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Annual Vestry Report

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For the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



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COLLEGE OF BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES

(Released February 2024)



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

To the clergy, churchwardens, and parishioners of the Diocese of Toronto:

Dear friends,

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves.

Simple and elegant. These few words capture the essence of a Vision that we have been pursuing and discerning throughout the Cast the Net process, a visioning exercise that began while we were still in pandemic mode. Over the course of several consultations, we listened to one another, and for the leading of the Holy Spirit. With time, sifting and testing, 20 Calls were revealed at Synod, which were supported with enthusiasm. A final version of the Calls will be received by Synod Council in February. We continue to be grateful to the Steering Committee and consultants, who have led our work together over the past 18 months. And now the work begins to incorporate these Calls into the life and ministry of the whole Diocese. This is the time for parishes large and small, missions, ministries, committees and Synod Council to animate the Calls in our own contexts. It is almost impossible for one community to embrace all twenty, but by serving together from Mississauga to Brighton, Midland to Minden, and all points in between, we can!

We begin this journey with a Season of Spiritual Renewal. We embrace the Call to deepen our walk together as communities by immersing ourselves in prayer, reading and reflection on scripture, worship and sharing our stories of faith with one another. As we promised in our baptism: we will “continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers”. This Season will be supported by the Rev. Canon Dr Judy Paulsen, members of a steering committee and the College of Bishops. We hope that you will be able to join us for Diocesan worship events, learning opportunities, programs and fellowship that entice us all to walk more closely in the footsteps of Jesus.

We are delighted to reach across our borders to deepen our friendship with the Diocese of Brasilia. Brasilia is a relatively new diocese, birthed in 1985, with a small number of parishes, missions and ministries. We were delighted to welcome their Bishop Mauricio Andrade and

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his wife Sandra to our Diocesan Synod in November. We will learn from, grow with, and support one another as we strive to serve Christ in our unique circumstances. And we look forward to opportunities for delegations of our clergy and laity to visit back and forth, both in-person and online, as we deepen our affection for one another.

We are proud of and amazed at the ministry taking place across our Diocese, especially in the areas of youth, ecumenism, creation care, diversity, and faith formation. We encourage you to consider this year's Diocesan Social Justice motion on housing, and to prayerfully support our Church's advocacy for every person's right to adequate shelter. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit is leading and guiding us, and challenging us to bravely find new ways to work and worship together, to increase in courage, to share our passion for the Good News of Jesus, and to seek and find new meaning as followers of Christ in the 21st century, where we are confronted with emerging economic and social challenges. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all who make up our dynamic community of faith – lay people, deacons, priests – all helping to give a glimpse of the Reign of God as it unfolds in our midst.

As your bishops, we know the joy and privilege of serving the Church in this Diocese. We thank all those who have joined us in giving leadership over the past year. We have recently celebrated one year of our new diocesan leadership model, and we are immensely grateful to our new Territorial Archdeacons and Canon Administrator for stepping into their roles so effectively and with such faithfulness. The five of them have helped to ease the bishops' administrative load, allowing us to focus on some of the other work to which we have been called and ordained.

Whether your work is changing this year, whether you are stepping out of your role at this Vestry meeting, or stepping into a new ministry, or continuing on in your good work, please know that we are here to support you in every way we can. We want to encourage you in Gospel ministry, in the initiatives and relationships that you are building, as you cast your nets ever wider in a world that is hungry for Christ - for meaning, connection and belonging.

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Our mission statement is simple and elegant. And it invites us, like the dismissal at the close of the Eucharist, to action. We invite you to incorporate these words in your liturgies on Sunday morning:

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves.

Thanks be to God!

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

The Right Rev. Andrew J. Asbil

Bishop of Toronto

The Right Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

The Right Rev. Kevin Robertson

Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

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A YEAR OF TRANSITION

“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



1885

Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Psalm 33:20-22 (NRSV)



2024

We're depending on GOD;
he's everything we need.
What's more, our hearts brim with joy
since we've taken for our own his holy name.
Love us, GOD, with all you've got—
that's what we're depending on.

Psalm 33:20-22 (The Message)

Once a generation or so, there have been significant transitions that Christ Church has faced. Having been founded in 1851 in Brampton, this is no surprise for we are not immune to the inevitable changes that come with time. Christ Church has been rooted in our community throughout times of boom and bust, war and peace and leadership changes. Throughout, our parish family has been steadfast in its trust in God. As a parish family, we have shown grace and resilience to withstand these changes. Facing them together, we emerge stronger.

This past year was one of significant change as we encountered several leadership changes. Some time ago, several of us read *Reaching Out without Dumbing Down: A Theology of Worship for This Urgent Time* by Marva J. Dawn. While there are many gems in this book, a significant one is keeping God as both the subject and the object of worship which also applies to our actions, conversations, plans, etc. Indeed, all that we do. While we continue to celebrate God, proclaim Christ and serve others, it is helpful to review some of the significant milestones this past year. Briefly, we will capture some of them below:

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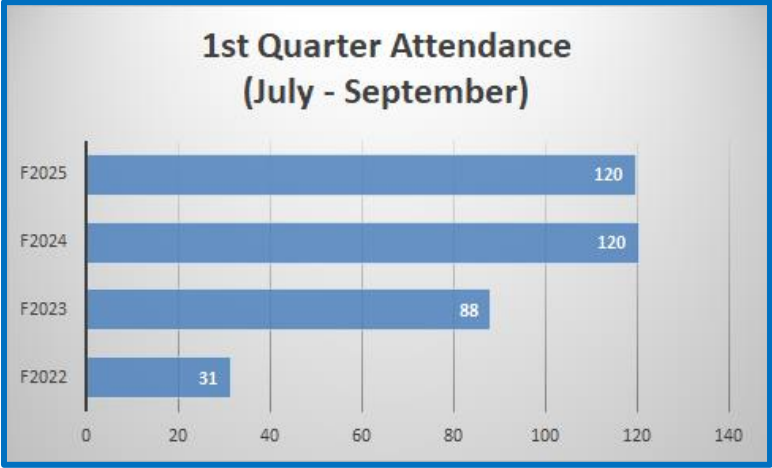
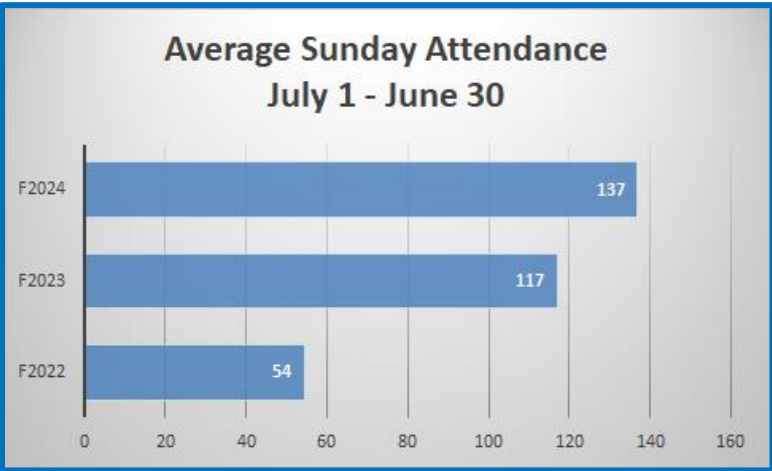
Early November	It was announced that The Rev. Charles Nelson's last Sunday with Christ Church would be November 26, 2023.
Early December	After 19 years serving as our Incumbent, The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore announces his retirement and that his last Sunday would be April 7, 2024.
Mid December	A Special Vestry was held to form the Parish Selection Committee to begin the search for a new Incumbent.
December - March	We continued to generously support our outreach initiatives through Caring & Sharing, Coldest Night of the Year and International Christian Voice Annual Gala.
January - April	The Parish Selection Committee meets with Area Bishop and Diocesan coaches to formulate their plan to craft the Parish Profile. Listening sessions commence with Christ Church groups and individuals to provide input to the Parish Profile.
Early February	Tina Clarke, our Children, Youth and Family Director, tenders her retirement effectively immediately to care for her husband, The Rev. Michael Clarke who is on an indefinite leave of absence. Shumaila Desrochers steps into the role temporarily to provide coverage at Sunday School.
Mid February	We celebrate Shrove Tuesday with our first Pancake Supper since 2020.
February - March	An 8-week Lenten study was offered both online and in-person that dovetailed into a 1-day Prayer Retreat led by Dr. Wanda Malcolm in mid-March.
Mid March	Sarah White accepts summer position of Coordinator, Children's Ministry for the months of May through August. Our Children's Ministry continued seamlessly without skipping a beat.
Late March	On Palm Sunday, it was announced that The Rev. Dr. Arthur Boers had been appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge starting with Christ Church on April 21.
Mid-May	Parishioners were invited by the Parish Selection Committee to participate anonymously in a Parish Survey to help gather input for the Parish Profile.
May	It was announced that our downstairs kitchen would be undergoing a "Facelift" during the summer months to better support our ministry of hospitality. Plans were kick-started for a Treasure Sale to be held in July.
Early June	"Consultation Sunday" is held to share high-level results from Parish Survey. Following the luncheon served by members Parish Selection Committee, further listening sessions were facilitated to gather even more information.

