside the other numerous devices she has distributed, Ms. Powers donated 5 tablets to The Holy Trinity Cathedral's schools including Trinity College, Moka, and Bishop's Centenary College.

We send our deepest thanks to Ms. Stephanie Powers for her dedication to this cause and send blessings of favour and protection so that she can continue to do good work.

Are you or do you know an HTC parishioner who has done great things recently? Contact us for a feature via email at theholyltrinitycomm@gmail.com



WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

THE HOLY TRINITY VESTRY 2021-2022- INSTALLED BY BISHOP CLAUDE BERKLEY ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2021.

The Very Reverend Shelley-Ann Tenia	<i>Dean and Rector (Chairperson)</i>
The Reverend Augustus Thompson	<i>Assistant Curate</i>
The Reverend Ferdinand Pollard	<i>Deacon</i>
The Reverend Cheryl Mottley	<i>Deacon</i>
The Reverend Gerald Hendrickson	<i>Deacon</i>
Mr. Cedric Joefield	<i>Rector's Warden (ex officio)</i>
Mrs. Gwendolyn Roberts	<i>People's Warden</i>
Mr. Alvin Stewart	<i>Elected Member</i>
Mrs. Berlonne Jones-Sealy	<i>Elected Member</i>
Mr. Carlos Taylor	<i>Elected Member</i>
Mrs. Catherine Vergil	<i>Elected Member</i>
Dr. Damali Manning	<i>Elected Member, Secretary</i>
Mr. David Thomas	<i>Elected Member</i>
Ms. Edwina Leacock	<i>Elected Member</i>
Mr. Franklyn Edwards	<i>Elected Member</i>
Mrs. Karen Cordner-Crichlow	<i>Elected Member</i>
Mr. Nicholas Clifford	<i>Elected Member</i>
Mr. Omar Holder	<i>Elected Member</i>
Ms. Tishonne Francis	<i>Elected Member</i>
Mrs. Elizabeth Samuel-Howe	<i>Appointed Member</i>
Mrs. Melinda Guildford-Clifford	<i>Appointed Member, Treasurer</i>



COUNTING THE COST

SAFEGUARDING STEWARDSHIP - OMAR HOLDER

Stewardship includes the concept of safeguarding - using wisely and justly - our human and financial resources. It is frequently expressed as a call to give our time, talent and treasure to God, especially through the Church. What does stewardship look like at HTC?

Treasure

The months of January and February 2021 saw an almost 400% increase in donations over the budgeted totals. Despite this, there were decreases vs budget in loose collections, Outlook sales, sales of communion wine, stewardship and almsgiving. Encouragingly, baptisms, special services collection and sales of publications all ended in positive territory over their budgeted totals. On the expenses side, budgeted costs were exceeded in the areas of janitorial expenses, copier supplies and multimedia expenses. These were due to the Church's vision of more fully adapting to the COVID-19 experience via additional cleaning, mailing of stewardship envelopes and contactless in-service worship. We have some catching up to do over the next few months to hit our mid-year income target, so keep showing God you trust him and let's work together to get there!

Time & Talent - How can you help?

Christian Education Programme

Every day children are exposed to different worldviews. Some spur them toward the mind of Christ, while others are far more misleading. We need you to give a couple of hours a term to the administration and coordination of programmes at our HTC schools - Christus Rex, St. Catherine's Girls, Trinity Junior School and Trinity College, Moka. Contact Dean Tenia on 623-7271/495-5596 or revshellyat@gmail.com

Youth Programmes

Investing in today's youth is necessary in growing the body of Christ. If you are an adult who wants to share your faith and life experiences with young people contact Karen Cordner-Crichlow on 796-5790 or karencordner.crichlow@gmail.com and get involved in our Youth Programmes.



Reconciliation Support Programmes

Philemon, one of the shortest books in the Bible, has a dynamic message on forgiveness, fellowship and unity in the church. If you are good at gently interacting with those on either side of a conflict, you are exactly who HTC needs. Call Maryum Samuel-Darmanie on 792-4971 or maryumsamuel@gmail.com today to impact the lives of individual believers.



Time



Treasure



Talent

YOUTH NEWS

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL - BY ALVIN STEWART

*"Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong."*



This is the popular theme song to the Christian Education & Formation Committee of the Cathedral's Virtual Sunday School. The initiative was launched on Sunday, March 7th, 2021 on the Cathedral's Facebook page. The initiative began with Daily Acts of Lent for children, which provided them with simple activities which ranged from them giving up simple leisure activities to them displaying acts of love to those dear to them.

Virtual Sunday School caters to children ranging from 4 years old to 12 years old and brings the world of Sunday School to their fingertips. During the first few episodes, we have brought God's word through colourful, short explanations, videos and music via pre-recorded sessions. Every week our viewership on the Cathedral's Facebook page has grown steadily in addition to our registered viewers.

