
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

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Archbishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2014

to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting

To the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace in the name of the Triune God: Omnipotent, Incarnate, and Indwelling Intercessor.

As you gather for your annual vestry meeting, the College of Bishops gives heartfelt thanks for your faithfulness in worship, work and witness to the Christian faith as members of the Anglican Church.

The mission of the Diocese of Toronto calls us "to worship God and proclaim Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and to embody – in word and action – God's reconciling love, justice, compassion and liberation, through which knowledge of God's reign is extended."

A publication from the Anglican Communion called "*The Anglican Way: Signposts on a Common Journey*" notes that Anglicans are formed by scripture, shaped by worship, ordered for communion, and directed to God's mission.

Here in the Diocese of Toronto, we seek to serve that mission through **Compassionate Service, Intelligent Faith, and Godly Worship.**

All that we do should enable us, as a Diocese, and as parishes and other ministries within the Diocese, to be missionally focused – increasing our capacity to respond as vibrant partners of God's activity in the world as identified in the Marks of Mission:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

I see this as continuing our work of building communities of hope and compassion through investment in building healthy parishes, with strong leadership, appropriate infrastructure and responsive engagement with the neighbourhood.

In our tradition, the Diocese and the parish are in an essential partnership, neither sufficient without the other. The parish has particular responsibility for a specific ministry within a defined geographic area of the Diocese, with the Diocese responsible for the overall mission strategy and allocation of the resources of the whole church for the provision of ministry of word and sacrament, pastoral care, and evangelism within the whole Diocese. Each parish shares in the ministry of their "siblings" and is inextricably invested in the welfare of the whole family.

The ministry of the Bishop is an essential aspect of Anglican expression of church. Bishops have a multi-faceted role: proclamation of the faith through teaching, including preaching and by example; making provision for pastoral care and the sacramental life of the church;



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governance, strategic planning and oversight of the mission of the church within the Diocese; defense of the vulnerable in society; and participation in the leadership of the whole church. (*Ordination of a Bishop, BAS, pp. 636f.*)

Priests and Deacons also are called to exercise this ministry under the authority of their bishop, and to engage in God's mission in the world, "to make Christ and his redemptive love known," "to love and serve the people among whom [they] work," and "to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world." (*Ordination Rites, BAS, pp. 646, 655.*) All of us who are baptized Christians have promised to "proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ" and "to seek and serve Christ in all persons" (*Holy Baptism, BAS, pp. 159 f.*)

We all have a role to play in God's mission to the world. I said in my Charge to Diocesan Synod in November that my vision is that every parish will be Mission-Shaped. My expectation is that every congregation will be looking for new opportunities to engage in God's mission to the community in every area. There is work to be done, and we are the workers. In this New Year, I ask you to consider how God is calling you to exercise your gifts for the building up of the Kingdom and the furtherance of God's mission.

On New Year's Day, I presented the inaugural awards for The Order of the Diocese of Toronto at St James' Cathedral in recognition of outstanding lay ministry in our Church. It was a marvelous occasion when these first 48 individuals received recognition for their years of faithful witness and service in their parishes. As I said in my sermon, they are not super heroes but ordinary Anglican "folk who by everyday acts of love and kindness keep the darkness at bay." We have many saints among us, who are quietly carrying out God's mission in their tasks, duties and joys, and act as models for us to emulate.

You too are engaged in the work of mission! Those of us who have been gifted with children and grandchildren are evangelists to budding believers, encouraging difficult questions and nurturing intelligent faith. Our volunteer hours and stewardship of time and talent all contribute to the building up of God's Reign. Looking farther afield, with whom can you share the good news and hope that you have found in Christ Jesus? Your friends, colleagues, associates? Research has shown, and our own experience has been, that people are searching to fill that "God-shaped hole" that each of us carries around.

I want to thank especially the churchwardens and the lay leaders of your parish, as well as the clergy, for their incredible gift of their time and energy this past year for the ongoing life of the church. We could not function without them. We welcome those who are beginning or continuing in office this year.

Together with the College of Bishops, I wish each of you every blessing for the year of our Lord that lies before us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colin R. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a small cross symbol.

The Most Reverend Colin R. Johnson
Archbishop of Toronto

January 2014



A Pastoral Letter to be read to Vestry or included in the Vestry Report for 2014

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My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ;

Grace to you and peace in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ as you gather in the annual meeting of your parish Vestry.

Each year, as part of the church's governance, parishes meet in Vestry to receive financial statements, set budgets, hear reports on the past year, participate in elections and lay down plans for the year upcoming. These are critical decisions for well-run parishes to assume and are decisions which should not be undertaken lightly.

Vestry is also a time to step back and reflect on the place and purpose of your parish church. You might consider a few phrases from a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer for reflection in the midst of the Vestry business of the parish. It is found in the "Prayers" section number 9 "For the Parish." (page 44)

"Sanctify this parish by thine abiding presence." Your parish is the place where God abides, blessing and making holy that which is done in God's name. Sunday by Sunday we offer worship of the God who abides with us. Monday to Saturday God's mission is being fulfilled. Reflect on your parish as the place where God abides and name three times this past year you have seen God's activity in your parish life.

"Bless those who minister in holy things." Sometimes we get so caught up in the temporal affairs of our parish that we forget that we are about holy things. Baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, Eucharist are holy things. Forgiveness, confession, reconciliation are holy things. Feeding the hungry, advocating for the poor, visiting the sick, praying for others are holy things. Those who minister are certainly but by no means only the clergy. Think of those who teach the faith to others such as Church School teachers, youth group leaders and bible study facilitators; remember those who clean up the chairs, tables, floors and washrooms so that we might meet in safe space; reflect on those who administer the parish including churchwardens, treasurers, bookkeepers, secretaries, group leaders; don't forget the music directors, choristers, praise team members and the great unsung heroes of the church, the altar guild, who help create our worship. Remember those who undertake pastoral ministry.

To bless means **"to ask God to look favorably upon"**. Reflect on the ways this past year that you have blessed those who minister in holy things with a prayer, a private note of thanks or a public word of praise.

"Bring erring souls to the knowledge of God our Saviour" is an Elizabethan way of saying 'lead others to become disciples of Jesus Christ'. That is part of our calling as baptized Christians, each bearing the responsibility and privilege to share the faith within us with others. The baptismal covenant in the BAS asks this question, "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" Think about a time this past year when you shared your Christian faith by word or by action to another. What happened?

During a recent Bishop's "Lunch and Learn" which I sponsor for clergy in York Credit Valley the Reverend Canon Dr. Harold Percy spoke of the mega shifts the church needs to undergo in the midst of the enormous societal change we are experiencing. During his talk he suggested that parishes might usefully reflect on two questions.

First, **"why do we do what we do?"** In other words what is our purpose, why do we exist as a parish community? That leads to asking and understanding what we mean by words we use routinely like church, mission, gospel and ministry. Why do we do what we do?

Flowing from that, Harold says, is **"Why do we do what we do the way we do it?"** Reflect on those two questions. "Why do we do what we do? Why do we do what we do the way we do it?" Be honest and detailed.

Let me give you a thought as it relates to public worship. I believe people come to worship looking for an encounter with God who abides. I expect that worship will provide people such an encounter. To do that, worship needs good preparation and planning, thoughtful consideration of music, greeters who greet, and attention to the stranger who might be in our midst. As one who experiences a lot of worship in a wide variety of styles, I sometimes wonder if we are giving worship our best. Are the lectors, the readers of Holy Scripture actually prepared ahead of time or are they seeing the passage for the first time as they read it in church? I wonder, and this is difficult for me to observe, if the quality of our choral music in every situation is high enough for public worship. I wonder if intercessions could be written uniquely for each Sunday and not limited to the repetition of one or two forms from the BAS or BCP. "Why do we do what we do the way we do it?"

So I invite you into some questions, to reflect on your parish life as you meet in Vestry.

I end with a word of thanks to each and every person engaged in the work and ministry of your parish. It is a privilege to be invited by God to share God's mission, in God's church, to God's people, in God's world. Thank you for sharing in that mission. A big word of thanks to the Church Wardens without whom under both canon and civil law we could not have an Anglican parish. Theirs is a challenging work, sometimes thankless but absolutely essential

May God bless your deliberations at Vestry and may you be sanctified by God's abiding presence throughout this next year.

Yours in Christ

The Right Reverend Philip Poole
Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley
Bishop Suffragan of Toronto

RECTOR'S LETTER 2014

The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore

July 2013 – June 2014 were wonderful months of ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ here at Christ Church, Brampton. The church's mission was engaged. Our Christian faith was taught and caught in the hearts and minds of young and old alike. The poor were fed. The sick were comforted. The Sacraments were duly administered and the Word of God diligently proclaimed. New parishioners joined the journey of faith as new Christians were baptized, marriages were solemnized, lives celebrated and souls committed to the eternal care and keeping of Almighty God.

WORSHIP

"Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95.1

This year we saw the recruitment of new Eucharistic Lay Assistants (ELAs) as well as Choir and Praise team members. The Fred C. Bacon Scholarship for Music and Education which has stimulated growth in our music ministry was also applied to the other purpose of the donor – that of general education scholarships.

