
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

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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,



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

Grace and peace in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Area Bishops and I are deeply grateful to all of you gathering today in the annual Vestry meeting of your parish to review the past year and establish priorities for the year ahead. We offer you our prayers and support as you continue to join in Christ's mission to his world.

This past December marked the 175th anniversary of the installation of John Strachan as first Bishop of Toronto in the newly created Cathedral Church of St. James. The young colony over which he presided – all of southern and most of northern Ontario – was a very different community than now. Nonetheless it was facing rapid growth, new immigration and ethnic tensions (e.g. Irish vs English, and Roman Catholic vs Protestant). The new diocese had to come to terms with being Anglican in a challenging context, learning to adapt from the privileged position of a state-supported and protected established Church to being one part of a multid denominational mix.

Bishop Strachan identified four principles that continue in our DNA today:

1. **A Missional Approach:** The diocese established new parishes and innovative ministries to proclaim the Gospel in response to the religious needs of a growing population; within 35 years, four new dioceses were carved out of Toronto to assist in that mission.
2. **Contextual Ministry:** The creation of an indigenously recruited and locally trained ministry, both clerical and lay, would be necessary to understand and minister most effectively in the new world context. As a teacher, Bishop Strachan valued education of the highest order in all disciplines, including science, arts, technology and theology.
3. **Self-sufficiency:** Bishop Strachan knew that the new diocese and its parishes could not thrive if they looked primarily to outside resources to fund the ministry. Instead, there was a need to develop strong financial support from the laity. This meant that the laity needed to be engaged in the decision making processes of the Church. This led to the development in Toronto of some of the first Synods in the Anglican Communion.
4. **Social Engagement:** The Anglican ethos was integrally connected with the whole of society, with a concern for the welfare of the civil community as well as the Church – so Anglicans expected to be engaged in schools, government, business, hospitals and work with the poor as a public expression and natural extension of their faith.

We have inherited this DNA and it marks our witness to Jesus Christ through “intelligent faith, compassionate service and Godly worship.” I am pleased to say that we are increasingly reclaiming our fundamental role as a missional people – listening, discerning and joining in God's great work of building the Kingdom and reconciling all things in Christ.

Across the diocese, in rural communities, suburbs and cities, Anglicans are reaching out in faith in creative ways as well as the tried-and-true approaches. Applicants for ordained ministry

continue to come forward – more than a dozen will be ordained this year from diverse backgrounds and ages. Over 10,000 individuals have completed screening in order to participate in significant lay ministries across the diocese. The contributions to the Our Faith, Our Hope campaign, to parish budgets and the FaithWorks ministries are sustaining our work. And as Christian citizens we are deeply engaged in the welfare of communities where we live.

I hope that the priorities for ministry, the programmes you offer, and the work you do in your parish meeting today support this mission.

As part of our engagement with our community, I draw your attention to the proposal for a motion on climate change prepared by our Social Justice and Advocacy Committee. It is deliberately framed to allow it to be tailored to your own context. While it is helpful to have the motion passed or amended – I can use this data when I meet with members of government, for instance, to indicate the level of support that I represent – that is not the most important thing. For me, it is to have the issues discussed and people of all persuasions to commit to learn more, understand better and act responsibly and faithfully in the name of Jesus Christ.

There are inevitably different possible solutions and different ways of both understanding and addressing the problems, which is why open discussion and healthy debate within our parishes on these matters is an essential part of our Christian duty. Complex issues are not solved only by experts. In fact, solutions to complex problems require imagination, creativity, determination and changed attitudes because expertise does not yet exist. As Anglicans, we know that we need to wrestle with how we interpret our faith and that there will often be competing conclusions. There is, however, no such thing for an incarnate Christianity as faith without engagement with the issues of the day.

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 and assure them of our prayers and support.

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 with a cross at the beginning.

The Most Reverend Colin R. Johnson
Archbishop of Toronto



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A Pastoral Letter to be read to Vestry or included in the Vestry Report for 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Grace to you and peace in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a parish priest, I always looked forward to the annual meeting of vestry. It served as a time for review, to look back to see what God had been up to in our parish life and to discern where God was leading us into the next year.

Each year the bishops in our diocese have an annual review and evaluation of their work. In preparation for that review I found myself sitting down and reflecting on the past year. I am always amazed to see what has been accomplished. Sometimes, in the frenetic pace of life as we seem to like to live it here in Southern Ontario, we get so caught up in the present and current worries of the moment that we fail to see all the good that is being done in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as part of our ministry.

Aside from Sunday worship, in each parish in York-Credit Valley the local ministry, as far as I can see, varies considerably from place to place in response to the context in which it finds itself. Cumulatively, as part of the wider Anglican catholic church, countless lives are being touched and changed. There are community meals which feed tens of thousands each year, offers of food security, social justice advocacy, fresh expressions of ministry, Rules of Life created and adhered to, Out of the Cold, Out of the Heat; bible studies, lecture series, parish nursing programs, counseling, choral groups, youth ministry, work with seniors, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals and discipling programs. There are community social events, moms and tots, parenting groups, meditation groups, Christmas concerts, parish bazaars, euchre nights, housing for Scouting and Guiding groups, facilities provided for A.A., N.A., G.A., Day Cares, seniors' groups. There are home, hospital, and nursing home visits, to say nothing of the Canadian and international outreach programs. And that long list only begins to scratch the surface. Some parishes are able to do many things, others a few but each and every parish is doing something in the name of Jesus Christ. Together we are, by the grace of God, accomplishing much. As you meet in Vestry, take time to reflect on God's activity in your particular church and remember that we are collectively part of a greater whole.

Mission:
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.

This past year in York-Credit Valley has seen a marked increase in parishes in conversation with one another, asking the questions “How best might we be the Anglican expression of Christianity in our particular area? What is God calling us to?” There is an innate sense that we can do more together than apart. Five Brampton parishes and four Humber Weston Mount Dennis parishes are engaged in these formal courageous and invigorating discussions. Where God is leading us is not yet fully clear. For those not in these conversations please pray for your sisters and brothers engaged in them. For those in the midst of them know you are being prayed for. We will be watching eagerly. By the way, I am aware of a number of other quieter conversations between parishes asking similar questions. Well done.

This year the world and our country were rocked by acts of terrorism. The activities of ISIL as reported in the press are beyond barbaric, beyond inhuman and the murder of soldiers in Ottawa and in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu incomprehensible. How do we respond? Some call for military action and of course our Country is so engaged. I encourage your prayers for the men and women of our armed forces who are putting themselves in harm’s way. I recently attended two events where our Anglican priest in Baghdad encouraged the church to welcome refugees from Iraq into Canada. This priest has witnessed the murder of over 1300 of his parishioners; he has been kidnapped, and is recently exiled from his country for fear of his own death. Might your parish be one which can answer to the Vicar of Baghdad’s call to provide safe haven for Iraqi refugees to Canada? Additionally, I want to encourage dialogue with the Muslim community in your area. Can we take the initiative to learn more about their lives, their dreams, their hopes and aspirations and to understand something of what it means to be a Muslim? I believe these are important conversations.

We live in challenging times for the Church. In fact it is hard work in our society to be Church today. But it is worth it. Lives are being changed and people are encountering Jesus.

Rowan Williams astutely reminds us in his book “Being Christian” that our baptism takes us into the neighbourhood where Jesus can be found. Where is that? With the leper, the tax collector, the prostitute, the poor, the widow, the rejected; in other words the least, the lost, the lonely and, yes, the ‘loony’, those whom society rejects, whom we embrace as children of God. Our baptismal vow calls us to see in the face of the other the face of Christ.