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While the change was constant, we endeavoured to keep the parish informed either through weekly bulletin or verbal announcements, use of our social media platforms (website, Facebook and Instagram) and parish mailings. Understanding that communication is especially important in time of change, a total of six parish mailings were released dated October 2023, November 2023, December 2023, February 2024, March 2024 and May 2024. These mailing can be read at:

www.christchurchbrampton.ca/board-communications

And there is good news! Our Average Sunday Attendance increased year over year by 17%. As of September 30, 2024, our 1st quarter Average Sunday Attendance remains solid. This is particularly notable in time of change and with our 1st quarter historically is low as it represents the summer months of July 1 to September 30.



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THE REV. CANON DR. BYRON GILMORE | RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

Below is the text from The Rev. Canon Byron Gilmore’s retirement announcement that he made on the 1st Sunday of Advent (December 3, 2023)

Dear Friends – after much prayer and discernment it has become clear to me that the time for me to retire has come. So, I announce to you that I will retire at the end of April 2024 with my last Sunday with you being the second Sunday of Easter - April 7th – four months from now.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be your Pastor these past nearly 19 years.

I am deeply grateful for how you have supported me and my family in our years together among you. It has been such a joy and a privilege, and I speak for Kim, Spencer and Avery in adding their own thank-you to mine.

I am so thankful for the way my life and the life of my family were nurtured by our lives together with you. Christ Church was, and is, a great church to grow up in. Our sons enjoyed a fulsome Sunday School and youth program and grew up loved by you; Kim found deep fulfilment in working among the children, youth and families of our parish and I have found my deepest vocational joy among you.

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At the end of the day, all I can say is: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

So, what are the “**next steps**” for Christ Church Brampton?

A Parish Selection Committee will be formed to assist our Area Bishop in his appointment of your next Rector; and, to this end we will be having a special Vestry Meeting in three weeks time on Sunday December 17th following the Lessons & Carols Service to elect members of that selection committee.

The committee will work closely with both our Area Bishop, Bishop Kevin Robertson and our local territorial Archdeacon, the Venerable Steven Mackison in the process of discernment that will lead to the appointment of the next Rector of Christ Church Brampton.

I will be here for the next four months, which will, no doubt, fly by.

During our remaining time together, we won't be standing still. We have great things planned for the Advent and Christmas seasons both in worship, outreach and family programs which are already well under way.

During the coming winter and Lenten season, we will be focusing on prayer with a “small group” study program meeting for eight weeks – with groups meeting either on zoom or in person. You won't want to miss this one and why not bring a friend?

In conjunction with this study, there will be a one-day prayer retreat led by our own Dr. Wanda Malcolm.

At the end of the next four months our Bishop will appoint an interim Pastor to care for you until your new Incumbent arrives.

I am certain that through this time of transition you will be in good hands. We have very fine Church Wardens and an excellent staff as well as many dedicated volunteers.

I am confident that you have nothing to fear - for our God is the bearer of all good gifts.

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One final thought:

Christ Church Brampton is a mission-focused, vibrant, multicultural parish community in the heart of one of Canada's fastest growing cities. Folks - There is life here.

The things which attracted you and others here, the things that engage you and keep you here are the very same things that will attract your new Priest. There is life here. There is joy.

Now, I want to tell you a little secret about clergy. Clergy talk and clergy like to talk to each other.

One thing I have always done when discerning another ministry possibility is to call the former Incumbent of that ministry. I can clearly remember calling Canon Kim Beard, who was, of course, my predecessor here at Christ Church. I can remember distinctly feeling myself becoming more and more excited about what he shared with me. Finally, at the end of our conversation, I asked, "Kim, is there anything further that you should tell me about Christ Church Brampton"?

"Byron", he said, "**It's a great parish and you will have great years there**".

I stand before you today to say "thank you" for the years we have had together and to tell you that's exactly what I will say. "**It's a great parish and you will have great years there**".

So, I want to read you a passage of scripture which I think is very appropriate for today. A Reading from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi – the letter to the Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you,

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because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Let us pray....

Lord, I thank you for Christ Church Brampton and for its mission and its people. I thank you for your provision and your faithfulness to this community over these past 172 plus years.

I give you thanks for faithful servants who have served you in this community since its inception; and, I give you thanks for the privilege of having been called to serve you here.

And now, Oh Lord, we thank you for the future where you already reign. Help us to follow you into that future. And we pray, even now, for the one whom you will call to serve as the next pastor of this community – move upon their heart, give them wisdom and discernment and remove any barriers that may seem, for them, to be in place.

We ask these things in the name of the one who has called us and who loves us, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Follow Christ Church, Brampton on Facebook and Instagram ~ that's where the photos are! Liking, commenting and sharing our posts is an easy way to share with others about Christ Church. **And** probably one of the easiest ways to invite family, friend and neighbours. Check out our website for all current information: www.christchurchbrampton.ca



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Blessing of Backpacks (September 2023)



Visit with former parishioners (July 2023)



Advent 2023



Good Friday Prayer Walk

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THE REV. DR. ARTHUR BOERS | WELCOME LETTER

With a Year-End of June 30 and our Interim Priest-in-Charge starting with Christ Church in late April, we have included his initial pastoral letter released May 5, 2024

Dear Fellow Pilgrims:

I am delighted and honoured to serve as Interim Priest-in-Charge during your transition. I love interim work. Everything I know about Christ Church leads me to be so glad for this opportunity.



On my first Sunday – in accordance with the lectionary readings that “happened” to be prominent that day – I preached on shepherds. You just said farewell to one shepherd, work is being done on calling another, and I am transitional, stuck in the middle between Once and Future priests.

All human shepherds are *temporary*. Temporariness is built into my appointment, a six-month contract. But even Byron, here for almost two decades, was temporary. As will be the next priest. We are all temporary and our primary role is to point to the true Shepherd, the Good Shepherd, the Lord Who Is Our Shepherd. Early in my ministry (four decades ago already!) I wondered how to understand the peculiar practice of pastoral ministry. The job description included different tasks: preaching, presiding, pastoral care, greeting people, attending, and sometimes chairing meetings, picking litter from the floor, visiting. How did all this hang together? Everything I do as a pastor ought to remind us of God’s grace, encourage us to draw near to God, point, and orient people to God and the priorities of God. I love the word “orient.” Originally, it was a noun, simply meaning “east.” Eventually it became a verb, “to orient,” and meant to face or turn east. Why? As scriptures teach that Jesus the Christ will return in the east ancient Christian traditions insisted Christians should face east when worshipping and praying and constructed buildings accordingly. Our church worship literally faces east. (If I have my geography correct; I’m new to Brampton and in my first week already got lost – disoriented – at least once.)

