



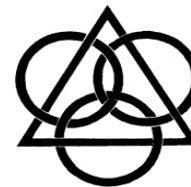
# Trinity Topics

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## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION VESTRY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, The Reverend Christopher L. Ashmore has served faithfully and well as twenty-eighth Rector and Chief Celebrant of this church for eighteen years, faithfully and diligently proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Ashmore has also been an engaging and thought-provoking teacher, both as a leader of scriptural study and discussion, and as an effective presenter of religious and theological topics; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Ashmore has also, during his tenure, overseen significant reconstruction and upgrading of the parish sanctuary and parish hall which will help carry the parish facilities forward into the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, on behalf of the parish and all of its parishioners, wishes, on this seventeenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen, to express its deep and abiding appreciation to the Reverend Ashmore for his faithfulness, leadership, guidance, and work here which has helped carry this parish into its one hundred and eighty-fourth year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church and its parishioners extend their heartfelt best wishes to the Reverend Ashmore and his family for the future.

*David Mumford*  
Parish Warden

*Alice Tracey*  
Rector's Warden

*Charles Frank*  
Clerk of the Vestry

*This Resolution was presented at the annual Parish Meeting on January 17, 2016, to show our appreciation to him for his work and dedication to Trinity Church from 1998 – 2016. We wish you well, Father Kip!*

### ***Annual Parish Meeting – January 17***

Four new Vestry Members were elected: Charlie Tavender, Sarah Van Aken, Mary Watts, and Paula Woods. They join continuing members: Janet Cisne, Chuck Crim, Charley Frank, Elisabeth Langford, David Mumford, Nancy Taylor Porter, Allison Scott, and Alice Tracey.

The following elections also took place: John Hayter, Synod Delegate; Nancy Taylor Porter, Synod Alternate Delegate; and John Hayter and Nancy Taylor Porter, Deanery Delegates.

### ***Vestry Meeting – January 19***

The following officers of the 2016 Vestry were elected and appointed:

Rector's Warden - Alice Tracey; Parish Warden - David Mumford; Clerk of the Vestry - Mary Watts;  
Parish Treasurer / Asst. Endowment Treasurer / Worthington Funds Treasurer - Deanna Tavender  
Endowment Treasurer / Chancellor - Forrest Keaton; Search Committee Chairman - Sarah Van Aken

The Vestry will serve as the Search Committee for a new Rector.

### ***Bishop's Visit – January 24***

During the reception after the ten o'clock service, Bishop Daniel H. Martins made comments and answered questions about the interim – the time period between Father Kip's retirement and the calling of a new Rector.

As of that day, he explained that he does not have a Supply Priest to celebrate The Holy Eucharist at Trinity Church. He said that we are blessed to have Tom Langford as Deacon, and he authorized him to conduct The Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament only on Sundays. Deacon Langford will continue his pastoral care visits and lead the Wednesday services with Morning Prayer. Bishop Martins said that he would try to arrange for a Priest for the evening Ash Wednesday service and for Holy Week.

He explained that the search process of twenty years ago is no longer the norm. He also mentioned that Trinity Church is one of the most traditional churches in the Diocese, using Rite I and having an eastern facing altar. We will not have a national church search.

### ***Search Committee***

The Search Committee would like to thank the Members of Trinity Church for contributing to the discussion with Bishop Martins this past Sunday. We hope to continue with open communication throughout this process. As stated in the section recapping the Bishop's visit, the process is slightly different than before.

The Bishop will funnel candidates to committee members for review. If the committee finds that a candidate might be the right fit for Trinity, we would then contact the candidate to set up an interview. Once the committee has decided to offer the position to a candidate, we notify the Bishop. The bottom line is, the members of our committee will have the opportunity to consider as many candidates as we see fit to do. We do NOT have to accept a candidate we are not comfortable with. At this point in time, we have one very interested candidate, possibly two. The search committee will be receiving contact information for these candidates from Bishop Martins. This will not conclude our search, rather start us on our journey. We would gladly accept prayers for all during this process.

