



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,  
plans for welfare and not for evil,  
to give you a future and a hope.”  
(Jeremiah 29:11)

## **ANNUAL VESTRY – OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

### Christ Church, Brampton

**Our Annual Report to Vestry tells the story of our parish ministries for the period of  
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

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## BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES, 2020

To our Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

Beloved in Christ, peace and grace be with you.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit...” These words from the Gospel of John, chapter 15, were spoken by Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper. They are tender – words spoken in the shadow of the cross to disciples who would become the Church. John 15 was also the centerpiece text for my charge to Synod in November 2019. If you have not had a chance to watch it, I invite you to [consider doing so](#). The imagery of the vine, the grower, and pruning for growth form the roots of the Priorities and Plans of the Diocese for the next two years, as they have done for our strategic plan *Growing in Christ* beginning in 2016.

Recently at a meeting I was asked by a lay member of Diocesan Council, “Bishop, what is your vision for the Diocese? In a word or two, what do you want us to do?”

And I said, “Simple...Grow!”

At its root the strategic plan calls us to “grow” in Christ. What does this mean, to grow in Christ?

It means that in all that we do, whether in our parishes, outreach ministries, diocesan ministries, chaplaincies and communities, we are summoned to flourish; in number, in maturity of faith, in our life of prayer and worship, in our leadership, in our embrace of a mission that calls us to move beyond the walls of the Church. To grow in Christ means to trust the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. To grow in Christ means that we sometimes have to let go of old structures and ways of doing things that keep us from taking the risks necessary to pursue the One we pledge to follow – Jesus.

Vestry provides one moment for every congregation to consider the challenge to grow in Christ. No matter the size of the community, no matter how large or small the budget, no matter the number of lay leaders or clergy, no matter the obstacles to balancing a budget...Are we doing all that we can to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ? What is one thing that we can do to deepen our discipleship? What is one thing that we can do to serve the needs of our neighbours? What is one thing that we can do to strengthen the bonds of affection that we have for each other?

Each year at vestry we ask you to consider supporting a social justice initiative through a particular motion. In the past we have asked vestries to consider addressing issues of poverty, raising the minimum wage and affordable housing. In 2020, we are asking you consider being good stewards of creation as we

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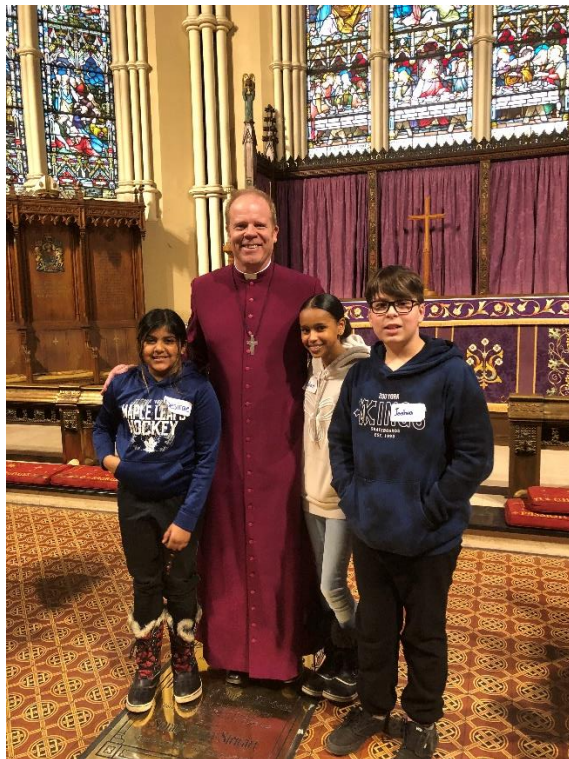
grapple with the growing climate emergency. We invite you to consider setting a goal to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

Sometimes we can focus only on what we don't have at our annual vestry meetings, not enough money, not enough time, not enough people, not enough... Sometimes we can spend too much time only thinking about how on earth we are going to balance the budget. That's not to say that balancing the budget isn't important...it is. Rather, consider the words of Jesus in John 15. In the face of a future that doesn't always seem very clear, lift up your hearts. Reach out and grow in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew J. Asbil  
Bishop of Toronto

Released February 4, 2020



**The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil with three of our Confirmants at the Ash Wednesday Discovery Day at St. James Cathedral.**  
February 26, 2020

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## AREA BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES, 2020

January 20, 2020

First Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

My sisters and brothers,

*Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered,*

*"They are the children God has graciously given your servant." Genesis 33:5.*

You are soon gathering for your Annual Vestry Meeting, where you will thank God for all God's blessings in 2019 and seek God's will for your parish in 2020. You will be prayerfully discerning the priorities God is calling your parish to and ensuring your finances reflect that. It is my sincere hope that within those top priorities are plans to form living faith in children and young people.

Studies have shown that the majority of people who live as disciples of Jesus as adults had a positive encounter with the gospel before they turned eighteen. This highlights how critical it is for us to be creating opportunities for children and teenagers to experience the gospel. Regardless of whether your parish currently has no children or has vibrant ministries for children and youth, this call to share the good news with the next generation (as it was shared with us) is a privilege for each parish in York-Credit Valley.

One of the two strategic priorities that our 2017 Town Halls discerned was fostering the growth of children and youth ministry. We have made progress! There is a palpable sense of renewal and new life in youth ministry, with youth worship nights popping up across the Area and more parishes wanting to train youth leaders through YMAP (the Diocesan Youth Ministry Apprentice Program). In 2020, our Children/Youth Ministry Taskforce will be developing some "best practices" around confirmation. That same taskforce has just produced a guide, which will soon be made available, for healthy practices to begin, grow, and sustain children and youth ministry in your parish. And on April 18 of this year, we are hosting a workshop on how to start and sustain a Messy Church ministry (plan to bring a team).

Every parish in YCV needs to make the formation of faith in children and young people a priority. Even if your parish has no way to serve neighbourhood children, you can financially contribute to children and youth ministry at a neighbouring Anglican church, help volunteer with their Messy Church, or join in prayer for children around the world – you get the point! And because God has

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entrusted children to our care, I commend for your consideration our Social Justice Vestry Motion inviting parishes to take concrete steps, in the name of Jesus, to address climate damage, through government advocacy and reducing our own carbon footprint.

I continue to be amazed at, and deeply grateful for, the sacrificial and servant hearts of so many of you in leadership—Wardens, treasurers, children and youth ministry leaders, those working through the ACW, or on property upkeep, and those involved with social justice. We continue to have significant turnover in our clergy corps with nine new clergy joining our parishes in the past year. Please join me in sincerely thanking them for faithfully ministering the good news of Jesus through Word and Sacrament.

Together, in these challenging times, our Heavenly Father is still calling us forward in mission and so pray for me, as I pray for you, that we would be found faithful on the last day.

Peace,



The Right Reverend Jenny Andison  
Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley  
Bishop Suffragan of Toronto



**The Rt. Rev. Jenny Andison with The Rev. Michelle Jones on the occasion of Michelle's Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent. March 1, 2020**

## INCUMBENT'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2020

CELEBRATING.... PROCLAIMING..... SERVING..... OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

***“No eye has seen; no ear has heard and no one’s heart has imagined all the things that God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9***

This past year has been marked by the Grace of God moving, molding and re-shaping us in the midst of challenging times.

The first eight months of our fiscal year saw things unfold as they normally do, but then EVERY THING CHANGED on March the 13<sup>th</sup> with the closing of all Anglican Churches throughout Canada for worship and activities due to Covid-19.

We quickly adapted to digitally bring worship, discipleship programs, pastoral care and connection to the members of our congregation along with new comers who have since joined us. We learned how to stay connected in physically distant, though relationally close ways through the phone, Zoom, Facetime our parish website, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube as well as with good old-fashioned Canada Post. What a blessing it has been to receive the grace to adapt with agility to this new situation.

Through it all God has been faithful and has provided what we have needed to affect our mission. We have grown and flourished in a most difficult time all by God’s grace.

### WORSHIP

Our *pre-Covid* worship life continued pretty much as usual with three Sunday liturgies, occasional Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and celebrations of significant anniversaries, house blessings, institutional worship and home communions. We had a terrific ordination we had for the Rev. Michelle Jones with such a crowd. The anticipation of Lent began as it always does with our usual pancake supper. Ash Wednesday inaugurated a season of increased spiritual discipline through prayer, fasting, reading and reflecting on the word of God and through intentional giving to the poor and the marginalized.

And then **everything changed with the pandemic shut down....**

We had to adjust to the reality of on-line worship, meetings and programing. Some of what we had planned to do, including a large confirmation at the Easter Vigil was no longer possible. But we adapted and didn’t skip a beat as we made every Sunday and Holy Week worship available on YouTube.