Worship is often the second place where people connect with us at Christ Church after initially visiting us online. We had newcomers attend after checking us out first through our website (with children's ministry clearly the most sought-after program). By encountering Jesus in the liturgy, we are renewed by God's Holy Word and Sacrament to be His people in the world. Often it is through our liturgical life that others have first glimpses into our congregational life, whether on Sunday mornings, at a special seasonal worship experience or funerals, weddings or one of the many institutional liturgies conducted throughout our community by our parish clergy.

PASTORAL CARE

"Tend the flock of Christ committed to your care" 1 Peter 5:2a

Pastoral visitation and sacramental ministry to the institutionalized and shut-in continued to be an active part of our pastoral plan facilitated by the generous assistance of trained volunteers called to this ministry. [Trained and licensed parishioners routinely carry consecrated communion elements from celebrations at Christ Church to those who are home bound. Our pastoral visitors are given routine training to fulfill their ministry.] Pastoral visitation and counseling by the clergy remained a significant ministry focus as people struggle with life transitions, relational concerns, health challenges as well as end of life issues.

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ"
Ephesians 4.12

"Christianity 101" was lead by our rector for three sessions again this year (fall, winter and spring) serving as an initial preparation for newcomers seeking marriage and baptism. Following "Christianity 101", specific baptism and marriage preparation programs were also offered. We were blessed by having a Lenten small group study on hospitality based on the book *Making Room Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* by Christian D. Pohl. The Rev. Stephanie Douglas-Bowman led our children in a confirmation program which prepared our young people confirmed at the Great Vigil of Easter. We are also grateful for the ministry

our teens received through our well-planned and coordinated youth group along with special family events on Sunday mornings.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him”

Psalm 24.1

This past year has underscored the need to reconsider the use of some of our resources; particularly the use of the house located at 18 Elizabeth Street. Vestry will be asked to repurpose this resource * please see Vestry motions.

Our people resources are our most precious. At Christ Church, we have been so blessed to have a strong, competent and committed staff without which we could not have achieved our goals for the year. Our staff and our many volunteers continue to strengthen the effectiveness of our mission. But, as always, the management and support of staff and volunteers and the need to keep current on Diocesan screening, training and supervision is a task that is never complete.

STEWARDSHIP

“For all things come from you [Lord], and of your own have we given you.” 1 Chronicles 29.14

Our regular stewardship cycle rolled out again this year through proactive, proportional and planned-giving. All in our parish family were invited to express their Christian commitment by making a financial commitment to Christ Church. It is our parishioners who provide for the means by which our church can continue its mission with programs, particularly for young families, newcomers and pastoral care of the sick and elderly. We are so thankful for our Lord’s provision that strengthens not only our ministry at Christ Church, but our mission across the street and around the world.

We are grateful for the donors of the Fred C. Bacon scholarship for music and education for what has been received and utilized by our music ministry. We are also grateful for the educational component that has generously provided bursaries for four members of Christ Church now studying in post-secondary studies.

PARISH LIFE

“And let us consider how to provoke each other to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some.” Hebrews 10.25

We are a congregation that is intentional about worship, discipleship and ministry but we don’t forget to have fun as well. We gather to support and encourage, to give and to receive, to listen and to pray, to serve and to worship. We gather around coffee, dinners, receptions, movies, concerts, outings, walking and bicycle riding. We take our place in our city, diocese and in the wider Christian community.

OUTREACH

“So then, whenever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially to those of the family of faith.” Galatians 6.10

Christ Church is a parish that has a strong commitment to outreach and social justice. As an Anglican Parish in the Diocese of Toronto and as a church in the centre of this city, we play our part in assisting individuals and families with emergency food, transportation,

employment-related costs, educational and medical assistance. Gifts in kind, as well as financial support were given right here in our neighborhood to Regeneration, St. Louise Outreach and the Knight's Table. Beyond the parish, we supported many in our city through the ministries of Caring and Sharing at Christmas, Our Place Peel, Schizophrenic Family Support and the Bridge Ministry. Around our Diocese, we gave strong support to Faith Works which partners with a variety of ministries to those less fortunate. Across Canada, we supported the ministry of the church through the Council of the North. And around the world we supported the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. We actively participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer and other trans-denominational projects, in addition to our involvement with so many outreach ministries co-operatively with other Christians.

Your Rector continues to play an active role in our wider Ecumenical and Anglican community through his involvement in the Brampton Ministerial Association. In June he retired as Regional Dean of North Peel but remains an active member of the Area Council of York Credit Valley and as vice-chair of Regeneration Outreach community.

CONCLUSION

"Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4.1-5

As I look back I am grateful for the faithfulness of God active through his people here at Christ Church. I am grateful for what God is doing now and for his faithfulness in every generation. I am grateful for the future to which God invites us. I am grateful for the opportunity to participate with God in His mission in our time and place planting seed for the future and for eternity.

A special thank you to all who worked so hard this year. Special thanks to the Rev. Stephanie Douglas-Bowman for her creative and faithful ministry among us. Welcome to Robert Robinson as he carries on this important work. And, to Martha Whittaker, who provides the administrative support necessary to keep it all in order. We are grateful for our musical leaders Andre Rakus and Sally Campbell. And, thank you to our lay leadership team for 2013-2014 including our dedicated Church Wardens – Paul Wren, Sean Joseph, Roger Gregoire and Julie Shaughnessy and to Thomas Barnes, our treasurer and Valerie Brown, our envelope secretary.

This year we will have important decisions to make at Vestry concerning our own operational deficit. Please come and be part of this important discernment process.

Yours in Christ,

Byron+

Christ Church (Brampton) Congregational Statistics

	F2014
Average Sunday Attendance <small>See Note Below</small>	236
Number of Easter Communions	694
Number of Baptisms	8
Number of Confirmations	10
Number of Burials	18
Number of Weddings	5

Note:

1. As part of our transitional reporting year, please note that the 2012 figure represents period of January 1st to December 31, 2012.
2. For a 12 month comparison, the 2014 figure represents the period July 1st, 2013 to June 30th, 2014 ~ our new fiscal yearend.
3. Average Sunday attendance was down by 4%, due in part to the extreme winter conditions from December 2013 through to March 2014.
4. Encouragingly, our summer services have increased 11% year over year, kicking off Fiscal 2015 on a positive note.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES supporting a great commitment to the Great Commission <i>Matt. 28:18ff</i> and the Great Commandment <i>Matt. 22:37b-40</i>	
<p>Discipleship Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church School Teachers Christianity 101 Course Baptism Preparation Course Marriage Preparation Course Confirmation Preparation Course Coffee & Conversation Lenten Study Bible Study Groups Young Disciples Advent & Lent Family Events 	<p>Liturgy & Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altar Guild Audio Visual Technicians Choir Eucharistic Lay Assistants Hospitality Host(s) (esses) Praise Team Servers Sidesmen Sunday Evening & Special Services Sunday Readers Visiting Preachers
<p>Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Bazaar Clergy Discretionary Funds (emergency grocery, transportation, educational & utility assistance) Diocesan Allotment Dramatic Presentations Ecumenical Involvement FaithWorks Grants to local outreach ministries Outreach Concerts Primate's World Relief Special Offerings 	<p>Parish Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Group Fellowship Group Sunday Coffee Hour "Eats" – <i>Breakfasts, Luncheons, Suppers, Barbeques, Picnic</i> Sunday Nursery Leadership in the Anglican community Ecumenical Involvement Photographer & YouTube Producer
<p>Pastoral Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Communion Administrants Institutional Sacramental Celebrations Lay Anointers Parish Visitors Pastoral Counseling Prayer Chain Stephen Ministries Training & Guest Speakers 	<p>Resource Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory Board Corporation Emergency Planning Committee Envelope Secretary Heritage Fund Committee Insurance Review Committee Property Committee Screening in Faith Coordinator Treasurer Website Management

ASSOCIATE 2014

The Rev. Stephanie Douglas-Bowman

Greetings to you from Oshawa! I am trying to recall what was a very busy year at Christ Church in 2013-2014. Much of the family ministry (special seasonal events), pastoral care ministry, Sunday School ministry and youth ministry continued along the lines of 2012-2103. Special thanks go out to our hard working leaders: Andrea White (*Sunday School Superintendent*), Shumaila Desrochers (*Nursery Coordinator*), Joan Powell (*Pastoral Care*), Jeff White, Paul Wren and Karen (*Youth Ministry*), Morgan Rogers and Breanne Sobers-Barrett (*Cool Church*).

Here are the highlights from the new ventures:

- ✘ **CONFIRMATION:** we had 5 confirmants, who went through a 13-class process from September through to Easter.

Jennie Felix *Renee Goodridge*
Avery Gilmore *Laura Jones*
Cierra Sobers-Barrett

- ✘ **YOUNG DISCIPLES:** with Gwen Valliere, we launched a new program for parents and children (ages 7-10) to encourage discipleship in the home. 11 young people and their families were blessed by the Bishop at Easter.