The group charged with producing these episodes consists of seasoned and young Anglicans who have a passion for this ministry in the Cathedral vineyard and have shown commitment to seeing ministry thrive and excel. These individuals are Symiah Rennie, Nathania Peters, Ronisha Branch, Enid Mitchell, Kelsey Rivers and Alvin Stewart, but we are always looking for enthusiastic and passionate individuals who share a love for wanting to share God's word with his precious young Christians.

If you are interested in being part of our team or want to be added to our email list please contact Alvin Stewart via email at alvinstewart200@gmail.com or 497-0460. We are in the process of setting up an email address for the Christian Education & Formation Committee. Please stay tuned and continue to look out for our episodes on the Cathedral's Facebook page.

New episode available every Sunday at 10AM.



YOUTH NEWS

THE REVELATION, THE SPIRIT, THE CHANGE (A MESSAGE OF FAITH) - BY TISHONNE FRANCIS

With His hands He held us, standing among us.
Permeating the barriers in our minds with the Spirit He provided for us.

He revealed a message with words that needed to be told.
Complimenting our perseverance through times of ignorance.
Our passionate convictions through steadfast fights against this shattered world.
A world to uphold, with God's church, firmly implanted, as a sign of His salvation, representing a sweet communion in times of tribulations.

Yet we replaced Christ as our light for a blinding torch... our prideful hearts.
Changing the Word to messages of gain.
Living right as a means to an opportunity.
Changing from good tidings and cheers to tithes and fuller chairs.
Abandoning His true meaning and teachings.
Continuing our routine, and militant regime as blank slates with no in depth feelings.

We stand in our minds' pulpits moving mouths with shut hearts.
Empty are we of His Holy Spirit, His fruits and gifts given,
Christians... with an absent goodness.

We forgot that this is God's world,
that we're God's people.
That we represent His grace and love,
a tool of His hands, God's reflection expressed as man.

Let us remember our past filled with God's love
and happiness, connected to His Spirit.
Remember when the light in your hearts were the brightest stars.
When the lamps light lit were the candle wicks of His grace.
And on blackened knees in prayer ask for forgiveness from the times we could only stand in fear.

Again, continue in patient endurance and do not become slaves to the world's trends.
Become new disciples of Christ.
Listen to His Spirit in you.
Let it guide and lead you to His promise,
in everlasting life, truth, faith, hope and happiness.

Listen because He speaks to you today.

Tishonne Francis is a member of Trinity All Generations School of the Arts (TAGS), a new Vestry member for the 2021-2022 term and a lay minister in training. She has achieved a Bachelor of Science in Psychology (First Class Honours) from the University of the West Indies and a Master of Science (Commendation) in Applied Child Psychology from Nottingham Trent University in the U.K. This piece was composed by her and delivered as a part of her sermon at the first Lenten Caravan at HTC on February 24, 2021. Tishonne was the youngest preacher and the only non-ordained individual to preach during the Caravan 2021.



TRINITY TESTIMONY

YEAR 2021 LENTEN JOURNEY AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL - BY ANN NILES

The season of Lent is one where reflection and memorialising Jesus' death and resurrection is a focal point to our life and witness. For 2021, the parishioners and the wider family of the Holy Trinity Cathedral were reminded of the depth of the Holy Spirit as teacher since new dimensions for the Lenten season were practised.

The focus on specific themes assisted one's personal journey. Firstly, we were reminded of Jesus' teachings for our daily living and secondly, that with His grace, we can be obedient to those instructions. Love, reconciliation, worship, integrity, accountability and hospitality have scriptural basis and so our lives must be a reflection of what we are taught. Additionally, understanding more of the depth of these areas was an opportunity for spiritual growth. For instance, worship goes far beyond praying and praising, as it includes our responsibility to our church and others in the wider community who may need our support. When we practice all of these areas, we are doing it unto God.

The Critical Conversations were reflective sessions which brought greater self-awareness. While our priests have the role of teaching God's word, we have the responsibility for personal reflection and application. These sessions aided deep introspection. In fact, it was awesome as several persons had their personal revelations with respect to addressing areas of their life.

Finally, the parish was introduced to the Daniel Fast. This fast is at a deeper level of sacrifice. Yet, that sacrifice is in pale comparison to the sacrifices Jesus made for us.

As Lent 2021 is closed, we herald the resurrection of Christ better equipped to journey into the world as His hands and feet.



DID YOU KNOW?

The statue above the southern door of a man seated in a lounge chair is that of Sir Ralph Woodford. He was the youngest British Governor who served from 1813-1828 and came to Trinidad at the tender age of 28 years.

The Holy Trinity Cathedral

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Birthday Celebrations

Coming Soon

MAY 2021



HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



"We Equip God's People For Mission and Ministry"