

## **Rector's Report**

**“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”**

**Isaiah 43.19**

It has been just over a year since my arrival and I as look back over our time together, we have been growing in relationship steadily.

Last January brought with it my first Vestry Season with you, and while it was a little hectic, and we all encountered news ways of doing things, we managed to get through and had a full slate of council members, special ministry leaders and wardens. I give thanks for all who stepped into leadership roles in the last year - your service has richly blessed this parish!

It has been a challenging year for us here at Holy Trinity as we have taken a hard look at not only our financial state, but also our demographics as we began to work through our Mission and Ministry document as requested by the Bishop.

I know this has been an unsettling time for many, but God has promised that we will never be alone on our journey and that all things will indeed be made new. The people of Holy Trinity have demonstrated great determination in their desire to continue to make their faith journey together as a community and as we face the coming year, doing so together will be a valuable tool.

While there were no funerals held in the church this last year, our dear sister Maxeen Bonney returned to the Lord in March 2017. Her spirit and contributions to the mitten tree will continue to be missed for years to come.

We also welcomed two new brothers in Christ to the faith, Ryder Legere and Charlie Batt were both baptized in 2017.

As we look to 2018, I hope we will to continue to grow in relationship with each other and that we will continue to hold together as we dive into our visioning processes and work as a team to engage in the 5 marks of mission as outlined in our 5 year mission and ministry plan.

May God continue to bless us in this exciting time and on this journey together.

Rev. Sharla