Tess Bowman *Markus Sam*
Joshua Desrochers *Mikaela Sam*
Chason Engel *Simone Watson*
Daniela Goberdhan *Megan Watson*
David Goberdhan *Sarah White*

- ✘ **GRANDPARENTING MINISTRY:** Janet Volkes continued her ministry to grandparents with a special session on prayer, led by Rev. Vic Reigel.
- ✘ **PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE** – Charlene Bickerstaffe led the parenting course with other young moms on a weekday morning. The program ended when she returned to work; while the group was small, it was significant in forming new friendships and connecting people with the Sunday worshipping community.
- ✘ **FACEBOOK:** Charlene Bickerstaffe designed our new Church facebook page, as a way to connect through social media with parishioners and "church shoppers". Thanks again, Charlene!
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Nancy Kee volunteered her acting skills in 2013 to support our children in offering a "beefed up" pageant. It was awesome! Thanks, Nancy, and thank you, Andrea White, for looking after all the behind-the-scenes details!
- ✘ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** After a hiatus of many years, we ran a VBS in the summer of 2013 with close to 30 children in attendance and almost the same in volunteers. While we were pleased with the turnout and the positive feedback from volunteers, we decided not

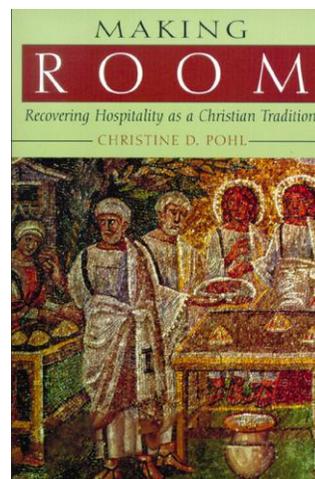
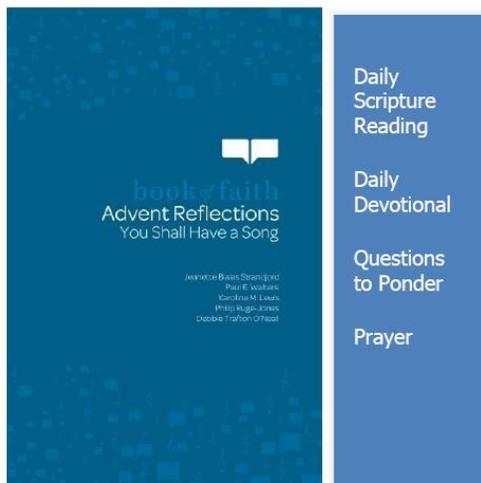
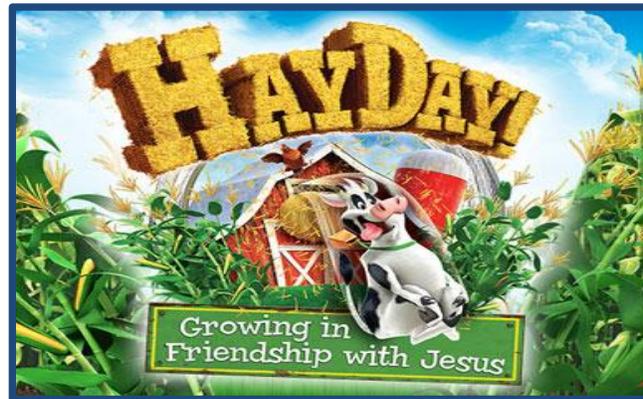
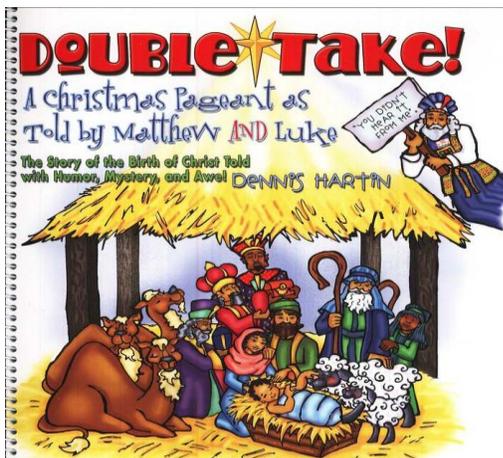
to run in the summer of 2014 due to the high costs involved. Thanks to all our volunteers and to Jessica Hall and Van Szepesi who co-led the VBS program.

- ✘ **ANGRY BIRDS:** Christ Church hosted our first joint youth initiative with other Anglican youth groups. We had a guest speaker talk on healthy ways of dealing with anger, topped by a "live" game of Angry birds.
- ✘ **BASKETBALL LAUNCH:** Jeannie Jamieson had a vision for outreach to youth in our community through a basketball ministry. Jeannie, with her volunteers, launched this new ministry in the spring of 2014. Well done, Jeannie!
- ✘ **DEPRESSION WORKSHOP:** our pastoral visitation team continued their important ministry under Joan Powell's capable leadership. We held a depression workshop in the spring, which was open to the community.
- ✘ **SEASONAL STUDIES:** In Advent an individual devotional study was provided while in Lent we had a small group series on Christian Hospitality with Wanda Malcolm and Stan Szepesi "leading the leaders".

As I said in my sermon, it was a joy and a privilege to serve in your midst for those 2 and half years. God's grace and peace to you all, in the name of Jesus, whom we all serve.

Yours in Him,

Stephanie Douglas-Bowman



SUMMARY

Annual Vestry Report 2013 **September 23, 2013**

ANNUAL VESTRY – SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2013

Minutes of the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:30 in the evening. The meeting was held in the church.

Following an opening hymn (Alleluia! Sing to Jesus) and prayer, The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore took the chair for the 163rd Annual Vestry. He gave thanks for all who participated in the various ministries that took place throughout the period of January 2013 to June 1, 2013. ^{See}
Note Below

An attendance sheet for all to sign was circulated.

Motions:

The following motions were moved, seconded and carried.

1. That the Agenda be approved as presented. The motion was moved by Paul Wren and seconded by Sean Joseph.
2. On motion by Peter Volkes, seconded Kim Gilmore and carried, Martha Whittaker was appointed Vestry Clerk.
3. That the minutes of the Annual Vestry of February 11, 2013 be accepted. The motion was moved by Marie Bunting and seconded by Jeanne Stephens.
4. The following appointments were made:

Rector	The Reverend Byron R. Gilmore
Rector's Warden	Sean Joseph
People's Warden	Paul Wren
Deputy Rector's Warden	Julie Shaughnessy
Deputy People's Warden	Roger Gregoire
Treasurer	Thomas Barnes
Internal Auditor	Peter Volkes
Parish Administrator	Martha Whittaker
Envelope Secretary	Valerie Brown
Heritage Committee	Chris Bird (Chair), Ray Desrochers and Stanley Sam

Further nominations for People's Warden and Deputy People's Warden other than those presented by the Nomination Committee were sought from the floor with no response. The motion for People's Warden and Deputy People's Warden was moved by Jeff Smith and seconded by George Stephens.

5. That Kathy Newbert, Shumaila Desrochers and Peter Harvey be elected as lay members of Synod with Jeff Smith as an alternate. Nominations were sought from the floor with no response. The motion for lay members was moved by Steve Hughes and seconded by Gloria Watts. The motion for alternate lay member was made by Paul Wren and seconded by Marie Bunting.

6. The following were appointed to serve on the Advisory Board:
 - a. By Position:
 - i. Rector
 - ii. Wardens
 - iii. Lay Reps (including alternative) to Synod
 - iv. Parish Administrator
 - b. Member at Large:
 - i. Matthew Woodland
7. The following was elected to serve on the Advisory Board: Allison Crew. Further nominations were sought from the floor with no response. The motion was moved by Kim Gilmore and seconded by Catherine Archdekin.
8. That the signing officers of Christ Church be any two of the Rector's Warden (Sean Joseph), the People's Warden (Paul Wren), and the Treasure (Thomas Barnes). The motion was moved by Pater Harvey and seconded by Kathy Newbert.
9. That we approve the reports of the church groups and organizations as published. The motion was moved by Elizabeth Walker and seconded by Ruth Walter.

Envelope Secretary's Report

Valerie Brown, Envelope Secretary, reviewed the Contribution Report and Contribution Summary Reports. The motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report was moved by George Stephens and seconded by Paul Wren. Motion was carried.

Report of the Heritage Committee *(initially covered in greater detail at Pre-Vestry, September 15, 2013)*

Peter Volkes spoke to the numbers presented in the Financial Statements with individual questions with regard to the investments held to be referred to members of the Heritage Committee, although no questions were raised. Funds are reported at Market Value to more accurately reflect their value as opposed to reporting them on a cost value.

Elizabeth Walker queried as to whether there were adequate funds in the Stained Glass Fund (\$16,633 as at June 30, 2014) and George Stephens questioned whether the Memorial and Stained Glass Funds should be merged. Stan Szepesi reminded Vestry of the donor's original intentions with regards to the Stained Glass and it was agreed that no action would be taken to merge the funds.

The motion to approve the 2013 Heritage Fund Report was moved by Stan Szepesi and seconded by Philip Thompson. Motion carried

As per the Guidelines, the Fund Cap was proposed and voted on prior to 2015 operating budget and discussion. A motion was moved by Elizabeth Walker, seconded by Jeanne Stephens and was carried to set the 2012 Fund Cap at \$200,000.