With the suspension of sacramental celebrations during the lock down, there were no baptisms, weddings or celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Since Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, we have been welcoming all sorts of on-line visitors as well as present and former members of our congregation (dispersed throughout Canada and the world). We would not have been able to do this without the hard work of both the staff and of some significant volunteers namely

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Stephen Nilam (videographer and editor), Andrea White (sound engineering) and Jeff White (close captioning and editing ). I want to say a special thank you to Stephen, Andrea and Jeff for their many hours of dedication, making worship so easily available via technology.

## PASTORAL CARE

We visited, we celebrated, we connected, we attended, we prayed and we accompanied through personal seasons of grief, loss, change, renewal and new life.

With the closing of our building and the cessation of in-person visitation, we adapted to our new situation by intentionally reaching out to our congregation through technology. We connected though the telephone, Zoom and Facetime calls. Every household was contacted several times through intentional telephone calling. We provided emergency assistance to folks who had lost their jobs or who had other challenges.

## DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

From July to March our program offerings ran “live and in person”. Christianity 101, Baptism preparation, Small Groups, Confirmation Preparation, Youth Group and Sunday School all ran in season and in due course. With Covid-19 shifted and delivered our programing for children youth and adults digitally.

Since the shut-down of our building from (March 15<sup>th</sup> – September 13<sup>th</sup>) we have had “Thursday School” for children, Friday evening Youth Group for our teens, bible study and Lectio-Divina for our adults.

These program offerings were made through significant effort behind the scenes by our hard-working, dedicated staff and volunteers.

We continued our journey toward the introduction of the *Permanent Diaconate* at Christ Church. Luigi Battista has been confirmed as a postulant for ordination to the Diaconate and we are so excited about this. Stay tuned for further details about this new and exciting ministry developing in our midst and for an ordination, God willing, in the not too distant future.

## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

We have a wonderfully current parish website, Facebook page and Instagram account. We use these platforms, bulletins and occasional pastoral mailings to keep everyone well informed.

These past 6 months have significantly increased our technical capability to further our on-line presence. We have seen significant on-line participation especially for Sunday worship. God is good all the time.

Throughout the early months of the shut-down, both Corporation and Staff met on a weekly basis to plan for and adjust to our new reality. Careful attention was given to how best manage any fiscal challenges that would arise and how to best deliver an on-line worship experience. We are, and continue to be, blessed by the ministry and leadership of our Wardens (Stan Szepesi, Jonathan Tyner, Rachel



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Brown and Shumaila Desrochers) and our staff (Sally Campbell, Tina Clarke, Ron Greidanus, Michelle Jones and Martha Whittaker). It is my privilege to work with these people.

When our building closed, we truly moved beyond the building, and learned to use more effectively other tools God had given us.

## STEWARDSHIP

I am so grateful to every household in our parish family who have responded with such generosity and love through their stewardship commitment this past year. Due to our congregation's strong commitment we weathered and are weathering the "Covid-19 storm" better than most.

Our annual stewardship campaign garnered strong support from the many who "stepped up" and gave a stewardship pledge – greatly assisting our Corporation in the planning for this next fiscal year.

Thank you to the Diocese of Toronto for the significant support they have proved through a three-month Jubilee (the forgiveness of our Diocesan allotment as well as our clergy costs for three months). This, along with the incredibly helpful work of our diocesan leadership and staff leaves me even more grateful to be part of our Anglican family.

Thank you also to the estate of Inez Moore which generously provided for our new video recording equipment and to the family who sacrificially gave our new fogger enabling us to "Covid-19 deep clean" our building after each "gathered" use - as stipulated in our Diocesan re-opening protocols. Both of these significant expenses were not in our 2020 budget.

I am most deeply grateful for you the members of Christ Church, who have generously and sacrificially supported our work this past year through your regular and reliable giving.

## PARISH LIFE

Our program year began with yet another terrific fall launch, Rally Sunday and the Welcome Back Barbeque. The year progressed with our usual youth and senior groups meeting regularly; these along with skating parties, parish group meetings and intergenerational gatherings kept us so well connected to each other.

This year the former Christmas Bazaar was reshaped by a small team to be an "upstairs" *mini* event. Ours was one of the strongest Churches in support of Coldest Night of the Year and Shrove-Tuesday proved to be among the biggest "turn outs" ever. Who can forget the terrific turn out we had, just before the lock down, for the ordination of the Rev. Michelle Jones and its subsequent reception – could we have squeezed more people into the building? – I don't think so.

With the "locked-down" things changed to physically distant through relationally close gatherings via Zoom, telephone, Facetime and other means of communication

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## OUTREACH

Christ Church has a strong commitment to outreach and serving the poor. With the pandemic shut down our community partners adapted to serve the increased needs of our community and we adapted with them.

With the shutdown of *Ste. Louise* and *St Andrew's* food banks, *Regeneration* started a new food bank which six months later now serves significant numbers of Bramptonians.

Meal, outreach and medical assistance programs continued, along with shelter advocacy, food recovery, thrift clothing and the re-use of gently used household articles. These all provided provision for homeless and near homeless persons in our community. A number of our parishioners faithfully volunteered throughout these challenging times.

*JFJ Hope Centre* pivoted to serve more and more at-risk children and young parents through their various programs to assist in parenting, food nutrition and in cognitive relationship development.

We continued in partnership with *International Christian Voice* in their efforts to aid and resettle refugees who have suffered religious persecution particularly in Pakistan.

Thank you to those of our parish family who through their financial and volunteer efforts support these ministries. I am blessed to serve on the board of both *Regeneration* and *JFJ Hope Centre*. Christ Church is represented in the governance, staff and key volunteers in both of these ministries as well we have involved volunteers in the ministry of *International Christian Voice*.

Through such ministry partnerships we are able to make a significant social impact in Brampton and beyond.

## THIS COMING YEAR

We have three priorities for the upcoming year:

1. **To continue** offering worship, discipleship development and fellowship via technology and when, where and how it is safe to do so, make such experiences available in gathered groups.
2. **To increase our effectiveness** in *Inviting, Welcoming and Connecting* new parishioners into the life of our community.
3. **To introduce** *the Permanent Diaconate* into the life of our parish community with an ordination hopefully in the spring of 2021.

*Byron +*

**Christ Church Brampton**

**Congregational Statistics (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)**

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## Christ Church (Brampton) Congregational Statistics

	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019	F2020
Average Sunday Attendance (July 7, 2019 - March 8, 2020)	236	224	207	213	<b>205</b>
Number of Easter Communions <sup>See Note Below</sup>	636	463	548	425	<b>0</b>
Number of Baptisms	5	19	5	5	<b>7</b>
Number of Confirmations & Receptions <sup>See Note Below</sup>	12	0	13	0	<b>0</b>
Number of Burials	25	12	19	20	<b>16</b>
Number of Weddings	1	2	2	2	<b>1</b>
<b>Note:</b> As a result of the global pandemic COVID-19, effective Sunday, March 15, 2020, the Ontario College of Bishops cancelled all corporate worship until further notice. On June 1st, Ontario Anglican churches were advised that our buildings would not reopen at least until September. Below are our average first week views of our services on YouTube. For interest, we have also included Holy Week.					
Average Sunday Viewers *					<b>266</b>
Maundy Thursday					<b>280</b>
Good Friday - Solemn Service					<b>359</b>
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross					<b>129</b>
Easter Vigil					<b>257</b>
Easter Sunday					<b>402</b>

### Notes:

1. A slight drop in our Average Sunday Attendance is not unexpected given that our lower attendance months of summer and winter represent 2/3 of the data.
2. As is our practice, Confirmations take place at The Great Vigil of Easter on the even-numbered years with preparation starting the fall of the odd numbered years. With corporate worship suspended, Confirmation did not take place. At the time of writing, Confirmation has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 1 (All Saints' Day) with Amber protocols in place.
3. Also at the time of writing, the Diocese of Toronto has not yet determined how they will record viewership and/or attendance during Amber Phase with regard to congregational health and membership to Synod.

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**The Rev. Canon Byron Gilmore officiating the marriage of Maria Olivari & Chris Bird**  
September 14, 2019



**Presiding at the regimental funeral service for Edward F. Conover** September 22, 2019



**Laying a wreath at the Brampton Cenotaph with Javaid Bakhsh** November 11, 2019



**With son Avery as members of the Worship Collective recording for Sunday services**  
Summer 2020

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## ASSISTANT CURATE'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2020

Greetings everyone!

“He made my feet like the feet of a deer,  
and set me secure on the heights.”

Psalm 18: 33

What a year of peaks and valleys it has been! God has given us strength and courage and new opportunities in order to leap over precipices and land safely.

### DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

#### Confirmation

Last Fall saw the start of another formative season for eight Confirmation candidates. We embarked on a new Confirmation programme called Confirm NOT Conform. Together we explored the Christian faith. Perhaps the highlight for some was a trip down to the cathedral on Ash Wednesday and meeting Bishop Asbil. Eight adults in the parish were carefully selected and graciously agreed to act as mentors to our candidates.



**Confirmants and their mentors at L'Arche Daybreak** November 15, 2019

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## **Invite Welcome Connect (IWC)**

God wants to bring so many more people from the Brampton community through our doors and into a relationship with him. It is the desire of God's heart that all of us deepen our friendship with Divine Love.

An application was submitted to the Diocese for a York Credit Valley Ministry Development Grant. We were awarded \$1,500.00.

A team of lay leaders was established with the goal towards assessing how well the Christ Church family does three things. How do we, both as a church community and as individuals, reach out to our neighbors, friends, and strangers; inviting them in to encounter God? When they arrive as guests, how do we as a church community and as individuals, make sure they feel truly welcomed and at home? And finally, how do we as a church community and as individuals, deepen our connections with one another?

*Everyone* involved in ministry at Christ Church can ask those three questions of themselves; praying and listening for God's Holy Spirit to strengthen and renew their efforts.

After engaging these questions in many different and creative ways, the IWC team was then led through a process of discerning what was needed and where in order for Christ Church to demonstrate the love of Christ more effectively.

Thanks to Covid-19 Martha and myself were able to travel virtually to the U.S. for an IWC conference and subsequent round-table in which Anglican clergy and lay people from all over the U.S. and Canada gathered to learn and share their local vision and action plans.



**Invite, Welcome & Connect (IWC) team commissioning**  
February 22, 2020

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## **Lenten Study group and Lectio Divina**

Our Sunday afternoon group that met during Lent for “Signs of Life” moved on-line as we entered the pandemic.

Lectio Divina via Zoom began in May and is ongoing. It is offered Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings.

**A short introductory video is available here:**  
<https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/lectiodivina> Join us anytime.

## **LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

### **Presiding**

It has been a very interesting learning curve, leading worship, first in the normal fashion, in front of a congregation who are physically present in the building... and then in front of empty pews, speaking into a camera lens! I am developing skills I hope I will never have to use again in the years to come. (Well, at least not for the same reason as in these current days!)

After my ordination I had the opportunity to preside at the Eucharist once - before the church was closed to public worship. I look forward to when we can gather once again to feast, not only on God’s Holy Word, but also on the Sacrament of bread and wine.

### **Preaching**

Preparing sermons is somewhat like giving birth! I appreciate feedback - especially constructive criticism - as I attempt to perfect my craft.

## **PARISH LIFE**

### **Ordination**

March 1st, 2020 I was ordained a priest! What a mountain top experience it was!. I felt showered by love. Thank you to all who attended. Thank you to all who couldn’t attend but held me in their prayers. Thank you to Tina who prepared activity kits to keep children occupied in the pews; to the choir for venturing out to rehearsals (once in a snow storm!); to the catering group who put on such a beautiful spread at the reception; and to Martha who graciously edited and re-edited numerous versions of the service leaflet.

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## PASTORAL CARE

### Call Tree

Pastoral visits, during the pandemic, were suspended except for urgent matters. I was thankful to be able to meet with people over the telephone and through Zoom.

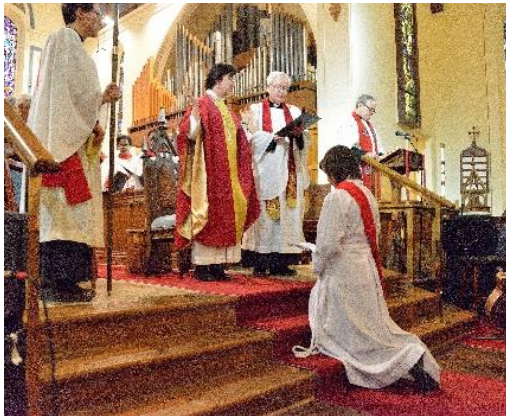
I was tasked with managing the Christ Church Call Tree. The whole parish list was divided into 10 groups of names with a person (lay and clergy) assigned to reach out and maintain contact with individuals while our church building was effectively closed and people were sheltering in place.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle +*

The Rev'd Michelle Jones

Assistant Curate



**The Rev. Michelle Jones' Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests at Christ Church, Brampton** The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020



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## SUMMARY OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Minutes of the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Sunday, September 29, 2019 in the morning following 10:00 am Holy Eucharist. The meeting was held in the church.

*These minutes are considered draft until approved by the next Annual Meeting of Vestry scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2020.*

Opening with prayer, The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore took the chair at 11:40 am for the 169<sup>th</sup> Annual Vestry. He gave thanks for all who participated in the various ministries that took place throughout Fiscal 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019).

The pastoral letters received from The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto and the Right Reverend Jenny Andison, Area Bishop for York-Credit.

An attendance sheet for all to sign was circulated. Fifty-seven parishioners were in attendance. 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 September 29, 2019 be accepted. The motion was moved by Sally Campbell and seconded by Paul Wren.
2. That the minutes of the Annual Vestry of September 30, 2018 be accepted. The motion was moved by Ruth Wiggins and seconded by Ken Egbuna.
3. That the minutes of the Special Vestry of March 8, 2019 be accepted. The motion was moved by Oscar French and seconded by Sonia Sobers.
4. That we approve the reports of the church groups and organizations as published. The motion was moved by Ruth Wiggins and seconded by Joanne Brear.

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5. The following appointments were made:

Rector	The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Byron R. Gilmore
Rector's Warden	Stan Szepesi
People's Warden	Jonathan Tyner
Deputy Rector's Warden	Rachel Brown
Deputy People's Warden	Shumaila Desrochers
Treasurer	Paul Wren
Engagement Reviewer	Peter Volkes
Parish Administrator	Martha Whittaker
Envelope Secretary	Carolynne Atkinson
Heritage Committee	John Joukema
	Sean Joseph
	Maurice Salkey

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 Paul Wren and Ruth Walter and seconded by Nancy Kee and Nicholas Smith, respectively.

6. That Isaac Olurotimi (moved by Martha Whittaker, seconded by Chris Bird), Samir Tikaram (moved by Marjorie Taylor, seconded by Keith Osmond) and Sarala Golla (moved by Jeanne Stephens, seconded by Sally Campbell) be elected as Lay members of Synod with Chris Bird (moved by Lydia Bennett, seconded by Phyllis Moffatt ) as an alternate. Nominations were sought from the floor with no response.

7. The following positions were appointed to serve on the Advisory Board:

- a. Rector
- b. Wardens
- c. Lay Reps (including Alternate) to Synod
- d. Member at Large (Jeremy l'Anson-Joukema)
- e. Parish Administrator

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8. Stephen Nilam 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 Shumaila Desrochers and seconded by Phyllis Moffatt.
9. That the signing officers of Christ Church be any two of the following positions: Rector's Warden, People's Warden and Treasurer. The motion was moved by Nancy Kee and seconded Sonia Sobers.

**ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT** (presented by Martha Whittaker for Carolynne Atkinson, Envelope Secretary)

We reviewed the Contribution Range and Contribution Summary reports. On average \$12,550 per month is provided to the Operating Fund by the way of Pre-Authorized Remittance ("PAR").

Parishioners are asked to destroy expired envelopes, particularly if they move to PAR because their envelope number may be reassigned. Parishioners are asked to provide updates should they be relocating ~ often the only way we find out is when a mailing is returned by Canada Post.

The following table was presented that illustrates the average annual gift per contributor over the last 5 years. We continue to refine our understanding of our donor base to provide accurate reporting to both our individual parish families and aggregate information to the Corporation for planning and forecasting.

