

## Advent — Prepare the Way!

### Deck the Church for Christmas

Fri., Dec. 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Church & Undercroft

Create and hang greens arrangements in preparation for Candlelight Carols, or try your hand at decorating with flowers. Help make the church sparkle for Christmas!

Contact: Derby Swanson, [dswanson@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:dswanson@trinitychurchboston.org)

### Engage in the Season of Advent with #AdventWord

Once again this year, Trinity is a partner church with #AdventWord, a global online Advent calendar from the Anglican Communion and SSJE. Each day during Advent we, along with hundreds of Christians from all over the world, will share a visual prayer using the hashtag #AdventWord on our social media accounts ([facebook.com/TrinityChurchBoston](https://facebook.com/TrinityChurchBoston) and [instagram.com/trinitychurchboston](https://instagram.com/trinitychurchboston)). To see the global calendar and to sign up to share your own images and prayers, visit [adventword.org](http://adventword.org). Questions? Contact Mary Davenport Davis, [mdavis@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:mdavis@trinitychurchboston.org)



## Stewardship

### Thank You for Your Generosity!

Every pledge counts! As we look to 2017, we hope to carry the spirit of the Advent and Christmas Seasons forward throughout the year. Trinity's ministries are an important way for us to do that, and each person's pledge and gifts make those ministries possible. If you haven't pledged yet, please consider pledging to support our community and ministries in the New Year. To pledge, visit [trinitychurchboston.org/pledge](http://trinitychurchboston.org/pledge) or grab a pledge card from the pews or Front Desk.



### December 31 – Tax-Deductible Gifts

December 31 at 11:59 p.m. is the deadline for making a 2016 tax-deductible gift to Trinity Church. You can give online by visiting [trinitychurchboston.org/contribute](http://trinitychurchboston.org/contribute). Gifts sent by mail must be postmarked by December 31, 2016.

### 2017 Pledge Envelopes Now Available

If you requested pledge envelopes, the Stewardship Office will contact you when they are ready. 2017 pledge envelopes can be picked up at the parish house. They are located on a table near the front desk and arranged alphabetically by last name.

## Parish Life

### Candidates Sought!

In preparation for the Trinity Church Annual Meeting scheduled for March 19, 2016, the Nominating Committee will be accepting names from the parish to be considered as candidates for the following positions: Junior Warden; Vestry; Delegates to Diocesan Convention; Alternates to Diocesan Convention; Delegate to Boston Harbor Deanery; and Delegate to Episcopal City Mission.

**Interested?** Submission forms, and an overview of the responsibilities and qualifications sought for each position are available online at [trinitychurchboston.org/news](http://trinitychurchboston.org/news) and in the Parish House reception area. All submissions must be received by the committee no later than Tues., Jan. 10 to be considered.

**Questions?** Contact: Kathleen Hirsch, [khirsch72@comcast.net](mailto:khirsch72@comcast.net), 617-983-5087

### Last Chance to See Exhibit!

Now through Christmas, Former Shop/soon-to-be Chapel Stroll through Trinity's Memory Lane and vision for the future before it comes down to make room for the new chapel! Learn more about how our building and outreach programs have evolved over time, and dream with us about our hopes for Trinity's future through the How Firm a Foundation campaign.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage 2017 Information Session

Sun., Jan. 8, 12:30 p.m., Forum

Join us for an information session regarding the Fall 2017 pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Rev. Patrick Ward will serve as spiritual leader for this pilgrimage, and, as in the past, we will be guided by Canon Iyad Qumri, who will provide historical and archaeological interpretation at the holy sites. Questions? Contact Helen Netos, [hnetos@gmail.com](mailto:hnetos@gmail.com); 617-840-4124.

### Books, etc.

### New Guidebook Flying Off the Shelves!

Sundays, 1-5 p.m., and Tues-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Narthex Welcome Center

A gorgeous new Guidebook to Trinity Church has been published, and would be the perfect gift for the art or history aficionado. Through photos, drawings and text, the slim guide profiles the makers of this landmark building, the design and construction, interior design and art, and the music of Trinity. The project was developed and written by members of the Art & Architecture Committee, Keith Morgan and Susan Faxon, and is dedicated to the late Edward Duffy, tour guide and parishioner. Copies are available for \$11.95.

### Shopping Amazon? Support Trinity!



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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Donate to Care Packages for Our Homeless Neighbors

Through today, Parish House front desk

Trinity's Church's homeless Eucharistic Visitation Ministry, Sunday Night Living Bread, is accepting donations of items for Christmas care packages for the homeless men and women we will visit on Christmas Eve and on Sundays throughout Christmastide. Each care package will include: 2 pairs of disposable hand warmers; 1 pair of men's white cotton crew socks; 1 pair of men's winter gloves; 1 unisex winter hat; 1 unisex winter scarf; 1 travel-sized container of baby powder; and A Christmas card with a hand-written greeting

Donated items may be dropped off at the front desk of the Parish House by end of day today. For further information, contact Ginnie Walden, [vwalden@gmail.com](mailto:vwalden@gmail.com).