2013 Financial Report *(initially covered in greater detail at Pre-Vestry, September 15, 2013)*

2013 was our transitional year wherein we moved our yearend from December 31 to June 30. The Financial Report presented, therefore, reported on the period of 6 months only from January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013. The 12 month budget approved in February 2013 (for the

12 month period of January 2013 through to December 2013) was simply divided in half for comparison of actual to budget. This distorts the results to some degree as it does not take into account the seasonality of givings. Regardless, our income was 13% below budget while our expenses remained on budget.

The motion to adopt the 2013 Financial Report was moved by Stan Szepesi and seconded by Paul Wren. Motion carried.

2014 Budget (initially covered in greater detail at Pre-Vestry, September 15, 2013)

Holly Adam presented the 2014 Budget. She referred to both Byron Gilmore's sermon of September 15 entitled "Riding the Wave" and the Wardens' communication that was released the previous day (September 22). Both these communications helped set the stage for the development and approval of a difficult budget. Holly reminded us that we have a very serious revenue problem and that in our context that is a "givings" problem. The goal of the Corporation is to continue building financial stability, however it was made clear in yesterday's communiqué that Corporation would be presenting a deficit budget with an operating loss of \$36,235 knowing full well that this is not desirable nor sustainable. The following key budget assumptions were presented:

1. General & Loose Offerings will increase by 5%
2. Staffing and program offerings will remain intact with review & communication in January
3. Seasonal offerings will increase by 7.5% and visitors by 10%; together this income represents 14% of our general offerings
4. Expenses will continue to be held low
5. Positive financial impact of *Our Faith, Our Hope* is tapering off
6. Continued focus on stewardship and welcoming practices
7. As a not-for-profit organization, Christ Church Brampton can only pass a deficit or balanced budget. The Corporation recommended a deficit budget of (\$36,235).

Discussion was held regarding the role of Outreach for Christ Church and its impact on growing debts and deficit budgets.

The motion to accept the 2014 budget as presented was made by Elizabeth Walker and seconded by Peter Volkes. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and closed with hymn and prayer.

Note to September 2013 Vestry Meeting

At the February 2013 Annual Meeting of Vestry, a motion was approved to change our year-end from December 31st to June 30th, following which we sought and gained approval from the Diocese of Toronto. This change has resulted in 2013 being a transitional year in which this change was implemented.

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SECTION I DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (SUNDAY SCHOOL) 2014

In 2013 - 2014 the Sunday school ministry at Christ Church saw only minor changes. In the fall of 2013 we reorganized our Sunday school classes during the 9:00 service and changed the curriculum. This year we continued to welcome new faces to our ministry. We are blessed to have the financial resources to offer such a vibrant ministry to the children of Christ Church.

Registration and Attendance

Registration for each Sunday school year begins in September and is on-going throughout the school year. In 2013 we had over 50 children registered, which is unchanged from the previous year. We welcomed 23 visitors to our Sunday school classes primarily at our 10:45 service. They continue to predominantly be relatives of parishioners.

We saw a small increase in weekly attendance. The majority of children participating in the program attend at the 9:00 am service. Weekly attendance at this service saw a 9% increase over last year, whereas the 10:45 service remained the same. These changes are a result of inconsistent Sunday school attendance during both services and a change in the visitor patterns in Sunday school.

Curriculum

In the spring of 2013 we conducted our annual review of the Sunday school program. As a result of this we decided to change our curriculum to one that better met our classroom needs. In September we began using the Kids' Travel Guide curriculum series for our 9:00 Senior class and our 10:45 class. These classes spent the year with focused learning of the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, and the Ten Commandments. The 9:00 junior class returned to using the Godly Play series to learn the foundational stories of our faith.



Cool Church

The summer months see the Sunday school program at Christ church shut down to allow for regeneration. This causes many of our families to stop attending church in the summer months. The previous year saw the successful running of Cool Church and we wanted to offer the program again. Through the assistance of a grant from the Federal Government, we hired two summer students to run a summer program for our children. In addition to Cool Church on Sunday mornings we were also able to run a VBS program, which was met with huge success.

Special Events

In December, the children, youth and a few adults of Christ Church presented their Christmas Pageant. This year almost 25 children and youth, with the assistance of several adults, presented *Double Take*.

During Lent, the Sunday school along with the youth group provided shoeboxes to the Women's Shelter. The boxes were filled with items for children and mom's who are residing in the shelter.

In 2014 for our grade 4/5 children we started the Taste of Youth Group program. Our grade 4/5 children were able to participate in two youth group like events in late winter and in the spring. The first event was a movie night and the second was a mystery dinner. These events were a huge success and we look to continue them next year.

Teachers

We are blessed at Christ Church to have such a vibrant Sunday school program. This ministry would not be as successful as it is without the volunteers who are committed to this ministry and our children.

For the 2013 year our teachers were:

Penny Batey

Kathy Newbert

Renee Goodridge

Gini Samuel

Jessica Hall

Nadine Scott

Judy Hughes

We are blessed at Christ Church to have a very dedicated group of teachers who year after year enthusiastically take on the Sunday morning task of embarking on a faith journey with our children. I want to thank all of our teachers for their continued dedication and love for our children. We welcome anyone who would like to share in this rewarding Ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea White



“Then he took a little child and put in among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Mark 9:30-41



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SECTION II LITURGY & WORSHIP



ALTAR GUILD 2014

The Altar Guild prepares the bread and wine, vessels, linens, candles and flowers necessary for our services. We also set up for weddings, baptisms, confirmations and funerals.

Twice a year, we meet for an evening service of Compline ~ a beautiful, peaceful service from the Book of Common Prayer. This sets tone for our meetings to make preparations for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Harvest. The Altar Guild also coordinates Palm Cross Making. Thanks to all; both members and volunteers, who gave so generously of their time to prepare our church for the festival seasons. Without you, our church would not have looked so lovely and inviting.

This past year, our weekly teams were reorganized to six teams with 5 members in each team. In addition to these teams, we also have volunteers who deliver the Altar Flowers each week to those who are ill or shut-in ~ always a welcome reminder to those who are unable to worship with us on Sunday mornings that they are still in our prayers.

We welcomed new members this year and are always thankful for those who join this wonderful ministry at Christ Church.

Great appreciation is extended to all the ladies on the Altar Guild for their dedication, commitment and support. Christ Church is blessed with such a strong and dedicated Altar Guild who never fail to assist in making our church look lovely. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie E. Phipps-Bunting
Coordinator



CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR 2014

One of the many great things about Christ Church Brampton is that it is a parish that allows and actively supports renewal and vigor in the musical life of this faith community. As a result, as with previous Vestry Reports, there are many wonderful musical highlights to share:

- ✘ It is important to mention here that I am very proud of how our choir so willingly has taken on, and sung so well, choral works normally heard in cathedrals and the like with such tangible examples such as: O Magnum Mysterium (Morten Lauridsen), Magnificat (Basil Harwood), the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah (G.F.Handel), and Lux Aurumque (Eric Whitacre) to name but a few. This is not easy. As a matter of fact, our choir was already preparing for Holy Week in January, and this is in addition to the many anthems that the choir usually sings and the liturgical music that changes with each of the church's liturgical seasons. Thank you to you all for your support of our music ministry and for your many wonderful comments such as, "The Hallelujah Chorus was spectacular," (it was also very touching to see everyone in the congregation stand up for it), and for the Lessons and Carols Service, "Christ Church has so much talent!" God deserves our best efforts, and our choir definitely does that.
- ✘ I would like to thank an anonymous donor who made it possible for me to hire two tenors for our Easter Sunday service. It is so much appreciated and what you did made a big difference, not to mention the fact that you helped increase morale and touched all of us in the choir.
- ✘ Choir membership continues to remain strong and we are continuing to see growth.
- ✘ The Canadian Orpheus Male Choir came to perform a concert with our own Katie Clark on trumpet and myself conducting and at the organ. The Marion Singers also came to perform a concert and their repertoire was also diverse ranging from Palestrina to John Rutter to the Teddy Bear's Picnic. Both concerts were wonderful. Thank you to all of the many volunteers who helped make these events possible.
- ✘ Preparations for The College of Christ's College Cambridge concert as well as for their participation in worship were well underway during the time of this particular Vestry. Since the concert and worship service themselves occurred after the reporting time of this Vestry, more will be said about it at the next Vestry. Thank you ALL so much! Please stay tuned, wonderful details will follow!!!
- ✘ Thank you to Katie Clark on trumpet for her beautiful playing for our Remembrance Service as well as for our Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, and Easter Sunday Services! Katie is now studying towards her Masters degree in trumpet and I know I speak for everyone when I say your playing keeps getting more and more beautiful!
- ✘ Thank you to Cathy Clark for being Assistant Organist for the Lessons and Carols Service, especially for the Magnificat by Basil Harwood, which allowed me to focus completely on conducting. The same for our Easter Sunday service for our Healey Willan introit which was sung antiphonally.
- ✘ Our Choral Scholars had to move on and I am happy to say that Sharang is now studying towards a Bachelor's degree in voice at Western University (he will be moving to London, ON).
- ✘ I am thankful to Sally and the Praise Team for our collaborations during the Summer where we have played together (Organ and Praise Team) both traditional and non-

traditional music for worship. Traditional and non-traditional can coexist and it is wonderful when we can build bridges such as these and support one another in our common goal of making worship beautiful and participatory. Also, thank you to those who have come forward as Cantors for our summer worship services so that we could continue singing the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation.

