

PARISHIONER PROFILES

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TO KNOW
A BIT MORE
ABOUT SOME OF
HOLY TRINITY'S
PARISHIONERS

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
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NOVA LEAF



Where were you born?

Sidney, British Columbia

Where do you live now?

Vancouver

Tell me about your life before Holy Trinity...

I went to the University of Victoria. We then moved to Canterbury, England. I taught in high school and my husband worked in the Statutory Youth Service. My son was born in England, my daughter grew up there. I was involved in the National Childbirth Trust. We returned to Canada because our ageing parents needed support and as there was a change in my husband's work.

What brought you to Trinity?

My husband was living in Shaughnessy, which is close by. He saw a banner and phoned. He spoke with Cathy Wagler who was running the office at the time and she invited him to the Harvest Festival. When we came to the services I felt that we had found a home. I have stayed every since through all life's trials, tribulations, joys and sorrows.

What are or have been your rôles at Holy Trinity? How do you serve?

This is my second time as Warden; I have served on Parish Council for 8 years, share in the music, fellowship and prayer.

What is your most memorable moment at Trinity?

My daughter's wedding.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

Hanging out with friends, eating, drinking and singing. I enjoy playing the ukulele. I love watching my husband perform as a musician.

What was the last book you read?

Gordon Smith's "Consider your Calling: Six Questions for Discerning Your Vocation"

What are your hopes and desires?

I hope for a period of calmness. I am planning a trip with friends to Italy, for next year.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

Jesus' words in John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches..." This spoke to me when I had a rebirth in faith.

LATA IMMARAJU



Where were you born?

Agra, India (famous for the Taj Mahal). There, we were surrounded by family and jobs were very secure. We felt comfortable. We decided to move to Canada, which we found to be very welcoming and beautiful. We moved partly for our children's lives and futures.

Where do you live now?

Burnaby.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity?

About 20 years. Funny story how we came to be here. My husband stopped for a bit to stand under the canopy on 12th. He was unaware that he was standing by a church. Roger

Simpson (the Rector) came out and welcomed him. He felt an immediate rapport. Roger invited us to attend and this church became a home for us.

What is your most memorable moment at Holy Trinity?

There are many. We felt huge support after the birth of our second son, Akshay. Interesting that our prayer group was praying for growth at Holy Trinity and then there were 6 pregnancies (5 in the month of April!).

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

Cooking is a passion, reading, and walking in the neighbourhood.

What was the last book you read?

I don't have much time for reading but enjoy Danielle Steele.

How do you serve at Trinity?

I read, serve communion and teach Sunday School. In the past I was a member of the Chancel Guild, maintained the luncheon fund and cooked for the lunches. I am also a prayer chain member.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd.

LARRY SACKNEY



Where were you born?

Canora, Saskatchewan. My parents were farmers.

Where do you live now?

South False Creek.

Tell me about your life before Holy Trinity...

I met Kay at the University of Regina. There I obtained an Honours Science BEd Degree, MEd and PhD. I was a teacher, and then became a principal of a comprehensive school. I was on a committee for comprehensive schools and was made a faculty member for the University of Saskatchewan. Retirement brought us to British Columbia where our children were.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity? And what brought you here?

Kay and I tried various churches. We met Margaret Blom [Rector's Warden] and she introduced us to Holy Trinity's Prayer Book service. We have been here for ten years.

What are or have been your rôles at Holy Trinity? How do you serve?

I am a People's Warden, Parish Council member and a member of the Building Committee. I read, serve communion, set up tables and help out in the hall.

What is your most memorable moment at Holy Trinity?

Really it's the people and the fellowship. People make the church.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

Every morning I walk, and then am on the computer. I am an academic reader for several editorial boards, internationally. Also, I am on the Finance Committee for Brock House [a seniors' activity centre and restaurant].

What was the last book you read?

"A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

What are your hopes and desires?

To continue travelling. We wish our children continue to be successful and that our grandchildren are happy and prosperous.

DR. PRISCILLA TURNER



When did you come to Holy Trinity?

In 1986, with my late husband Prof. Christopher Turner. The congregation was quite small in those days and older than we were. Christopher became Rector's Warden and in 1989 found himself in charge during an interregnum.

You were involved in the Parish Council?

Christopher and I crafted important resolutions expressing parish policy and composed official letters to the Diocese about matters of policy and doctrine. I went to Diocesan Synod for Holy Trinity for several years. I have been a member of three Canonical Committees.

You had a connection with Michael Green?

Yes, we played a part in his coming to Holy Trinity as Honorary Assistant early in 1987.

How did HT change?

We took part in the renewal of the congregation which saw an influx of younger families, some without Anglican background.

I understand you have an interest in publishing.

I am a published biblical scholar and personal memoirist, read all over the world; I aim to help the Church universal with my writing current and future.

