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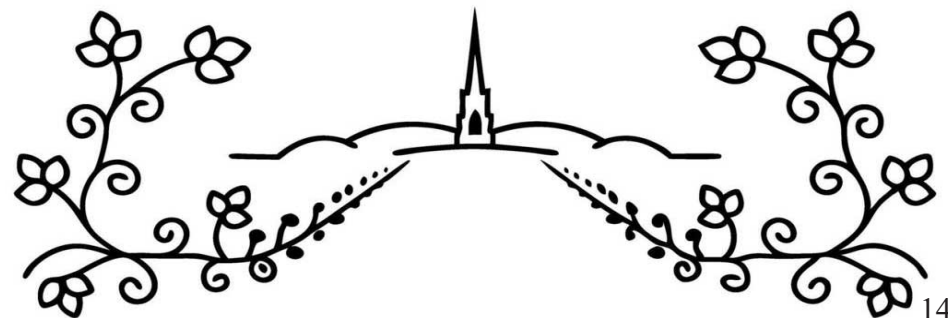
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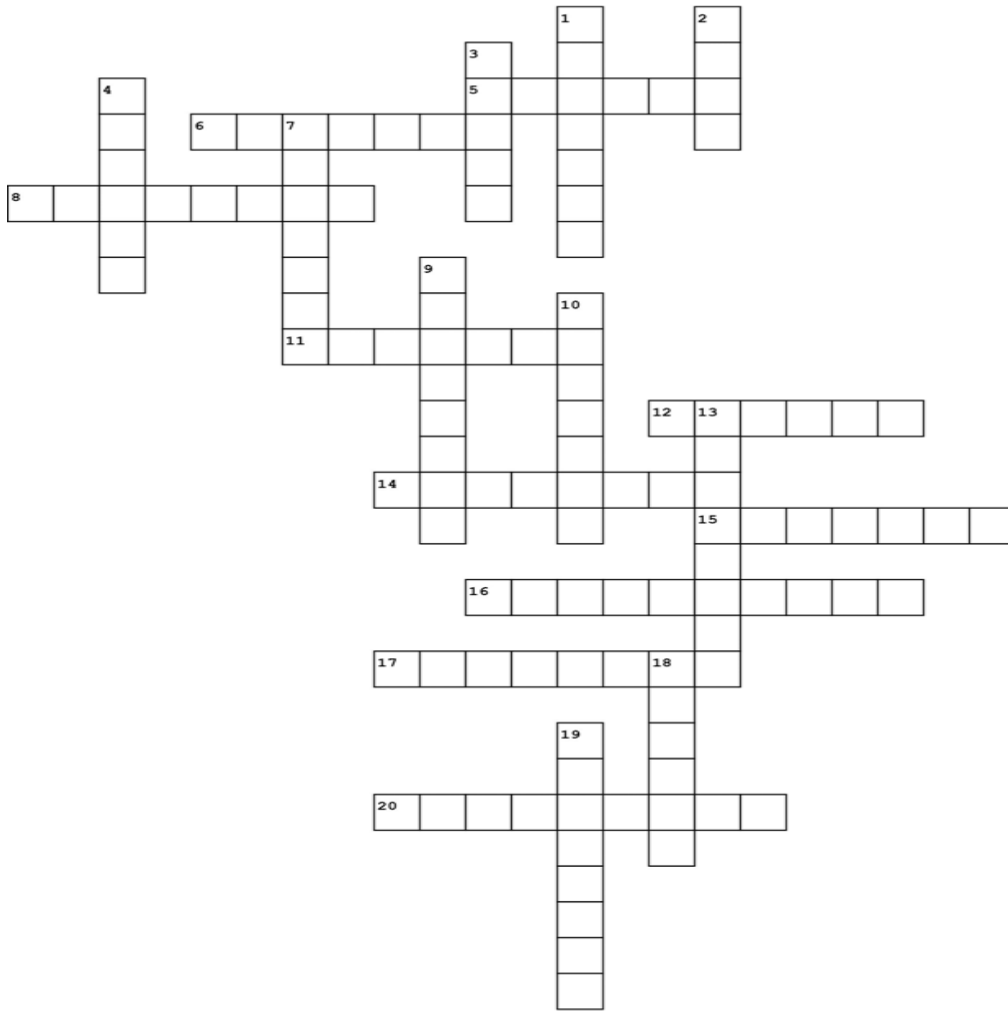
Parish of Trinity – Port Rexton