	F2015	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019	Year over Year	
<b># ENV. SUBSCRIBERS</b>	158	162	167	144	167	23	15%
<b>Total Offerings</b>	\$ 191,315	\$ 174,702	\$ 159,550	\$ 165,852	\$ 192,862	\$27,010	14%
<b>Average Gift</b>	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,078	\$ 955	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,155	\$ 3	0%
<b># PAR SUBSCRIBERS</b>	91	92	86	90	92	2	2%
<b>Total Offerings</b>	\$ 154,690	\$ 150,882	\$ 153,851	\$ 192,274	\$ 175,145	-\$17,129	-11%
<b>Average Gift</b>	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,789	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,904	-\$ 233	-14%
<b># COMBINED</b>	249	254	253	234	259	25	10%
<b>Total Offerings</b>	\$ 346,005	\$ 325,584	\$ 313,401	\$ 358,126	\$ 368,006	\$ 9,880	3%
<b>Average Gift</b>	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,282	\$ 1,239	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,421	-\$ 110	-8%

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The Envelope Secretary further analyzed some of our donor patterns and the following was presented:

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**Funds included: Parish Operations & Seasonal Givings**

**For Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

	Total Contribution			Total Parish Operations & Seasonal of Top 100
	7:45	9:00	10:45	
Top 50 Donors	\$ 28,124	\$ 111,574	\$ 65,929	\$ 281,392
Top 51 - 100 Donors	\$ 13,718	\$ 25,578	\$ 36,468	
	\$ 41,842	\$ 137,152	\$ 102,397	
<b>% of total</b>	15%	49%	36%	

	Donor Split by Service Attendance & Average Annual Contribution			
	7:45	9:00	10:45	
<b>Top 50 Donors</b>	9	32	24	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 3,125	\$ 3,487	\$ 2,747	
<b>Top 51 - 100 Donors</b>	11	18	27	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,351	
<b>Top 100 Donors Combined</b>	20	50	51	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 2,092	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,008	

**Note:** *These numbers will not add to 50 and/or 100 as a result of donors contributions being distributed across a variety of services.*

- Almost 75% of donations to Parish Operations (regular & seasonal) come from the top 50 donors.
- All services support one another as shown below:

The motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report was moved by Elizabeth Walker and seconded by Corinne Andrews. Motion was carried.

# PREFACE

## **FISCAL 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT** (draft released September 22, 2019 presented by Sonia Sobers)

Financial statements are presented in a format that combined the Heritage and General Funds as per accounting principles. 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 receives approximately \$5,000 per in dividend income dependent on market conditions. Copies of the Financial Statement are a watermarked draft by MNP LLP, who prepared them, until they are approved by Vestry.

## **MOTIONS**

1. To approve the Fiscal 2019 Financial Statements was moved Peter Harvey and seconded by George Stephens. Motion was carried.
2. To approve the transfer \$23,468 from Heritage Fund to the General Fund to eliminate the F2019 debt was moved by Sean Joseph and seconded by Paul Wren. Motion carried.
3. As per the Heritage Fund Guidelines, the Heritage Fund Cap was proposed and voted on prior to F2020 operating budget and discussion. A motion was moved by Bill Whittaker, seconded by Ken Egbuna and was carried to set the F2020 Fund Cap at \$125,000. Motion carried.

## **FISCAL 2020 BUDGET** (draft released September 22, 2019 presented by Sonia Sobers)

The following key budget assumptions were presented:

- 3% increases on fixed expenses, however expenses will be reviewed for potential savings; however historically it has never been about expenses which are prudently managed;
- Continued monitoring and communication with regard to financial position and stewardship information
- No salary increases

The motion to approve the F2020 Budget was moved by Peter Harvey and seconded by Ruth Wiggins. Motion was carried.

# PREFACE

## DIACONATE MINISTRY

Byron Gilmore reviewed the Motion released in draft on September 22, 2019.

## MOTIONS

1. That Vestry support the ministry of a permanent deacon or deacon rooted among us was moved by Phyllis Moffatt and seconded by Judith Reigel. Motion carried.
2. That Vestry confers Luigi Battista as a candidate for the ordination to the diaconate was moved by Gloria Watts and seconded by Sonia Sobers. Motion carried.

## CONCLUSION

Byron voiced his thanks to those that we stepping down from their positions within Corporation and Advisory Board. Specifically these included Sonia Sobers as Peoples' Warden, Stephen Nilam as Deputy Peoples' Warden, and Charlene Bickerstaffe and Barbara Westney as members of Advisory Board. Special recognition was made of Steve Hughes who stepped down as Chair of Property Committee after 18 years.

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made at 1:00 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer.



**Lay Representatives to Synod with our Clergy. Left to right Samir Tikaram, Jeremy I-Anson Jookema (Youth Delegate), Michelle Jones, Byron Gilmore, Sarala Golla and Isaac Olurotimi November 8, 2019**

# PREFACE

## SUMMARY OF SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING – 2020 SOCIAL JUSTICE MOTION

The following motion was passed at a Special Vestry held on February 16, 2020:

We, the **vestry of Christ Church (Brampton)** in the Diocese of Toronto, recognize that there is a global climate emergency. We acknowledge that all sectors of society, including government, business, churches and other non-profit organizations, and private individuals, have an obligation to do what they can to minimize their contribution to climate change.

We call on the government of Canada to commit to the following:

- Transition to an end of public financing of the fossil fuel industry (oil, gas, coal)
- Bring Canada's climate and energy policy into alignment with the Paris Accord emissions targets to do our part to limit the rise in global average temperatures below 1.5 degrees Celsius
- Support a just transition to a low-carbon economy through investment in renewable energy sources and infrastructure, energy-efficient technologies, and skills development and retraining for high-quality, sustainable jobs in the renewable energy sector
- Assist Indigenous, northern, and coastal communities, and other vulnerable populations, to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change on their local environments



**Invite, Welcome and Connect Planning Meeting** December 15, 2019

All are invited | All are welcome |  
No experience required



**The day corporate worship was suspended we were on deck and went on a neighbourhood Prayer Walk.** March 15, 2020.

# DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY 2020

I love the Fall, the crispness of the mornings, the changing of the leaves, pulling out and wearing that old favourite sweater! It is a time when I reflect on the past year, the present and what God has instore for the future.

This year however, I am struggling – as I am sure many of you are - remembering what day of the week it is let alone what happened over a year ago. This is what I do know – God is good! He is always with us in the good times and in times of uncertainly and distress. This past year has certainly been a roller coaster but at every turn and up and down God was with us blessing our time together.

Who would have guessed that last summer when the church was buzzing with 50 kids plus volunteers learning the gospel thru song, crafts and food with Moe the sloth at Day Camp (*Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus*) that we would soon have learned how to gather together from April to August online for “Thursday School” (aka Sunday School) and Youth Group every Friday evening. We did however, get creative and with CC Ba-Ba Craft supply drops at many of your homes and a steep learning curve on how to play charades (I do a very poor imitation of a Gingerbread man - let me tell you) and other strange and wonderful games via Zoom. The best part was that we were able to gather together and celebrate God’s love for us.

If you were to scroll through the pictures on any of the Christ Church social media feeds ~ website, Facebook or Instagram (*Thank you Martha*) you would see life – our life at Christ Church and God’s love in the lives of our youth. Whether we were gathering for pool parties, snow tubing, skating, dinner and games outside in the middle of Winter, bus tours to learn the history of Harriet Tubman and the Underground railway, pumpkin parties, worship services or a number of strange and often silly zoom photos. We were together celebrating our lives in Christ.

I want to say thank you to my Christ Church family. Thank you for your support and giving me the opportunity to share the message that we are all the beloved of God.

Blessings

*Tina*



**Snow Tubing**

January 2, 2020



# DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



## 2019 Day Camp

Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16

Join us for a relaxing island-getaway for a week of fun & adventure that will begin or deepen your child's faith. For ages 4 -12.

Early Bird Registration for Christ Church Families from Palm Sunday to April 30



# DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



**Pop-Up Pool Party** July 2019



**Doors Open** September 2019



**Pumpkin Party**.-October 2019



**Cool Church** July 2019



**Exploring the Underground Railway in Niagara**  
October 2019



**All Saints** November 2019

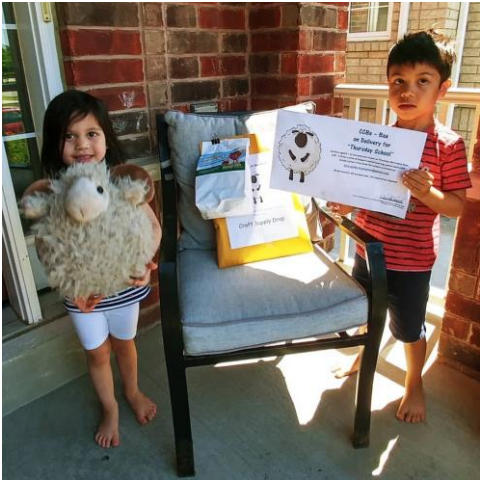
# DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

From April to August Sunday School moved to Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:30 via Zoom.

## GOD WANTS EWE

"THURSDAY SCHOOL"

Gospel-inspired learning, prayer & crafts for kids aged 4-12 via Zoom from 3:00 - 3:30 pm.



## ALTAR GUILD VESTRY REPORT 2020

The Altar Guild prepares the bread and wine, vessels, linens, candles and flowers necessary for our services. We currently have 6 teams of 3 or 4 members and are on duty for 1 week at a time starting Saturday morning. We also set up for weddings, baptisms and funerals. Team leaders attend meetings once or twice a year to prepare for festivals and keep members updated on procedures.