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There are times and periods where we feel *oriented*: things make sense, life works, God is clearly on God's throne, the world mostly feels right. But then we get *disoriented*: things don't go well, we are not at ease, we experience losses. This can feel like dying or being in the wilderness. But Christians are not left here. The heart of our faith celebrates how God works through dying *and* rising. God's mercy and grace can bring us to a new place where we are *reoriented*. Being reoriented is pleasant and echoes life when we were oriented. But now we know the cost and suffering that got us here. Through my biggest disorientations I gradually came to see God at work even in the most difficult times. I was deepened as a Christian and could minister more faithfully. Christ Church's transitional phase may feel like disorientation and some will grieve. That's normal! Some will be anxious. That's normal too! None of us know exactly what the future holds, but we count on God.

I am glad to be on this pilgrim journey with you. We trust and pray that God walks alongside us and is moving us steadily toward a grand reorientation.

Pax,

Arthur +

Arthur Boers

Interim Priest-in-Charge



Spring 2024

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING – OCTOBER 29, 2023

Minutes of the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Sunday, October 16, 2022, in the morning following 10:00 am service of in-person Holy Eucharist. The Vestry Report, F2023 Financial Statements, F2024 Frequently Asked Questions and F2024 Budget were made available on our website the Sunday preceding Vestry. Paper copies were made available at the church.

These minutes are considered draft until approved by the next Annual Meeting of Vestry scheduled for October 27, 2024.

Opening with prayer, The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore took the chair at 11:30 am for the 174th Annual Vestry. He gave thanks for all who participated in the various ministries that took place throughout Fiscal 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023). Canon Gilmore acknowledged the additional work by clergy, staff and volunteers as we continued emerge from Covid-19.

The pastoral letter from Toronto College of Bishops was received, specifically from The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto and The Right Reverend Riscylla Shaw and The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishops of Toronto.

MOTIONS:

The following motions were moved, seconded and carried.

1. That the Agenda for the Annual Vestry meeting of October 29, 2023, be accepted. The motion was moved by Stan Szepesi and seconded by Peter Harvey.
2. That Martha Whittaker be elected as Vestry Clerk. The motion was moved by Dot Joshua and seconded by Sara Golla.
3. That the minutes, as presented, of the Annual Vestry of October 16, 2022, be accepted. The motion was moved by Corrine Andrews and seconded by Samir Tikaram.

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4. The following appointments were made:

Rector	The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Byron R. Gilmore
Rector's Warden	Shumaila Desrochers
People's Warden	Sean Joseph
Deputy Rector's Warden	John Joukema
Deputy People's Warden	Catherine Laing
Treasurer	Kathy Newbert
Engagement Reviewer	Peter Volkes
Parish Administrator	Martha Whittaker
Envelope Secretary	Carolynne Atkinson

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 Jonathan Thomas and Martha Whittaker and seconded by Peter Harvey and Nancy Kee, respectively.

5. That Chinweike Chike (moved by Samir Tikaram, seconded by Ruth Wiggins), Samir Tikaram (moved by Chinweike Chike, seconded by Don Joshua) and Barbara Westney (moved by Catherine Laing, seconded by Martha Whittaker) be elected as Lay members of Synod with Lisa Lipson (moved by Ruth Wiggins, seconded by Shumaila Desrochers) 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 Alternate) to Synod
- d. Member at Large
- e. Parish Administrator

7. Jonathan Thomas 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 Martha Whittaker and seconded by Corrine Andrews.

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8. Naysa Samuel was appointed to serve on the Advisory Board as a Member at Large.
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 Peter Harvey and seconded Nancy Kee.
10. That we approve the reports of the church groups and organizations as published with one correction that Jonathan Thomas replace Sarala Golla as elected Member at Large for Advisory Board (pp 39). The motion was moved by Nancy Kee and seconded by Ruth Wiggins.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Information Only)

Special mention was made of the continuing generosity of Christ Church Brampton outreach totalling \$45,000 representing 11% of our total donations. As a parish we able to quickly respond to an emergency appeal by our ministry-partner International Christian Voice.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT (presented Carolynne Atkinson, Envelope Secretary)

We reviewed the Contribution Range and Contribution Summary reports. Key points covered included:

- Total Electronic Givings in F2023 was \$294,201 was many of our envelope subscribers moved to e-Transfer and/or CanadaHelps. This figure includes \$149,8 received via Pre-Authorized Remittance.
- An unexpected memorial gift of \$53,624 was received in March 2023.

The motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report was moved by George Stephens and seconded by Barbara Westney. Motion was carried.

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FISCAL 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT (draft released October 22, 2024; presented by Shumaila Desrochers)

“Frequently Asked Questions” were released one week prior to Vestry to help parishioners better understand both our Financial Report and Budgeting process. The FAQs remain posted on our website and help put our financial story into context.

Financial statements are presented in a format that combines 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 \$8,000 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 2023 Financial Statements was moved Sean Joseph and seconded by Ruth Wiggins. Motion was carried.

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FISCAL 2024 BUDGET (draft released October 22, 2024; presented by Shumaila Desrochers)

The following key budget assumptions were presented:

Income

- Offerings increase of 5% over previous year's actual
- Cannot predict with certainty memorial givings

Expenses

- No increases in salaries or benefits.
- Difficult to predict inflationary pressure.
- Most increases at 3% except for repairs & maintenance at 10%
- Investment from savings required as we emerge from the pandemic.

Some discussion took place with regard to \$50k budgeted for Special Projects. It was explained that the intent of this expense was not to draw down from the Heritage Fund but rather use accumulated savings. A portion of this money is earmarked for the replacement of our aging/obsolete soundboard and associated components. (See Frequently Asked Questions #6 & # 15). The motion to approve the F2024 Budget was moved by Chris Bird and seconded by Nancy Kee. Motion was carried with one opposed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was moved by Chinweike Chike at 12:35 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer.