May God bless you for all you are doing in Christ’s name as part of the ministry of the Anglican Church in God’s world.

Yours in Christ



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

RECTOR'S LETTER 2015

The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore

The fiscal year 2014/2015 (September – June) was a year of transition. After having said good-bye to the Rev. Stephanie Douglas–Bowman, we said hello to Robert Robinson as our new Youth Pastor and since Robert's arrival we have continued to benefit from healthy child, youth and family ministry. It was also a year in which we continued to build on the life and ministry of Christ Church, Brampton. We had a good year with strong results on all fronts particularly in stewardship and discipleship. We were able to accomplish this through the grace of God for His glory.

Worship

This past year provided many opportunities to gather together to praise our God in spoken word, song and music at our worship services. Often, people have their first encounter with our parish family by worshipping with us on Sundays and at funerals and weddings or during the institutional liturgies conducted by our parish clergy in the community and this year was no exception. I am grateful for the welcoming people we have here at Christ Church. We appreciate and are blessed to have had Sally and the Praise Team and Andre and the Choir. And we are further blessed with a Rota of many diligent lay liturgical assistants, servers, greeters and of course our very excellent Altar Guild. In July, Andre Rakus submitted his resignation after accepting a position as Organist and Choirmaster of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Beaufort, South Carolina. We gathered to celebrate his ministry on July 26th, presenting him with gifts and bidding him God's speed in his new ministry. At the time of writing, our search for his replacement has borne the fruit of three highly qualified candidates moving forward to the audition and interview stage. Please keep this process in your prayers as we discern who God would have as our next Organist and Choirmaster.

Pastoral Care

This past year saw illness, crisis, relationship issues, job loss and death. These facets of life present us with opportunities to be present to each other and journey with one another in good times and in bad. A special thank you is extended to our many parish visitors who exercise a ministry of presence and who carry communion to many of our shut-ins. This spring, in order to help seniors and their families remain in their own homes, a Pastoral Care workshop was held with speakers from the public, private and volunteer social sectors. Much information was shared regarding resources and services available to seniors in the community. Plans are afoot for yet another workshop this spring.

Discipleship Development

Our usual rounds of Christian basics (fall, winter and spring) ran this year serving as initial preparation for newcomers, those seeking marriage and families seeking baptism. Following Christianity 101, specific baptism and marriage preparation programs were also offered. Our Lenten small group series ran in three different time slots and with three different leadership teams. Many thanks to Kevin and Sally, Stan and Wanda and Martha and Chris for this terrific small group exercise! We had a strong year of children youth and family ministry under the direction of Pastor Robert with the blessing of a junior and senior youth group, as well as a best ever full day/week Vacation Bible School – thank you Heather Robinson! To Andrea White, who will be stepping down as Sunday School Superintendent, thank you for your faithful ministry to our kids.

Resource Management

We thank Thomas Barnes for his faithful ministry as Treasurer. Thomas inherited a well-running system and made it even better by simplifying our processes in order to make our financial picture more readily understood by the average person. Thank you also to our emergency preparedness working group, who have put new emergency plans in place – stay tuned for occasional fire drills! We are so blessed to have a building that is so wonderfully cared for – bright, clean and in excellent repair thanks to our property committee. While we know the building is not the Church because *the people* are, our comfortable, attractive, well-designed and maintained physical plant is the place where God's family meets to worship, have fellowship and be equipped for the work of ministry. We also celebrate that as a result of a successfully presented case, Christ Church received an *Our Faith Our Hope* grant to purchase and install a new computer system, design and launch a new web site and even start a new Facebook page. These improved modes of communication help us reach seekers right here in Brampton! Let's pray for the effectiveness of these tools and for creativity in their use. Of course this "tech" does not replace the ongoing need for meetings of both the staff and lay leadership, for the publication of the Courier and the Sunday bulletins.

Last year, Vestry decided to sell the house at 18 Elizabeth Street Brampton. After developing a compelling case, a brief was submitted to the Diocese asking that we retain 75% of the proceeds of the sale of the property where the standard division is customarily 50/50. These extra resources would be invested in children, youth and family ministry. We are grateful to Bishop Poole for his strong support of this bid and for its successful presentation at Diocesan Council. The Church Wardens should be commended for their active pursuit of this sale through their preparation, staging and readying of the property, as well as the higher than expected sale price of \$350,000 – thanks be to God.

As always, our people resources are our most precious. At Christ Church, we are blessed to have strong, competent and committed leaders without whom we would not have achieved many of our goals for the year. Our leadership team continues 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

This past year Vestry passed a significant deficit budget of \$38,000. In 2015 God blessed us abundantly by bringing forth new parish families and increased levels of giving so that we finished the year with a deficit of only \$2,200. Through God's grace and the sacrificial giving of so many faithful folks, new resources for ministry were made available. We are grateful to our new Envelope Secretary Caroline Atkinson for her tireless work and immediate follow up of new people and for the manner in which she serves with great care, attention and confidentiality. Improved new-comer tracking and welcoming has also borne fruit as well. Most especially, I want to thank all those who took the time to prayerfully and proactively discern what they planned to give to Christ Church. Thank you to all who made a pledge.

Parish Life

We are a congregation that loves to gather not only for worship, but for times of service, learning and fellowship. We gather for fun and fellowship during coffee hour, progressive dinners, breakfasts, funeral and special receptions, movies, concerts, field trips, youth, family and senior events. We gather to serve, nurture, support and encourage, to give and to receive,

to listen and to pray, to serve and to worship. We take our place in our city, diocese and in the wider Christian community serving each other as well as the stranger.

Outreach

Christ Church is a parish that has a strong commitment to outreach and social justice. As an Anglican Parish in the Diocese of Toronto, we contribute to the work of the church across the diocese and around the world through our allotment. Through clergy discretionary funds, individuals and families were given support for 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*, *Knight's Table* and *The Bridge* ministries. 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*. I am privileged to play an active role in our wider Ecumenical and Anglican community through the Brampton Ministerial Association, the board of *Regeneration* and as a member of the York Credit-Valley Area Council.

Conclusion

I am deeply grateful for the faithful members of this congregation, its strong lay leadership as well as our committed and dedicated staff. I want to recognize the many hours of dedicated and creative leadership provided by our Church Wardens Paul Wren, Peter Harvey, Jeff White and Janet Volkes. Space limits mentioning everyone by name but please know that the part you played is enthusiastically recognized and deeply appreciated.

Something New!! This fall, nominations of individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the parish are being sought from parishes in North Peel (Brampton & Caledon). Nomination forms are available through the Diocesan website, in the Courier and in our Harvest mailing. While only one can receive the award, we intend to honour all of our nominees. Please be sure to nominate a layperson you know who has served the church in a significant way! And, plan to attend a special Jazz Vespers service to celebrate all of our nominees, on *All Saints' Day*, Sunday November 1st at 4:00 pm.

This past year stretched us and challenged us to rely on God. Our Lord proved more than faithful in every way.

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in [us] will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus”. *Philippians 1:6*.

Yours in Christ,

Byron+

Christ Church (Brampton) Congregational Statistics

	F2014	F2015
Average Sunday Attendance ^{See Note Below}	236	248
Number of Easter Communions	694	488
Number of Baptisms	8	12
Number of Confirmations ^{See Note Below}	10	0
Number of Burials	18	26
Number of Weddings	5	1

Notes:

1. This represents a year over year **increase in average Sunday attendance of 5%**
2. Confirmations take place at The Great Vigil of Easter on the even-numbered years with preparation starting the fall of the odd numbered years.