### Join the Pine Street Inn Feeding Team

Tues., Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m., 444 Harrison Ave., Boston

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month to serve dinner at the Women's Inn and the Men's Inn.

Questions? Contact Matthew VanWinkle, [mvanwinkle88@gmail.com](mailto:mvanwinkle88@gmail.com), 617-304-0627

### Prepare & Serve Dinner at Rosie's Place

Wed., Dec. 28, 4 p.m., 889 Harrison Ave., Boston

Join our team to prepare and serve an evening meal at Rosie's Place, a shelter for women and their children. We serve on the 4th Wednesday and any 5th Tuesday of each month.

RSVP to Steve Plotner, [s.plotner@thegordiangroup.com](mailto:s.plotner@thegordiangroup.com), 617-852-6906

### Make Sandwiches for Homeless Neighbors

Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m., Undercroft Kitchen

Help men and women find respite from the streets for rest, conversation, and snacks. Join other parishioners to prepare bag lunches for guests of Boston Warm, a day shelter at Emmanuel Church.

Contact ministry leader in advance: Sue Dickinson, [sdickinson@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:sdickinson@trinitychurchboston.org)

### Join College Behind Bars Mentoring Team

College Behind Bars, a faith-based program helping inmates obtain their BU degree, is seeking mentors to be part of a four-person team; the team visits their inmate monthly at MCI Norfolk, a medium-security prison, as well as provides research relating to their BU course work and letters to supplement the visits. This is truly a make-a-difference volunteer opportunity, helping an inmate look forward rather than back. The experience of the mentors has generally been that you learn more from the inmate than he from you. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Martha Byington, [mebyington@comcast.net](mailto:mebyington@comcast.net) 857-204-4035

### Bostonians for Youth Seeks Event Volunteers

Trinity Boston Foundation turns ten in 2017 and to celebrate, the 10th Anniversary Bostonians for Youth Gala will be held on March 29, 2017. Not only will we be looking back on all that we've accomplished together, but we will also honor The Rev. Sam Lloyd for his crucial role in the founding of Trinity Boston Foundation. We are building a volunteer team to secure sponsorships, solicit auction items, invite friends, and help with mailings and night-of logistics. Help to make this a night to remember!

If you are interested, please contact Erin Truex, TBF Development Manager, at [etrue@trinityinspires.org](mailto:etrue@trinityinspires.org) so that we can invite you to our organizational meeting.

Do you have information for *TrinityEvents* or for the website?  
Send your events, listings, and plans to [trinityevents@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:trinityevents@trinitychurchboston.org).

### Reminder

Please secure your valuables and do not leave personal items unattended in the Sanctuary or Undercroft areas.



# Experience Christmas at Trinity

## Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

Sat., Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m.

'The Children Will Show Us the Way' as we present our annual Children's Pageant. All children attending the service will be invited to join in our celebration of Jesus' birth. Come and be a star, an angel, a sheep, or a shepherd and join us at the manger!

Contact: Cathy Portlock Pacitto, cportlock@trinitychurchboston.org, 617-536-0944 x356

## Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist

Sat., Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. (music begins at 7 p.m.) & 11 p.m. (music begins at 10:30 p.m.)

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs. Early arrival recommended.

## Christmas Day Festival Eucharist

Sun., Dec. 25, 10 a.m.

Celebrate Christmas with Festival Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity choirs.

*Childcare for children 4 years old and younger will be available during the 10 a.m. service.*

## New Year's Day Holy Eucharist

Sun., Jan. 1, 10 a.m. (note: one service only on this day)

Welcome 2017 with Holy Eucharist and music from the Trinity Choirs.

## Save the Date: New Chapel Dedication & All Parish Celebration!

Sunday, February 12, 2017, 4- 10 p.m., Church, Chapel, and Undercroft

Bishop Alan Gates will join us for a Service and Consecration of the New Chapel, followed by an all-parish party to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of Trinity Church in Copley Square.

## Hours & Information

### Sunday Services at Trinity (returning 1/8/2017)

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| 7:45 a.m.  | Simple, quiet Holy Eucharist  |
| 9 a.m.     | Community Holy Eucharist with youth Choristers & Choir              |
| 11:15 a.m. | Traditional Morning Prayer with Choir, Holy Eucharist first Sundays |
| 6 p.m.     | Come as you are Holy Eucharist; with Choir                          |
| 7:15 p.m.  | Sacred Silence: Contemplative Prayer                                |
| 8 p.m.     | Compline: Choral music, candlelight, plainsong, silence, peace      |

### Weekday Services at Trinity

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| 5:45 p.m.  | Wednesday | Choral Evensong with the Trinity Choristers (through 12/21) |
| 12:10 p.m. | Thursday  | Midday Eucharist with Healing (through 12/22)               |