Service Schedule – May 3 – May 31, 2026

May 3 rd Fifth Sunday Of Easter (White)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
May 10 th Sixth Sunday Of Easter (White) Mother's Day	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 7:00 P.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
May 17 th Seventh Sunday Of Easter Ascension Sunday (White)	11:00 A.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West) 7:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield)	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
May 24 th Day Of Pentecost (Red)	11:00 A.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty) 7:00 P.M. Christ Church	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
May 31 st Trinity Sunday (White)	11:00 A.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield)	Parish Service Of Morning Prayer



May 2026



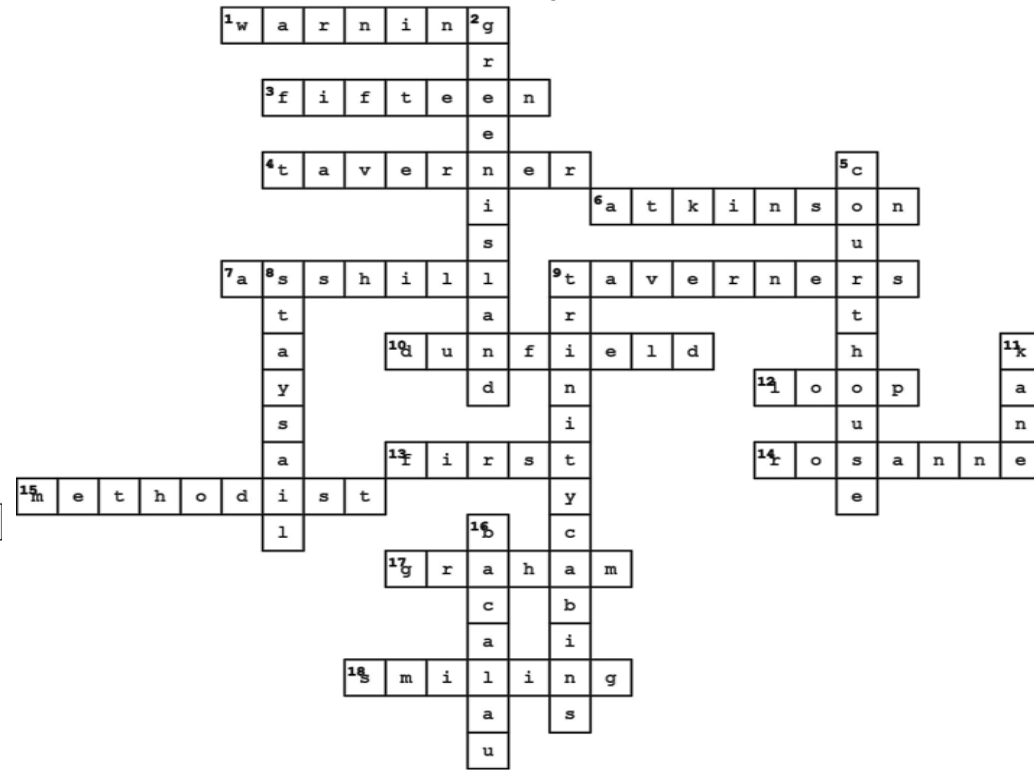
Across

5. The scientific name for a NL snow crab is Chionoecetes _____.
6. The Trinity blacksmith in the 1960s.
8. The 24th of May holiday celebrates the birthday of Queen _____.
11. A house size piece of arctic ice.
12. A _____ is a length measuring seventy two inches.
14. A _____ table was obtained by the Trinity Men's Club around 1900.
15. The former McGrath house in Trinity, The Anchorage, is a _____ Cottage style.
16. The place in Trinity East where schooners picked up drinking water.
17. French engineer who drew a detailed map of Trinity harbour in 1762.
20. Bar Point in Trinity harbour was originally called _____ Point.

Down

1. The _____ finger is the index finger in a pair of cuffs.
2. Englishman who surveyed Trinity harbour in 1766.
3. Trinity boat builder awarded an honorary doctorate degree by MUN.
4. Nine young men from Trinity Bight died in the Battle of _____, April 14, 1917.
7. We love the _____ land in the Ode to Newfoundland.
9. The jib is attached to the forward mast and _____ of a schooner.
10. Captain _____ Ash was present when the survivors of the Greely Expedition were found.
13. St. _____ Church in Trinity East was recently deconsecrated.
18. First name of the original owner and shopkeeper of Johnson's shop in Trouty.
19. _____ is the name of Darren Cooper's takeout and catering in Port Rexton.