In the late 1980s and the 1990s we built and ran a complete programme of adult education, including study groups, weekly bookselling, Bible-reading and a lending library. We set up an evangelistic literature rack and ran an Alpha course.

And also in preaching?

We initiated sermon series and Christopher and I preached quite frequently.

What about food?

I have always been a strong proponent of lunches after the Sunday service.

Do you have an artistic side?

I have sung in the choir. I love photography and have documented both the old church building and the new, inside and out.

How would you sum up your involvement at HT?

It is a central concern of mine in Holy Trinity's transient culture to unite people who believe the Faith but worship in different styles.

SEAN COOK



Where were you born?

London, Ontario.

Where do you live now?

Kitsilano, near Jericho Beach.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity?

Four and a half years

Lectern side or the other?

Lectern side.

What is your most memorable moment at Holy Trinity?

It was a Christmas service. I met someone, who passed through my life briefly. I brought him to that service. This meeting had a profound impact on me.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

I would be at the gym, or in a café with a book. Or, enjoying my friends and music.

What was the last book you read?

“The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions” (the world in the time of Buddha, Socrates, Confucius and Jeremiah) by Karen Armstrong.

How do you serve at Holy Trinity?

I served on Parish Council for three years. Occasionally, I give a guest Sermon. I greet at the door, read Bible lessons at services, and serve communion. I am the sign-master (creating the message and put them on the sign outside). Sometimes I lift heavy things!

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special/particular meaning for you?

This constantly changes but recently it is from John 18: Jesus said to Peter: “Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?” John 18:11.

MICHAEL PARK



Where were you born?

Winnipeg

Where do you live now?

Kitsilano

How long have you been at Holy Trinity?

Three months

Lectern side or the other?

Organ/piano side!

What is your most memorable moment at Trinity?

Before I was interviewed (for the Music Director position), I met Ida. She said something to the effect that she would pray that I got the job (we got on right away), but also would pray that the “right” person got the job. This was

powerful. I felt I could be stepping to exactly the right place.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

I enjoy cycling and swimming; also, plays and ballet.

What was the last book you read?

My neighbour (Sebastien de Castell) wrote “Traitor’s Blade”.

How do you serve at Holy Trinity?

I lead the music ministry.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special/particular meaning for you?

Yes, the two commandments...on which hang all the laws and the prophets: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself” Matthew 22:37-39.

IAN FALCONER



Where were you born?

Vancouver.

Where do you live now?

Burnaby.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity?

This is my second year.

Lectern side or the other?

Lectern side (toward the front!).

What is your most memorable moment at Holy Trinity?

When I first arrived. I appreciated the use of the Book of Common Prayer, and that we sung traditional old hymns. I

also continue to like the good sermons.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

Browsing in bookstores, with both new and old books, or in libraries.

What was the last book you read?

Calvin's Institutes, volume 1 (by the Swiss Reformer John Calvin, 1509-1564).

How do you serve at Holy Trinity?

I am on Parish Council [Ian is currently serving as Parish Council Secretary], serve communion, lead the prayers and do Bible readings in services, as well as give the occasional guest sermon.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

JC Ryle, the first Bishop of Liverpool, England (from 1880 until his death in 1900, aged 84), wrote in his book "Holiness" (1887-9): "A cheap Christianity, without a Cross, will prove in the end a useless Christianity, without a Crown."

TRACY FALCONER (NÉE LYONS)



Where were you born?

In Prince Rupert in northern BC. It's called the City of Rainbows...well, it rains every day!

Where do you live now?

Burnaby. I find it is a beautiful community full of parks; and it is not as busy as the City of Vancouver.

Tell me about your life before Holy Trinity

When I grew up, I was nurtured in a happy, stable home, brought up by hard working parents. We moved when I was in my teens – I found this built character as I had to make new friends. I graduated in '89. I moved to Vancouver to attend Vancouver Community College. The courses I took included nursing, dental, computers and medical transcription. I was a cashier at Safeway and then tutored ESL for six years – just loved that. I married Ian in 2013. We met through a friend. After 15 minutes of our first meeting I remember thinking, "I think I may have just met my husband." We got married 12 years later.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity? And what brought you here?

We have been here for 4 years. I followed my husband. I felt in agreement with most of the principles held here and also very comfortable. I was baptised as a Seventh Day Adventist and grew up in that church.

What are or have been your rôles at Holy Trinity?

I serve by greeting and talking to new people. I also help in the kitchen.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

Visiting friends, going out for lunch and baking. I just made Indian chai balls last week with a friend.

What was the last book you read?

Well, I read my Bible a lot. But the last book I read is "From Bombs to Books...The Remarkable Stories of Refugee Children." The students are at Edmonds Community School – very close to where I live.

What are your hopes and desires?

