

# GENESIS



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## FINAL CROSSWISE notes From The Interim Rector by The Rt. Rev. Martin G. Townsend

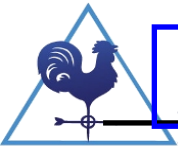
Thank  
you SO VERY  
Much.

Thanks to all of you who have written to me over the past couple of weeks, wishing me and Barbara well as I take a new shot at retirement. Barbara insists that this is at least my tenth try. When I was at Trinity 2005-07, that was only my 4<sup>th</sup> attempt. What can I say? I have been blessed throughout my life with a job that I have loved. There have been times of wrenching emotion and of exuberant enthusiasm. I hope I have learned some things along the way, mostly from wise parishioners.

At the first Annual Meeting over which I presided, as a 27 year old rector, a crusty parishioner who became a close friend over the ensuing six years, stood up and said, “Just keep in mind this is **my** parish. I and these other people in the pews will still be here long after you are gone. We love this place and hope that you will come to love it too.” Well, I did. As I have come to love every parish I have served, including Trinity Upperville. And I have kept in mind that this is **your** parish. The singular disappointment in my brief tenure as Interim is that the coronavirus kept us from the relaxed kind of interaction that we can have at coffee hour and as meetings prepare to begin. I have missed point-to-point races and opportunities to shoot skeet. I have seriously missed decent restaurants such as we do not have around us in West Virginia.

Mostly I have missed worshipping together, face to face. I have missed the connection with white robed acolytes lining up before a service, all under the loving guidance of Miss Lillian and Miss Katrina. The quiet behind-the-scenes dedication of the altar guild. Even as we all are eager to return to worship in the church building, I have profoundly appreciated the response to our online efforts. Thanks to readers for video recording lessons and prayers.

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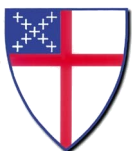
With this as my last CROSSWISE to you all, I must publicly say how indebted I am to Di Demaree as Parish Administrator, Betsy Crenshaw as “Director of First Impressions,” Tommy Breeden, as resident poet and Sexton Superb, and Christian Myers as Director of Music – wow! Thanks to Christian and the choir section leaders for excellent anthems and Children’s Time sermons that have been a pure delight. Thanks to Richard McPherson for such fine work as our organist. Thanks to the commitment of hard working vestry members, especially your excellent wardens, Johanna and Louise. I will miss you all.

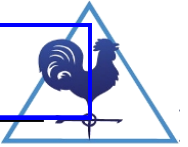


But back to my main point – This is your parish. It will only work if you love it, tend to it, offer to jump in where you see a need. Trinity is a healthy and dynamic congregation. As magnificent as our campus is in the beautiful church and the Outdoor Sanctuary, in the cemetery and courtyard, those aspects of our parish life, that probably drew many of us to Trinity in the first place, are **not The Church**. You are.

The buildings are only a museum without the people. **With** the people the campus is a jewel in the scepter of God and the launchpad for a ministry of worship, learning and service. Imagine your niche – where you want to fit in the Dream of God as it evolves for the parish. There will come a time when the coronavirus pandemic is in our review mirror. We can then rejoin one another in whatever will become our new normal. (I do not foresee that we will be able to go back to what we were, but will have to give shape to whatever is ahead.) But dream your way into a vibrant future. May it be filled with love and expectancy.

On July 1st, you will welcome a new Rector, The Rev. Jonathan V. Adams. For him it will be a new position. But it also puts all of you in a new position. So I offer to him and to you a blessing from one of my favorite poets, John O’Donohue.





May your new work excite your heart,  
Kindle in your mind creativity  
To journey beyond the old limits  
Of all that has become wearisome.

May this work challenge you toward  
New frontiers that will emerge  
As you begin to approach them,  
Calling forth from you the full force  
And depth of your undiscovered gifts.

May the work fit the rhythms of your  
soul,  
Enabling you to draw from the invisible  
New ideas and a vision that will inspire.

Remember to be kind  
To those who work for you,  
Endeavor to remain aware  
Of the quiet world  
That lives behind each face.

Be fair in your expectations,  
Compassionate in your criticism.  
May you have the grace of encourage-  
ment  
To awaken the gift in the other's heart,  
Building in them the confidence  
To follow the call of the gift.

May you come to know that work  
Which emerges from the mind of love  
Will have beauty and form.

May this new work be worthy  
Of the energy of your heart  
And the light of your thought.

May your work assume  
A proper space in your life;

Instead of owning or using you,  
May it challenge and refine you,  
Bringing you every day further  
Into the wonder of your heart.

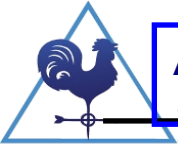
- John O'Donohue,  
*To Bless the Space Between Us (2008)*

Peace and Joy,

Handwritten signature of Martin G. Townsend.

