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Our Mission: To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish & community.

Our Identity: A diverse people responding to God through worship & music, friendship & formation, generosity & service.

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

April is a month of rejoicing, as we begin celebrating the 50 days of the Easter season. The disciples had to figure out how to continue the Jesus movement without Jesus being physically present with them on a day-to-day basis. We are in that boat as well. We are free to go in any direction we wish in our faith. How we

shall be a community is up to us.

One of the joys that we have as Episcopalians is a very wide variety of study material that we can use, to show us different directions that are open to us. The Episcopal Church doesn't make us march in lock step and demand we adhere to this doctrine or that understanding. When I was in seminary, I was totally surprised that most of the theology we studied was not written by Anglicans! We read and discussed J.D. Crossan, a Roman Catholic and D. Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran. John Macquarrie's Principles of Christian Theology, was the only modern Anglican theologian we read. We used R. Niebuhr, from the Reformed tradition and Alexander Schmemmann to help us understand how the Orthodox were thinking. My point is that there is not a "definitive" understanding which tells us how to move forward in the resurrection as a community of Episcopalians. Our perspective of how we live out the faith has to be constructed from our own experience and understanding.

We have the Book of Common Prayer that forms some basis for life together, yet when you look at how the Prayer Book changed from the "Protestant" 1928 BCP to the "Anglo-Catholic" 1979 BCP, we are still left with a variety of "looks" to choose from. So the question is now, "Who is God calling us to become?" In this Post-Covid time of incredible change in the Church and the rapidly changing world around us, Easter is a season that points us to live out the faith in a way that makes sense to us and the world around us at this time and in this particular place. The Easter Season calls us to be a community of the resurrected Christ, with openness and innovation.

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Fr. Glenn's Message (Continued)

Which way to go on programming? We need innovation and imaginative thought to lead us in fresh directions, to take a risk in an uncertain world. This is Easter Season, a season to break forth from the soil, to be the new creation God is bringing into being in the world.

In God's ever-creative power, *Glenn* +

Celebrations

Birthdays



	13	Bill Palmer	24	Marylou Divis
	14	Patty Bloomer	24	Gregory Keeler
	15	Robert Vankleec	25	Barbara Bowell
	17	Logan Gallagher	27	Ava Hesco
	19	Charles Carpenter	27	Karen Vankleec
02		Carol Robertson	21	Everett Dement
09		Regina Pereira	21	Martha Gebler
13		Thomas Hanes	22	Paul Huff
			28	Cynthia Evans
			28	Brenda Truex
			30	Lynne Lacey

Please let us know of any updates or corrections to the lists!

CHOW



The need for food donations in our community is greater than ever. Please consider donating to hunger relief at the [Broome County Council of Churches](#), 3 Otsenigo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903, or by contributing to our own Canteen effort and fund.

Parish Register



Shartlah "Charlie" Ramnarine-Singh, son of Diane Ramnarine-Singh and Lal Ramnarine-Singh, died on February 27, 2024. Charlie's life and memory were honored on March 16, 2024 with the Rev. Phil Jordan officiating.

Directory Update

Joan Lacey let us know that she has a new email address: JSLACEY71@GMAIL.COM - please make a note in your printed Parish Directory, and update Contacts lists on your PC or SmartPhone.

WANTED: Part-time Handyperson/Sexton

Trinity has been searching for a person to hire for approximately 15-19 hours/week to handle the light maintenance chores around the church. These tasks can be tailored to the person's skill set but would include minor repair tasks, sexton services for occasional after-hour events and lawn/garden maintenance. Somewhere out there is the perfect candidate and you might know him/her. If you know of someone who would be a match for such a position and might be interested, please contact Fr Glenn or one of the wardens (Steve Crowle or Edris Boyll-Kuzia).

Reflection

As the sunlight gently shines through my window, it gives warmth and light to my room. I feel peaceful. I begin to pray.

Oh Lord may I feel the warmth of your love resting on me.

May I see the light of your presence guiding me.

And may I always know the joy of your peace and the hope of everlasting life with you.

Offered by Barb Manzo

Our Hybrid Congregation

Join us from wherever you are, in person or remotely, in worship and many of our events.

Our 10:00 am worship service and many of our events are available for remote participation:

- **10:00 am Live Worship Service:** on Trinity Memorial's [YouTube](#) page, look for: **Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church - Live stream.**
- **10:00 am Worship Service replay:** services are available on [YouTube](#) for replay following the original live service.
- **Trinity Forum:** offered most Sundays from September to May; in person in our Common Room, or online at [TrinityZoom.org](#) . A replay of a Forum may be made available, at the discretion of the presenter, and time permitting, on our YouTube channel.
- If you are reading the Trinity Times online, you can simply find your way to our presence on the Internet by clicking on any of these links:
 - Trinity Memorial's Website: <https://TrinityMemorial.org>
 - Trinity Memorial's YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/TrinityBinghamton>
 - Trinity Memorial's Forum recordings on YouTube: [Forum Playlist](#)
 - Trinity Memorial's Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/FacebookTrinity>