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

SUMMARIES

Annual Vestry Report 2014
October 6, 2014

&

Special Vestry
February 8, 2015

ANNUAL VESTRY – OCTOBER 6TH, 2014

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Vestry (below) were original released on November 11th, 2014 in draft format until approved at the next meeting of Vestry

Minutes of the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Monday, October 6th, 2014 at 7:30 in the evening. The meeting was held in the church.

Following an opening hymn and prayer, The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore took the chair for the 164th Annual Vestry. He gave thanks for all who participated in the various ministries that took place throughout 2012. Byron presented the rules of the road and followed by those present reciting the Collect for Purity.

The pastoral letters received from The Most Reverend Colin P. Johnson and the Right Reverend Philip Poole were published in the Annual Vestry Report for 2014.

An attendance sheet for all to sign was circulated. Martha Whittaker was appointed Vestry Clerk.

MOTIONS:

The following motions were moved, seconded and carried.

1. That the Agenda for the Annual Vestry meeting of October 6, 2014 be accepted. The motion was moved by Paul Wren and seconded by Peter Harvey.
2. That the minutes of the Annual Vestry of September 23, 2013 be accepted. The motion was moved by Bill Whittaker and seconded by Karen Harper.
3. That we approve the reports of the church groups and organizations as published. The motion was moved by Sally Campbell and seconded by Joan Powell.
4. The following appointments were made:

Rector	The Reverend Byron R. Gilmore
Rector's Warden	Peter Harvey
People's Warden	Paul Wren
Deputy Rector's Warden	Jeffrey White
Deputy People's Warden	Janet Volkes
Treasurer	Thomas Barnes
Engagement Reviewer	Peter Volkes
Parish Administrator	Martha Whittaker
Envelope Secretary	Carolynne Atkinson
Heritage Committee	Stanley Sam, Ray DesRochers Sean Joseph

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 were moved by Cathy Archdekin and Earl Andrews and seconded by Karen Harper and Bob England, respectively.

5. That Kathy Newbert (moved by Nancy Kee, seconded by Valerie Brown), Shumaila Desrochers (moved by Peter Harvey, seconded by Sally Campbell) and Roger Gregoire (moved by Paul Wren, seconded by Nancy Kee) be elected as lay members of Synod with Jeff Smith (moved by George Stephens, seconded by Bill Whittaker) as an alternate. Nominations were sought from the floor with no response.
6. The following positions were appointed to serve on the Advisory Board:
 - a. Rector
 - b. Wardens
 - c. Lay Reps (including alternative) to Synod
 - d. Parish Administrator
7. Alison Edwards-Crewe was elected to serve on the Advisory Board as a Member at Large. Further nominations were sought from the floor with no response. The motion was moved by Ruth Walter and seconded by Jane Harvey.
8. That the signing officers of Christ Church be any two of the following positions: Rector's Warden, People's and Treasurer. The motion was moved by George Stephens and seconded Ken Egbuna

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT (presented by Valerie Brown, Envelope Secretary)

We reviewed the Contribution Range and Contribution Summary Reports.

Parishioners are asked to destroy expired envelopes.

Byron Gilmore took the opportunity to thank Valerie for her good work and diligence in her years as Envelope Secretary.

The motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report was moved by Nancy Kee and seconded by Inez Moore. Motion was carried.

2014 FINANCIAL REPORT (presented by Peter Volkes,)

Fiscal 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) represented our first completed year with a June 30th year-end. Financial statements were also presented in a new format that combined the Heritage and General Funds as per accounting principles. While these funds are reported together, they are held separately. Also included in the Statements are funds held in the Consolidated Trust that is managed by the Diocese of Toronto. These funds are a result of selling the rectory some years ago.

Christ Church can normally count on between \$4,500 and \$5,000 per year in dividend income.

Copies of the Financial Statement were made October 5, 2014 are a watermarked draft by MNP LLP, who prepared them, until they are approved by Vestry.

Concerned discussion took place with regard to the growing debt and that current operating expenses were being paid from funds designated for either memorials and/or outreach.

MOTIONS

1. Noting the following correction “*no expenses shall be charged to the Stained Glass portion of the Heritage Fund and that the \$511 expense will be transferred from the Stained Glass to the Heritage Fund*”, the motion to approve the Financial Statements was moved by Sally Campbell and seconded by Shumaila Desrochers. Motion was carried.
2. As per the Guidelines, the Fund Cap was proposed and voted on prior to 2015 operating budget and discussion. A motion was moved by Peter Volkes, seconded by Holly Adam and was carried to set the 2015 Fund Cap at \$200,000.

2015 BUDGET (Initially covered in greater detail at Pre-Vestry, Sunday October 5th, 2014)

The goal of the Corporation is to build financial stability with full knowledge of the current financial picture. The deficit budget of (\$38,146) presented cannot be approved without a solution to the growing debt. A vote on a motion to accept the F2015 budget was deferred until after the Debt Reduction Motion.

The following key budget assumptions were presented:

- ✓ General and Loose Offerings will increase by 3% over previous year’s actual offerings. (*Planned offerings remain unchanged year over year*)
- ✓ Positive financial impact of *Our Faith, Our Hope* is tapering off.
- ✓ Year over year budgeted income reduced by 2.4%
- ✓ Expenses will decrease by 2% with continued monitoring even with extraordinary expenses of \$21,000 accounting for in 2015.
- ✓ Stewardship education and efforts will continue.

DEBT REDUCTION MOTION (Presented by Peter Volkes; full motion released October 5th, 2014)

To address our growing debt (\$56,267 as at June 30th, 2014 and forecasted to be \$94,403 as at June 30th, 2015) two options were presented. One of these options is to be approved prior to approving the budget. These options are:

1. Option A: Sell 18 Elizabeth Street

Borrow \$50,000 from the Heritage Fund in order to meet the immediate cash needs the Operating Fund of Christ Church (Brampton). Funds received from Heritage would be used to bridge the Church’s operating finances until the sale of the property held at 18 Elizabeth Street North.

2. Option B: Transfer from Heritage

Distinct from the Heritage Fund Guideline and cap-setting mechanism, transfer \$100,000 from the Heritage Fund in four payments of \$25,000

Much discussion ensued about what each process would look like (Vestry and Diocesan approvals, property owned by the Diocese of Toronto therefore Christ Church would be entitled to 50% of the proceeds), what would the funds be used for (address liabilities), what is the role of the Church (ministry vs. residential landlord), what might we be giving up (limited income, property is not adjacent, future repairs), what, if any, are the alternatives.

MOTIONS

The motion to sell 18 Elizabeth Street North, Option A, was moved by Peter Volkes and seconded by Nancy Kee. The motion carried with a margin of 28 votes to 7 votes.

Following the Debt Reduction motion, Paul Wren moved to pass the F2015 Budget with Janet Volkes seconding it. The motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned Paul Wren at 9:50 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer.

SPECIAL VESTRY – FEBRUARY 8, 2015

As per Canon 6 of the Diocese of Toronto, Christ Church (Brampton) held a Special Vestry as 10:15 am to set the minimum selling price of 18 Elizabeth Street North. The following motion was moved, seconded and carried.

Vestry authorizes the minimum selling price of 18 Elizabeth Street North to be not less than \$260,000.