One day I wish to travel – for instance to India. I love their cooking and dresses (saris). I would love to raise one child – to be a mother.

Is there a passage or image in Scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

IDA TONKS



Where were you born?

Port of Spain, Trinidad. My father taught at Queen's Royal College. Later, I became a Montessori teacher and started schools in Trinidad based on their philosophy. They are flourishing.

Where do you live now?

Chalmers Lodge.

How long have you been at Trinity?

Since October 2013, when I moved to Chalmers. I met Jim Ferguson and learned that he had worked in Jamaica so there was a connection there. We knew some of the same people!

Which service do you attend regularly?

Both services, as my friends are divided between them. I like the contemporary music in the first service.

What is your most memorable moment at Trinity?

It was in 2013. I was in church and had a vision. It felt like a tsunami washing over me and my heart filled with love. This was when I knew it was the place for me.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

I may be in my room, walking the grounds or having tea with friends. On Sunday evenings, I organize the worship service for the residents of the Lodge.

What was the last book you read?

"Thoughts in Solitude" by Thomas Merton has great meaning for me and is my favourite book.

How do you serve at Trinity?

Mostly by prayer: I go to all of the prayer meetings.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

"Do not be afraid for I am with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6.

JOHN MACLENNAN



Where were you born?

Hong Kong. My father was employed trading in China.

Where do you live now?

In Yaletown, overlooking False Creek.

How long have you been at Trinity?

Roger Simpson was rector of an Anglican church in Edinburgh, Scotland. I was a parishioner in a Presbyterian church but I went to a few of his services during the week. This is how I got to know him and become a member of his church. Roger moved to Vancouver, to be Rector of Holy Trinity. He invited me to visit and I now live here and I have attended Holy Trinity since 1998.

Which service do you attend regularly?

The 9:15am Contemporary Worship service.

What is your most memorable moment at Trinity?

There are many, but I think the most memorable one for me was when Roger announced he was leaving (1999)!

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

I enjoy eating out at restaurants with friends and walking the seawall. I sometimes attend Vancouver Symphony Orchestra concerts. I recently saw Les Miserables at the Vancouver Arts Club – it was a very good performance. I attend Bard on the Beach. So, theatre and classical music. I write poetry and Regent College is in the process of publishing my first book of poems.

What was the last book you read?

Currently, I am reading the Bible often. Another book I read recently is "In Christ" by E Stanley Jones. It was a joy to read. The writing just flows. Its emphasis is "Christ in you".

How do you serve at Holy Trinity?

I fill a pew!

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

There is a passage by St. Paul that reads "...we will all be made alive (in Christ)" 1st Corinthians 15:22.

MARION THOMAS



Where were you born?

West Yorkshire in the United Kingdom. I was a nurse there and trained as a midwife [thumbs up from Marion for the Call the Midwife TV series]. I then went to Bermuda for three and a half years to help open a new hospital. That is where I learnt to water-ski!

Where do you live now?

In South Granville, not far from the church.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity?

20 years, from when the church moved to its present location.

Which service do you attend regularly?

The 11am Prayer Book service.

What is your most memorable moment at Holy Trinity?

The marriage of Natalie Oakes, daughter of John Oakes, a former Rector. It was a beautiful service and reception.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

Sitting out in the garden. I love to help with my building's garden upkeep. I also enjoy theatre and over the years have very much supported the Stanley and Orpheum theatres.

What was the last book you read?

"The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon" by Alexander McCall Smith. He also wrote the 44 Scotland Street series and The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (which was made into a television series).

How do you serve at Holy Trinity?

I am currently the Donations Officer, handling rentals, offerings and deposits. I am also an office volunteer. In the past I have been on Parish Council and the Chancel Guild.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

I particularly like some of the hymns, the words and music especially. For instance 'And can it be' that was sung at the beginning of April.

KARL PRZYWALA



Where were you born?

Loveday Street Maternity Hospital, Birmingham. The site later became a car park for The Birmingham Post & Mail, where I worked – so I got to park my car there.

Where do you live now?

Within cooee of HT – 14th Avenue at Pine.

Tell me about your life before Holy Trinity

What, all of it? Well, I was born at an early age and then sought to grow up. I was born again at 18. As a child, I didn't know what I wanted to do when I grew up – except I knew that I didn't want to be a priest! But, having made my fortune in newspapers, there was nothing for it but to...

How long have you been at Holy Trinity? And what brought you here?

Five long/short years. An advert in the Church Times (and a sense of call).

What are or have been your rôles at Holy Trinity?

I'm an entertainer and raconteur, and I seek to teach the Bible and help people be in right relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Occasionally, I do the washing-up.

What is your most memorable moment at Holy Trinity?

Perhaps, hanging out of a trapdoor in the dome looking down, down, down; apart from that, presenting candidates for Confirmation.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

On a Holland America cruise ship.