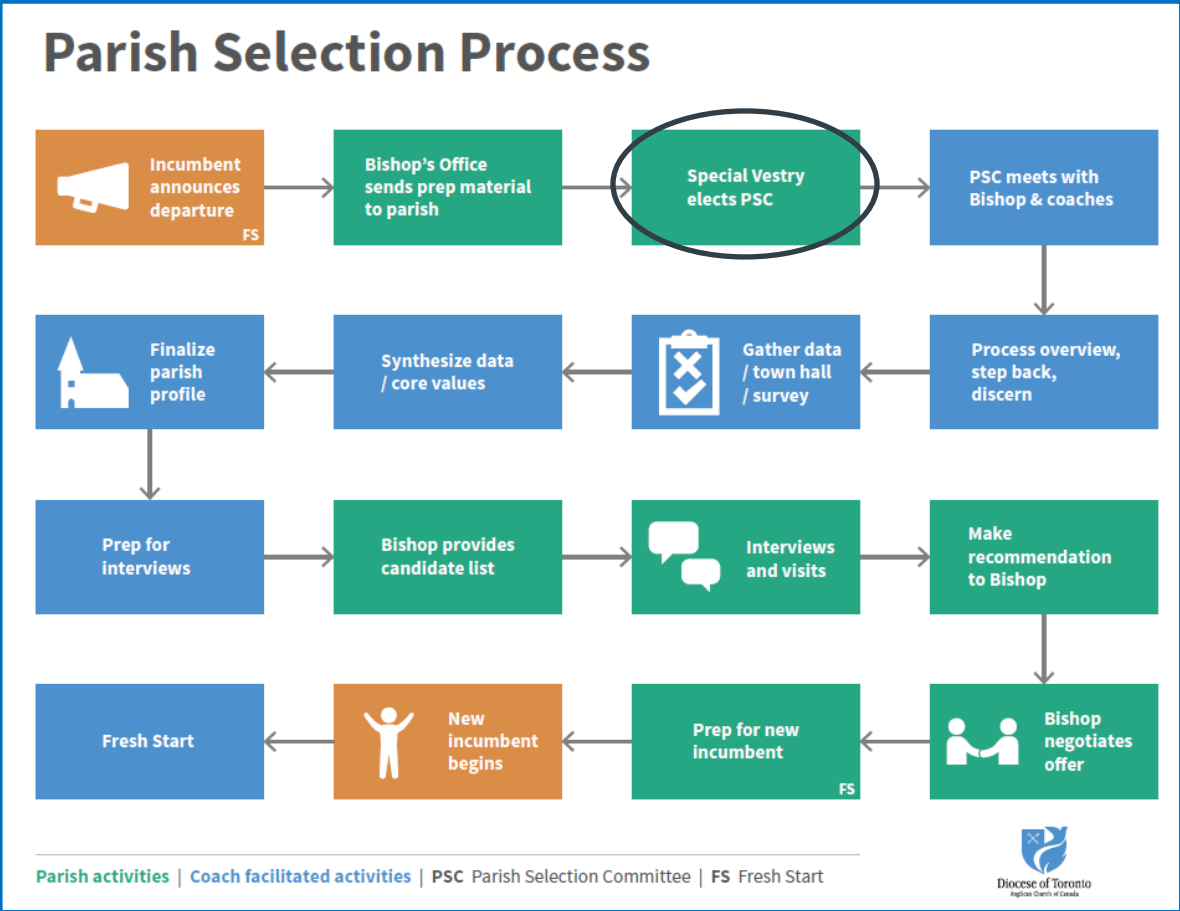
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SUMMARY OF SPECIAL VESTRY – DECEMBER 17, 2023

Minutes of the special meeting of vestry of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Sunday, December 17, 2023, in the morning following the in-person service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am.

Concurrent with The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore’s retirement announcement made on December 3, 2023, a Special Vestry was called for December 17th for the formation of a Parish Selection Committee (PSC) as per Canon 10 of the Diocese of Toronto. Stan Szepesi took the chair reviewed the following:

- An initial step in the search process for a new incumbent is the formation of the Parish Selection Committee as per the illustration below.



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- The functions of both the Chair and Members were reviewed. The PSC acts more as a Task Force as the ultimate decision rests with the Bishop, in consultation with the PSC.
- Canon 10 dictates the composition of the PSC, particularly regarding Wardens and, as a result, Shumaila Desrochers and John Joukema as Rector's Warden and Deputy People's Warden respectively are members of the PSC. Paid employee and clergy cannot serve on the PSC nor the Transition Committee.
- The next step in the process is the PSC to meet with the Area Bishop and Diocesan Coaches. This meeting has been scheduled for January 16, 2024.
- The PSC is committed to open, transparent and frequent communications albeit there may be times of pause during the process or at points where confidentiality plays a role. The process can be lengthy but God is in the process too.
- Parishioners are encouraged to always ask questions for clarity.

In addition to Shumaila Desrochers and John Joukema, the following individuals were elected to be members of the Parish Selection Committee:

Member	Moved	Seconded
Charlene Bickerstaffe	Samir Tikaram	Catherine Laing
Elizabeth Charters	Samir Tikaram	Marjorie Taylor
Chinweike Chike	Martha Whittaker	Sean Joseph
Ken Egbuna	Peter Harvey	Julie Shaughnessy
Peter Harvey	Catherine Laing	Oscar French
Nancy Kee	Phyllis Moffatt	Dot Joshua
Stan Szepesi	Sean Joseph	John Joukema

- The meeting closed in prayer.

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Children's Focus (March 2024)



Last Sunday in Epiphany (January 2024)



Bishops' Levee (January 2024)



International Christian Voice Gala
(March 2024)



Sunday School
(Winter 2024)

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY 2024

Vestry is always a good time to reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to the exciting possibilities of the year ahead.

As you look at the pictures that have captured the year. You can't help but be amazed at how much change has happened not only over the past year but over the past few years. Kids that were once babies in the arms of parents or others who are part of our church family have grown up. Some of them now stand taller than us.

The Sunday School and the children's focus at the front of the church are bursting with energy, joy and God's love. The words come closer and squeeze in to hear about Jesus and God's love for all of us are not new in fact we hear this time and time again in scripture.

Many of those who started in Sunday School continued to the church's youth group, some have gone out into the world to share the talents God gave them with a strong faith foundation which Christ Church helped build. If you take a moment, you can see many of them at the Altar, helping or teaching with Sunday School, working the soundboard, or in the worship collective and choir in the Christmas Pageants, Good Friday walks, Blessing of the Pets and Backpacks and so many more events. Others often return on any given Sunday to hugs and the words "Welcome Home".

This year we have seen a number of changes in our Church family, we celebrated the retirement of Rev. Byron and me but as always God provides and we are blessed to have Rev. Arthur Boers join us our interim Priest and Shumaila Desrochers take on the role of Director of Family Ministry. (I can't think of anyone better to fill this role).

We personally just wanted to thank all of you- our Christ Church family – for all your support, help, love and prayers during this past year.

We are certainly blessed here at Christ Church and like all of you are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us!

Blessings

Tina Clarke and Shumaila Desrochers

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



Making Friends (Winter 2024)



Good Friday Prayer Walk (March 2024)



Prayer Walk (Fall 2023)



Mustering for Children's Pageant (December 2023)



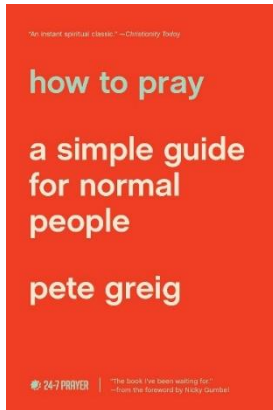
"Shine the Light" (Fall 2023)



"Shine the Light" (Fall 2023)

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

LENTEN STUDY 2024



Our selection this past year is *How to Pray & The Prayer Course* by Pete Greig. *How to Pray* aimed to awaken a passion for prayer in all types of people, from the committed followers of Jesus to the skeptics to those who don't really know where to begin. It uses the Lord's Prayer as a framework ~ after all that was the response to the disciples asking "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). *The Prayer Course* is the companion piece to the book. Parishioners were encouraged (and most did) to read the book but were welcomed attend a small group session without doing so.



With 8 sessions, we started in late January and offered the course on Zoom on Wednesday evenings and in-person on Saturday mornings at the Christ Church.

PRAYER RETREAT 2024

"As I have practiced prayer over the years, I have found that occasionally I lose any sense of connection with God. I've discovered that sometimes that's an invitation to seek God out in other ways, to expand my prayer expressions, or even where I pray! In springtime I find Him more outside than in - God in the garden instead of my comfy prayer chair."
(Jill Webber | Lectio 365)

As a compliment to our Lenten Study, we offered a one-day Prayer Retreat led by Dr. Wanda Malcolm. We were delighted to welcome people that were not participating in the Lenten Study nor were they members of Christ Church. The day itself was for anyone wanting to explore new and old favorite forms of prayer. In the first half of the day, Wanda led us in a meditation on Mark 6 followed by an opportunity to make a picture for God's fridge much as our children or grandchildren bring us pictures that we delight in putting on our fridge, it did not (and thankfully so) require artistic talent. Just a child-like desire to find a way to express things when words are not enough.