April 2026 Key



Across

1. A red sky in the morning tells sailors to take _____.
3. The first court was held in Trinity by Richard Whitbourne in sixteen _____.
4. The Trinity sea captain who found the wreck of the plane "Old Glory" in 1927.
6. The doctor who lived in Trinity East in the late 1950s.
7. The highest point of land between Robin Hood Bay and Champney's Arm.
9. _____ Path begins at West Street in Fisher's Cove and ends at Gallivan's Lane.
10. Harry Clark completed a genealogy of the families of _____.
12. Railway structure built near Goose Cove in 1911.
13. A _____ generation salt box is one story, with a peaked roof, and a one story linney.
14. First name of the mail delivery person for Trinity post office.
15. The church taken down in Trinity in 1935.
17. _____ Mills captained the schooner Angela B. Mills which often visited Trinity in the 1950s.
18. In the first verse of the Ode to Newfoundland the land we love is _____.

Down

2. The cove just east of Coleman's Point in Dunfield Bight.
5. The second _____ was built in Trinity in 1903.
8. A sail rigged between the foremast and mainmast of a schooner.
9. Newfoundland's first tourist resort which opened in the late 1940s.
11. Trinity native who recently retired with the rank of major in the Canadian Armed Forces.
16. A popular Portuguese salt cod recipe.



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All are welcome!



Trinity Historical Society

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St. Paul’s Roof Restoration Fund

THE FISHERMAN’S BALL

Come all you good people while taking a rest,
And listen to me one and all.
It won’t take me long to sing you a song,
Concerning the Fisherman’s Ball.

It was the 29th day of the very first month,
In the year forty-five I recall
On the notice we read you’ll have a good time,
If you come to the Fisherman’s Ball.

Chesley Locke is our guest, he is in the R. N.,
He answered old Britain’s just call
Let’s welcome him home, and have a good time,
Tonight, at the Fisherman’s Ball.

All the people said yes, it is for a good cause,
We will try to attend one and all
With their purse in their hand and dolled up to a T
They went to the Fisherman’s Ball.

James Ivany said “Boys”, as he stood by the door,
“I give back no change here at all”
By the way that he spoke, I said, “I’ll be broke-
Tonight, at the Fisherman’s Ball.

We hauled off our coats and our gaytors came next
And hung them around in the Hall.
Now we are ready to have a good time,
And enjoy the Fisherman’s Ball.

Mr, Tucker is master, so he sat in the chair,
He is most important of all.
He had a short speech and welcomed the lad-
their guest at the Fisherman’s Ball.

When he finished his speech, and we all had a clap
He said, “Now Mr. Goldsworthy I’ll call-
To say a few words on behalf of the church,
And open the Fisherman’s Ball.”

When Mr. Goldsworthy was finished, Mr. Hiscock came next
Whose memory was noted by all,
He spoke on the war and the boys overseas
Who were absent from the Fisherman’s Ball.

When the speeches were over and all had their say,
Arthur Haytor said, “Gentlemen all-
Choose your partners now and we’ll have a quadrill
And enjoy the Fisherman’s Ball.

Some were seated on tables, and some standing up-
So you see that our game it was small.
But Tucker came up for a quarter from each,
For playing cards at the Fisherman’s Ball.

by Harry Bartlett

Raymond White's Story

Kevin Toope

Raymond White enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in 1916 at the age of 17. As seen in photos on display at the museum, he was a healthy young man. He joined the regiment on the frontlines in France in July 1917. He was wounded in the forearm in August and after recuperating rejoined the regiment in October. A month later he was buried by a shell blast and received a serious wound to his back. After a long recovery in hospital, he was declared medically unfit for service and returned home to Trinity in June of 1918 a broken young man. He was just 18 years old.

When Raymond left Trinity to fight in World War I he left behind his girlfriend, Florence Grant. Florence was at home one day when she suddenly had an inclination to play the Dead March from Handel's Saul, Raymond's favorite song. She sat down at the piano and played but couldn't seem to get Raymond out of her mind. She was so struck by her feelings that she wrote down the exact date and time of day. About three weeks later Raymond's family received a letter informing them that Raymond had been wounded, and once he recovered, would be returning home. Several months later Raymond returned to Trinity and while visiting Florence, he told her that her face was the last thing he remembered before passing out at the moment he was wounded. Florence asked him if he knew the exact date and time of day he had been wounded. He told her and it matched exactly the date and time of day that Florence had written down the day she sat down and played the Dead March from Saul.