Trinity Memorial Church

Worship services ministries

April 2024	Altar Guild:	Gale Bump-Fortner, Dawn Roessing	
April 7		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Cynthia Evans, Phile Evans
	Acolyte		David Scone
	Worship Leader		Darlene Croston
	Lector		Marjorie Desai
	Eucharistic Ministers		Darlene Croston, Greg Keeler, Rayleen Kie, Peter Koeppel, Bill Palmer
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Ginny Hill
April 14			8:30 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Louise Akel, Barb Manzo
	Acolyte		Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		Phyllis Amenda
	Lector		Greg Keeler
	Eucharistic Ministers		Phyllis Amenda, Greg Keeler, Deb Parmelee, Bob Peterson, Daniel Aribisala
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Edris Boyll-Kuzia
April 21			8:30 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Philip Evans, Cynthia Evans
	Acolyte		Daniel Aribisala
	Worship Leader		John Chaffee
	Lector		Rayleen Kie
	Eucharistic Ministers		John Chaffee, Rayleen Kie, Darlene Croston, Phil Evans, Nicole Huff
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Cynthia & Phil Evans
April 28			8:30 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Pat Creagh, David Scone
	Acolyte		Ken Lattimore
	Worship Leader		Greg Keeler
	Lector		Peter Koeppel
	Eucharistic Ministers		Greg Keeler, Peter Koeppel, Daniel Aribisala, Ken Lattimore, Bill Palmer
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Sandra Michael

Information is correct as of March 18, 2024

Canteen Schedule

We are offering a hot lunch in our dining room to the neighborhood hungry. You may also notice some new teams cooking and serving - we welcome them to this ministry!

Date	Cooking & Serving	Site Manager	Host/Hostess	Food Pickup	Pickup Person
4/7/2024	Friends of Trinity	B. Crowle	S. Crowle	4/4	Albert/Lacey
4/14/2024	St. Patrick's & Port Dickinson Baptist	Bill Palmer		4/11	Jim/Brian
4/21/2024	Trinity Memorial	S. Hanes	C. Hanes	4/18	S Kaiser
4/28/2024	St. Mark's	B. Parmelee	D. Parmelee	4/25	Jim/Brian

Our prayers of thanks for all who share in this ministry!

Information is correct as of March 12, 2024

Trinity Forum



April 7, Yvonne Johnston (BU Nursing) will speak on "**Being Healthy in a Warming World**"

April 14, Kent Schull, "**Understanding Palestinians and their Recent History (1880-present)**"

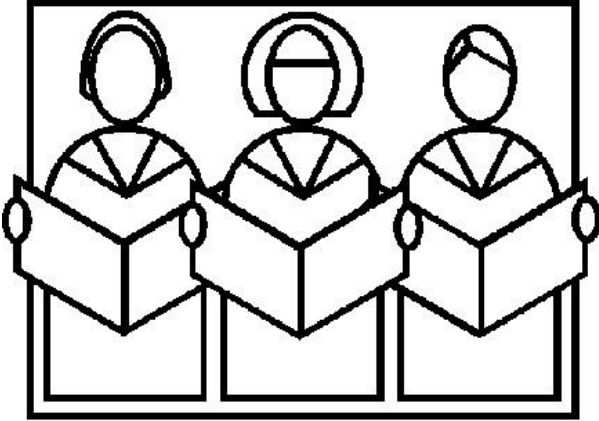
April 21, On AI (1) AI (Artificial Intelligence") has been everywhere you look or listen. KW Peter Koepfel will take us through an overview of AI - what it is, how it works, how to live with it. The first session will deal with what AI is - some of which may match your understanding, but some may not.

April 28, Lakshmi Bulathsinghala - **Directing a Sri Lankan Musical Play at Binghamton University** about her experience directing the play *Bera Handa "The Sound of the Drum"* for the Binghamton University Theatre Department.

KW Peter Koepfel's **On AI** discussions are expected to continue on **May 5**, looking at how some of the most exciting and challenging AI works: how it's trained, and some of the impacts and limitations which training an AI imposes on that AI; and conclude on **June 9**, when we'll look at how we live with AI, where it may have its early impacts, societal reactions, and where this might all lead.

The Trinity Forum meets most Sundays from September to June at 11:30 am. Meetings will be held, health precautions permitting, in person in the Common Room, and will also be made available live, via Zoom. You can join remotely by going to TrinityZoom.org. Please also watch the Sunday Bulletin for reminders and updates.

Music Notes



To my dear friends in Christ,

Happy Eastertide to you all! You may also refer to this season as Paschaltide, Easter Season, Paschal Season, Paschal Time, or Easter Time. So many wonderful choices to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord¹!

Easter, and the entirety of its season, allow for such celebratory and joyful music. It gives our faith foundation an exciting and fulfilling sense of stalwartness and peace. I have learned quite a bit about this season recently, including the many reasons that Eastertide is 50 days. Whether we look at the literal translation of Pentecost, or count the days that Jesus spent on earth after his resurrection and then ten days between his ascension and the celebration of Pentecost, we see the number fifty throughout our faith².