Following a delicious lunch, the second half of the day there was opportunity to explore and try out several other forms of prayer including Anglican prayer beads, finger labyrinth, contemplative prayer, a prayer walk among others. We concluded the day with a Celebration of the Eucharist. It was a rich and wonderful day.

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



In-Person Lenten Study



On Zoom Lenten Study



Prayer Retreat | March 16, 2024 (above & below)



LITURGY & WORSHIP

ALTAR GUILD 2024

The Altar Guild prepares the bread and wine, vessels, linens, candles and flowers necessary for our services. We currently have 5 teams of 4 members and are on duty once every 5th week. The team means on Saturday morning for an hour or so to get everything ready for Sunday morning. We also meet again after the service to clean up before heading downstairs for coffee hour. Setting up for weddings, baptisms and funerals are also part of our duties. Members attend meetings twice a year to get ready for the Christmas and Easter seasons. Decorating the church for Palm Sunday, Easter, Harvest and Christmas is a big part of the Altar Guild duties with the help from other parishioners. We also collect the harvest offerings for the local food bank, over 400 lbs of food was donated to the Knights' Table. Thanks to all, both members and volunteers, who helped.

The Altar Guild hosted a bake sale and are grateful to all who purchased our baked goods. Proceeds from the sale are used for the repair and maintenance of linens and vessels used in worship.

If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please speak to one of our members or give me a call at 647-393-1909.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Moffatt

Coordinator



Christmas Decorating 2023



Lent Preparations 2024

LITURGY & WORSHIP



Ash Wednesday Evening



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday

LITURGY & WORSHIP



World Day of Prayer | March 3, 2024



Good Friday Prayer Walk



Gathering for Worship Easter Sunday

CHOIR REPORT 2024

In a post covid era, it was wonderful to see normalcy and order return, not to say that during that crazy time inventiveness did not flourish! In some ways being under the microscope of a microphone or video recorder did certainly require one to improve their game and stay on point.

The adult choir who's members range 16 to somewhere in the 80's, continues to grow and flourish. It always amazes me that people with passion can rise to such wonderful levels and attain amazing things! Thursday evenings have really become such a highlight of my week, thank you Senior (not so senior) choir.

During July of 2023, the wonderful choir from Christchurch Cambridge, England included on their tour of Quebec and Ontario Christchurch Brampton as one of their stops. Parishioners, people from the community and myself hosted these fine singers for one evening after performing a wonderful concert to an enthusiastic audience on a warm summer's night.

One of my big projects last fall was the creation of a children's choir. With such a large youthful community and voices that shine and sparkle how could I not begin something new and fresh, so a children's choir was created. Their debut was at the 9 Lessons & Carols Service. Following all the fun that was had and the beauty in hearing their angelic voices, the junior choir carried on through the year to then perform at Easter and Father Byron's retirement service. Naturally I hope this marvelous singing group continue for years to come.

My time at Christchurch continues to be so positive, I look forward to the years to come.

Respectfully offered,

Ron Greidanus

Organist and Choir Director

LITURGY & WORSHIP



September 2023



Children's Advent Choir | Rehearsing & Singing at Lessons & Carol (December 17, 2023)



The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore's Last Sunday (April 7, 2024)

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PARISH REGISTRIES (JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024)

BAPTISMS

January 7, 2024 – Baptism of the Lord

Lisa Anne Turnbull as an adult

April 7, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Amanda Lynne Entwistle as an adult

April 7, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Iris Lillian Mae Entwistle born November 4, 2023

MARRIAGES

September 2, 2023

Forrest Abe Wiebe and Nicholas Benjamin Dyck

FUNERALS

August 1, 2023

Elizabeth Lucchetto born May 3, 1935 died July 24, 2023

August 11, 2023

Michael Blake Stoker born December 24, 1961 died August 6, 2023

August 23, 2023

Harvey Anderson Campbell born June 10, 1928 died August 18, 2023

August 28, 2023

Karl Jones born July 12, 1952 died July 21, 2023

August 29, 2023

Joseph Francis Penny born September 24, 1928 died July 30, 2023

October 16, 2023

Sandra Jones Vanhanen born August 15, 1954 died October 9, 2023

October 17, 2023

Emmanuel Peter Parker born December 9, 1936 died October 3, 2023

October 24, 2023

Marian Viola Fry born June 30, 1927 died October 15, 2023

October 28, 2023

Hugh Livingston Sylvester Thomas born May 2, 1939 died October 28, 2023

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FUNERALS & MEMORIALS (Continued)

October 28, 2023

Kristine Marie Amaral born January 28, 1990 died October 19, 2023

November 17, 2023

Florence Irene Clifton born January 23, 1928 died November 8, 2023

December 18, 2023

June Isobel Barbison born June 18, 1929 died November 30, 2023

December 28, 2023

Mary Taylor Muncey born February 2, 1923 died December 18, 2023

March 7, 2024

Marian Margaret Warman born January 23, 1928 died March 3, 2024

March 22, 2024

Joann Ruth Brear born January 11, 1943 died December 24, 2023

April 13, 2024

Gordon Edmund Gray born July 3, 1927 died November 3, 2023

May 3, 2024

Harold Earl Murphy born May 18, 1936 died April 22, 2024

May 18, 2024

William George Whittaker born January 30, 1926 died May 13, 2024

May 25, 2024

Joan l'Anson born August 21, 1932 died May 21, 2024

June 25, 2024

Kathleen Anne Gilpin born November 9, 1951 died June 18, 2024

LITURGY & WORSHIP

PRODUCTION TEAM 2024

With an average weekly online viewing of 128, our Production Team is dedicated to the enhancement of both our in-person and online worship experience. In this current fiscal year, funds were earmarked for the replacement of our aging/obsolete soundboard and associated components. During latter part of the fiscal year a needs analysis was conducted, and a vendor was selected to work with us for the necessary upgrades. Sunday morning services continue to be recorded live and released later in the day at 4:00 pm on YouTube. We continue to work on a longer-term solution to live-stream on Sunday mornings.

Check out our YouTube channel for all our worship services and special productions:

www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchBrampton



We are always willing to train new team members | Consider Volunteering

WORSHIP COLLECTIVE 2024

The Worship Collective has been going through a time of renewal and reorganization in this past year. We have worked hard to build the repertoire, always on the lookout for songs of inspiration, meditation, teaching and worship to our God, whom we adore. This year, six new songs were added to our book and a few old songs were brought back. We also have a new bass player, Jeff LeBlanc joining us, and Samir Tikaram has also joined on a part-time basis.

In December 2023, the Advenio concert was renewed; the first production since 2018. The title of the concert was “In Case You Were Wondering...” and utilized songs and readings to depict the purpose of our Advent and Christmas celebrations and its place in God’s story of love and salvation. We hope you can join us for this year’s presentation, scheduled for the third Sunday in Advent.

“What’s in a Song?” is a blog I contribute to the website that provides an understanding of some of the songs that we sing, and how they relate to everyday life. Thank you to those who have read them. It is my hope that it has been of value to your personal journey.

As always, the purpose of Contemporary worship is to provide opportunity for the congregation to exercise praise and worship to God, through lyrics and music, as well as relatable melodies and rhythms that help us to hide God’s word in our hearts, as Psalm 119:11 implores us. If you sing or play an acoustic instrument, and are interested in joining the Worship Collective, please contact me at sallycampbell.traveler@gmail.com or speak to me after the service on Sunday.

It has been an honour and a large responsibility to be your Contemporary Worship leader these past years and I thank the congregation of Christ Church for their willing engagement in this form of worship. Your participation also enhances the experience of the Worship Collective. So together we are blessed.

