

Trinity United Church extends a warm welcome to All

We welcome today the presence of 585 Rideau Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets, 443 (Rideau) Wing Royal Canadian Air Force Association, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 95 and RCAF Veterans.

A Note for our Congregation -

- Newcomers please sign our guest book
- Pew cards with special requests may be placed with your offering
- Trinity seeks new ways to be Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible to all -
 - a lift is available for those with mobility concerns
 - we have accessible washrooms adjacent to the sanctuary and fellowship hall
 - hearing loops are available at the audio-visual desk
 - large print bulletins are available
 - we respect gluten sensitivities and vegetarians
 - we are scent-free
 - we offer mobile care and community by taking Communion to those who cannot come to church. Ask Cynthia.
 - we understand and welcome a variety of
 - gifts, talents, passions, interests and ages
 - ways of being
 - loving relationships and types of families
 - ***Please alert us to any accommodation or accessibility requirements so that the “All” in “a warm welcome to All” includes you and the people you love.***
- We have a child-friendly space overlooking the sanctuary equipped with audio; please ask an usher
- Colour-coded emergency plan for safe evacuation

Fellowship on the Move - Trinity Walker's Club - Tuesday 9:30 am. Start at Trinity. End at a Café.

Join us for hospitality in the Fellowship Hall

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Welcome and Announcements

Battle of Britain Sunday commemorates a dramatic turning point in the history of the Second World War.

The German objective was to eliminate the Royal Air Force both in the air and on the ground, and to obtain air superiority in preparation for a seaborne and airborne invasion. Deployed along the French and Belgian coasts, the Luftwaffe began their first heavy onslaught early in July 1940, directed against British shipping and the Channel ports. The intention of this first phase of the battle was to draw the Royal Air Force into combat and wear down its strength. The second phase, from 8 to 18 August, consisted of intensive day operations against coastal radar stations and fighter airfields. The third phase began after a five-day lull with increased night attacks and attacks on the fighter airfields in the London area.

The daylight assault on London itself marked the beginning of the fourth phase. This opened on 7 September, with attacks on the docks which, though serious themselves, brought vital relief to the fighter airfields which had been under such pressure, and lasted most of the month. It reached a climax on 15 September, when over one thousand sorties were flown against the capital in the afternoon and at night. On that occasion the Luftwaffe lost 56 aircraft. It was, in Sir Winston Churchill's words: "One of the decisive battles of the war." Churchill went on to say: "The gratitude of every home in our Island, in our Empire, and indeed throughout the world... goes out to the airmen who, undaunted by odds, unwearied in their constant challenge and mortal danger, are turning the tide of world war by their prowess and by devotion. Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Throughout October, the fifth and last phase of the Battle saw the decline of enemy daylight attacks on London and an increase in the night bombing of Britain's major ports and industrial centers. At the beginning of the struggle the Luftwaffe had 2,790 aircraft to launch against England. Britain had fewer than 60 fighter squadrons, – some 650 aircraft – and the ground staff had to work sometimes 16 hours a day to keep the machines in the air. Between 24 August and 6 September alone, Fighter Command lost 103 pilots and 128 seriously wounded (including Canadians), while 366 fighters had been put out of action including Canadian. There were 1495 pilots and crew killed during the Battle of Britain, of which 49 were Canadian. Of 103 Canadian fighter pilots in battle, 23 were killed in action.

Many Canadians served in the squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes which repulsed the Luftwaffe in the summer of 1940. No. 1 Fighter Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), equipped with modern eight-gun fighters, became the first RCAF unit to engage enemy planes in battle when it met a formation of German bombers over southern England on August 26, 1940. It shot down three of them and damaged four others with the loss of one pilot and one plane. Its next meeting with the enemy was not as fortunate as it was attacked out of the sun by Messerschmitts and lost three planes. By mid-October the squadron had accounted for 31 enemy aircraft destroyed and probably 43 more destroyed or damaged. It lost 16 Hurricanes; three pilots had been killed.

To limit confusion, the RCAF squadrons were operated as separate units from the RAF, generally keeping the Canadians together. Other Canadians flew with the Royal Air Force during that difficult period. 242 (Canadian) Squadron RAF, which had been formed in 1939 from some of the many Canadians who flew directly with the Royal Air Force, was not reinforced with veterans from the French campaign and joined in the battle. On August 30, nine of its planes met a hundred enemy aircraft over Essex. Attacking from above, the squadron claimed 12 victories and escaped unscathed.

Canadians also shared in repulsing the Luftwaffe's last major daylight attack. On September 27, 303 Squadron RAF and 1 Squadron RCAF attacked the first wave of enemy bombers. Seven, possibly eight enemy planes were destroyed, and another seven damaged. The Royal Canadian Air Force thus received its "baptism of fire."