Reports to Vestry 2015

SECTION I DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES (SUNDAY SCHOOL) 2015

During the 2014 – 2015 Sunday school year we did not make changes to our Sunday school program. With the departure of Rev. Stephanie and the arrival of Robert a decision was made to keep things as they were for the transition.

Registration and Attendance

Registration for each Sunday school year begins in September and is on-going throughout the school year. We saw a decrease in the number of children registered in our Sunday school program this past year.

We also saw a decrease in weekly attendance. The majority of children participating in the program attend at the 9:00 am service. This year we saw a decrease in the consistency of attendance at that service, whereas the 10:45 service remained the same.

In June, we saw a large number of our children graduate from the Sunday school program and move into the Youth Group program.

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. We continued using the Kids’ Travel Guide curriculum series for our Sunday school classes. This year the focus was on the Fruits of the Spirit and the Armour of God.

We also introduced Children’s Worship Services this year. These were times when our Sunday school classes would combine and engage in a Worship experience that mimicked being in a regular liturgical worship service.

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 2014 year our teachers were:

Kim Gilmore

Heather Robinson

Judy Hughes

Gini Samuel

Kathy Newbert

Nadine Scott

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.

-- Andrea White (Sunday School Coordinator)

COOL Church

Cool Church

During the summer months our regular Sunday School program and teachers are relieved of their weekly commitment to allow volunteer teachers a time of rejuvenation. As a result a summer program is installed to offer an uninterrupted solution for families visiting and attending during the 10:00am service.

This summer the Cool Church program was elevated by the hiring of two youths, Breanna Sobers-Barrett and Renee Goodridge. The two worked together to create a fun and exciting learning experience. The summer program was a success!

Special Events

The Family Advent event included a message from Pastor Robert, family activities, songs, crafts, and a warm lunch. The event welcomed approximately 40 children and parents combined. Special thanks to Martha Whittaker, Heather Robinson and Kathy Gilpin who organized the food, activities, and crafts for the children as we prepared for the Christmas Season.



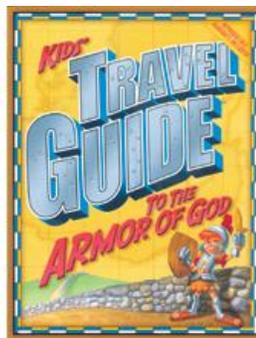
YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

The summer of 2014 introduced a new Youth Pastor and Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Robert Robinson. Robert also brought with him his wife Heather and two children, Mayah and Brandon to the Christ Church assembly. The main focus was to provide a seamless transition in the functional programming already in place.

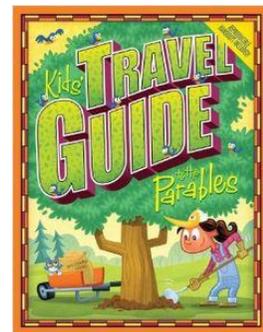
The seamless transition was possible as a result of a team of willing volunteers. Special thanks goes out to all the leaders who made it happen: Shumaila Desrochers and Charlene Bickerstaffe (Nursery Coordinators), Andrea White (Sunday School Coordinator), Kim Gilmore, Paul Wren, Karen Woolley and Jeff White (Youth Ministry), Renee Goodridge and Breanna Sobers-Barrett (Cool Church), and Heather Robinson (Vacation Bible School).

Programming Highlights:

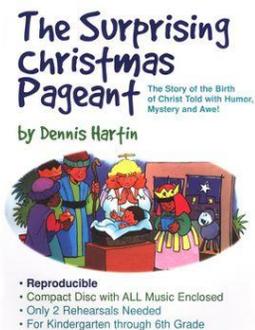
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Andrea White continued her tenure as the Sunday School Coordinator and led the team of teachers with the Kids' Travel Guide curriculum for another year. The curriculum covered *The Armor of God* and *The Fruit of the Spirit*. The class layout included a junior and senior class at the nine o'clock service and a combined class at the ten forty-five service.



COOL CHURCH: In June, the summer Sunday School program began again, also known as **Cool Church**. Another installment of the Kids' Travel Guide series was used which focused on the *Parables of Jesus*. Both Breanna and Renee transformed the Canon Allen room with *cool decorations, cool lessons, and cool activities!*



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: In December, the Christmas Pageant was a success with the help of Nancy Kee working with the young cast. The Christmas Pageant presentation was another Dennis Hartin script, *The Surprising Christmas Pageant*. A huge thanks to Nancy, Andrea, Jeff, and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make it a success.



YOUTH GROUP: The youth schedule included many familiar events such as the popular Progressive and Reverse Progressive dinners hosted by some of Christ Church's finest. Other highlights included Laser Tag, Games Nights, Concert Night at TSO, and the Youth Retreat. A special thank you to all the amazing families who opened their homes to our group this past year, you all made every event special!



Regressive Dinner – June 6, 2015

YOUNG ADULTS: A College & Careers event was organized to create an outlet and environment for the young adults at Christ Church. The event was well attended and we hope to plan more unique events like this in the coming year.



Young Adult Dinner – April 27, 2015

MOM'S GROUP: A mom's group was started this past year to provide a supportive network for mothers in Christ Church. Kim Gilmore led the way with the help of Lisa Lipson organizing three successful events. Each event included great food and fellowship for all in attendance!

I realize that ministry to the family is an important aspect of the Christ Church agenda. Churches are founded on the strength of healthy Christian families who intertwine their entire family in the fabric of the church. This includes volunteering or participating in active ministries that promote discipleship development. In the efforts to continue ministry at the level we have started, more leaders and volunteers are needed to support the existing infrastructure. Simply put, Youth and Family Ministries needs the help of more volunteers to maintain our programs.

In His Name,

Robert Robinson



Mom's Dinner – December 1, 2014



Mom's Dinner – February 26, 2015



Senior Youth Retreat – May 16th to May 18th, 2015

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SECTION II LITURGY & WORSHIP



ALTAR GUILD 2015

The Alter 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.

Marie Phipps-Bunting has stepped down as the Coordinator of the Alter Guild many years. We also had a few other retirements, and as a result we now have 4 members to our 6 teams. In additions to these teams, we also have volunteers who deliver the Alter Flowers each week to the ill or shut-in – always welcome 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.

Twice a year, the alter guild meet for an evening service of Compline – a beautiful, peaceful service from the Book of Common Prayer. This sets the tone for our meetings as we discuss the preparations for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Harvest. Palm cross making is also done my members of the Alter Guild with the help of other members of the congregation – both male and female.

All members of the Alter Guild are thankful for the years of dedication and leadership that Marie has provided. Great appreciation is extended to all the ladies on the Alter Guild for their dedication, commitment and support. Christ Church is blessed with such a strong and dedicated group of women who never fail to assist in making our church look lovely. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Moffatt
Coordinator



ELAS AND READERS 2015

Some parishioners maybe wondering what a “Eucharistic Lay Assistant (ELA)” does, what a “Reader” does and what the difference is between the two.

A “Reader” is one who reads either the Old Testament Lesson and/or the New Testament lesson, sometimes referred to as the “Epistle.” The position of a Reader is in part symbolic, acting to remind the congregation of their identity as the Body of Christ, and as such, the lay reader should not be set apart in such a way as to create an unnecessary distinction between themselves and other members of the parish.

An ELA also does the readings, but in addition, s/he is there to assist the priest in areas of the service, except those parts of the service specifically appointed for the clergy. An ELA also helps with the preparation of the altar for Communion. The main role of the ELA is to assist in the administration of the bread and/or chalice at Holy Communion.

An ELA is also authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration.