The Rt. Rev. Martin G. Townsend  
Interim Rector





## Announcing our New Rector-Elect The Rev. Jonathan V. Adams

On behalf of the Vestry, the Discernment Committee, and the Diocese of Virginia, I am pleased to announce The Rev. Jonathan V. Adams accepted our call as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville. Jonathan's official start date is July 1, 2020.

Jonathan comes to us from Houston, Texas where he has served as Associate Rector for Pastoral Care and Outreach at St.

Martin's Episcopal Church for over three years. He has had an exciting and varied career serving God overseas, leading student ministries, planting a church in Georgia, and developing new outreach activities at St. Martin's. The Discernment Committee found him energetic, warm and keenly pastoral, and the Vestry wholeheartedly concurred. We are eagerly anticipating his arrival and the chance for our fellow parishioners to meet him and his family.

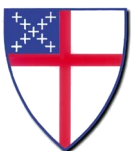
Jonathan is married to Jana and they have three children, Noah, Lily, and Caleb. I know we will welcome them to our church and community.

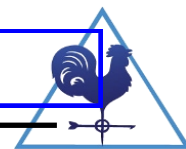
You will learn more about Jonathan in the next few days. The Vestry already is organizing mailings and social media announcements in an effort to help you get to know him. Jonathan is eager to reach out to all of you and begin to know you as well.

The success of these many months of searching is due to the commitment of the members of the Discernment Committee, the willingness of the Vestry and Jonathan to explore the call in the middle of the pandemic, and the patience of the entire congregation. Louise Crane, Matt Blunt, and I are deeply thankful to all who worked so hard. We are delighted to begin the next chapter in our life at Trinity with The Rev. Jonathan Adams.



Johanna Jackson, Senior Warden





As the COVID-19 crisis and the resulting economic hardship is shaping the new normal, Trinity Outreach sought out local programs that could make the maximum positive impact with limited resources and an uncertain budget. It is with great pride that we have targeted

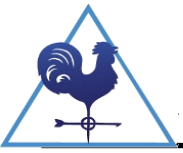
Mobile Hope, a program that has received Outreach assistance in the past, as the recipient of our collective support. Specifically, Mobile Hope sought a solution to delivering fresh, perishable food to those in need. Trinity Outreach enabled Mobile Hope to rent a refrigerated van for a period of three months to move toward better living conditions. This is a singular event with no long-term agreements, but a major factor in shaping what could be a long recovery for our local community.

This was a coordinated action voted on by the Outreach Committee and Vestry and it points to our stewardship of donations that are executed in the spirit that they are made. The Outreach Committee is looking at more targets of opportunity near-term that embrace not only the funding aspect, but the physical participation by the congregation.

In an effort to support the community and to help all families receive the essential tools for learning during this unprecedented time, a bus has been parked in our overflow parking lot that is equipped with a hotspot.

This means that parents can pull into the parking lot and access internet service allowing their children to do online classes. This will be exclusive to the families that have the password.





## Honoring our 2020 Graduates

Hello Graduates of 2020.

First, congratulations. Whether you are concluding grade school, high school, college or graduate school, you are at a major turn in the journey that is your life. And that means you cannot be sure of what is around the corner. There will be surprises and challenges in the next stage of the journey; may the accomplishments that this graduation honors give you confidence as you meet new opportunities. You can know one thing at least – that your parents and families are proud of you and what you have accomplished and are full of hope for what is next.

And we, your church family, wish you happiness and a clear focus for whatever lies ahead. Well done for all that is in the past, and blessing and excitement for what lies ahead. We wish you God's good companionship as you celebrate, as you give thanks, and as you dream your way into your own future.

On behalf of the People of Trinity Church, grace and courage,

Bishop Martin Townsend  
Interim Rector



Claiborne Van Voorhis, son of Chandler & Heidi, has graduated from Woodberry Forest School. He will be attending the College of William & Mary in the fall. Below is his recently released Senior Project Video.  
[https://youtu.be/t\\_gG2XdYMKE](https://youtu.be/t_gG2XdYMKE)



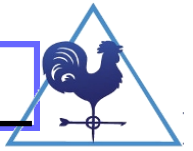
Roman Whipp Gravely, son of Page & Donna, has graduated this month from Woodberry Forest School. He will be studying bioengineering at the School of Engineering at NC State University in the fall.



Jessica Ewing Barranco, granddaughter of Ray Ewing,  
Bachelor of Science, Community Health  
College of Health & Human Sciences  
George Mason University



## **Congratulations to All**



Adam Demaree, grandson of Di Demaree, graduated from Patriot High School in Bristol, VA. He will be attending the University of Tennessee, majoring in Architectural Engineering.



Kelley Connelly, daughter of Chip & Judy Connelly, graduated on May 16th with a Masters of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

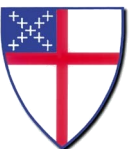


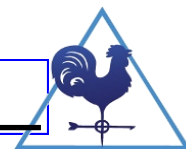
Brandon Dodson, son of Tom & Brie, graduated from Rappahannock County High School. He plans to spend the first two years of college studying at Lord Fairfax Community College and then transfer to a state university.