### Church (last admittance 15 minutes before closing)

Sunday 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. • Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Closed Monday

### Church Open for Touring

Sunday 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Closed Monday

### Parish House

Sunday 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. • Monday, Friday & Saturday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

### Senior Staff

The Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III, Rector • The Rev. William W. Rich, Vicar • The Rev. Rainey G. Dankel, Associate Rector for Community Engagement & Ministry Development • The Rev. Patrick C. Ward, Associate Rector for Pastoral Ministries and Welcome • The Rev. Rita T. Powell, Associate Rector for Worship • Adam Dawkins, Director of Stewardship • Patricia Hurley, Director of Communications • Karen Jarret, Director of Facilities • Cathy Portlock Pacitto, Director of Children's Ministries • Joan Mansfield Roberts, Director of Finance & Human Resources • Richard Webster, Director of Music • Sarah Wilcox, Senior Parish Administrator • Louise Burnham Packard, Executive Director of the Trinity Boston Foundation

### Vestry

Peter Lawrence ('19), Senior Warden • Anne Phillips Ogilby ('17), Junior Warden • Geoffrey Smith ('20), Treasurer • Marva Nathan ('18), Clerk • Thomas Claflin ('19) • Ralph Cole ('18) • Colin Diver ('20) • Listo Fisher ('19) • Pauline Haddad ('20) • Mark A. King ('20) • Lonsdale Koester ('19) • Grace Lyons ('18) • Keith Morgan ('18) • Elizabeth P. Roberts ('17) • Samuel W. M. Thayer ('17) • Megan C. Zug ('17)

## Statement of Affirmation

Trinity Church in the City of Boston is a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and welcomes and honors everyone. In accordance with our baptismal covenant, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We strive to include all persons without regard to sexual orientation, race, nationality, gender, family configuration, ethnic background, economic circumstances, difference in ability, culture, or age. Our love and acceptance of each other embody our commitment to unity with God and each other in Christ.

**TrinityEvents** is published weekly. Events and times are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, sign up for *Trinity Community Update*, our weekly email newsletter, at [trinitychurchboston.org/emails](http://trinitychurchboston.org/emails) and 'Like' us on Facebook: Trinity Church Boston. For the full parish calendar, please visit [trinitychurchboston.org/calendar](http://trinitychurchboston.org/calendar)



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# Trinityevents

December 18, 2016



## Welcome to Trinity Church

Whether you have worshiped here for years or are visiting our Episcopal Church for the first time, we are glad you are with us. We invite all to enter fully into worship and to explore the variety of learning, small group, and service opportunities that are part of our life together. To learn more, visit [trinitychurchboston.org](http://trinitychurchboston.org) and click on **New to Trinity**, or contact Mark Kharas, at [mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:mkharas@trinitychurchboston.org), 617-536-0944 x360. We hope to know you better in the time ahead.

## Sunday

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### A Second Look: Trinity's Christmas Windows

Sunday, December 18, 10:15 a.m., Church  
(please sit on the lectern side of the church for this program)

Join Susan Dukess, chair of Trinity's Art and Architecture Programming Committee, for a deep look at the set of Christmas windows in our north transept. These three windows—The Wonder of the Shepherds, The Worship of the Magi, and The Flight Into Egypt—are the work of London artists Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris and were installed in 1882. If you think you know all about them, think again! And plan to be with us immediately after the 9 a.m. service in church to immerse yourself in their stories and imagery.

### Boloco Bible Study

Today, 10:15-11:30 a.m., meet on Clarendon Porch Talking about the Bible with your mouth full of delicious burrito: we're pretty sure that's the best of all possible worlds. All teens from 6th-12th grade are invited to this monthly outing with Youth Ministries. Meet on the Clarendon Porch after the 9 a.m. service (outside the Parish House) and we'll walk over together. Teens can bring their own money or a check payable to Trinity Church Boston (\$75 will cover the whole year.) **Text, call or email** Mary Davis, [mdavis@trinitychurchboston.org](mailto:mdavis@trinitychurchboston.org), 574-323-1370

### Last Minute Shopping?

Today, 10:15-11 a.m., Narthex (Copley Square entrance)

Visit our new Narthex Welcome Center for Trinity-themed gifts & stocking stuffers. Today is our last day of the season for Sunday morning hours.

## New to Trinity?

### 4 Fast Ways To Get Connected

1. Meet a clergy person after the 9 & 11:15 a.m. services in front of the Baptistry (front-right side of the church).
  2. Stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex (by the front doors) on Sunday mornings.
  3. Look for a Welcome Minister wearing a green button before or after any service.
  4. Join us for Simple Supper in the Commons after the 6 p.m. service
- We look forward to getting to know you!

### Children's Homily and Childcare offered at 9 & 11:15 a.m.

Childcare is available for infants and pre-schoolers in the Nursery located on the second floor of the Parish House in Tapestry Hall. Children in K-5th grades worship with their families; they leave before the sermon for the Children's Homily and return at the Peace.