The ELAs have been licensed by the Bishop of Toronto to assist clergy in the execution of many duties surrounding our worship.

Here at Christ Church we have a very dedicated group of Eucharistic Lay Assistants and Readers at our three services and who are faithful to the ministry they are called to. If you feel called to either of these ministries, please let Byron or me aware of your calling. From time to time we schedule training for our Eucharistic Lay Assistants and Readers.

We were sorry to see one of our Readers from the 7:45 a.m. service, Anne Brown, leave us as she and her husband Frank moved to Saskatoon. We wish Anne and Frank all the best in their new home and faith community. However, we warmly welcome Stanley Sam into our roster of readers at our 9:00 am service.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Smith



PARISH REGISTRIES 2015

Baptisms

August 10, 2014

Kaydance Katherine Julia Diccio born December 20, 2013

September 21, 2014

Celina Rahim Bakhsh born July 1, 2014

Brielle Aliyah Chantelle Roach born May 27, 2014

November 2, 2014 – All Saints (translated)

Quinn Marie Kay Howlett born February 24, 2014

Lily Renée Hall born May 10, 2014

Cole Stanley Saulnier born December 27, 2013

Danté Desmond Duncan born April 19, 2014

February 15, 2015 – Last Sunday after Epiphany

Emmett Trevor Cote born August 30, 2014

Shane Kyle Cote as an adult

Marcus Xavier Ritchie Moore born October 10, 2014

May 31, 2015 – Trinity Sunday

Ivy Mae Rego born August 28, 2014

Rachel Kenney Barcelo Pelleja Clarke born January 9, 2015

Marriages

September 20, 2014

Katie Sarah Daniels and Jesse Robert Saluati

Funerals & Memorials

July 20, 2014

Linda Geraldine Ballard born April 7, 1952 died July 6, 2014

July 15, 2014

Marie Gertrude Stansel born May 26, 1925 died July 11, 2014

July 16, 2014

James Shepard Harrison born September 27, 1940 died July 13, 2014

August 9, 2014

Ethel Helliwell born May 21, 1925 died August 5, 2014

August 27, 2014

Gordon Edward Early born February 13, 1938 died August 24, 2014

September 6, 2014

Robert David Peel born March 19, 1941 died September 3, 2014

September 9, 2014

Gayle Elizabeth Helesic born April 16, 1940 died September 4, 2014

October 24, 2014 (Interment)

Diane Marie Yvonne Giroux born July 18, 1946 died August 9, 2014

November 12, 2014

Claude Featherstone Clifton born October 17, 1926 died November 7, 2014

November 14, 2014

Mary Hannah Ringler born March 8, 1923 died November 10, 2014

December 29, 2014

Ethel Margaret Mee born February 3, 1930 died December 26, 2014

January 6, 2015

Helen (“Pat”) Patricia Nichols born May 22, 1951 died December 23, 2014

January 9, 2015

Marion Hedstrom born February 17, 1931 died January 2, 2015

February 28, 2015

Gordon James Thompson born May 2, 1925 died February 20, 2015

March 12, 2015

Robert (“Bob”) Kenneth Post born January 6, 1925 died March 8, 2015

March 13, 2015

Michael Anthony Sloski born January 19, 1924 died March 8, 2015

March 21, 2015

Randolph Hamlet born April 25, 1952 died March 10, 2015

April 4, 2015

David William Frederick Laing born April 14, 1950 died March 27, 2015

April 17, 2015

Margret Frida Villiers born March 19, 1933 died April 9, 2015

June 6, 2015

Keith Leroy Kelly born June 19, 1964 died May 30, 2015.

June 6, 2015

Helen Dorothy Kiernan born May 16, 1936 died June 1, 2015

June 13, 2015

Nellie Adella McCandless born January 2, 1934 died June 4, 2015

June 20, 2015

Margaret Lillian Usher born April 28, 1942 died June 20, 2015

June 19, 2015 (Interment)

Richard Donald Stewart born September 10, 1931 died March 10, 2010

June 19, 2015 (Interment)

Audrey Stewart born November 28, 1933 died March 12, 2015

June 26, 2015

Graham Crawford born August 30, 1941 died June 22, 2015.

PRAISE TEAM 2015

The past year was an eventful one for the Praise Team. We had new members join and through enthusiasm and hard work, we quickly developed into a cohesive group. Each member is honing their talent and this is strengthened by their commitment to the team.

A lot of hard work went into developing and presenting our fourth *Advenio; Reflections of the Season* Concert. The theme was *The Journey to Home*. We were pleased to welcome parishioners, as well as visitors on that evening. We are already working on this year's Advenio presentation and look forward to your support for our concert. This is a home grown presentation and this year we will be trying new things.

Collaboration with the youth program was new this year. We engaged in a worship service to welcome the Lenten season and a good time was had by all. We look forward to more such collaborations.

We continue to rehearse on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings and our mission remains the same; lead the congregation in worship, connecting the music to the ministering of the word of the Lord. I appreciate the commitment of team members and am grateful for their willingness to share their talents.

We continue to have fun in our ministry and hope that others find blessing in the singing of these songs. If anyone is interested in joining the Praise Team and at least 13 years of age, please speak to Sally Campbell. We have need of a drummer, bass player and someone willing to commit to helping with sound.

The current Praise Team members are; Cathy Clark, Trevor Lee, Heather Gregoire, Debbie Smyth, Kayla Goodridge, Avery Gilmour and Sally Campbell.

Sally Campbell

Praise Team Director



Children's Focus with Pastor Robert



Celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Prayer Stone People's Church – January 25, 2015

SIDESPERSIONS 2015

Our sidespersons' group had another successful and fulfilling year in 2015. 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. With the Sunday offering count moved from Sunday to a weekday, we have more opportunity to worship together with our parish family and be more available to provide that welcoming face to Christ Church. 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.

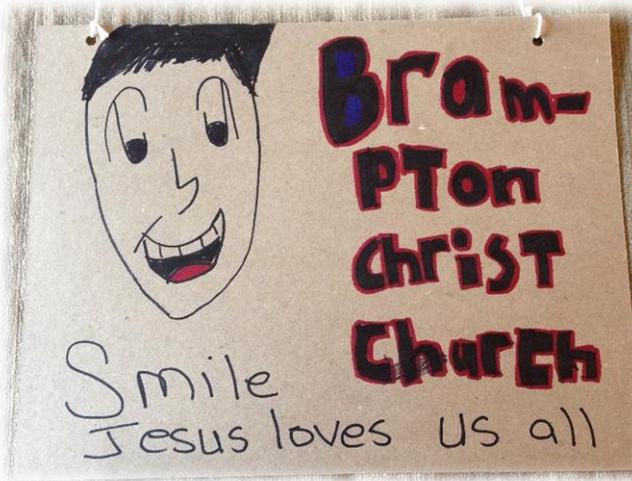
Our group is always looking to expand ~ speak to me or anyone one of us about this rewarding ministry

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 DECEMBER 2014

Report (for Fiscal 2015) originally published in the 2015 Pentecost Courier

Spring is here and it seems unusual to be reporting upon Caring and Sharing, so late after Christmas! With our year end change, this will be the first year our Clergy reports upon Christmas are due in June. It certainly may seem odd to have a Courier insert upon Christmas in May but I assure you, this is the time we look ahead for 2015 and is helpful as we reflect on the past Christmas. **Thank You! Christ Church, you done good last Christmas!** *Pardon the slang.*

As I was told recently, “We did a lot of good last Christmas”, and that we did in Jesus name, bringing his message, “You are loved”. We spread this love to families referred from within our Parish and referred to us from our partners in Christ’s Love; Honey Church Woman’s Shelter, Regeneration and The Knights Table. As always, we took on more than we expected we could possibly provide for and God did provide the impossible. Each year He provides extra help to complete the task and a few who go over and above! Thank You to those who did this exceptional work. You know who you are! Love You!