Sally Campbell

Worship Collective Director

A collection of Sally’s blogs “What in a Song?” is available here:
www.christchurchbrampton.ca/music-theworshipcollective

LITURGY & WORSHIP



Advenio | December 2023



Worship Collective | Spring 2024



A full house for Christ's College Cambridge | July 2023

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ENVELOPE SECRETARY 2024

Each year, we see some changes to our giving patterns and this year was no different. We continue to see people returning to in-person worship as evidenced by the Sunday count but also many new people too! Tracking newcomers, whether they give electronically (PAR, E-transfer or CanadaHelps), by cash or by cheque, has become a regular occurrence.

Last year, I reported that the first time since I have held this position, there had been a drop in Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) as a direct result of parishioners either dying or moving. As you will see further on, this trend continued.

We use coding within our receipting program that allows us to see changes in donor patterns whether offerings are received by E-transfer, Pre-Authorized Remittances or “On the Plate”. We aim to keep an eye on these emerging changes in donor patterns. There are some parishioners that donate to Christ Church via CanadaHelps platform. We are grateful for this support to our ministry. As CanadaHelps issues tax receipts directly, detailed donation information is not included here but rather included in our Financial Statements.

Receipting at Christ Church

- Offertory envelope information is inputted into our database on a regular basis thus providing current individual contribution information.
- 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.)
- Christ Church also accepts E-transfers and has an account with CanadaHelps
- Reports are reviewed monthly to ensure that any discrepancies or inaccuracies are captured and corrected in a timely fashion.
- Interim tax receipts for the 9 months ending October 31st are included in a November mailing providing parishioners an opportunity to review their current offerings for the taxation year and to check for accuracy. As a result of this exercise, Annual Tax receipting goes very smoothly. **Please look for this mailing in November.**
- Fund Descriptions continued to be updated to better reflect various ministries where your offerings may be placed. Of course, General & Seasonal Offerings remain of prime importance.
- 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.**
- With a solid understanding of the PowerChurch system, I can assist the Corporation by providing them with cumulative results regarding changes in donor patterns.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Maintenance and Contact Information

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

- Keeping our contact information current is an ongoing task. **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 to comply with Canada Revenue Agency's requirements for the issuance of tax receipts and other documents.

Donations/Envelope Numbers

In accounting for contributions, each donor (whether a parishioner or a visitor) is assigned a unique envelope number. Your envelope number has two benefits: it provides confidentiality in the offering count and individual tracking for tax 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 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 can obtain information quickly and efficiently.

Your current envelope number can be found on your tax receipt or you may contact the Envelope Secretary 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

We currently have a standing order for 150 envelope sets. This has been reduced over the years as people converted to PAR or other forms of electronic giving. We are committed to keeping this method of giving.

- Please do not use previous year's envelopes. **2025 envelopes will be distributed during the first week of Advent 2024**. This is critical for accurate tax receipting purposes.
- This also applies to donors who have converted 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)

PAR is a convenient monthly offering that is automatically withdrawn on the 20th of the month from your bank account. As mentioned earlier, for the first time in my tenure that we have seen a drop in PAR. Pre-pandemic, we promoted this method of giving so that if you were away, your donations could still be made. This remains true.

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 at:

www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give

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.). Please ensure that your name and/or your correct envelope number is clearly written on the envelope so these donations can be added to your regular monthly donation.

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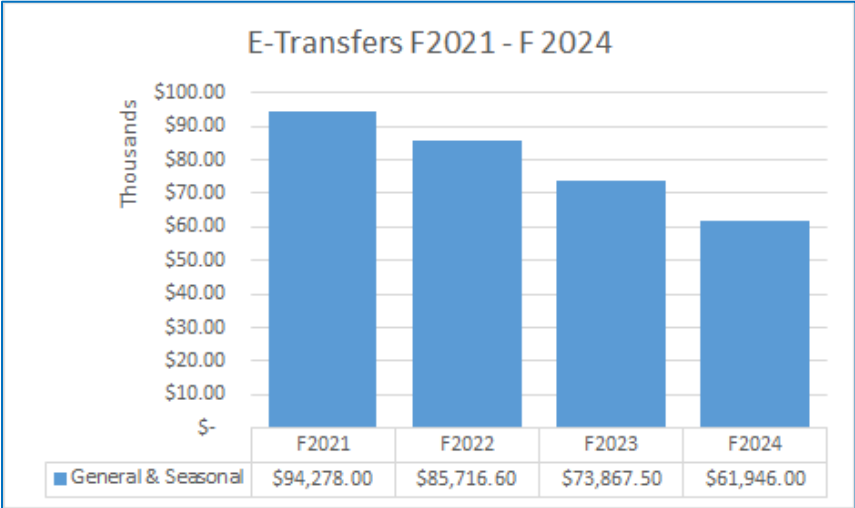
A Word About Other Methods of Electronic Giving

In March 2020, we introduced both CanadaHelps and E-transfers as ways to make contributions to the parish.

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
 - 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.
 - f. If you are new to Christ Church or you believe we do not have a correct mailing address, please include your full name & address in the notes so that we can provide a tax receipt.
2. **CanadaHelps** allows you to make donations to Christ Church using your credit through its website. A small administration and processing fee is paid. In this case, CanadaHelps provides you with a tax receipt in the full amount. As a result of our Stewardship Focus, some parish families made a monthly commitment via the CanadaHelps platform.

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

3. **Electronic Giving** continues to be a solid method of supporting the ministry of Christ Church. Many of our Envelope & PAR subscribers easily and faithfully made E-Transfers allocated for different funds including General, Seasonal Offerings, Caring & Sharing, Special Projects, Regeneration, etc. Below illustrates our e-transfers to General and Seasonal Offerings only as they are directly related to our operations.



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Table 1 – Contribution Range Report (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

The table below highlights our regular subscribers. The 400s series continues to be reviewed for more accurate reporting, specifically at the lower range. In extracting (Table 2), only the Envelope and PAR subscribers, we get a more accurate view of the average gift per regular contributor.

For these tables, we have only included data from Funds 1 – 3 (general, initial offering and seasonal) as those funds go directly to supporting Church Operations.

Contribution Range	F2024 Total Records		F2024 Envelope		F2024 PAR		F2024 400s		F2024 Other	
	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given
\$ 15 to \$ 100	730	\$ 1,969	9	\$ 749	1	\$ 50	156	\$ 1,050	564	\$ 120
\$ 101 to \$ 200	19	\$ 3,115	10	\$ 1,700	2	\$ 300	5	\$ 765	2	\$ 350
\$ 201 to \$ 300	17	\$ 4,530	8	\$ 2,114	4	\$ 1,140	5	\$ 1,276	0	\$ -
\$ 301 to \$ 400	12	\$ 4,400	7	\$ 2,510	1	\$ 400	2	\$ 785	2	\$ 705
\$ 401 to \$ 500	16	\$ 7,651	7	\$ 3,334	5	\$ 2,437	4	\$ 1,880	0	\$ -
\$ 501 to \$ 750	18	\$ 10,717	8	\$ 4,463	8	\$ 4,844	2	\$ 1,410	0	\$ 0
\$ 751 to \$1,000	26	\$ 23,833	11	\$ 10,000	10	\$ 9,309	5	\$ 4,524	0	\$ -
\$1,001 to \$1,500	20	\$ 24,456	11	\$ 13,525	7	\$ 8,365	2	\$ 2,566	0	\$ -
\$1,501 to \$2,500	30	\$ 57,228	15	\$ 27,230	15	\$ 29,998	0	\$ -	0	\$ 0
\$2,501 to \$5,000	28	\$ 94,016	13	\$ 43,006	14	\$ 47,450	1	\$ 3,560	0	\$ -
Over \$5001	7	\$ 65,386	3	\$ 32,086	4	\$ 33,300	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
	923	\$ 297,301	102	\$ 140,717	71	\$ 137,593	182	\$ 17,816	568	\$ 1,175