This year has naturally been an exception. Altar Guild teams have not met since March 15 when the lockdown started, but we are prepared to resume our duties as of September 13 as the church reopens in-person services. The Altar Guild usually co-ordinates the making of palm crosses, but this year all the Palm Crosses were made by Judy Hughes and mailed to you. Decorating for Easter was kept to a minimum this year. Thank you to Irene Lorette and Nancy Taylor for their help setting up and removing the decorations. Thanks also to Phyllis Moffatt for helping to change frontals for the online services. We also thank the clergy for keeping the candles burning for the last six months!

The florist that we have used for many years has moved to Barrie so we are currently using Sobey's. We decided to go with an environmentally friendly method and eliminate the oasis that was used in the past to make the arrangements. We will do the larger arrangement for the festivals or for special request. If you would like a special arrangement or a specific color, please let Virginia know.

Respectfully submitted,

*Phyllis Moffatt*

Coordinator



**Harvest 2019**



**Advent 2019**

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## CHOIR REPORT 2020

Who would have thought 2019/2020 would have been so jam packed with so much to tell?

Well put your seat belts on because here we go.

The prized organ at Christ Church Brampton has always been seen as one of the many beautiful features of this sacred worship space. After about a year of repair, the blower was finally fixed and ready for action this past year.

Following many years of use, the Ol' Red hymn books were finally laid to rest and a collection of shiny blue hymn were purchased. Easy to read, not too heavy, and now even the musicians in the congregation can sing along in parts.

For the first time this year, Sally, Ron and the Worship Collective joined forces and presented a warm and reflective Advent presentation to help set the mood for Christmas.

The new year seemed like it was going to be a great one, but of course everything turned in a different direction. As Covid 19 entered, music at CCB put on a new face. Since live worship was no longer allowed the staff, Worship Collective and Choir at Christ Church greased up their elbows as they began recording services for the internet so that parishioners could watch from home and together we could keep the community of Christ Church Brampton together.

Covid 19 still exists but that has not stopped the huge amount of activity in the life of this church. In due course live worship will be as it was, choir will one day meet on Thursday nights, and life will return to a new old normal.

Respectfully submitted

*Ron Greidanus*

Organist and Choir Director



**Celebrating Black History Month**

February 16, 2020

## EUCCHARISTIC LAY ASSISTANTS AND READERS 2020

Another year is over and our small dedicated Eucharistic Lay Assistants (ELAs) and Readers have continued to faithfully serve at our various services.

This year has been a very challenging year for us. The first half of the year from July 2019 to December 2019 was business as usual. At the dawn of 2020 there was excitement in the air, it was the dawn of not just a new year, it was the dawn of another decade. Everyone was expecting great things for the new decade and then three months in, Covid 19 hit us. Everything came to a standstill, all businesses and even churches came to a halt. No more services. The last time this happened was way back in 1914 with the Spanish Flu.

As the churches were scrambling to find ways to still minister to their parishioners. We at Christ Church Brampton were lucky that we had people in our congregation who had the technology to help our priests still conduct services online via social media.

Many of us have been enjoying these online services from day one and our thanks go out to Rev. Byron, Rev. Michelle, Martha, Tina, Sally, Ron, the technical people like the camera/videographer and sound technician and all who have been instrumental in helping each week so that we could attend the services from the comfort of our homes.

By the way, those of you who are interested in being a part of our online service as a reader should contact Rev. Byron or Rev. Michelle. There are two ways to participate in the service, one at the church and two from the comfort of your own home. My thanks go to the many parishioners, many of whom were not part of our regular roster of Readers, who have stepped up to assist with the online services.

We are now living in some extra ordinary times. I guess we all thought that this Covid 19 will pass just like the normal flu and here we are 4 months later, still isolated but with things beginning to come back to life.

On June 1, 2020 in a pastoral letter, the Ontario House of Bishops invited Anglicans in our province to observe a "Summer Sabbath Rest." "The well-being and safety of all our parishioners and the communities we serve is uppermost in our hearts and minds," says Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of Ontario.

In consultation with public health experts, churches will remain closed for in-person worship services until at least September while the pandemic continues, regardless of where the Government of Ontario is with its reopening plan. Online worship services, food security and other essential outreach and community ministries taking place in church buildings will continue, as they have been in recent months.

In September, when we begin to slowly reintroduce in-person services, there will be many challenges facing us. We will have to reassess the way we will conduct our services so that the safety and health of

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everyone is taken into consideration while determining best practices and at the same time maintaining the sacredness of our service.

No matter what is in store for us, I am confident with God's help we will persevere and we will collectively be singing and praising Him in the splendour of His Holiness.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeffrey Smith*



**From top left: Blessing of the Pets, Christmas Eve Choral Service, Christmas Eve Choral Service, Blessing of the Pets**

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## PARISH REGISTRIES (JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020)

### BAPTISMS

#### July 7, 2019

Emily Parker Kargl-Simard

#### November 3, 2019 (All Saints translated)

Sharon Akash

Eva-Rose Marie Charles

David Justice St. Aubyn Salkey

#### February 23, 2020 (Transfiguration of the Lord)

Ava Nicole Campbell

Liam Richard Campbell

Darren Chikamso Ifeanyi Obichukum

### MARRIAGES

#### September 14, 2019

Maria Alejandra Olivari and Christopher Graham Geoffrey Bird

### FUNERALS & MEMORIALS

#### July 11, 2019

Sheila Joyce White born April 21, 1947 died July 3, 2019.

#### July 17, 2019

Kareena Bakhsh born September 1, 1925 died July 14, 2019.

#### July 22, 2019

James Roy Nicholls born December 1, 1926 died July 16, 2019.

#### August 20, 2019

Joseph Asagba born August 15, 2019 died August 15, 2019.

#### September 18, 2019

Joseph Walter Hugh Elberton Sandiford born June 17, 1946 died August 29, 2019.

#### October 5, 2019

Inez Elizabeth Moore born May 12, 1927 died September 5, 2019.

#### October 5, 2019

Angela Mary Badley born November 17, 1930 died September 30, 2019



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**October 6, 2019**

Edward Fitzgerald Conover born February 21, 1923 died September 22, 2019.

**October 11, 2019**

William Crawford Lawrence born August 13, 1930 died October 4, 2019.

**October 11, 2019**

Shirley Elizabeth Cannons born July 2, 1932 died October 5, 2019.

**February 10, 2020**

Carmen St. Rose Cummings born August 28, 1932 died February 3, 2020.

**February 22, 2020**

Carol Faith Estwick born August 11, 1957 died February 10, 2020.

**February 29, 2020**

Geraldine Jean Batey born December 16, 1942 died February 25, 2020

**April 18, 2020**

Wendy Susan MacArthur born November 26, 1948 died April 13, 2020.

**May 11, 2020**

Sergio Biloslav born September 25, 1940 died May 6, 2020.

**June 17, 2020**

Paul Andrew Regan born December 27, 1944 died June 3, 2020.

## SIDEPERSONS 2020

Sidepersons 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, sidepersons 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.

Of course all that changed with Covid-19. Who knew that our Pancake Supper held on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> would be one of our last great gathering before we received word that the building would be closed effective March 15<sup>th</sup>. Curiously, our Pancake Supper was our best yet and we were able to provide Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel \$1,200 in early March. God's timing is truly awesome.

We don't know what God has in store for Christ Church and it is likely that with Amber Phase guidelines put in place for modified in-person service, there will be changes in our role but we know that we can trust in Him.

Yours in Christ,

*John Hall*

Chairperson



**John Hall ODT serves up at the Pancake Supper. Shrove Tuesday, 2020. Proceeds totaling \$1,200 were sent to one of our local ministry partner Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel in early March. The timing couldn't have been better.**

## WORSHIP COLLECTIVE 2020

The 2019-2020 year saw unprecedented changes to this ministry. You may have noticed that our path began to divert to allow people to play with us when they could and take time out when it was necessary. This had an effect on the previous establishment of a working team, but time brings change and to reflect our evolution, the ministry name has been changed to ***The Christ Church Worship Collective*** denoting the various ways in which people are welcome to offer their talents as they are able.

This past Advent season saw a completely different program presentation. ***'Twas In The Moon of Wintertime*** was a seasonal concert, presented by Ron Greidanus, Bob Valliere, Avery Gilmore and Sally Campbell. This was a musical offering, presenting original, traditional, and timeless pieces for the season. Thank you to all those who joined us. I hope that you were blessed by the experience.

In March of 2020, the global pandemic forced us to re-think this ministry. Christ Church began recording the services for YouTube, so that we could maintain a connection as a church and provide spiritual food to nurture us in disturbing and unsettling times. However, resource management required that Traditional and Contemporary ministries be combined to accommodate the number of people able to congregate. I would like to thank Mr. Ron Greidanus for his willingness to work with me to provide an alternative music source in wake of social distancing and other limitations.