We were slightly in the hole this year but God did provide for our needs and stockpiled some supplies for next year. I expect a few items were going up in price.... It actually amazes me with all the groceries, gift cards, turkeys, hams, presents, and stockings we provided, not to mention the last minute chaos to cover off, that we did not overspend more! I have strong faith, but doubt is always there.

Kelly joined in to help organize and found it was a different experience for her than in 2013 when she was involved in the adoption of one of our families. This past year she was also helping to make sure that all of our families were provided for by our parish. She thought, “The experience was a little bit emotional and overwhelming; until I actually saw that people really do care. Sometimes it’s hard to believe that people are without in this century. 20 families had been adopted and did get to experience the feeling of hope which comes from knowing that people still care enough to find time to help others even in this crazy world we live in. Every little good deed helps.”

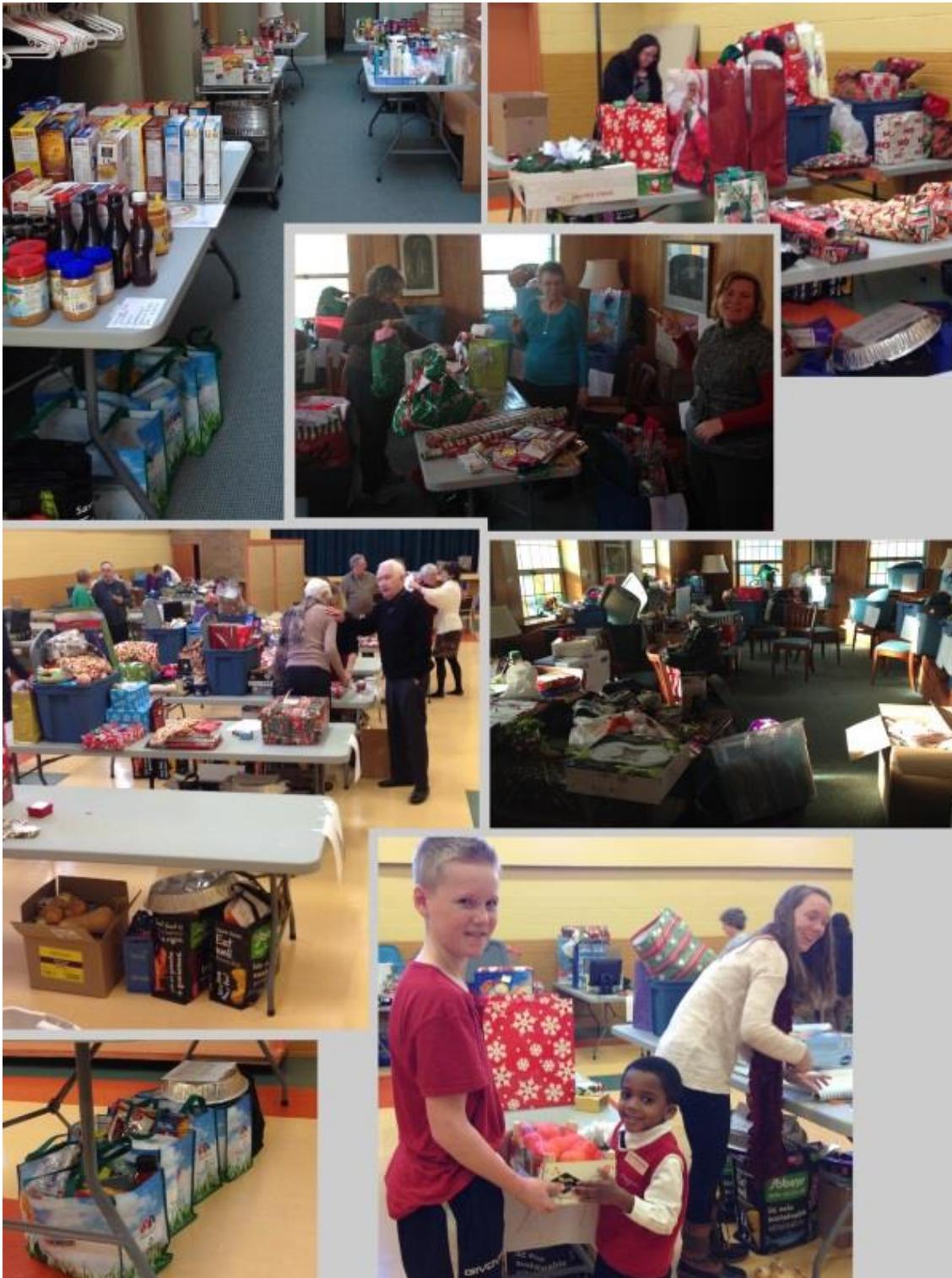
My niece Jamie helped us deliver this year and received the biggest, most heartfelt, full of love HUG she has ever received on behalf of all who participated. For a 16 yr old, it is a long long day, shopping, wrapping, packing and lifting but that HUG made the whole day into a memory that she will cherish her lifetime. This same woman (mother of 6) sent me a text at Easter to you all, “God Bless You!”.

One of Christ Church’s’ moms told me she left a home delivery in “Happy Tears”, as they brought an exceptional bundle of Christmas to a door. I also heard, it was a day of great joy and thanksgiving at Regeneration when a mom received all that was provided for her and her boys. She was absolutely overwhelmed that this was done for them. This same mom was unable to be delivered to as she was busy volunteering her time for others. Good choice God!

As I reflect upon 2015 and recall the heartfelt stories, the strain of another year of service melts away.

In a few short months we will begin to look for those to whom we will provide for this Christmas. If you have any ideas, don’t be shy.

Thankfully submitted,
Jeannie Jamieson
Coordinator



Caring and Sharing Preparations – December 2015

CHRISTMAS TREE BAZAAR 2014

Report (for Fiscal 2015) originally published in the 2015 Pentecost Courier

Once the summer is over and we now enter into the fall, the Bazaar will be already starting to have momentum for the 70th Christmas Tree Bazaar. The craft night will be starting, the recruiting of new volunteers and setting the date for the initial meeting. The Bazaar convenors meet formally twice, once before the Bazaar to work out any details and once after the Bazaar to disburse monies. But that doesn't mean that there isn't a lot of planning and co-ordinating behind the scene.

The 2014 Bazaar saw some new faces as Convenors: Sonia Sobers, Janet Francis, Sue Reeves, and Maddie Hodder. It also saw the return of Ruth Walters to the Gem Table. It cannot be said often enough, that volunteers are always welcome, especially in the leadership roles. It is nice to be able "to share the load."

We had to do some reconfiguring of the table because of the space issue, the men's table moved to a larger space. Tim needed to spread his out his wares. The gift baskets have been doing very well and needed a table of their own, so they have moved into the Tim's old spot. Catharine Archdekin has decided it time to hang up the gloves and retire from the deli table. So to ease our way into the transition, the deli table moved up close to the International table. Next year, these two tables will be merged. We also tried to update the Café by serving "soup and sandwiches". There are still a few "teething pains", but on the whole it appeared to be a success.

