

What We Need

Our chapel is supported by 25 concrete pillars, five of which have suffered the damages of 100+ years of snow melting and water running through them. One pillar under the bride's door was painstakingly restored by a local master craftsman last fall, working in a four-foot crawl space. It will cost \$1,500.00 to restore each of the other four to keep our building standing another 111 years.
\$6,000.00

We have had to replace one section of roof on the Vicarage.
\$5,000.00

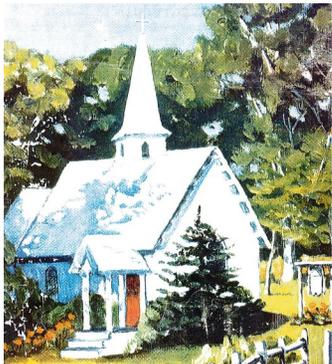
Like our neighbors, we have to maintain and paint the Vicarage.
\$6,400.00

We will paint the Chapel, the Study and the Shed.
\$7,000.00

Our refrigerator and water heater in the Vicarage are circa 1970 and will fail soon.
\$1,500.00

We would like to add another 25 wooden folding chairs to our ever-expanding Sunday Afternoon American Roots Jam sessions for our musicians, singers and listeners.
\$600.00

The Committee realizes the importance of adding to our Endowment to prepare for future maintenance and emergencies.



The Bride's Door

We hope you will embrace this opportunity to ensure the future of this treasure of Kennebunk Beach history and community.

How You Can Help!

Please make a donation to help us keep the light shining on our steeple for another 111 years. All gifts made "in honor of" or "in memory of" will be inscribed in our Memorial Book, on display in the Chapel.

And now... the great news!

We have been awarded a Challenge Grant of up to \$50,000. Every gift to Trinity Chapel will be matched, every gift is tax-deductible, and no gift is too small.

If you have ever thought ; "I love that little chapel"; if you have ever stopped in on your morning walk with the dog, or dashed in to get out of the summer rain, or have been swept away by the words of comfort and solace by the priest in charge; or enjoyed the concerts and the windows and the sound of wind in the garden; or if you have been welcomed home by the light shining on the steeple on a dark and snowy night, perhaps now you could make a donation to help support the chapel and its contribution to what makes Kennebunk Beach so special.

Please send your tax deductible gift to our Treasurer:
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With great thanks in advance, the Committee for Trinity Chapel:

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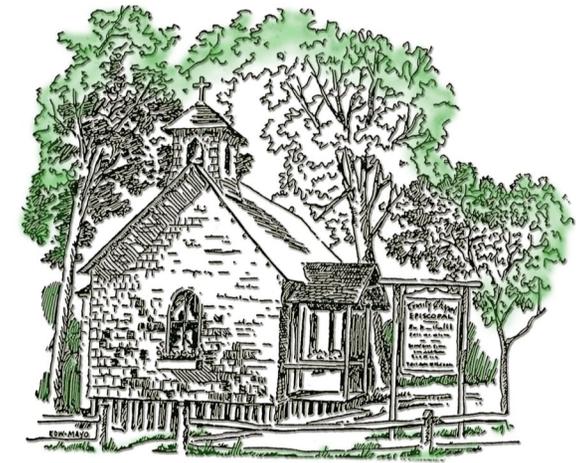
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Trinity Chapel
Kennebunk Beach
Is celebrating 111 years!

**Come and have some
birthday cake!**

July 18th

2:00pm Architectural Walking Tour
of Mothers Beach
3:00pm Ice Cream Social

July 28th

5:00pm Garden Reception
6:00pm Concert:
The Windmills - live & in-person!

August 11th

5:00pm Garden Reception
6:00pm Presentation:
Town Historian Steve Spofford
"So You Think You Know
Kennebunk Beach?"

Who we are

When the Kennebunkport Seashore Company brought the railroad to southern Maine at the end of the penultimate century, they developed the land we know as Kennebunk Beach. Promoting the area as a spa where one could take “The Healing waters of The Atlantic,” some fifty hotels dotted our beaches. Described as “a quiet, well kept place for sensible people” to enjoy the restorative pleasures of “rusticating,” people arrived on those trains with trunks of clothes for The Season at the hotels, socializing, dining, and taking the plunge.

At the behest of the Darrach sisters, the Seashore Company built “a place for the people of Kennebunk Beach.” Everyone was invited to come and listen to visitors’ adventures on the Grand Tour. If an author visited, everyone would gather for a book discussion, when an artist was in residence, there were soirees. Should a clergyman come to town, he would be invited to say a service. First known as the Chapel in the Pines, today we love this place as Trinity Chapel.

So, 111 years...or more?

Most of the records of the Kennebunkport Seashore Company were lost long ago in a flooded cellar. The earliest date we have is 1904. The Archives of the State of Maine, the Village of Kennebunk Tax Records and the Episcopal Diocese of Maine Archives all agree:

Only God knows.

In our record of sacraments, dating from 1980, we found: 79 marriages, 136 Baptisms, and three generations that have found peace, hope and sanctuary in this holy place. Nearly 22,000 congregants have celebrated the Holy Eucharist with us.

What We Do

It is within the inclusive spirit that Trinity Chapel functions today. We are a ten-week, full service summer chapel in the Episcopal Tradition with worship at 9AM each Sunday. Our American Roots Jam Session at 4PM each Sunday features a lively group of musicians and a ukulele band.

We baptize, celebrate Communion, confirm, counsel, marry and memorialize. Our sunlight to dusk open doors offer refuge from the rain, quiet meditation on your morning walk, worship and music. Children and dogs and sand are always welcome.

We maintain a memorial garden, we bless the Beasts and the Children in the tradition of Saint Francis each summer, we bless the fleet and the fleet of feet. We gather backpacks for the children of Caring Unlimited. We sponsor concerts with amazing local talent, and we learn more of our local history and heritage with an annual event in conjunction with the Brick Store Museum.

We are stewards of a collection of ship models, each having a special connection to our history. Our needlepoint kneelers were designed and executed by Marjorie Breed, wife our first Vicar, the Reverend Dr. Norman Kellett. The stained glass windows feature local scenes illustrating the Canticles recited below. The bell in our steeple, from an old PRR locomotive, is rung by children to call to worship, as well as by brides and grooms to tell the village of the marriage.

We are an open door...all day, every day, all summer. A place for all people who love Kennebunk Beach. No denomination required. All are welcome.

We hope you agree that the chapel adds a quality to our beach community that marks us apart from

other summer retreats. Along with the KBIA, which champions children, and the Brick Store Museum, which keeps our area history alive, we are an integral part of what constitutes “community.” It is a place that celebrates good old New England values - God, Country and Family; respect for your fellow man. The ecumenical nature is equally important to the lives and history of Kennebunk Beach. People now, recently and in the deep past have enjoyed the magic that is Kennebunk Beach.

One favorite Trinity memory was told by a young man who, returning to the beach for Christmas vacation with his family, battled a blinding blizzard as only Maine can conjure. Finally arriving home, he set off to stand with his feet in the sand, beside the ocean, at Mothers Beach. The only light that night shone from the steeple of Trinity Chapel.

It was his welcome home,
and it is your welcome home.

For those who seek solace and peace from the pressures of life, we maintain our silent service.

In Vacationland, it’s reassuring to remember that God never takes a vacation. He is always there, always present.