As limitations were lifted, opportunity allowed us to begin meeting as a Collective, adding gathering songs to the service structure, but still no separate rehearsal time. This new format was completely voluntary, and individuals could decide whether this was a comfortable action for them to take based on their individual concerns. Thank you to all who are helping during these challenging times. Recording schedule changes and talent schedules are now in effect and everyone is pitching in where they can. This year's Collective team comprised of Jeff White, Avery Gilmore, Dilyn Azzopardi, Bob Valliere, Eric White, Rev. Byron, Ron Greidanus, Debbie Smyth, and Heather Gregoire. I would like to thank Andrea White for her initiative in addressing the sound challenges we have been experiencing over the years. Supports from Stephen Nilam (Recording), Jeff White (subtitles) and Martha Whittaker (bulletin lyrics and photography) have been much appreciated and their collective abilities allowed us to provide an interactive congregational worship experience for all. The upside of this situation is that the Lord has used this unusual format to help us overcome short-falls and allow for amazing skills development that has only served to strengthen the ministry.

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Do you remember “**What’s In A Song?**” This article featured in the previous Courier newsletter intended to provide context and biblical reference to understand the newer songs we sing. **What’s In a Song?** will now be featured on the Christ Church Website and will offer commentary on both contemporary and traditional songs of our faith. If this is something that is of interest to you, please check it out. There will be a new article every month. (check it out here <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/music-theworshipcollective>).

## *Sally Campbell*

Worship Collective Director



An Advent colloration between Sally Campbell and Ron Greidanus & friends set the stage for the Worship Collective that was to come.



A Taize-like service was introduced on February 29. Who knew that our world would dramatically shift in mere weeks.



With the introduction of “Church On-Line” our Worship Collective recorded on a “closed set” on a weekly basis.

## ENVELOPE SECRETARY 2020

What a year this has been! Like others reporting to Vestry, we all faced and overcame new challenges brought on by the global pandemic and adjusted accordingly. In truth, it allowed us to introduce new ways of giving since the church was shuttered in mid-March. Knowing that we would not be open until at least September, I was able to work with Corporation to introduce these methods without skipping a beat. For some time, we had toyed with the idea of electronic giving and now were presented with the perfect timing to do so ~ God's timing is always perfect. As a result, we introduced giving by means of CanadaHelps and E-transfers but more on than later.

For those new to how we receipt at Christ Church, a brief review:

- Offertory envelope information is inputted into our database on a regular 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 in a timely fashion.
- Pre-Authorized Remittances ("PAR") are 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 continued to be updated to better reflect various ministries where your offerings may be placed. Of course, General Offerings was and remains of prime importance during Covid-19 as we endeavour to provide ministry in new and different ways.
- Keeping the Parish List updated is a continuous work in progress. **It would be extremely helpful to be notified of personal information change as soon as possible to keep our records up to date. This was particularly important when establishing the Parish Call and Mailing programs.**
- 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 and provide them with ad hoc reports as they managed the overall financial health of Christ Church.
- Reports were reviewed regularly to ensure as much accuracy as possible when issuing Tax Receipts. The Annual Tax receipting in February again went very smoothly.

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## 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 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 1-150)
- 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 300 - 399)
- v. One-time receipts, or persons that are no longer members of the parish (moved, died, etc.) (8,000+)

I continue to work closely with the Parish Administrator to identify individuals that may be attending on a "new" and "regular" basis. This endeavour allows me to approach the individual and invite them to take a set of envelopes or go on PAR.

The overall assignment of a particular envelope category 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 number 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.***

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## ENVELOPE SETS

This past year, we reduced our envelope sets from 180 to 150 as a result of parish families migrating to Pre-Authorized Remittances and/or re-assigning parishioners that were not using sets on a regular basis. This gives us a much clearer idea of our donor base. Parishioners that were holding sets numbered 151-180 were notified and reassigned.

- Please do not use previous year's envelopes. **2021 envelopes will be distributed during the first week of Advent 2020.** This is critical for accurate tax receipting purposes.
- 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 a very convenient method of making a regular monthly donation to Christ Church. In F2020, PAR subscribers provided the church with a total of \$179,900 as compared to Envelope subscribers providing \$167,700. PAR has been extremely helpful for the operations of the parish particularly during the period while the doors were closed.

With a drop of envelope offerings this past year, the percentage of our regular donors on PAR rose slightly to 41% as compared to 36% the year prior. *Fun fact: In last year's report to Vestry, we made mention of wanting to see it rise above 40% but didn't count on a pandemic to make it happen!*

**Should you ever wish to convert to this system, please know that you can do this at any time and that forms are available at the Parish Office and on our website.**

The PAR 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.**

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## NEW METHODS OF OFFERING INTRODUCED

In March we introduced both CanadaHelps and E-transfers as ways to make contributions to the parish; namely e-Transfers and CanadaHelps.

1. E-Transfers allow for parishioners to make donations via the Interac system by:
  - a. Setting up Christ Church Brampton as a payee on your internet banking account.
  - b. Email address required: [christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca](mailto:christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca)
  - c. No password is required
  - d. Upon making an offering you will receive an email notification as will Christ Church.
  - e. Your offering is allocated to your current Envelope Number and is included your annual tax receipt issued by Christ Church.
  
2. **CanadaHelps** allows you to make donations to Christ Church using your credit through its website. A small administration and processing fee is taken. In this case, CanadaHelps provides you with a tax receipt in the full amount.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/christ-church-brampton/#donate-now-pane>

The introduction of these two methods of giving resulted in the following being directed to parish operations for the period **March 15, 2020 to June 30, 2020**:

### **F2020 Canada Helps & E-Transfers Qtr 4**

<b>Cdn Helps</b>	<b>E-Trans</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>\$ 8,664</b>	<b>\$ 11,386</b>	<b>\$ 20,050</b>



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**Table 1 – Contribution Range Report (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)**

The 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. We continue to monitor, the 400s series continued to be reviewed for more accurate reporting, specifically at the lower range. In extracting (Table 2), only the Envelope and PAR subscribers are selected to give a more accurate view of the average gift per regular contributor is revealed.

Contribution Range	F2020 Total Records		F2020 Envelope Subscribers		F2020 PAR		F2020 400s		F2020 Other	
	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given
\$ - to \$ 100	765	\$ 3,814	15	\$ 503	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	750	\$ 3,311
\$ 101 to \$ 200	23	\$ 3,660	12	\$ 1,760	2	\$ 240	3	\$ 465	6	\$ 1,195
\$ 201 to \$ 300	24	\$ 6,145	11	\$ 2,753	7	\$ 1,822	4	\$ 1,020	2	\$ 550
\$ 301 to \$ 400	6	\$ 2,029	4	\$ 1,359	2	\$ 670	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
\$ 401 to \$ 500	23	\$ 10,994	8	\$ 3,740	5	\$ 2,354	4	\$ 1,900	6	\$ 3,000
\$ 501 to \$ 750	30	\$ 19,296	18	\$ 11,633	12	\$ 7,663	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
\$ 751 to \$1,000	19	\$ 17,494	9	\$ 8,193	7	\$ 6,511	2	\$ 1,950	1	\$ 840
\$1,001 to \$1,500	35	\$ 42,545	21	\$ 25,225	14	\$ 17,320	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
\$1,501 to \$2,500	34	\$ 66,574	12	\$ 22,743	18	\$ 35,061	3	\$ 6,270	1	\$ 2,500
\$2,501 to \$5,000	31	\$ 107,978	13	\$ 42,940	18	\$ 65,038	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Over \$5001	14	\$ 115,563	6	\$ 46,864	5	\$ 43,255	1	\$ 10,000	2	\$ 15,444
	<b>1004</b>	<b>\$ 396,090</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>\$ 167,712</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$ 179,933</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$ 21,605</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>\$ 26,840</b>
<b>Average Per Contributor</b>		<b>\$ 395</b>		<b>\$ 1,300</b>		<b>\$ 1,999</b>		<b>\$ 1,271</b>		<b>\$ 35</b>

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

	F2015	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019	F2020	Year over Year Change		5 year average F2015- F2019 Comparison to F2020
<b># ENV. SUBSCRIBERS</b>	158	162	167	144	167	129	-38	-23%	
<b>Total Offerings</b>	\$ 191,315	\$ 174,702	\$ 159,550	\$ 165,852	\$ 192,862	\$ 167,712	<b>-\$ 25,149</b>	-13%	\$ 176,856 <b>-\$ 9,144</b>
<b>Average Gift</b>	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,078	\$ 955	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,155	\$ 1,300	\$ 145	13%	
<b># PAR SUBSCRIBERS</b>	91	92	86	90	92	90	-2	-2%	
<b>Total Offerings</b>	\$ 154,690	\$ 150,882	\$ 153,851	\$ 192,274	\$ 175,145	\$ 179,933	\$ 4,789	3%	\$ 165,368 \$ 14,565
<b>Average Gift</b>	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,789	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,999	\$ 95	5%	
<b># COMBINED</b>	249	254	253	234	259	219	-40	-15%	
<b>Total Offerings</b>	\$ 346,005	\$ 325,584	\$ 313,401	\$ 358,126	\$ 368,006	\$ 347,645	<b>-\$ 20,361</b>	-6%	\$ 342,224 \$ 5,421
<b>Average Gift</b>	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,282	\$ 1,239	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,587	\$ 167	12%	

With in-person services returning in September and the introduction of new methods of making offerings, we are hopeful that the envelope subscriber donations will recover in F2021. That said, we are grateful for those who faithfully converted to the new methods and/or made arrangements to have their donations delivered to the church whether by Canada Post, dropped in the mail-slot and making arrangements for pick-up. Thank you.