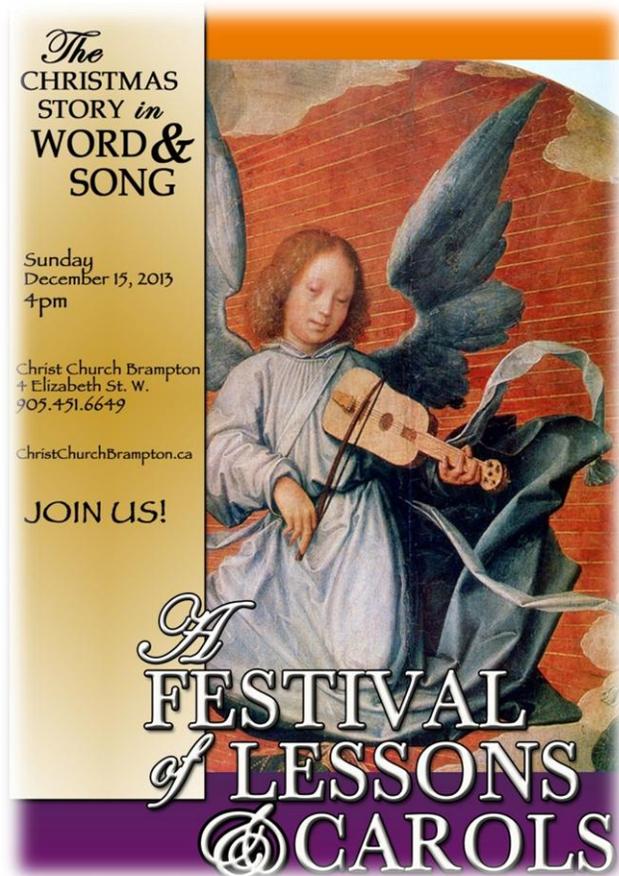
- ✘ Thank you to the Charters family for opening up their home for our Annual Christmas Party which was great! Thank you also to those who were able to participate at our Annual end of the Choir Year Party at Mandarin Buffet.
- ✘ Both Matthew Woodland and Vaughn Williams both videotaped some of the exciting musical events in the life of our parish. Vaughn also took our choir photos. Thank you to you both!

As you can see from reading this Vestry Report, there are many thank yous, and fittingly so! Christ Church is blessed immensely with so much talent and so many dedicated volunteers such as our Choir and instrumentalists, and it strongly supports our music ministry.

In His service,

André Rakus

Organist and Choir Director



THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR'S ANNUAL
FESTIVAL OF
LESSONS & CAROLS
2013

ELAS AND READERS 2014

The Eucharistic Lay Assistants (ELA's) are a group of parishioners who have been licensed by the Bishop of Toronto to assist clergy in the execution of many duties surrounding our worship. The ELA's can, at the request of the Incumbent, perform almost every part of a service of worship except those elements specifically appointed to the clergy. Some of our ELA's take communion to parishioners who are unable to join us at our services and assist at services in Seniors' Homes.

This year a number of our ELA's from the 9:00 am service moved out of the area. We said goodbye to Marie Bunting as she and her husband Chris moved Collingwood. We also said goodbye to Gwen and Bob Valliere, when they too moved to Orangeville. We will miss Marie, Gwen and Bob and wish them God's blessings. On a happier note, we said "Hello" and welcome to Steve Nilam who is an addition to our 8:00 am service.

The Readers at Christ Church continue to grow, covering all three services. Readers at the 7:45 a.m. service are extremely dedicated, reading at least once a month. The 9:00 a.m. service readers are scheduled approximately once every eight weeks depending on Festivals or other special services. The 10:45 a.m. readers can expect to be assigned approximately every 10 weeks. We were happy to add Janet Smith and Trevor Arkell as Readers at our 9:00 am service.

ELA's and Readers receive training and will often be given feedback during the course of the year. If someone feels a calling to this ministry, please make your wishes known to the clergy or to me.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Smith



PARISH REGISTRIES 2014

Baptisms

November 3, 2013 - All Saints

Kai Seven-Nile John born July 3, 2013

Christopher John Montague Carter Sandiford born April 7, 2013

Daniel Tyler Ross Ryan born July 7, 2013

Jayden Wayne Anthony Mark born June 13, 2013

April 27, 2014

Whitney Ann Finistauri as an adult

Amelia Roslyn Finistauri born September 9, 2012

June 15, 2014 – Trinity Sunday

Aaralyn Belle Crowe born March 17, 2012

Hannah Patrice Marie born October 28, 2013

Confirmations

April 20, 2014 – The Great Vigil of Easter

Avery Richard Gilmore

Renee Morgan Goodridge

Laura Scott Jones

Ciearra Lilian Sobers-Barrett

Nathan Knight *

Katherine Lishman *

Sara Mudeebe *

Samantha Northrope *

Joseph Roper *

Liam Steele *

* Presented by the Rev. Ron Duncan of St. James the Apostle (Brampton)

Marriages

July 13, 2013

Margaret Jane Carter and Timothy Martin Wilson

September 7, 2013

Christine Elizabeth Clark and Szaniszló Tyler Szepesi

September 14, 2013

Sally Woo Kam Ching and David Hamilton Lyons

September 28, 2013

Lydia Michelle Anber and Craig Bradley Duncan

December 7, 2013

Adjoa Owusu and Stanley Gilbert Sam

Funerals & Memorials

July 6, 2013

Donald Franklin Lahie born November 4, 1933 died June 26, 2013

August 9, 2013

David William Ashworth born April 25, 2013 died August 4, 2013

August 12, 2013

Leslie Eli Dowden born November 2, 1921 died August 8, 2013

October 4, 2013

Heather Ann Pryma born November 4, 2013 died September 29, 2013

October 5, 2013

Keith Wells born November 27, 1946 died September 27, 2013

October 8, 2013

Frank Eric William Gray born April 16, 1923 died October 4, 2013

October 11, 2013

Robert Lloyd Sanderson born March 8, 1943 died October 7, 2013

October 12, 2013

Gerald Ashfield New born December 16, 1920 died June 29, 2013

November 9, 2013

Richard Anthony Forbes born July 10, 1961 died October 24, 2013

November 22, 2013

Raymond Merrill Doyle born February 19, 1923 died November 19, 2013

December 20, 2013

Jacqueline Betty Martin born June 22, 1927 died December 17, 2013

December 30, 2013

John Brunton Webber born September 11, 1933 died December 26, 2013

January 6, 2014

Anne MacDonald Myers born March 4, 1927 died January 1, 2014

January 23, 2014

Lotte Brunner born January 8, 1939 died January 17, 2014

January 27, 2014

Lewis Osmond Gulley born October 21, 1921 died January 20, 2014

May 3, 2014

Anthony Paul Rossiter born July 6, 1935 died April 26, 2014

May 10, 2014

Doris Mary Wood born January 27, 1927 died May 6, 2014

May 20, 2014

Doris (Dodie) Pearl O'Keefe born November 25, 1922 died May 12, 2014

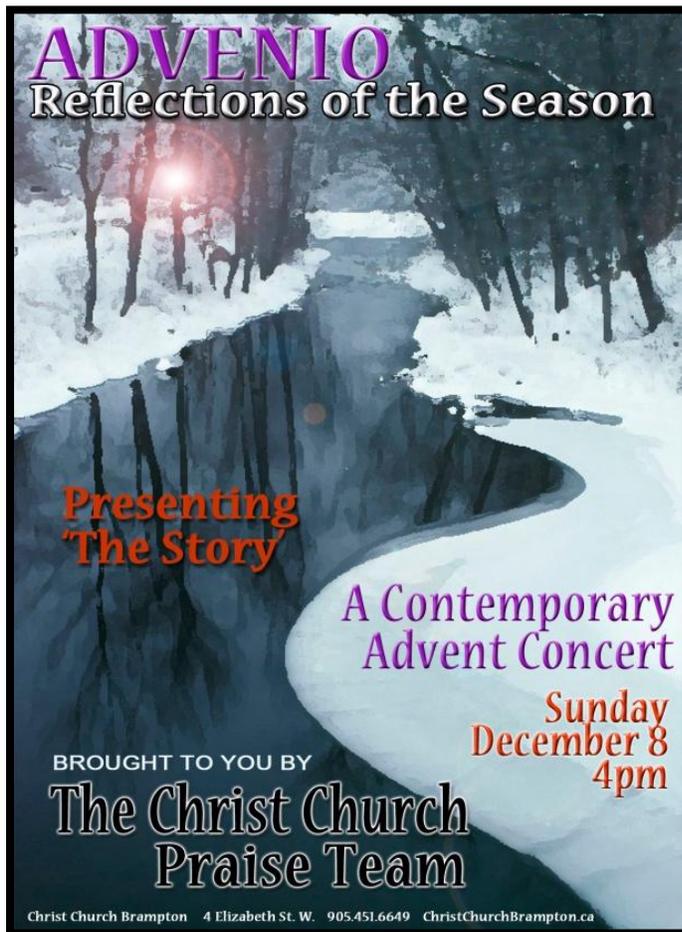
PRAISE TEAM 2014

This year saw many changes in the Praise Team. We said goodbye to Bob Valliere and Rene Goodridge, and welcomed Kayla Goodridge and Heather Gregoire. The team continues with Cathy Clark, Trevor Lee, Debbie Smyth, Morgan Rogers, Heather Gregoire and Kayla Goodridge. Members at large include Katie Clark, Erin Rosart, Rene Goodridge and Phyllis Ibbotson. The team works together to present songs relevant to the rest of the service, designed to enhance the congregation's worship experience. We presented new songs for Lent, Easter and the summer combined services. Now we are focused on the upcoming Advent season and the fourth annual Advenio Concert.