Our parish continues to support several outreach initiatives. Those results are reflected in the Funds Report (Table 3)

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Table 2 – Fiscal 2024 Average Given Per Contributor (Envelope & PAR Only)

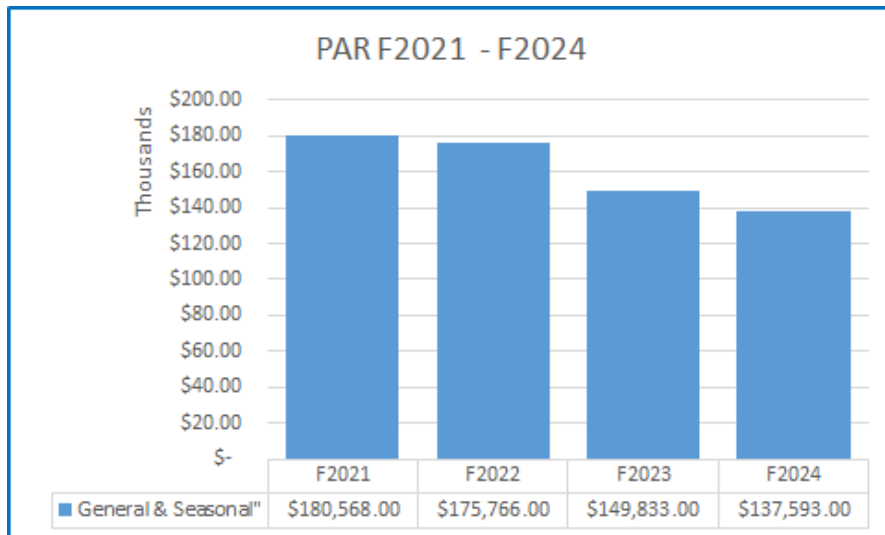
We have included for comparison the Average Gift/Contributor for the past number of years. This table best illustrates the change in giving patterns with Envelope subscribers exceeding PAR subscribers ~ a first in several years. This will be an area of attention this coming year.

F2024 Envelope Secretary Statistics

Funds 1 - 3 Only (General, Initial Offering & Seasonal)

	F2019	F2020	F2021	F2022	F2023	F2024	Year over Year Change		5 year average F2019-F2023 Comparison to F2024	
# ENV. SUBSCRIBERS	167	129	117	111	121	102	-19	-16%		
Total Offerings	\$ 192,862	\$ 167,712	\$ 174,994	\$ 162,937	\$ 185,194	\$ 140,717	-\$ 44,477	-24%	\$ 176,740	-\$ 36,023
Average Gift	\$ 1,155	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,496	\$ 1,468	\$ 1,531	\$ 1,380	-\$ 151	-10%		-20%
# PAR SUBSCRIBERS	92	90	85	81	79	71	-8	-10%		
Total Offerings	\$ 175,145	\$ 179,933	\$ 180,568	\$ 175,766	\$ 149,833	\$ 137,593	-\$ 12,240	-8%	\$ 172,249	-\$ 34,656
Average Gift	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,999	\$ 2,124	\$ 2,170	\$ 1,897	\$ 1,938	\$ 41	2%		-20%
# COMBINED	259	219	202	192	200	173	-27	-14%		
Total Offerings	\$ 368,006	\$ 347,645	\$ 355,562	\$ 338,703	\$ 335,027	\$ 278,310	-\$ 56,717	-17%	\$ 348,989	-\$ 70,679
Average Gift	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,764	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,609	-\$ 66	-4%		-20%

Like Table 1, this data above only includes church operations and does not include donations to various outreach initiatives throughout the year. See Table 3. The illustration below shows that our PAR has dropped by close to \$43,000 per annum since 2021.



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Table 3 – Funds Report

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

F2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)		F2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)	
In Support of Parish Operations		In Support of Parish Operations	
General	\$ 277,901	General	\$ 329,984
Seasonal	\$ 19,090	Seasonal	\$ 25,435
Initial Offerings	\$ 510	Initial Offerings	\$ 1,047
Canon Gilmore Retirement	\$ 4,070	Future Ministry Fund	\$ -
Altar Guild	\$ 1,279	Altar Guild	\$ 750
Kitchen Renovations	\$ 500	Heritage	\$ -
Memorials	\$ 16,945	Memorials	\$ 54,003
Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 160	Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 110
Children & Youth	\$ 20	Children & Youth	\$ 270
	\$ 320,475		\$ 411,598
In Support of Outreach		In Support of Outreach	
Refugee Support	\$ 3,075	Refugee Support	\$ 2,875
Clergy Discretion	\$ 2,683	Clergy Discretion	\$ 3,555
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 7,045	Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 7,845
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 3,135	Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 3,420
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 110	Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 165
Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 110	Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 120
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 120	Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 5,035
Regeneration/CNOY	\$ 660	Regeneration/CNOY	\$ 1,691
Foodbank	\$ 165	Foodbank	\$ 684
	\$ 17,103		\$ 25,390
TOTAL	\$ 337,578	TOTAL	\$ 436,988

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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 2024 will be released in February 2025.

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

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

2024 NOMINATIONS TO ADVISORY BOARD

Draft

+ Appointment by the Incumbent

* Nominated for election by Vestry

Corporation

Rector's Warden: Stan Szepesi+

People's Warden: Sean Jospheh*

Deputy Rector's Warden: Samir Tikaram+

Deputy People's Warden: Elizabeth Charters*

Lay Representatives to Synod

June Blair*

Chinweike Chike *

Catherine Laing *

Alternative Lay Representative to Synod

Natacha Pennycooke*

Members at Large

Jonathan Thomas*

Naysa Samuel+ (youth member)

Treasurer

Kathy Newbert+

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

Carolynne Atkinson+

Ex Officio

Interim Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Arthur Boers

Administrator: Martha Whittaker

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE 2024

In early December, The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore announced that, effective April 7th, he would be retiring after 19 years as our Pastor. A Parish Selection Committee (PSC) was formed at a Special Vestry on December 17th to work with our Area Bishop to determine who will be the next incumbent for Christ Church Brampton. In mid-January, members of the PSC met with the Bishop who outlined the process and assigned coaches.

Throughout the spring, the PSC consulted widely with members of the entire parish to gain an understanding of the parish's unique strengths and needs. Consultation included:

- A parish survey which was completed by 98 parishioners
- Listening sessions held with ministry leaders and teams
- A consultation lunch attended by 80 parishioners with listening sessions after lunch

Diocesan coaches helped guide the process that culminated in a Parish Profile (*September 2024*). This profile will be shared with the congregation upon review and approval by the Bishop. It will be the key document in the selection process. Throughout the year, the congregation was kept informed with bulletin updates, parish mailings and regular announcements.



Parish Selection Committee | Mar 19/24 **Top Row:** John Joukema, Peter Harvey
Middle Row: Ken Egbuna, Charlene Bickerstaffe, Diocesan Volunteer Coaches
Bottom Row: Nancy Kee, Shumaila Desrochers, Stan Szepesi (Chair), Liz Charters, Chinweike Chike

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2024

The Property Committee is given the task of maintaining our building to provide a safe and efficient place of worship for our parishioners. As good stewards, we welcome our building being used, particularly for worship and outreach initiatives.

In the spring of 2024, Corporation approved a project involving an a well-deserved “facelift” of the downstairs kitchen. It was agreed that work would take place over the summer months resulting in Coffee Hour being relocated upstairs. A budget was set with assurances to Corporation that funds would be raised outside the operating budget. A Treasure Sale was planned for July to help offset these costs. While not part of this reporting period, we are pleased to report that the work has been completed and kitchen was re-opened to great fanfare in late September 2024. Thank you to all that supported this project and brought it to a wonderful completion.