The fourth Sunday of Easter is a traditional focus on *The Good Shepherd*³. Jesus Christ is our shepherd, the ultimate model of moral good, selfless desires, and a love for all humanity. Christ's love for each of us is boundless and unconditional. He knows each of us by name and calls us to a life following his guidance. How lucky are we that someone loves and cares about us enough to call us by name and shepherd us through this journey of life? May God challenge each and every one of us to embrace this radical, unconditional love and use our church and our lives to show the rest of the world the heart and soul of Trinity Memorial Episcopal.

As we continue through this Paschal Season may we rejoice and revel in God's love for us. May you each be provided with rich blessings and a continued stalwart faith in God's work!

God's blessings to you all, *Randy Frye*
Director of Music

¹ "The Great Fifty Days of Easter: A Rookie Anglican Guide to Eastertide" Anglican Compass, accessed March 15, 2024, <https://anglicancompass.com/the-great-fifty-days-of-easter/>

² "Meaning of Numbers in the Bible: The Number 50" Bible Study, accessed March 15, 2024, <https://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/meaning-of-numbers-in-bible/50.html>

³ "The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd): A Collect Reflection" Anglican Compass, accessed March 15, 2024, <https://anglicancompass.com/the-fourth-sunday-of-easter/>

Randy Steere: A Concert for the Future



On **Friday, April 19, 2024, 7:00 pm** at Trinity Memorial Church, 44 Main Street, Binghamton, NY, acclaimed organist Randall Steere will offer his *Concert for the Future*.

The *Concert for the Future* was developed by the artist, Randy Steere, to reflect his vision for the future of organ music. It will form the basis for a discussion on this important topic being held at Trinity Memorial Church on Saturday, April 20 at **10:00 AM**.

Sponsored by the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the session will feature Randy's articulation of his vision for the future of the organ as well as reaction and input from all in attendance. All are encouraged to attend (especially if you are NOT an organist or a member of the AGO!). Your input will be very valuable as Randy facilitates a discussion pertinent to all area churches and music lovers.

The concert itself comprises a very diverse set of more contemporary composers to appeal both to a wider audience not familiar with organ music as well as the organ aficionado. New arrangements of "Amazing Grace" and "Kum Ba Yah" will be performed alongside meditative pieces from around the world, a rousing Toccata and even a fresh Wedding March! Just over an hour long, it will be an exciting concert to engage the audience on many levels!

Acclaimed for his solo appearances throughout New England, Randy Steere has served as Assistant Organist at Old South Church. A New England native, he received his B.M. degree from Barrington College (student of Alan Brown), an M.M. from Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music (student of Robert Baker), an M.Div. from Yale Divinity School, and a Master's of Computer Science from RPI.

After graduating from Yale, he became the full-time Minister of Music at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury (CT) for 9 years where he developed an expansive ministry, including two large adult choirs, two handbell choirs, a children's choir, two concert series, young singles ministry, and weekly commercial TV and radio broadcasts. Under Randy's initiative, the church hosted the East Branch of the Hartford Camerata School of Music, where he also taught organ and choral conducting. Additionally, he taught organ performance, handbells, and church music classes at Barrington College (now Gordon College).

Following his career in music, Randy switched to computers and became an IT Director at a mid-sized law firm for 7 years before running his own consulting and software company for 20 years. In 2020, he fully retired to become more actively involved in the music world once again, taking several study trips to Europe, working for a pipe organ builder, and concertizing widely on the East Coast. Randy has served on the Board of the Hartford Chapter AGO and was on the Board of Trustees for Arioso, a string ensemble of Hartford Symphony players where he was responsible for grant applications. He is currently Treasurer of the Merrimack AGO Chapter, a Trustee of the Methuen, MA, Memorial Music Hall and actively involved in the Groton Hill, MA, School of Music.



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Faith In Action



Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Binghamton, NY

March 7 at 6:00 AM · 🌐

Thursday, March 7, Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202, Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. ... [See more](#)

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Have you ever wondered how the daily reflections on Trinity's FaceBook page come into being? They usually start with a reflection selected by Dcn. Dorothy Pearce and Rayleen Kie, and are then posted to our Facebook page by Carl Betcher.

Carl recently reported on the reach of our reflections, and we were delighted to find out that they're being

appreciated not only by members of our Trinity family, but also by dear people we wouldn't ever reach any other way. Faith in action - calling out further than we perhaps imagined.

Trinity Book Club

We are rebranding our book club as simply the *Trinity Book Club*. Next, we will meet on April 16 to talk about *Renegade* by Adam Kinzinger. Following that, on May 21, our book will be *Taking America Back for God* by Samuel Perry and Andrew Whitehead. This book is one of the definitive works in trying to establish what Christian Nationalism actually is. (Note: Andrew Whitehead's latest book is titled *American Idolatry*, which is what he considers CN to be.)