We are currently looking for anyone interested in serving with us, either in a musical or technical capacity. Our approach is contemporary, carefree and exploratory. Our focus is on the development and applicable interpretation of worship musical and all talent is encouraged. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Sally Campbell for more information.

Sally Campbell

Praise Team Director



**THE PRAISE TEAM PRESENTS
THEIR SEASONAL ADVENT OFFERING
ADVENIO 2013**

SIDESPERSIONS 2014

Our sidespersons' group had another successful and fulfilling year in 2014. Our group membership is approximately 60 including of the 9 individuals who serve as vestrypersons.

Sidespersons provide two important roles within Christ Church; the first being a friendly welcoming face to those arriving to church and the second is providing assistance to the Wardens. In the first role, sidespersons are often the first person someone sees when arriving to church; this is particularly important for any folks that might be visiting. Making people of all ages and backgrounds welcome is providing the ministry of hospitality. The second ~ and equally important ~ role is assisting the Wardens by collecting and counting the offertory and reporting numbers for Vestry and Diocesan reporting. All these activities, many that happen silently and graciously, are extremely important and each Sunday a vestryperson is on hand to assist and direct those various responsibilities. As the group is scheduled in different combinations each week, we get to enjoy each others' fellowship as well as that of the parishioners.

In addition, our group is active in other events within the parish: namely, The Pancake Supper, The Welcome-Back B.B.Q. in the fall, assisting at the Christmas Tree Bazaar, and set-up and take-down for various receptions and other functions. Some of our members are available to assist at funerals, which are usually mid-week and others are involved with various maintenance and repair functions around the property.

Our group is always looking to expand ~ speak to me or anyone one of us about this rewarding ministry

Yours in Christ,
John Hall
Chairperson



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SECTION III OUTREACH

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *(Micah 6:8)*

CARING AND SHARING 2014

Our delivery day was the morning of the ice storm, that should sum up our troubles, yet there were none. The lights were on at Christ Church and we had heat! Christmas came with HOPE through our Caring and Sharing program once again, *regardless of the obstacles presented to us*. God cleared the way for our delivery people and offered up some extra assistance for those to help. Each package was lovingly prepared and our message of Hope affixed.

A few gifts were stranded yet all children were provided for on Christmas day. It seemed to be the Christmas that just kept going vs. never came. We delivered more on the 27th, and I witnessed the sparkling light in the eyes of those we gave more to. It must have been planned as it seemed to give even more HOPE!

I believe one of our recipients said it best in a voicemail to our congregation in expressing her thanks. "Thank you all! You have renewed my faith in humanity!" HOPE received.

I had expected to receive less through C&S this year with all of our financial woes and budgeted accordingly, but we received more! So, we kept giving and at Easter, food vouchers were distributed through The Knights Table, St. Louise Outreach and Regeneration with a message of hope in his name. These were unexpected gifts we were able to give. My son, Mason received a HUGE HUG, on behalf of you all which I know he will always remember. Thank you!

Sometimes we may "expect" gifts at Christmas and chocolate at Easter, with all the commercialization that goes along with it. I expect it's the unexpected and unconditional gift that makes the most impact. Sound familiar... Secretly, we also left an assortment of gift cards addressed to a mother in need with the note on the envelope simply stating, God loves you, Happy Easter. We will never know its' impact, yet can imagine HOPE received.

Jesus is the hope of the world. Caring and Sharing spread it.

Thankfully submitted,
Jeannie Jamieson
Coordinator

CHRISTMAS TREE BAZAAR 2014

On November 9, 2013, we opened the doors for the 68th Christmas Tree bazaar.

As usual, there is a time of excitement and anticipation as Reverend Byron opened the bazaar with prayer. The tables were full from the Gem table to Bake table. The café had the kettle on for the many, many pots of the tea and the sandwiches, desserts (remember the sheep-decorated cookies) were made and ready to be served. We have prided ourselves in being an old-fashion type of bazaar, catered and manned by the congregation and by family and friends. We don't sell tables, we don't invite in outside vendors or only have raffles. This has and still is a "church community" event. So many people come forward with their talent and help. You may never see them on the day of the bazaar, but all their efforts are there.

But we are always in need of help, it takes a lot of people pulling together to make the bazaar a success, especially in a leadership role. Some of our convenors have worked on the tables for decades, and would like to slow down and pass on the baton. So, if you think that this something that you would like to do or maybe a new idea for a table, please contact me.

The bazaar netted \$9,442.00; the mini bazaar - \$1,017.00, for a total of \$10,459.00. These proceeds were down from 2012, but still an impressive amount!

There was a great deal of uncertainty in regards to the disbursement of monies. As we entered into another year of sagging finances at the Church, there were a great deal of questions and controversy surrounding the manner in which the money is disbursed. After the expenses and the holdback for next year's bazaar, all the convenors of the bazaar meet to disperse the money. We take into consideration any request that we have and we try to honour them. Over time, we contributed to the Church, in regards to the air conditioning in the Canon Allan room, tables for auditorium, nursery renovations, organ restoration, purchasing the photocopier, debt reduction etc. and we contributed to charities both local and international organizations. As a downtown Church, we are acutely aware of the needs of the homeless and youth/families. But this year, we turned our attention to the needs of the Church, but we had already advertised that proceeds would go to outreach, therefore, we worked very hard to reach a compromise.

In March, we finally met and dispersed the monies. The total from the 2013 bazaar was \$10,459.00, with expenses of \$1,141.00. The monies was dispersed as follows: Cool Church - \$1500.00; Knights' Table - \$250.00; Regeneration- \$250.00; Eurovangelism - \$250.00; 2nd Brampton Scouts - \$500.00; honourium - \$250.00; Clergy Discretionary Fund - \$1000.00; Christ Church operation Cost - \$5000.00. This totaled \$9,000.00 that we dispersed.

And we are already thinking about our 69th annual Christmas Tree Bazaar and shortly the doors will open once again....see you on November 8, 2014.

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

Deuteronomy 15:10

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Newbert
Bazaar Coordinator

THE 66TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE BAZAAR
Saturday, November 9, 2013

Always a great to mix



Tea for all ages



Christmas Crafts made throughout the year



Sheep for the
"The Shepherd's Crook" Cafe



...the ever popular Santa's Workshop

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES 2014

It has long been my belief that even a small brush with faith can make a huge difference in someone's life but we need to reach out (outreach) to plant these seeds.

Our regular in-kind donations are always graciously accepted at both The Salvation Army (Honey Church) and The Knights Table. I expect quite a few thousand dollars' worth of goods is donated each year but what is most important is that we are "visibly giving". Others see us doing this and follow this example while those in need of hope see we care. Small seeds can muster into a strong faith! This year, I tried sending some letters out to colleagues and friends, telling them of what is donated at our church and asking them to drop some items off with me for those less fortunate as I could bring them in. Some donations came from those who give much, some from those who wanted to give but were just not exposed while some were from those who never thought about it. Seeds planted.

Through our in-house "connection" we salvage excellent strollers and gave them to good homes throughout Brampton and the GTA. There is always a helping hand available if we ask others for projects like these. I intend to do this again, this fall and ongoing.

Here at Christ Church so many of our groups collect, create or raise money, for so many causes. I expect we need to reach out more and include our connections outside of the church to plant those seeds. Asking for items for others that are usually easy to give is a great way to "brag" about your church! Socks, mitts, hats, we can find homes.

In June, we showed our support with 2 tables for The Knights Table Gala. It was expensive as the majority of the cost is donation, however in reaching out and making the request a second table was paid for! I expect our support covered their milk budget for at least a month! The 17 who attended enjoyed a really top notch event and learned more on the food banks progress.

Friday Night Basketball started this year and I intend to expand this outreach. Bringing families into our church for other activities is the goal, while bridging faith into the activity ever so slightly. In Jesus name now or later, these kids will recognize the contributions of a free space (with cookies) existed for them because selfless people paid for it, for their benefit. The families are also encouraged to bring a food item for those less fortunate if they can. Seeds planted. Some may even consider this home, their safe place or come on Sunday for worship!

Thankfully submitted,
Jeannie Jamieson
Coordinator

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SECTION IV PARISH LIFE

Keep guard over yourselves and over the flock of which the Holy Spirit has given you charge, as shepherds of the Church of the Lord.
(Acts 20:28)

FELLOWSHIP GROUP 2014

We began our September meeting with a pot-luck supper and penny auction fundraiser to welcome back members.

In October, we invited Ron Wicks who gave us an interesting speech on his hockey referee experiences with the N.H.L. during the years between 1960-1998.

President Nancy Perrault spoke about her experiences at the Anglican Womens' "AWARE" annual weekend retreat at our November meeting.