Acknowledging it is not in the reporting year, below are photos of the Treasure Sale held in July 2024. A full fiscal report will be included in next year’s Vestry Report but suffice to say the project was completed below budget!



OUTREACH

CARING AND SHARING 2024 (December 2023)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

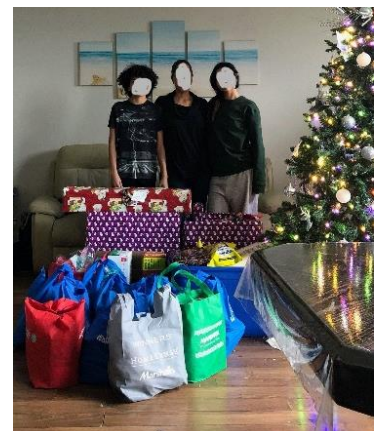
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

How awesome is our God and you, our parish family, being the hands and feet of God as we go about the ministry of caring for others. It is such a blessing to work with our local ministry partners and help provide a joyous Christmas with those less fortunate.

My continued thanks to those who faithfully support our Caring and Sharing Ministry by donations, shopping, sourcing, wrapping and deliveries. It really is serving others.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Jamieson



Caring & Sharing | Delivering to BGC Peel, JFJ Hope Centre and recipient family

(December 2023)

OUTREACH

2023 Caring & Sharing	
January 9, 2024 - Final	
<u>Income</u>	
Carry Forward Balance	\$ 461.25
Nov e-Transfers	\$ 570.00
Nov 24 Deposit	\$ 75.00
e-transfer	\$ 150.00
e-transfer	\$ 250.00
e-transfer	\$ 100.00
e-transfer	\$ 1,000.00
e-transfer	\$ 50.00
Dec 07 Deposit	\$ 2,840.00
e-transfer	\$ 200.00
e-transfer	\$ 20.00
e-transfer	\$ 50.00
e-transfer	\$ 50.00
e-transfer	\$ 200.00
CanadaHelps	\$ 75.00
December 14 Deposit	\$ 660.00
December 20 Deposit	\$ 500.00
e-transfer	\$ 100.00
e-transfer	\$ 100.00
e-transfer	\$ 100.00
December 29 Deposit	\$ 410.00
Total Income	\$ 7,961.25
<u>Expenses</u>	
CCB MasterCard	\$ 59.91
Parishioner Reimbursement	\$ 3,290.38
Parishioner Reimbursement	\$ 3,390.44
Parishioner Reimbursement	\$ 756.14
Total Cash Expenses	\$ 7,496.87
Gifts in Kind	
Parishioner Donation	\$400.00
Total	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$7,896.87
Cash Balance	\$ 464.38

OUTREACH

Coldest Night of Year is Regeneration Outreach Community's biggest fundraiser. This year walkers from across Brampton raised **\$208,300** (15% above their goal of \$180k) to help the homeless and near homeless right in our own neighbourhood. Our team this year, captained by Jeremy Joukema raised a whopping \$10,865. (February 24, 2024)



OUTREACH

International Christian Voice



ICV Gala (March 2024)



ICV Gala (March 2024)



ICV Gala (March 2024)



Gill Family worshipping at Christ Church (July 2023)

OUTREACH

OUTREACH SUMMARY 2024

The Christ Church family continues to be so very generous to our outreach ministries ~ ministries in Brampton, throughout Canada and around the world. Outreach is in our DNA at Christ Church. Whenever a need is presented, our church family responds in abundance. The support takes many forms including volunteer effort, food donations, fund raising and more. Many times, we raise funds that go directly to those organizations and they are reflected below.

True to our mission of serving others, Christ Church continues to contribute to ministries in Brampton and beyond. When we are more interested in others than ourselves, time and time again we have found that you simply cannot out give God.

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024		July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	
Christ Church (Brampton)		Christ Church (Brampton)	
Fiscal 2024 - Community Outreach		Fiscal 2023 - Community Outreach	
Outreach - Received by Christ Church		Outreach - Received by Christ Church	
Refugee Support	\$ 3,075	Refugee Support	\$ 2,875
Clergy Discretion	\$ 2,683	Clergy Discretion	\$ 3,555
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 7,045	Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 7,845
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 3,135	Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 3,420
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 110	Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 165
Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 110	Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 120
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 120	Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 5,035
Regeneration/CNOY	\$ 660	Regeneration/CNOY	\$ 1,691
Foodbank	\$ 165	Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 684
	\$ 17,103		\$ 25,390
Outreach - Other		Outreach - Other	
Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year ^{See Note 1}	\$ 10,205	Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year ^{See Note 1}	\$ 8,974
Caring & Sharing ^{See Note 2}	\$ 2,000	International Christian Voice ^{See Note 2}	\$ 7,790
Seasonal Food Drives ^{Note 2}	\$ 1,500	Caring & Sharing ^{See Note 3}	\$ 2,000
	\$ 13,705	Seasonal Food Drives ^{Note 3}	\$ 1,500
			\$ 20,264
TOTAL	\$ 30,808	TOTAL	\$ 45,654
Notes:		Notes:	
1. Christ Church Team total for CNOY was \$10,865 (Feb 2024)		1. Christ Church Team total for CNOY was \$10,665 (Feb 2023)	
2. Gift in kind estimates		2. Includes \$6k for Emergency Appeal (June 2023)	
		3. Gift in kind estimates	

OUTREACH

SACRED SEWING 2024

We are a group of sewers who gather for a day of fellowship and sewing. Some days there are only 6 or 7 people and other days 20 people join us. We spend our days making Fidget quilts, a small quilt for people with dementia and lap quilts for cancer patients. All of the items that we have worked on are donated to the Brampton Civic Hospital, Oncology department and some of the local retirement homes. If you know anyone who can benefit from either of these, please let us know.

In this past year we had 8 sewing days at church and made more than 70 lap quilts and 40 fidget quilts. We have people of all ages who come out to sew. We have experts with sewing machines and people who are just learning sewing, but we all work together and get lots done. Thankfully we have people who come out to iron for us, prepare our meal and help with lots of different duties. Friends and neighbors of parishioners also join us, so it is not just church members, everyone is welcome.

If you are a sewer or want to be, please watch for the announcement of our next sewing day.

Respectfully submitted.

Phyllis Moffat



PARISH LIFE

COFFEE HOUR

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

Coffee Hour continues to thrive each and every Sunday. It is always a surprise each Sunday to see what “goodies” will be available. Sometimes it may be simply cookies and refreshments provided by Christ Church or on other Sundays there can be a feast with parishioners adding to the table! Whichever happens, the focus is on fellowship and welcoming of returning parishioners or the visitors among us. We are very grateful for those that volunteer for Coffee Hour as “many hands, make light work”. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Blessings,

Charlene Bickerstaffe



Coffee Hour | Non-DNA Family

Pancake Supper (February 13, 2024)



Says it all!



Set-Up Crew



Chief Cook!



It was wonderful to welcome the return of the Pancake Supper ~ our 1st since 2020.
More photos at: www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events

PARISH LIFE

The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore's Retirement Celebration (April 7, 2024)



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PRAYER MINISTRY 2024

"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, etc. We also pray for what is happening within our church, the community and around the world.

It is a known fact, that the knowledge that one is being prayed for is psychologically beneficial, with this in mind, where possible, we want the recipients to be aware that they are being prayed for. We know that our Lord answers all prayer! Not necessarily the way we wish or comprehend.

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

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.

The format that we use for listing all who have requested prayers will give us a "snapshot" 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 peace and 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 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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