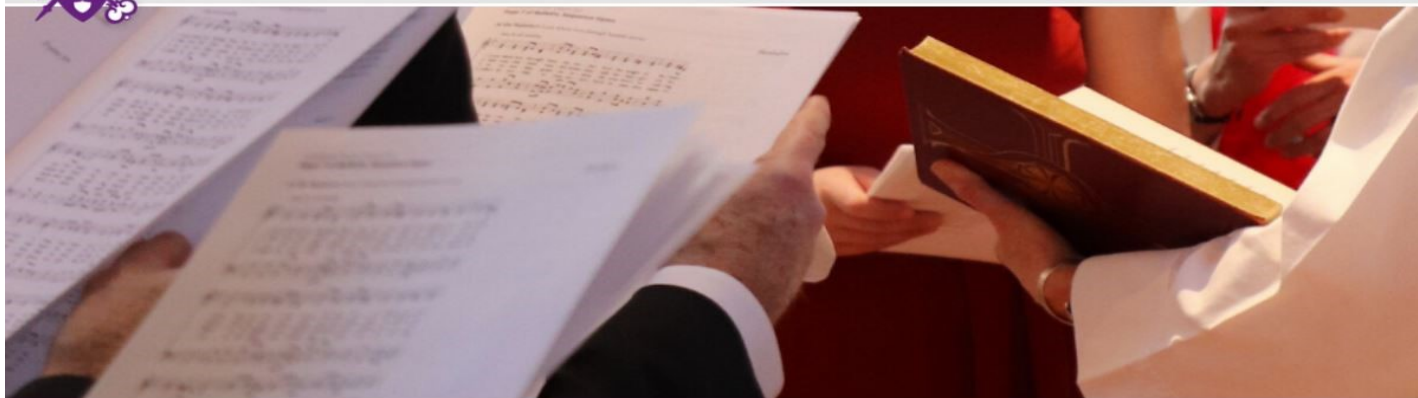
Charles Moore, son of Ed & Margaret, is a Clemson University 2020 graduate with a degree in marketing and management.

Mom, Dad, and Robbie are very proud! GO TIGERS!





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## A Message from Bishop Goff and Bishop Brooke-Davidson on National Day of Mourning

To view their message go to: <http://www.thediocese.net/news/a-message-from-bishop-goff-and-bishop-brooke-davidson-on-national-day-of-mourni/>

St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC has been in the news. For responses from the Presiding Bishop and news updates please go to:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/06/01/episcopal-leaders-step-up-opposition-to-racial-injustice-amid-anger-over-george-floyds-killing/>



Praying is not the only thing we can do, it is the BEST thing we can do. Never underestimate the power of prayer to heal our nation!







## ZOOM Meetings

Our building have been closed to the public for some time now but Trinity Church has remained active. Regular scheduled weekly/monthly meetings have continued via ZOOM which has now become a household word.



Our faithful prayer team hasn't missed a beat. They continue to gather and pray every Monday at 2:30pm. If you would like prayer please email them at [prayers@trinityupperville.org](mailto:prayers@trinityupperville.org)



Staff meetings have been held every Tuesday at 1:00pm either by ZOOM or conference call.



Wednesday morning Bible Study Classes have continued despite the building closures and are thriving.

Other meetings being held via ZOOM (no pictures available at this time)  
Finance; Vestry; Outreach; Worship; Communication....The list goes on...

Our doors may be closed but life at Trinity Church continues. We also provide online services on Sunday's in addition to music and children's time. Check out our website [trinityupperville.org/Sundays](http://trinityupperville.org/Sundays) ("Sunday's at Home") and see for yourself.





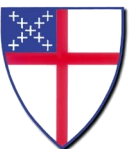
Almost exactly thirteen years ago was their last, last Sunday at Trinity. What are the odds that the same Interim Rector would save us twice? Words alone cannot express the depth of our gratitude. Deep Peace to you, Martin and Barbara. Deep Peace to you.

Deep Peace

Christian Myers  
6/3/07

For Martin + Barbara on their departure from Trinity

Deep Peace of the run-ning wave to - you Deep  
Peace of the flow-ing air to you Deep Peace of the  
qui - et - earth to - you Deep Peace of the shi - ning





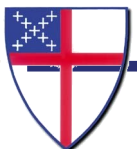
# Deep Peace

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Handwritten musical notation for the first system. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are "stars - to you, S.A". The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are "Deep peace of the Son of".

Handwritten musical notation for the second system. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are "Peace - to you Deep peace of the". The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are "Trinity, Deep Peace to You -".

Handwritten musical notation for the third system. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are "Trinity, Deep Peace to You -". The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are "Trinity, Deep Peace to You -".





**The Diocese of Virginia**

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The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooks-Davidson  
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**The deadline for the next Genesis is June 19, 2020.**



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