We enjoyed our December meeting with carol singing, festive treats and fellowship in a member's home.

In January, after a great pot-luck supper and penny auction, we installed our officers for the year. Lydia Bennett became secretary, Helen Lahie was re-elected treasurer, and Jeanne Stephens became president. We send grateful appreciation to past president Nancy Perrault and secretary Grace Andrews for their continuing contribution, membership and interest in Fellowship.

A valentine theme for our February meeting included goodies, games and fun.

March's meeting was cancelled due to severe winter weather, and in April, our speaker was mayoral candidate and Councillor John Sanderson who shared with us his vision of his home town, Brampton, and his involvement in this community over the years.

Our speakers in May were President Michael Avis and Paul Willoughby of the Brampton Historical Society who gave us a snapshot of the history about our City of Brampton.

The end of season BBQ and fundraiser was held at the home of Anne Demme. Our thanks to Anne and her daughter Mona for an evening of great food and warm fellowship.

This past year, we have donated funds to Regeneration, Cheshire House, Salvation Army Honeychurch Resource Centre, Knights Table, ACW, and the Bridge. At Christmas our members also donated toiletries, toys, etc to the Salvation Army Resource Centre for battered women and their children.

Thanks to all our members who ensure a vibrant, informative, caring and supportive group.

Respectfully submitted

Jeanne Stephens

President

PARISH GROUP 2014

The Parish group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 in the Canon Allen room. The focus of this group is connecting with each other in Christian love and fellowship. Every meeting has prayer and inspirational readings, reports, an activity, refreshments and social time. This year our activities have included: our annual trip to the Mandarin restaurant; guest speaker Ron Clifton, who showed us slides of his trip to Rome; a touching Remembrance Day meeting led by Liz Morris; a special Christmas program of readings, carols and treats; and a special screening of Queen Elizabeth's coronation including high tea organized by Inez Moore. We are always ready to welcome any new members into our group.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Hughes



SCOUTS CANADA 2ND BRAMPTON 2014

In September 2013 2nd Brampton started the scouting year with 34 youth from 5-11, 10 leaders and 3 Group Committee members. Our first big activity for the year was a 2 day camp at the end of September at Kelso Conservation Area. We attended the Remembrance Day service, our Cubs and Scouts assisted at the Christmas Tree Bazaar, in December we held our annual Christmas Party, in February our B.P. Dinner.

For the first time, we hosted with help from some ladies of the church and church youth a D Day Dinner for the members of the church and had approximately 80 in attendance. We served ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw and bread pudding. To end the evening we had a sing-a-long lead by Ross Brock of some good old war time tunes. We hope everyone had a good time.

The Beavers have been having fun at the pond with crafts, hikes and games, the Cubs and Scouts have been working hard on their program work.

We are sorry to report that we are losing a very valuable leader Liz Ursino, as their family will be moving back to her home land Australia.

Yours in Scouting,

Jean Redl

Group Commissioner

THIS YEAR MARKS THE
70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY
&
THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY

TO COMMEMORATE THIS HISTORIC EVENT,
OUR SCOUTS FROM 2ND BRAMPTON
&
CHRIST CHURCH
IS HAVING A "MESS DINNER"

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2014
Time: 5:30 pm



Source: <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/history/second-world-war/d-day>

Mark your calendars today ~ tickets (\$10 each) will be available Palm Sunday.

Make sure you bring your singing voices!

Mess Supper – May 3, 2014



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SECTION V PASTORAL CARE

The shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be. (*1 Peter 5:2*)

PARISH VISITORS 2014

Parish Visitors work in partnership with our clergy in pastoral care of our congregation. They are a group of parishioners who visit, phone, deliver flowers, and assist in administering communion to those who are shut in at home, in nursing homes, retirement facilities, and at the Hospital. Often it can be our network of visitors who alert the clergy when a pastoral need arises. This can be extremely helpful in a busy parish setting.

Parish Visitors meet once every two months (on a Wednesday at noon) in the Canon Allen Room. We gather for food, fellowship, training, planning and also share appropriate information to meet pastoral needs. We enjoy guest speakers.

Pastoral care is an important part of our congregation's ministry. Being a Parish Visitor is extremely fulfilling; often one feels as if one has benefited more from the experience than the one visited. Serving others in this way is a joyful and satisfying way of serving our Lord.

In May, we hosted a workshop open to our parishioners and to the wider community, entitled "How to be a Friend to a Senior Suffering from Depression." Our speaker, from OMHA Peel, gave us information about signs and symptoms of depression among seniors and about community resources offering help.

Who can be a Parish Visitor? Followers of Jesus who have the ability to: be present to others, listen and to exhibit concern. In short, Parish Visitors are people who love God and love God's people. Perhaps you may be called to exercise this ministry? So, please pray about it and listen for an answer. If you would like further information, or desire to be a Pastoral Visitor, please contact either The Rev. Byron Gilmore at 905-451-6649 x22 or Joan Powell at 905-451-4694.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Powell

Coordinator, Parish Visitors' Group

PRAYER TEAM 2014

Christ Church's Prayer Chain inaugural meeting was held in February 2002, with the advice and encouragement of the Rev. Mary Pataki. Eric Chaperlin gracefully accepted the position of coordinator and with the aid of his wife Rosalie, did an excellent job of researching the composition of prayer chains and incorporating this knowledge into the functioning of our own team.

Currently we have 17 members and we are always in the recruiting mode. We encourage more of our congregation to join this very rewarding ministry. The only requirements are a commitment to daily prayer when possible and confidentiality. We welcome those who for various reasons are unable to commit to other ministries but feel a calling to participate in the church family other than weekly services e.g. time constraints, transportation difficulties, infirmity etc. Communicating with our Lord is not limited to a particular time or location!

The coordinator compiles and updates new lists each month for members. During the month, new requests and updates are phoned or e-mailed to each member by the coordinator, as soon as possible.

We occasionally have prayer vigils for those undergoing serious surgical procedures. This requires individual members who are available, to take turns praying for a short period of time, during or after the surgery, which ensures continuous prayer coverage throughout the procedure and immediate recovery period.

At the discretion of the coordinator, we pray for the physical, psychological, emotional and social ills of our congregation, their family, friends, friends of friends, care givers etc.

If at all possible we want the recipients to be aware that they are being prayed for. The knowledge that one is being prayed for is psychologically beneficial. We know that our Lord answers all prayer! (Not necessarily the way we wish or comprehend.)

Over the last 11 years, this ministry has grown in awareness. We generally have between 15 - 30 prayer requests per month.

Our ministry is affirmed by the feedback that we receive either from those whom we have prayed for or those who have made the original prayer request. It is a privilege to be invited into the intimacy of God's children and help them on their particular journeys.

If you are interested in becoming a member, wish to request prayer or require further information, please contact one of our clergy, Jane Harvey or any member of the Prayer Team.

Prayer request forms & box are located on the credenza at the Parish Office for non emergency prayer and is checked at least weekly.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Harvey

Coordinator

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STEPHEN MINISTRIES 2014

In May of 2012 Christ Church began a ministry supporting bereaved family members by sending them four short books over the period of one year following the loved ones' death. These books, entitled **Journeying Through Grief**, offer support and care focusing on feelings that are very common in the grieving process. Typically clergy identify families but anyone may request the service by contacting the clergy or Gloria Watts. This year three people have received or are receiving the booklets.

Gloria Watts



Amelia and Stella ~ the office dog with Rev. Stephanie

Christ Church celebrates the birth of Prince George on July 22, 2013



Faithful Grandparents

Reports to Vestry 2012

SECTION VI RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

...Thus the prayer of the Christian reaches beyond its set time and extends into the heart of his work. It includes the whole day, and in doing so, it does not hinder the work; it promotes it, affirms it, and lends it meaning and joy. Thus every word, every work, every labour of the Christian becomes a prayer; not in the unreal sense of a constant turning away from the task that must be done, but in a real breaking through the hard “it” to the gracious Thou. “Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17).

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1954, pp 71)

ENVELOPE SECRETARY 2014

Maintenance and Contact Information

Our computerized database is important and very helpful for the recording of contact information and donations.

- ✓ Keeping our contact information current is an ongoing task; however its accuracy is reliant upon being advised of changes to contact information. We kindly ask that you remember to inform Christ Church whenever there is a change or correction required in your mailing address, email address and/or telephone number(s).
- ✓ It is important that we have the correct spelling of your name and current address in order to comply with Canada Revenue Agency's requirements for the issuance of tax receipts and other documents.

Donations

In accounting for contributions, each donor (whether a parishioner or a visitor) is assigned with a unique envelope number. Your envelope number has two benefits in that a) it provides a limit of confidentiality in the weekly offering count and b) provides individual tracking for receipting purposes. Numbered groupings are used to identify whether a contributor is:

- i. Envelope set holder (numbered 1-250)
- ii. Utilizing Pre–Authorized Giving (numbered 1,000 to 1,999)
- iii. A regular contributor who is neither of the above (numbered 400-500)
- iv. A visitor (numbered 2,000 – 2,999)

This makes the management of the database and any analysis or referrals much easier as we are able to obtain information quickly and efficiently.