**Table 3 – Quarter 4 Offerings with Previous Year’s Comparison (Envelope & PAR Only)**

From time to time, I am asked to provide specific information to the Corporation with regard to our offerings. This is done on a cumulative basis so that confidentiality is maintained. Throughout the last quarter, parishes across the Diocese of Toronto were asked to provide total income on a monthly basis as compared to the previous year. With a dip in income June of over 30%, I was asked to compare the offerings of Envelope Subscribers and PAR in the same period of the previous year. Below are the results for the period of March to June 2020 in comparison with March to June 2019.

**Christ Church Brampton  
Qtr 4 Offering Comparison (2019-2020)**

	2020 Amount	2019 Amount	Difference Amount	%
<b>Envelope Subscribers</b>	\$ 32,467	\$ 43,703	<b>-\$11,236</b>	<b>-26%</b>
<b>PAR Subscribers</b>	\$ 37,300	\$ 37,841	<b>-\$541.33</b>	<b>-1%</b>

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**Table 4 – Funds Report**

The table below provides details with regard to the distribution of funds received. For comparison, we have included last year's report.

<b>F2020</b> <b>(July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)</b>		<b>F2019</b> <b>(July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020)</b>	
<b>In Support of Parish Operations</b>		<b>In Support of Parish Operations</b>	
General	\$ 335,406	General	\$ 334,819
Seasonal	\$ 15,652	Seasonal	\$ 19,528
Initial Offerings	\$ 670	Initial Offerings	\$ 565
Future Ministry Fund	\$ 12,054	Future Ministry Fund	\$ 1,490
Altar Guild	\$ 4,606	Altar Guild	\$ 1,815
Name Tags	\$ 60	Name Tags	\$ 80
Memorials	\$ 4,505	Hymn Book Campaign	\$ 2,340
Program Offset	\$ 848	Memorials	\$ 570
Church School	\$ -	Program Offset	\$ 715
	<b>\$ 373,801</b>	Church School	\$ 25
			<b>\$ 361,947</b>
<b>In Support of Outreach</b>		<b>In Support of Outreach</b>	
Day Camp	\$ 2,430	Day Camp	\$ 3,183
Clergy Discretion	\$ 2,720	Clergy Discretion	\$ 2,340
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 5,691	Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 6,525
Refugee Fund (ICV)	\$ 4,268	Food Drive (Lent)	\$ 1,517
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 3,090	Refugee Fund (ICV)	\$ 5,570
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 160	Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 5,475
Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 95	Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 455
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 2,405	Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 101
Regeneration/CNOY	\$ 1,310	Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 535
Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 120	Regeneration/Coldest Night of Year	\$ 975
	<b>\$ 22,289</b>	Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 355
			<b>\$ 27,031</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 396,090</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 388,978</b>

Easter Offerings 2019 recorded in Seasonal amounted to \$8,880. This year (2020), with Easter falling just as the pandemic was taking hold an Easter offering was not taken but you can see from the overall totals that people responded generously.

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGING

We received a good response to the F2021 Stewardship Invitation. Of those who pledged, we calculated an overall increase of 24% in actual givings as at June 30, 2020 to what is pledged for F2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) resulted in an additional \$28,500. This is an indication of a successful stewardship focus. Individual pledge tracking is now included on your interim and final tax receipts.

We are already benefitting from the Stewardship Pledges! In July 2020, our monthly PAR increased by 7% as a result of parishioners making changes to their PAR contributions. Our PAR is now running at \$12,700 per month.

## DONOR PATTERNS

We continue to monitor donor patterns. This is of particular interest to the Corporation as they manage the financial operations of the parish. The table below illustrates the composition of our Top 50 donors. It is interesting note that there is almost an even split between Envelope Subscribers and PAR subscribers. Again we are grateful for the faithfulness of the envelope subscribers that have provided generously when they have been unable to attend in-person worship.

### Table 5 – Top 50 Donors

#### Christ Church Brampton

Funds included: Parish Operation & Seasonal Givings

For Period: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

#### Distribution of Top 50 Donors

Envelope Subscribers	24	48%	\$ 100,819	49%
PAR Subscribers	26	52%	\$ 105,279	51%
	50		\$ 206,098	

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 2020 will be released in February 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolynne Atkinson*

Envelope Secretary

**When the shut-down occurred, our Youth Group kicked up a notch and we met weekly on Friday evenings via Zoom from March to August.**



# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## F2021 NOMINATIONS

DRAFT: SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

+ Appointment by the Incumbent

\* Nominated for election by Vestry

### Corporation

Rector's Warden: Stan Szepesi+

People's Warden: Jonathan Tyner\*

Deputy Rector's Warden: Rachel Brown +

Deputy People's Warden: Shumaila Desrochers \*

### Lay Representatives to Synod

Issac Olurotimi\*

Samir Tikaram\*

Sarala Golla\*

### Alternative Lay Representative to Synod

Jeremy I'Anson-Joukema \*

### Members at Large

Chris Bird \*

Sarah White +

### Treasurer

Paul Wren+

### Engagement Reviewer

Peter Volkes+

### Heritage Committee – *Not members of the Advisory Board*

Sean Joseph

Sonia Sobers

Justin Bakhsh

### Envelope Secretary – *Not a member of the Advisory Board*

Carolynne Atkinson

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2020

The Property Committee is given the task of maintaining our building to provide a safe and efficient place of worship for our parishioners.

This past year we did not have any major projects to undertake and spent the year ensuring that our property was properly maintained and doing small repairs and projects (painting, carpet cleaning, etc.)

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, our previous Property Chair, Stephen Hughes, was awarded the Order of Toronto for his many years of dedication and service.

As usual, we are blessed with dedicated Property Committee who works on behalf of Christ Church and we thank them for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

*Peter Volkes*

Chair of the Property Committee

## ORDER OF TORONTO

**Congratulations to Stephen Hughes for being awarded the Order of Toronto by The Right Rev. Andrew J. Asbil, Bishop of Toronto. Steve was presented with the award at the New Year' Day Levee at St. James**



Michael Hudson/ Anglican Diocese of Toronto

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



**Pageant Rehearsal**  
December 14, 2020



**Getting ready for the big show**  
December 15, 2020



**Our Annual Family Lenten Service on Shrove Tuesday** February 25, 2020



## STEWARDSHIP 2020– “PLANTING SEEDS”



*Planting Seeds*  
**2020**

*The more seeds planted  
The more fruit harvested*

STEWARDSHIP  
FOCUS  
MAY 3 - MAY 31

BLESSING OF THE  
PLEDGES  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST  
MAY 31

Since 2006, Christ Church has designated a number of weeks as a Stewardship Focus Period. Quite intentionally the focus period proceeds the budget planning process. This allows us to plan with the resources that are available rather than asking people to give to meet a budget. There always exists a delicate balance between prudent fiscal management and knowing that God is working through us at Christ Church.

Like many things, our Stewardship Focus was impacted by Covid-19 and closing of the churches across Ontario in mid-March. As we became more comfortable with our new virtual reality, we “pivoted” from our normal in-person stewardship activities to a more virtual model. Components of this year’s focus period included:

- Release of our Annual Video. If you have not seen it, you can view it here: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/commitment-2020-2021>
- Video testimonials by the Brown Family, Chris Bird, Shumaila Desrochers and Ken Egbuna. We are grateful for your generosity in sharing your stories.
- Sermons by our clergy, a parish mailing and stewardship invitation/pledge card
- Thank you letters to those who took time to make a financial commitment to Christ Church for F2021.

In these very unusual times, many of our parish households took the time to consider what God is doing our lives and examine their personal relationship with the Holy Trinity and Christ Church. Pledges were received via the mail, dropped off, called in and emailed ~ how wonderful is that! Pledges received were blessed on The Day of Pentecost.

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Stewardship pledges were tabulated by our Envelope Secretary, Carolynne Atkinson, and the following was reported to Corporation to be used in the F2021 budget planning exercise.