What was the last book you read?

The Bible – honestly; and I'm currently reading Sir Roy Welensky's "4000 Days."

What are your hopes and desires?

The hope of glory (but not in this life).

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"
Mark 8:36.

KAY SACKNEY



Where were you born?

Wilke, Saskatchewan.

Where do you live now?

South False Creek.

Tell me about your life before Holy Trinity

I met Larry at the University of Regina at a curling rink. I was working towards a degree in clinical microbiology. I then went to the University of Saskatoon and worked in hospitals. We moved many times owing to Larry's career.

What brought you to Holy Trinity?

We were looking for a church to make connections and we already had some friends here.

What are or have been your rôles at Holy Trinity? How do you serve?

I am part of the Chancel Guild, in charge of flowers. I read the Bible lessons during service, help serve Holy Communion and help in the kitchen. I am a Parish Council Member.

What is your most memorable moment at Holy Trinity?

The fellowship with parishioners here has brought me the most memorable moments. As Larry said, "People make the church."

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

Walking the seawall. Spending time with family and grandchildren. My son, an engineer, is here and my daughter, a veterinarian, is in Nelson. We also spend time at Brock House.

What was the last book you read?

A book by Wayson Choy about Chinese immigration to Vancouver.

What are your hopes and desires?

That we continue to be healthy and that our grandchildren and children are healthy and prosperous.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

"Whither thou goest, I will go" Ruth 1:16.

MARIA BARBARO



Where were you born?

Windsor, Ontario.

Where do you live now?

Across the street from the church.

Tell me about your life before Holy Trinity

I had stopped going to church (another denomination) as I had been very hurt as a result of my experiences with them. I first came to HT for comfort and I found a safe landing.

I love teaching children. I am and have been a Mary Kay Beauty consultant for 27 years. I have also done volunteer work.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity?

13 years, at least.

What are or have been your rôles at Holy Trinity? How do you serve?

I am a greeter, for different events. For several years I rented a table at the bazaar and sold Mary Kay products. I have taught the children, with Lata. I have also helped decorate the church, for instance at Christmastime.

What are your most memorable moments at Holy Trinity?

My engagement party; the turkey dinners; Priscilla and her husband's anniversary (there were so many hors d'oeuvres I thought I may explode!).

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

In bed, or on the couch watching TV or reading.

I have Niemann Pick disease Type B which means there is an absence of a certain enzyme in my body. This is a blood disorder that affects, among other things, my lungs. It is a rare disease. Coming to HT helps me deal with this, and enables me to socialise. When I have a bad day I remember things that happened at Holy Trinity. I don't feel lonely.

I also do Tae Chi, which is a lot of fun.

What are your hopes and desires?

I hope to grow with God each day, learn that God is in charge, trust more and hopefully be more active in the church.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

Psalm 95 is calming.

Ephesians 6:17. "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

DERRICK FERNIE



Where were you born?

On the Island.

Where do you live now?

Vancouver.

Tell me about your life before Holy Trinity

I started working when I was 14. I was a construction worker, and all things related to dry walling. I was diagnosed with primary immune deficiency in 2005 and haven't worked since then. I am an activist. I actually met Tommy Douglas! I consider myself a Capitalist Socialist.

How long have you been at Holy Trinity? And what brought you here?

I have been here for about 6 months. I don't really have a denomination. I just wanted to find the right path for me. This church made itself available to me and I was baptised shortly after. I enjoy the congregation, very nice people and they have been welcoming. I will come as long as I can come (am able).

What are or have been your rôles at Holy Trinity? How do you serve?

I serve with Music. I wrote a poem that Michael (our Music Director) set to music and it's been performed. I am a poet and have been published (e.g. 3 times in the Canadian Military Family Magazine and twice in the Western Horse Review). Michael sent our music and lyrics "Sinner's Prayer" to Wen to take to Singapore. I am currently having a book of my poems printed – "Aces & Eights Poetry by Derrick Fernie."

What are your most memorable moments at Holy Trinity?

I have very much enjoyed the after-church luncheons.

When not at home, work/school, or church, where might you be found?

I don't go to many places anymore, haven't been feeling real well and really don't have a lot of energy. Used to be a power lifter, loved the gym and walking.

What was the last book you read?

I have enjoyed Louis L'Amour westerns and Stephen King books such as "The Stand."

What are your hopes and desires?

My hope is that the world stops freaking out and gets straightened out - especially for the upcoming generation.

Is there a passage or image in scripture that carries special particular meaning for you?

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my Shepherd."

And Finally: I am not afraid of death, want no resuscitation, am prepared and want to face death on my feet. I look at life like it's the covers of a book – the front cover is birth, the beginning of life and you have the back cover which is the end of life, or death. There are the empty pages between the covers that we fill with our lives – some bad things, some good, love, happiness, and pain.