The total amount raised on the day of bazaar was \$9,750.00. A week later, we held the mini-bazaar, raising an additional \$761.00. The total amount collected is \$10,510.

We met in March to disburse the funds. After the expenses and holdback for the 2015 bazaar, we dispersed \$10,000.00. After much discussion and consideration of all the requests, in light of the needs of the Church and outreach, we dispersed the funds as follows:

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| 1. Software Upgrade | \$3,000 |
| 2. Cool Church | \$1,500 |
| 3. Vacation Bible School | \$1,500 |
| 4. Clergy Discretionary Funds | \$2,000 |
| 5. 2 nd Brampton Scouts | \$ 500 |

Mark your calendar for November 14, 2015 for the 70th Christmas Tree Bazaar.

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

2014 Christmas Tree Bazaar Disbursements

Approved: March 03, 2015

Revenue		2014
Opening Balance	\$	2,295
Bazaar	\$	9,695
Mini Bazaar	\$	1,041
Total Revenue	\$	13,032

Expenses		
Kathy Newbert (Hand Cart & Expenses)	\$	487
Christ Church (New Stock Pots)	\$	136
Total Expenses	\$	623

2014 Balance \$ 12,409

Less Holdback	-\$	2,408
Funds Available for Disbursement	\$	10,001

Disbursements		Bazaar 2014 Approved
CCB Software Upgrade; Clergy Request	\$	3,000
CCB Cool Church; Clergy Request	\$	1,500
CCB Vacation Bible School; Clergy Request	\$	3,000
Clergy Discretion	\$	2,000
2nd Brampton Scouts	\$	500
Total Disbursements	\$	10,000

Total Balance \$ 2,409

THE 69TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE BAZAAR
Saturday, November 8, 2014



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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)

CATERING 2015

Sincere thanks and our deep appreciation go out to Eleanor Cowan and Edna Pearce for their dedication to Christ Church Catering Group for decades of service. They were honoured on May 13 at our Parish Fellowship Group meeting where Rev. Byron Gilmore presented them each with a certificate of service and a potted garden floral arrangement. We then enjoyed a celebratory cake and goodies.

The Catering Committee continues with two teams of ladies. Team 1's co-captains are Lydia Bennett and Jeanne Stephens, and Team 2 is co-captained by Jean Haynes and Helen Lahie. Each team has approximately 15-18 members.

It has been our privilege to serve at two funeral receptions, Men's Breakfast, Rev. Byron's 20th Ordination Anniversary, and Vera Cox's 100th birthday reception.

We have purchased 6 new white table clothes, cutlery, and have been the lucky recipient of beautiful charcoal and burgundy tablecloths very generously donated by Evelyn St. Clair.

I am most appreciative of the support I have received in this new venture. A very big thanks to everyone on our catering committee, both for your service and preparation of food donations.

I also would like to thank Martha Whittaker for her very helpful assistance, and John Hall and his crew for their cheerful willingness in setting up and clearing tables and chairs at these functions.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanne Stephens

Co-ordinator, Christ Church Catering Committee



Edna Pearce, Byron Gilmore and Eleanor Cowan – May 2015

THE PARISH FELLOWSHIP GROUP 2015

In September of 2014, we held our annual pot-luck, and welcomed our members back from the summer.

On October 1, our fundraiser was a bus trip to Orillia, cruise lunch, and a trip to the Stephens Leacock Museum. October meeting was held at Alderlea. We toured the elegant newly renovated estate building on Elizabeth St. S.

It was decided in November that we would hold our meetings at 1:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month instead of in the evening.

Our December meeting was held at Victoria Cuthbert's home and we enjoyed games, festive food and fellowship.

Over the winter months in 2015, we explored merging with the Parish Group, and in February, the Christ Church Parish Fellowship Group began.

Throughout the spring, we decided to have a Lunch Euchre and Bridge Card Party for our fundraiser this year, and have set the date for Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 12 noon.

In April, we invited Vijeetha Raviraj, PT Physiotherapy Lead for Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) to speak with us about free physiotherapy classes to seniors. This program targets prevention action to develop strength and balance.

Anne Demme, her daughter Mona, and Dot Joshua hosted a Spring Tea in Anne's beautiful backyard in June. We all enjoyed the goodies which Anne had made, and lively socializing followed.

Throughout the year we help support Christ Church through giving Reverend Gilmore discretionary funds, as well as Regeneration, Cheshire Homes, Salvation Army Honeychurch Resource Centre, The Knights Table and The Bridge.

Respectfully submitted

Jeanne Stephens

President

SCOUTS CANADA 2ND BRAMPTON 2015

2nd Brampton Scouting Group has had another busy year. We had 3 Beavers swim up to Cubs and 2 Cubs complete the 6 Star program. Although our numbers are dropping we are still trying to run a quality program promoting respect for others, respect for themselves, life and social skills

This coming year we will be losing 3 leaders Mathew Redl, Steven Braun and Stacey Holloway but we have a new Leader in the Cub and Scout program Steve Kavanaugh who brings many years of experience with the Scouting program.

This fall the Cubs and Scouts will be meeting on Tuesday evenings to start and as the enrollment increases will split off to Mondays and Tuesdays.

We are looking for any kids 5-7 for Beavers 8-10 for Cubs 11-13 for Scouts and adults 18 plus for leaders that like the outdoors, crafts, camping, skating, swimming, playing games and earning badges. Our program runs from September to June for \$175.00 registration & uniform and dues.

Yours in Scouting,

Jean Redl

Group Commissioner

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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 June, we hosted a workshop open to our parishioners, and to the wider community, entitled, "Independence for Seniors at Home.". This workshop was well received and very well attended. Information re: community resources available to help seniors remain at home were provided by 2 agencies, "Home Instead" and "CCAC" (Community Care Access Centre).

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



Christ Church
B-R-A-M-P-T-O-N

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH FROM 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM AT CHRIST CHURCH

"INDEPENDENCE FOR SENIORS AT HOME"



We have arranged for speakers from the public, volunteer and private sectors – Community Care Access Centre ("CCAC"), Elder Help Peel and Home Instead – who will help us understand some of the resources that are available and how to access them.

There will be light refreshments and a time of questions and answers.

This workshop would be of interest not only seniors but also to family members, friends and neighbours who are often involved in providing care.

Parking:
Medical Arts Building (118 Queen St. W.)
Peel Mutual Insurance (103 Queen St. W)

PRAYER TEAM 2015

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

Telephone: 905-451-9106

Email: jharvey9106@rogers.com

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 four people have received or are receiving the booklets.

Gloria Watts

Christ Church celebrates the birth of Princess Charlotte, May 2, 2015



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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 2015

2015 has been a transition time with Valerie Brown turning over the position of Envelope Secretary to Carolynne Atkinson. As with any transition, there are bumps along the way but great strides have been made and I have enjoyed the challenge.

- ✓ Offertory envelope information is inputted into our database on a weekly or bi-weekly basis thus providing current individual contribution information.
- ✓ Reports are reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure that any discrepancies or inaccuracies are captured and corrected on a timely.
- ✓ There was some clean-up to be done with regard to the reduction in our envelope sets over the past couple of years. We are hopeful that this work has been completed and no more changes will be needed.
- ✓ Pre-Authorized Remittances (“PAR”) are also inputted on a monthly basis and totals are reported to the Treasurer for allocation to the different funds (e.g. general offerings, FaithWorks, Clergy Discretion, etc.)
- ✓ Fund Descriptions have been updated to better reflect various ministries where your offerings may be placed (e.g. we no longer have an account for fundraising for a well in Africa)
- ✓ Significant time was spent on our Parish List. While this is always a work in progress and getting familiar with it was a challenge, we believe that we are moving in the right direction.
- ✓ We have been working directly with the Count Teams to make sure that they have accurate information as to current envelope subscriber numbers.
- ✓ With a better understanding of the PowerChurch system, I was able to assist the Corporation by providing them with cumulative results regarding Stewardship Pledging Focus.