In commemorating the airmen who fought in the Battle of Britain, we pay tribute also to those who in later years of the war served in all the Allied Forces at sea, land, and air. Today we record our continuing sense of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war, and we rededicate ourselves to strive untiringly for peace, justice, and freedom in the world.

March in the Colours

Introit -

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship - *High Flight*

Prayer of Gathering

Hymn - 340 Jesus Friend of Little Children

Learning with Children

Scriptures

Psalm 19 (VU740)

James 3:5b-12

Mark 8:27-30

Hymn - 217 All Creatures of our God & King

Reflection - Words can Heal or Words Can Harm

Air Force Hymn - "O Thou within Whose Sure Control"

to the tune of Eternal Father, Strong to Save (VU 639)

*O Thou within Whose sure control
The surging planets onward roll,
Whose everlasting arms embrace
People of every clime and race,
Hear Thou, O Lord, a nations prayer
For those Thy children of the air!*

*Thou at the impulse of Whose will
A troubled Galilee grew still
Thy chart and compass shall provide
Deliverance from storm and tide
Hear Thou, O Lord, a nations prayer
For those Thy rangers of the air!*

*Across the ocean, dread and deep,
Above the forest's lonely sweep,
Or when through serried clouds they rise
And hidden are from mortal eyes;
Hear Thou, O Lord, a nations prayer
For Thy guardians of the air!*

*Uphold their shining argosies
Upon the vast ethereal seas;
Encompass Thou their valiant wings
In all their brave adventuring;
Hear Thou, O Lord, a nation's prayer
For these Thy children of the air!*

We Respond to God's Word
Offering Ourselves
For The Work And Witness Of The Church
Minute for Mission
Invitation to Offering

Ushers will now receive our morning offering.

Offertory -

***Offering Hymn - 542 We Give You But Your Own**

***Offering Prayer**

Prayers of the People

Prayer For the Royal Canadian Air Force

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn - 289 It Only Takes A Spark

Commissioning / Benediction

Go now with God:

who covers us with tender mercies;

Go now with Christ:

who is our good companion;

Go now with the Spirit:

**who gives us good food at the Table
and living water to nourish us.**

Go knowing that God will direct your path:

**bringing us joy and delight
as we continue on our journey of faith.**

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude -

Announcements

23 September Pentecost 18 – B We All Love Jesus...But Not Each Other

**30 September Pentecost 19 - B It Takes a Community to Make a Village -
Police and Peace Officers' Memorial**

7 October Pentecost 20 - B World Wide Communion / Thanksgiving

14 October Pentecost 21 - B Faith in a Cave

21 October Lodge Sunday

Looking Ahead

Sept 17 Stewardship Team, 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Sept 18 Fellowship on the Move - Trinity Walker's, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Start at Trinity. End at a Café

Trinity on Tuesday Messy Church Program at 6:00 pm, supper to follow (gluten-free and vegetarian available).

Sept 19 Bible Study, 9:30 am in the Minister's Study. All are welcome.

Trinity Notes

Trinity is getting SWAG! Promotional items coming soon!

Apples Pies by Trinity Cooks will be available the weeks of September 24 and October 1. YES, we are making them again this year, and...WE NEED HELP please! Order forms are available at the literature display and in the office.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations, please fill our wagon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered monthly.

Trinity supports **The Mission**, *third* Saturday of the month. If you are interested in making food, or serving, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby or see Lorraine after the service.

United Church Women Meet & Greet. Pot-luck lunch at Trinity, Wednesday October 24, 10:00 - 2:00. All are welcome.

Lanark Drum Circle, 2nd Sunday of the Month, 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Gym of Trinity United, Smiths Falls



Community Notes

Evergreen Avenue Commemorative Event, to honour community builders, veterans and area residents, Saturday September 22, 11 am near the Harvard Plane in Victoria Park.

Rideau Environmental Action League, Local Foods Harvest Dinner, Saturday, October 20 at Smiths Falls Legion, 6 pm cocktail hour, 7 pm dinner. See bulletin board for further information.

Boyd's United Church, celebrates its 185 anniversary, September 23, 2:00 pm. Fellowship, music, sharing of memories. Meal to follow. Information 613-253-3566.

St John's Anglican Church, free Community Dinner, today, doors open 3:45 pm. All welcome.

Montreal and Ottawa Conference - Travelling Road Show. A workshop directed at Treasurers, Trustees, Board/Council Chairs, Mission & Service, Stewardship and Outreach Committee. Saturday October 13, Knox-St. Paul's United Church Cornwall, 8:45 am - 3:30 pm. Contact Carolyn Ruda .