- ✓ Your current envelope can be found on your tax receipt. When in doubt as to the number which you have been assigned, please use your name.

Envelope sets

As you are aware, last year we reduced our boxed sets of envelopes from 250 to 200 as a result of many parishioners converting to Pre-Authorized Givings. Those envelope subscribers in the 201-251 range were reassigned to a new envelope number.

- ✓ If you have not used boxed sets for two years or more please do not use your old envelope number as it may have been reassigned and may result in inaccurate contribution records. Instead, please use your name.
- ✓ This also applies to donors who have changed to the PAG system. PAG users are kindly asked to use their new envelope number (numbered 1,000 to 1,999) or their name to ensure accurate contribution records.
- ✓ PAG subscribers are no longer provided with an envelope set. We have elected to provide these subscribers additional envelopes with their presubscribed PAG number on it for any additional and/or special offerings. These envelopes were made available with the 2013 tax receipts.

Pre-Authorized Givings (PAG)

The PAG system is operated by the United Church of Canada and is a very convenient method of making a regular monthly donation to Christ Church. It currently provides the church with an average of **\$10,500** per month (less a monthly processing fee of \$44.50). This ongoing monthly income is very helpful for the operations of the parish in that it normalizes the income stream in the leaner summer months.

While the number of donors fluctuates throughout the year, close to 30% of our parishioners take advantage of this system. ***Should you ever wish to convert to this system, please know that you can do this at any time and that forms are available to do so at the Parish Office.***

The PAG system provides the donor with the same opportunity to make regular allocations to any FaithWorks ministry and/or any ministries undertaken by Christ Church (e.g. The Knight's Table, mission trips, etc.). That said, currently less than 10 individuals are taking advantage of this method for making contributions to FaithWorks only. It is likely that those using PAG are not aware of this opportunity. Education around the convenience of PAG will be a focus of attention following Vestry.

Additional donations can be made at any time (e.g. Seasonal offerings, Memorials, Special Offerings, etc.), however please ensure that your name and/or your correct envelope number is clearly written on the envelope.

Table 1: Number of Donors according to groups as at June 30th, 2014 and 2013

Group (Envelope Nos.)		Description	Actual Donors June, 2014	Actual Donors June, 2013
1	1-200	Donors using envelope sets	167	163
2	400-500	Donors neither using envelope sets nor on PAG	31	37
3	1000-1999	Donors using PAG (no envelope sets assigned)	91	88
4	2000-2999	Visitors – includes repeat visitors (2008-2011)	90	98
TOTALS			379	386

Table 2 – Contribution Summary Fiscal 2014

Donor description	2013/14 \$	2012/13 \$
Envelope sets users, PAGs and 400s	304,222	314,139
Visitors	24,574	17,619
Cash (unidentified donors)	7,109	10,139
TOTALS	335,905	341,897

Table 3 – Distribution among FaithWorks Ministries

Ministry	Fiscal 2014 \$	Fiscal 2013 \$
Anglican Appeal	94	65
The Bridge	180	180
The Dam	0	0
The LOFT	100	80
PWRDF	885	1,053
Undesignated Community Ministries	235	265
Designated Community Ministries	35	0
Undesignated:	3,155	4,503
TOTAL	4,684	6,146

Fifty three (53) donors contributed to FaithWorks in Fiscal 2014.

Table 4 – 2013/2014 Contribution Range Report

Contribution Range (\$)	No. of donors Envelopes	No. of donors 400s	No. of donors PAGs	Total ¹ Donors	Total donated Jul.2013 to June 2014 \$
Under \$50	9	11	0	21	626
51 – 100	9	10	1	20	1,519
101 – 200	16	3	6	24	3,716
201 – 300	17	3	5	24	6,562
301 – 400	11	2	2	16	5,402
401 – 500	3	0	4	8	3,224
501 – 750	29	1	15	45	28,132
751 – 1,000	16	0	8	21	21,343
1,001 - 1,500	27	0	16	49	53,208
1,501- 2,500	18	0	21	33	73,174
2,501 – 5,000	8	1	10	17	60,435
Over 5,001	4	0	3	8	46,809
TOTAL	167	31	91	289	304,222

Table 5 – 2012/2013 Contribution Range Report

Contribution Range (\$)	No. of donors Envelopes	No. of donors 400s	No. of donors PAGs	Total ¹ Donors	Total donated Jul.2012 to June 2013 \$
Under \$50	10	10	1	21	680
51 – 100	8	5	1	14	1,157
101 – 200	12	6	5	23	3,263

201 – 300	14	4	4	22	5,886
301 – 400	20	3	3	26	9,403
401 – 500	7	1	5	13	5,910
501 – 750	23	0	15	38	23,940
751 – 1,000	25	0	5	30	25,948
1,001 - 1,500	18	5	22	45	58,048
1,501- 2,500	11	1	15	27	51,676
2,501 – 5,000	10	2	8	20	62,159
Over 5,001	5	0	4	9	62,989
TOTAL	163	37	88	288	311,060

Note 1: Includes contributions to FaithWorks.

Tax Receipts and Interim reports

A statement of your contributions is available upon request at any time during the year. These statements are useful for reviewing your donations and for advising of corrections or omissions which need to be made prior to the issue of tax receipts. However, if your issued tax receipts show errors or omissions please notify us immediately.

With our fiscal year-end now June 30 of each, the tables above reflect information as of the date. However, tax receipts are in accordance to the Canada Revenue Agency and reflect donations from January 1st to December 31st of each year. Tax receipts for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2013 were issued February 16, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie J. Brown

PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2014

The Property Committee is tasked with keeping our building operating in a safe and efficient manner. We maintain the various functioning units of the church to provide a safe and pleasant atmosphere for our parishioners. Heating, air conditioning and regular maintenance of the operation systems such as the new doors, continues to occupy the attention of the Property Committee.

The chair of the Property committee would like to thank the various members of the committee for their efforts. There are people who work regularly, cutting the grass or maintaining the gardens as well as other areas of the church without whom we would not have such a beautiful building.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Hughes
Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP 2014

It is fitting that Stewardship is the last report in this year's Annual Vestry Report. It is only with your financial support that we are able to deliver the various ministries that we have so enjoyed over the last year and that are celebrated throughout this report. It is clear that when reviewing this report in its entirety that Christ Church continues to be a home for many.

That said, it has been a difficult year because of the financial reality that we find ourselves in. Throughout the year parishioners were invited to join us in making a difference with their time, their God-given abilities and their financial & material resources.

Specific stewardship activities over the year included:

Communication

- ✘ Byron Gilmore kicked off our new fiscal year with a sermon entitled "Catching the Wave" outlining the current demographic picture of Brampton and the exciting opportunity for Christ Church to deliver its mission.
- ✘ Prior to Vestry, the Warden's summarized what they gleaned from Byron's message, our current financial position and their plan to present to Vestry a deficit budget. It was with heavy hearts that this was done but with an invitation to stewardship that is both intentional and proportional.
- ✘ Throughout the fall, the challenge of the revenue gap and impact on staffing levels and programs was communicated.
- ✘ We also heard from ~ and are thankful for their stories ~ Shumaila Desrochers, Peter Harvey and Stan Szepesi. Their inspiring testimonies were heard on Sunday mornings. Peter graciously allowed a reprint of his message to be inserted in the Christmas mailing and in the Advent edition of the Courier.
- ✘ The Christmas mailing also messages from the Wardens and Byron. We also took the opportunity to include a financial giving form to this broader audience.
- ✘ Included in all tax receipts issued in February was a further message from the Wardens indicating that we were still experiencing financial pressure although thankful for those that did respond to the Christmas mailing.
- ✘ In April, Stephanie Douglas-Bowman announced her appointment at Christ Memorial in Oshawa effective September 1, 2015. While we delighted in this opportunity for Stephanie and her family, Stephanie indicated that one of her deciding factors in be open to this new position was the financial pressure faced at Christ Church.

Welcoming

- ✘ Modeling after the "Seasons of Invitation" program, invitations were provided for Christ Church members to invite their friends, neighbours and families to the following Advent events:
 - Advenio
 - Lessons & Carols
 - Children's Christmas Pageant
- ✘ A Welcome Lunch for newcomers was held on the Reign of Christ. This lunch ~ like the one held in the spring ~ is designed for newcomers to get to know us a bit better. Dependent on who is attending as guests, select parishioners are invited to help host.

Spring Stewardship Focus

- ✘ With our fiscal year changing, so too did our Stewardship Focus period. This is the first year that we had the focus in the spring.

- ✘ Byron and Stephanie both preached on the Christian call for stewardship to help deliver God's mission in the world ~ with the particular focus on what we can do at Christ Church.
- ✘ Our 2015 pledging program included:
 - A letter from the Byron and the Senior Wardens
 - A 2015 Annual Pledge Form
 - Commitment Sunday (*with an ask from Stephanie that her departure gift be filling out a pledge for Christ Church*)
 - Thank You letter to those that pledged
- ✘ We would be remiss, if we once again, did not thank those who made a pledge.

Stewardship focuses on what all God has given us and what He is calling us to do with those resources. Again we extend you an invitation to be a part of the mission at Christ Church.

God, teach us to be compassionate, concerned with the distribution of gifts and resources so that all benefit.
(Matthew 14:13-21)





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