Raymond never married Florence. His records indicate he suffered from shell shock (post-traumatic stress disorder, PTSD) and urinary incontinence. He was deemed 100% unable to earn a livelihood. He received a disability pension and died at the age of 37. Florence later married but had no children.

Raymond's story is just one of the life tragedies of war, even for those who survived.

This is just one of the stories you will hear in our new audio tour at the Trinity Museum. Visit the Museum and take a walk through history.



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Attention

Grass Cutting & Cemetery Plot Clean Up Services for the Dunfield-Trinity Anglican Cemetery

If you're unable to maintain your loved ones or family plot in the Dunfield-Trinity Anglican Cemetery or the St. Paul's Anglican Church Yard we may be able to assist.

Services to be provided:

- cutting grass and clean-up, twice over the course of the summer/fall
- leveling of any ground/sunken places in the plot

Cost - \$200.00 for a 10'x10' plot. If you would like flowers laid at the annual flower service, we would do that for an additional \$50.00.

Before and after pictures will be provided.

Funds raised will be donated between the Roof Restoration Project at St. Paul's Anglican Church and Trinity Historical Society.

If interested or have questions please contact Rick Peddle - Peddle710@yahoo.com



PORT REXTON MELVIN KELLEY FOOD BANK



The Port Rexton Melvin Kelley food bank is open every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9 am to 11 am. Thanks to the generosity of our community we are proud to be able to offer our recipients fresh vegetables, eggs, margarine and daily staples to assist any person in need. Visit the Lions Club or contact Bill Long or Barry Pearce.

RUMMAGE SALE! and Flea Market



There will be soup and sandwiches, coffee and tea available. A Mother's Day door prize, dessert raffle, 50/50 draw and new and used items for sale. With a wide range of tables and hoping for good weather, we look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you for your support.

**WHERE:
PORT REXTON LIONS HALL**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

GENERAL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Join a group of volunteers on Saturday, June 27 (rainy day back-up, Sunday, June 28) for some general clean-up/tidying/fence repairs at the Dunfield-Trinity Anglican Cemetery.

We will be there from 10 AM – 4 PM. Feel free to drop by to pitch in during any time you may have throughout the day.

Please bring along equipment, tools, gloves etc Garbage bags will be provided for any clean-up that is required.

As this is a volunteer driven event please bear in mind that safety is your own responsibility as well as the care and use of any of your own equipment/tools.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Trinity Historical Society

Help us design our covers for 2026. Whether it's a drawing you've completed; an old photograph from your collection (preference being community activities or scenic pictures as opposed to personal, ie - birthday parties etc) or maybe it's a particular photo that you've captured in the last few years that you think would make for a great cover. Please note photos should be scanned at a high resolution or you can arrange to drop by our office and we will gladly assist. We also reserve the right to edit the photo for best quality and sizing for the cover. We will gladly include your name on our cover as the contributor of the drawing or image. Thanks.



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April 2026

K. Coope, J. Morris, Eds.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of Frederick Gardner from British Harbour. He is one of six casualties from British Harbour in WWI, four of whom were from the Gardner family. The population of British Harbour at that time was about 200 individuals. The loss of six young men must have been devastating.

As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



Frederick Gardner



Frederick Joseph Lewis Gardner, the son of Eli Gardner and Sarah Pittman, was born at Baine Harbour on August 5th, 1892. Frederick's father was from British Harbour and Frederick was living there in 1916. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 11th, 1916. He died a prisoner of war in Germany a month after the war ended. He was 26.



Family Tree

We do not have a photograph of Frederick. He was 5 foot 9 inches and weighed 137.5 lbs at enlistment. He listed his occupation as fisherman and lumberman. Frederick joined the regiment in France on October 22nd, 1916. He was listed as missing in action at Monchy Le Preux during the battle of Arras on April 14th, 1917. In June 1917 he was identified as a prisoner of war in Germany by the Red Cross. He died in the prison camp hospital at Parchim, Germany of pneumonia and influenza on December 28th, 1918. He was buried in the camp cemetery, but his remains were later exhumed and buried in the Hamburg Cemetery-Ohlsdorf, Hamburg, Germany. His father's letters inquiring about his son are very moving.



Gravestone



Hamburg Cemetery