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 1-180)
- 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)
- v. One-time receipts, or persons that are no longer members of the parish (moved, died, etc.) (8,000+)

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 or you may contact the Envelope Secretary, a Warden or the Church Office to confirm. When in doubt as to your number, please use your name. This goes a long way to ensure accurate receipting.

Envelope sets

We currently have in use boxed sets of envelopes from 1 – 180. This reduction over the past few years is a direct result of many parishioners converting to PAR. All envelope subscribers now have been assigned to this range.

- ✓ While we don't see this much anymore, it is essential that you do not use previous year's envelopes. **2016 envelopes will be distributed during the first week of Advent 2015.**
- ✓ This also applies to donors who have changed to the PAR system. PAR users are kindly asked to use their new envelope number (numbered 1,000 to 1,999) or their name to ensure accurate contribution records. **For those on PAR, we will provide you with a set of pre-numbered envelopes during the first week of Advent.**

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)

The PAR 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 **\$11,300** per month. 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 PAR donors fluctuates slightly throughout the year, on average **58%** of our regular donors (*Envelope Subscribers vs. PAR*) take advantage of this method of donating ~ this is a very healthy average of average. **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. special offerings).

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 – Contribution Range Report (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)

Contribution Range	Total Records		Envelope Subscribers		PAR		400s		Other	
	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given
\$ - to \$ 100	526	\$ 5,132	24	\$ 932	3	\$ 14	42	\$ 1,370	460	\$ 2,816
\$ 101 to \$ 200	29	\$ 4,509	7	\$ 979	4	\$ 545	9	\$ 1,480	8	\$ 1,505
\$ 201 to \$ 300	29	\$ 7,577	14	\$ 3,735	6	\$ 1,612	3	\$ 670	5	\$ 1,560
\$ 301 to \$ 400	17	\$ 6,099	13	\$ 4,664			1	\$ 340	3	\$ 1,095
\$ 401 to \$ 500	16	\$ 7,472	7	\$ 3,110	3	\$ 1,452	2	\$ 910	4	\$ 2,000
\$ 501 to \$ 750	35	\$ 22,852	17	\$ 11,573	14	\$ 8,914	1	\$ 550	2	\$ 1,815
\$ 751 to \$ 1,000	28	\$ 23,952	18	\$ 14,924	10	\$ 9,028	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
\$ 1,001 to \$ 1,500	40	\$ 49,016	24	\$ 29,409	13	\$ 16,277	3	\$ 3,330	0	\$ -
\$ 1,501 to \$ 2,500	39	\$ 73,925	14	\$ 26,554	22	\$ 41,641	1	\$ 1,700	2	\$ 4,030
\$ 2,501 to \$ 5,000	27	\$ 93,232	15	\$ 53,330	11	\$ 34,902	0	\$ -	1	\$ 5,000
Over \$5001	11	\$ 89,460	5	\$ 42,105	5	\$ 40,305	1	\$ 7,050	0	\$ -
	797	\$383,226	158	\$191,315	91	\$154,690	63	\$ 17,400	485	\$ 19,821

Average Per Contributor \$ 481 \$ 1,211 \$ 1,700 \$ 276 \$ 41

The above table highlights our regular subscribers, specifically envelope subscribers and PAR. There are, however, a number of regular contributors in the 400 series that neither have a set of envelopes nor utilize PAR. In F2016, the 400s series will be reviewed for more accurate reporting, specifically at the lower range. In extracting (Table 2), only the Envelope and PAR subscribers, a more accurate view of the average gift per regular contributor is revealed.

Table 2 – Average Given Per Contributor (Envelope & PAR Only)

Envelope & PAR Subscribers	
# of Donors	249
Total Given	\$ 346,005
Average Per Contributor	\$ 1,390

Table 3 – Funds Report

The table below provides details with regard to the distribution of funds received.

General	\$	324,941
Seasonal	\$	25,592
Initial Offerings	\$	574
Altar Guild	\$	4,886
Name Tags	\$	15
	\$	<u>356,008</u>
Communities Ministries	\$	4,449
Discipleship Development	\$	2,031
Clergy Discretion	\$	3,462
Eurovangelism	\$	1,052
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$	135
Faithworks - LOFT	\$	346
Faithworks - The Bridge	\$	165
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$	2,387
Memorial - Heritage	\$	120
Memorial - Bacon	\$	500
Memorial - General	\$	9,180
PWRDF	\$	3,391
	\$	<u>27,218</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>383,226</u>

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.

Information presented above reflects a year-end of June 30th, however tax receipts are in accordance to the Canada Revenue Agency and reflect donations based on the calendar year. Tax receipts for calendar year of 2015 will be released the first week of February 2016.

I look forward to further getting even a better understanding of our data base and further refining our processes for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolynne Atkinson
 Envelope Secretary

PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2015

The property committee continues to address issues related to the church building and property.

We monitored the regular maintenance to our heating and cooling systems. As well, a plan for the refurbishment of the elevator will be implemented over the coming months.

A retro fit project was undertaken in June to replace old fashioned light bulbs with more energy efficient fluorescent bulbs and ballasts. This is noticeable in the better lighting all around the church.

Some members of the Property Committee worked many hours to prepare 18 Elizabeth for sale.

A Fire Evacuation Plan was prepared and presented to the congregation for practice and implementation.

As usual there were various small projects completed that keep our building safe and functioning.

The chair would like to thank all the members of the Property Committee for their contributions throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hughes

Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP 2015

Our Stewardship Focus period this year was throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter culminating with Commitment Sunday on Pentecost. On Pentecost Sunday, we blessed the pledges and came together in thanksgiving and fellowship at a Parish Potluck.

Early in the Easter season, parishioners were invited to make a confidential pledge of financial support to the ministry of Christ Church for the upcoming fiscal year. The pledge results provide valuable information to the Corporation before they start crafting the next year's budget. But, more importantly, pledging speaks to our hearts (and wallets!) as to our individual commitment to intentional giving in terms of Christian Stewardship.

Components of the Focus Period included preaching, bulletin announcements and, of course, thank you letters to those parishioners who did make a pledge. The cumulative results provided by our Envelope Secretary, Carolynne Atkinson, were as follows:

<u>Invited</u>	Invited		Pledges Responses					
		% of Total	Total	% of Invited	F2015	New	Change	%
PAR Subscribers	88	34%	34	39%	\$ 72,292	\$ 77,552	\$ 5,260	7%
Envelopes & 400's	172	66%	30	17%	\$ 50,901	\$ 60,390	\$ 9,489	19%
	260		64	25%	\$ 123,193	\$ 137,942	\$ 14,749	12%

We are thankful to those who made a faithful pledge to Christ Church and it was received with deep gratitude.

EASTER COMMITMENT FOCUS

As Christians, we are a people of gratitude. Easter, and the Great Fifty Days of Easter, is truly a reason for great thanksgiving. In this season we offer great thanks for the gift of the Risen Christ.

Our focus period ends on The Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, May 24th) with the Blessing of the Pledges followed by a Parish Potluck at 11:30 am.



"And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." (Matthew 5:40–42)



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