



Trinity United Church

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WELCOME TO TRINITY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017



8.00a.m. Worship Service

9.30a.m. Worship Service / Communion

6.30p.m. Worship Service

Rev Ron Robertson

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Sermon: "A generosity of spirit"

Readings: Matthew 25: 14 - 30

Flowers this week lovingly donated by *Andrew & Nancy Allen* in loving memory of their **dad, Ron**, who would have celebrated his 70th birthday today.

A GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT

I'm sure you've been on the receiving end of someone else's generosity. Some years ago I served in a country Circuit and was almost embarrassed by the generosity of farmers - while doing my pastoral rounds - who would ask for the keys to the car boot and when ready to go saw the boot load of fresh produce: 'just something small for the family' was the comment that went with the goodbye and the firm sincere hand shake.

The sad reality today, and more especially in the city, is that we are all trying so hard to 'survive', living behind our high electric fences. We are so busy with 'our thing' that we neglect to notice the people around us. Yet not just people on the street or those in the next office/house - but sometimes even in our own homes/families. Somehow we have lost that generosity of spirit that was so evident in years gone by, why is that so?

The Gospel passage we are reflecting on today (Matt 25: 14 - 30) is often somewhat misunderstood. The big stick is what we remember, especially for the servant who buries his 'talent' in the ground out of fear for the stern boss. But as the commentators point out, reference to the 'talent' is that it's not about 'gifts or abilities', and therefore to neglect the full expression of our skills to the benefit of others, it's in fact a reference to a coin, a monetary unit, a resource!

The parable then is about the way we use the resources of the Kingdom of God. The challenge of the parable then is what are you and I doing with the 'resources' of God that He has placed so generously in our lives and community of faith?

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

7.30p.m. Y.A.C.C

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

9.00a.m. Praise & Teaching

Ladies Fellowship

7.00p.m. Disciple O.T

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

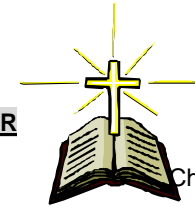
6.30pm Prayer & Healing Service

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

9.30a.m. "Something Fresh" 10.00a.m.

Childrens Church

11.00a.m. BAPTISM



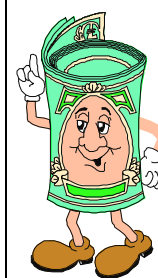
FEEDING SCHEME PARCELS!

Christmas is around the corner, and the Samaritan Ministry is now collecting Christmas goodies i.e. jelly; tuna; salt pkts; sweets & biscuits. All will be much appreciated! Thank you!



PROJECT HANNAH CALENDARS AVAILABLE ON THE FOYER TABLE.

INCOME STATEMENT REPORT FOR JAN TO SEPT 2011



	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income			
Envelopes	136,125	161,937	-25,812
Debit Orders	110,604	125,496	-14,892
Own Transfers	305,953	314,874	- 8,921
Sub Total	552,682	602,307	-49,625
Other Income	214,795	210,525	4,270
Total	767,477	812,832	-45,355
Expenses	757,741	823,724	-65,983
Net Income	9,736	-10,892	20,628

Thank you to those who give so faithfully.