***Next Steps:*** The Search Committee has a few other tasks to tackle. As we work to build our website (also, don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook!) and make it more attractive and user friendly, we would like to include information about who WE are at Trinity. To do this we will be distributing a Parish Survey. The purpose of this survey is to anonymously collect demographical information from our members, as well as information with regard to what you value in a Rector and Church. This will help the search committee understand what is important as we select our next Rector. It is our goal to have these surveys ready by the first week of February and can be picked up for completion in the lobby outside of the sanctuary, in the Parish Hall or in JoAnn's office. Please complete these and return to a box that will be located in JoAnn's office by February 14th. If you would like a survey emailed to you, please contact Sarah at [svanaken10@gmail.com](mailto:svanaken10@gmail.com) Your feedback is VERY important.

## News & Announcements

### ***New Cross***

Family members directed the memorial funds donated in memory of Margaret Evans to go toward the purchase of a new Resurrection Cross. The Cross from the Parish Hall had been hanging in the lobby since the February 2014 disaster. It has now been returned to its rightful place in the Parish Hall. Now in the lobby hangs the new Cross with this plaque: The cross is given to the glory of God in memory of Margaret Hazel Evans 2014. The Cross was hand-carved in Italy and is a splendid addition to the lobby. Family members gathered on January 15, when Father Kip blessed it.

### ***Doorbell Dinners***

Trinity Church delivered Doorbell Dinners the week of January 11 – 15. K-Lou Ashmore organized it and thanks the following who helped: Fr. Kip and K-Lou Ashmore, David Bone, Chuck Crim, Melissa Evans, Lisa and Levi Haley, Adah and Newt Mitchell, Jo Ann Nelson, Hilda Radcliffe, Dana Ryan, Alice Tracey, Ginda Woodruff, and Ryan Worrall.

### ***Special Offerings***

On January 24, we had two special offerings. The total for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund was \$250, and the total for Blanket Sunday / Church World Services was \$228.

### ***Trinity Fellowship***

The Fellowship group has been blessed to have Father Kip lead its studies during his tenure here. Members will meet to determine the direction they want to take. A couple of possible topics have already been discussed, but other ideas are welcome. Please come for social time at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February, 2. There will be no formal study, only time for discussion.

### ***The Heifer Project International***

Through the years, Parish Members have joined the Church School Children in supporting this worthy Lenten project. Last year Trinity Church donated \$2015 to *The Heifer Project International*. Be watching for the goals and activities the Church School teachers and children set and plan for us.

### ***Forward Day by Day***

The February / March / April edition of *Forward Day by Day* is now available. (It covers the entire season of Lent.)

The Executive Director, Scott Gunn, writes on page one:

*I wonder what it might be like to let Lent work in us by undertaking it the old-fashioned way. It's tempting to see Lent as the time to try out a new diet or to try on a new practice. What if we took seriously the opportunity to repent, to acknowledge our sins, and to try to grow more deeply into the full stature of Christ?*

*We don't need to be miserable to practice Lenten discipline. In fact, it's pretty great to spend a few weeks intentionally working toward being more Christlike, to turn away from our worldly temptations.*

Pick up your copy on the table in the lobby. If you would like us to mail you one, call the Parish Office.

***\*If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.***

**Trinity Fellowship  
Tuesday, February 2, 7 pm**

There will be no formal study. We will have social time and then time to discuss our future meetings and study.

**ECW**

Build your own salad. Bring a salad ingredient. Lettuce and beverages are provided.

**Monday, February 8  
5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Distribution of the Mite Boxes  
Sunday, February 14**

(to support the Church School's Lenten Project  
– *Heifer Project International*)

**Vestry Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 16  
7:00 pm**

The services listed are subject to change depending upon the availability of clergy.  
We will update the website and send out emails. If you call the church (245-5901), there will be a voice recording of weekly services.

**SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2016**

**Sundays at 10:00 am:**

**Liturgy of the Word &  
Holy Communion**

February 7:

**LAST SUNDAY after THE EPIPHANY**

February 14:

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

February 21:

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

February 28:

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Wednesdays at 10:00 am:**

**Morning Prayer**

February 3

February 17

February 24



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
Wednesday, February 10**

10:00 am:

Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday

6:00 pm:

Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday  
& Holy Eucharist