Returned - Pledges Responses						
	Total	% of Invited	F2020 Actual	F2021 Pledge	Year over Year Change	%
PAR Subscribers Pledged	32	38%	\$ 71,081	\$ 87,552	\$ 16,471	23%
PAR Data Added; No Pledge	52	62%		\$ 76,488		
Envelope Holders Pledged	23	18%	\$ 46,825	\$ 58,902	\$ 12,077	26%
	55	26%	\$ 117,906	\$ 222,942	\$ 28,548	24%
<b>Total PAR Commitment</b>			<b>\$ 164,040 (General Fund Only)</b>			
PAR Pledge Increases	19	59%				

While we remain curious as to why there is an obstacle for our parish households to make a pledge, we are delighted in the overall financial results totaling an **increase of \$28,500!** The mission and ministry of Christ Church cannot be fulfilled without the resources provided to the parish. Please continue to support Christ Church in the many methods that are available.



**Blessing of the Pledges took place on The Day of Pentecost** May 31, 2020

## CARING AND SHARING 2020 (December 2019)

***For God so loved the world that He gave....***

(John 3:16)

Sometimes I feel we should change the title to Loving and Giving. 2019 Christmas, we here at Christ Church Brampton gave..., we showed love through our example.

***By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.***

(John 13:35)

And by doing this at Christmas Time each year, we shine the light on the greatest gift of all.

We will never know the true “mustard-seed” effect of these decades of giving and showing love through Christ Church’s Caring and Sharing program. But I can imagine that our example of giving has certainly sparked some of the outpouring of generosity and love that we are seeing this year in 2020. A year of fear for many whom so need to see the Light of Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As in a relay race, the souls we touch through this program, pass the baton to an infinite team of disciples. All moving towards a perfect love finish line. A finish line where all truly love their neighbour as themselves, living in peace as in the original garden “but with neighbours”, loving the Lord God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength.

I can only estimate financially the generosity to be somewhere near \$12,000 - \$14,000, including \$6,910 raised in cash. Gifts, food and grocery vouchers were lavished upon 40 people in need, all of whom we never expect to sit in their shade but from my viewpoint regularly become those most generous to others in years forward. As always the response of gratitude was heartwarming for those receiving as much as for those doing the giving.

“Caring and Sharing is more than just delivering food and gifts to families throughout Brampton at Christmas. For me, part of being a Christian is emulating how Jesus would want us treat those in need and being part of the Caring and Sharing program exemplifies this in so many ways.”

John Joukema 2019

Covid has given us a glimpse of us all in the same boat, blurred the lines of this divided world. 2020 Caring and Sharing, like all other years, must continue to soldier on and shine, however different it may be. Stay Tuned!

With honour to lead this program for Christ Church Brampton

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeannie Jamieson*

## 2019 Caring & Sharing As at December 30, 2019

### Income

Carry Forward Balance	\$	850.00
25-Nov-19	\$	500.00
01-Dec-19	\$	515.00
08-Dec-19	\$	1,725.00
15-Dec-19	\$	2,220.00
22-Dec-19	\$	550.00
26-Dec-19	\$	550.00

**Total Income** \$ 6,910.00

### Expenses

Loblaw	\$	3,000.00
Parishioner Shopping	\$	396.84
Parishioner Shopping	\$	318.74
Parishioner Shopping	\$	163.53
Parishioner Shopping	\$	45.18
Parishioner Shopping	\$	440.14
Parishioner Shopping	\$	147.16
Parishioner Shopping	\$	550.00
Parishioner Shopping	\$	1,179.60
Parishioner Shopping	\$	399.50
Parishioner Shopping	\$	151.00
Other	\$	-

**Total Cash Expenses** \$ 6,791.69

**Gift in Kind** **\$200.00**

**Total Expenses** **\$6,991.69**

**Balance** **\$ 118.31**

# OUTREACH

2020 Caring & Sharing Delivery Day December 22, 2020



**A shout-out to a hockey team for food donations. Our youth definitely have a heart to help those less fortunate.**



# OUTREACH

**Coldest Night of Year is Regeneration Outreach Community's biggest fundraiser. This year walkers from across Brampton raised \$117,052. Our small but mighty Christ Church team finished 4th in terms of donations and raised a total of \$6,570. February 22, 2020**



**Christ Church was presented with an Award of Excellence from one of our ministry partners, International Christian Voice at their Annual Gala. March 6, 2020**



# OUTREACH

## OUTREACH SUMMARY 2020

True to our mission of serving others, Christ Church continues to contribute to ministries in Brampton and beyond. We try to be more interested in others than ourselves and you simply cannot out give God. A few financial highlights are listed below:

### Christ Church (Brampton) Fiscal 2020 - Community Outreach

#### Outreach - Received by Christ Church

Day Camp	\$	2,430
Clergy Discretion	\$	2,720
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$	5,691
Refugee Fund (ICV)	\$	4,268
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$	3,090
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$	160
Faithworks - LOFT	\$	95
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$	2,405
Regeneration/Coldest Night of Year	\$	1,310
Designated Miscellaneous	\$	120
	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,289</b>

#### Outreach - Other

Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year	\$	6,570	Received by CNOY
Faithworks Local Outreach	\$	2,025	Faithworks Holdback
Ste. Louise	\$	1,200	Proceeds from Pancake Supper
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$	6,000	Gifts in Kind (est.)
	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,795</b>	

**TOTAL \$ 38,084**

## CATERING 2020

Our group catered to 4 receptions for period July 2019 to end of June 2020

- 4 Funeral Receptions
- Informal Wedding Luncheon

### F2020 Catering

#### Income

Balance Forward	\$	10,507	as at June 30, 2019
Receptions	\$	2,800	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,307</b>	

#### Expenses

Caring & Sharing	\$	1,000
The Rev'd Michelle's Re	\$	1,130
Essentials/Supplies	\$	588
Bank Fee	\$	48
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,766</b>

**Balance \$ 10,541** as at June 30, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

*Lydia Bennett*



## PARISH FELLOWSHIP GROUP 2020

Meetings of the Ladies Paris Fellowship Group are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Canon Allan Room with the exception of July and Augusts' months.

We open with prayers before our business meeting, after which follows a program and light refreshments, along with a lively social period.

In January and September, pot luck luncheons are held prior to our business meeting, after which we indulge ourselves with a penny auction.

Our December meeting was held at the home of Anna Demme, where we were treated to a delicious Christmas luncheon of crepes with chicken filling, salad, cookies and a "fired" up plum pudding.

March 11<sup>th</sup> was our last meeting as by March 13<sup>th</sup> due to Covid 19 the church was in lock down, with suspension of public worship until the foreseeable future.

In January 2019, the Parish Fellowship Group was the recipient of a monetary gift from the estate of Tanis Ironside who had passed away in June 2017. Tanis was a long time congregant of Christ Church and had served in many positions in the church throughout her years here. She was also a long time member of the Ladies Parish Group. In April 2019, our group donated a portion of that gift towards the Hymn Book Campaign and fifty hymnals were allocated In Memory of Tanis.

We continue to support Regeneration, Cheshire Home, Salvation Army Honey Church Family Life Resource Centre

Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun.

Respectfully submitted

*Lydia Bennett*

President

## PARISH VISITORS 2020

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. Of course, meetings were suspended in mid-March as a result of the pandemic. However that did not stop us from fulfilling our vital role of staying in touch with each other and those within the parish. .

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.

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 MINISTRY 2020

***"The power of the prayer does not depend on the one who makes the prayer, but on the one who hears it."***

The Prayer Ministry consists of a group of people who have committed themselves to pray regularly for the people and concerns that are requested of them.

We pray for the physical, psychological, emotional and social ills of our congregation, their family, friends, friends of friends, care givers etc. We also pray for what is happening within our church and community.

If at all possible we want the recipients to be aware that they are being prayed for. It is a known fact, that 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.

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.

***Are we missing God's answer to a prayer because we have not considered any/all possible answers other than the one we expect?***

I've taken the liberty to change the format of recording the names of those who have requested prayers into various groups.

The new format will give us a "snapshot" for all who have asked for our prayers

It is designed with the idea to let us know the progress of the individual prayed for

- 1. New Additions:** Those requesting prayers, sick and/or awaiting surgery and tests
- 2. After Care:** Those who have undergone surgery and receiving treatment
- 3. Observation:** Those who are still under observation/ checkups with some treatment after surgery
- 4. Long Term:** Those with long term illness, those requiring palliative care and those in remission who have asked for our prayers for their continued health

***It is important to remember that no group is of greater or lesser importance***

If you feel called and are interested in becoming a member, please contact one of our clergy, or myself.

*Jeffrey Smith*

Prayer Ministry Coordinator



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11



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