

# ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH LEITRIM

## VESTRY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020



### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim, will be held on Wednesday February 24, 2021 at 19:00. The meeting will be held **online in Webex** as all our other meetings. Details of sign on procedures will be posted shortly.

All supporters sixteen years of age or over at St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim are earnestly requested to be signed in to our Annual Meeting. This is one occasion in the year when we meet together as a parish, and elect the officers of the church.

**\*\*\*\* Please remember to bring this report to the Vestry Meeting.**

## Baptisms

*To each family who experienced a baptism in the past year we extend our continued support and prayers as a Christian community.*

*There were NO baptisms in 2020*

Jesus said "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven".



## Funerals

*To those families who experienced the loss of a loved one*

*Alice Purdy*



## Marriages

*To those who have joined in Holy Matrimony*

*There were NO Marriages in 2020*

*"What God has joined together let no man put asunder"*



## Interment of Ashes

*To those friends of ours who have passed into God's nearer presence*

*Alice Purdy*



*"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."*

## Memorial Services

*There were NO memorial Services in 2020*

*"In my Fathers House there are many rooms"*



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# St. James Anglican Church Leitrim

## 2019 Vestry Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Carlotta Buckle-Omage, Vic Wootton, Deb Donoghue, Irene Thomas, Phyllis Harris, Mike Thomas, Glenn Clark, Reverend Joan Riding, Sandra Donatucci, TAD Higginson, Chuck Wootton

Reverend Joan Riding led us in prayer.

### Appointment of Vestry Clerk

**Moved by Deb Donoghue, seconded by Sandra Donatucci that Glenn Clark be appointed Vestry Clerk. CARRIED.**

### Minutes from Last Vestry Meeting

**Moved by Sandra Donatucci, seconded by Phyllis Harris that the minutes be accepted as printed. CARRIED.**

### Reports

There was a discussion about the marriage record, which should read Timothy Maslonek, and Judith Doris McCaskill.

Funerals should add Lennox Dundas.

Glenn Clark suggested that all reports be proof-read before being published.

**Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Mike Thomas that all the 2019 reports be accepted as printed. CARRIED.**

Vic Wootton asked about the attendance for the Wood's Cemetery memorial service. Glenn Clark mentioned that this was in the Wood's Cemetery Report.

TAD Higginson offered to do a grammar check on next year's Vestry Report.

TAD Higginson thanked Reverend Joan for visiting the neighbouring firemen. He also thanked Vic Wootton for his memorial for Alice Purdy. He also volunteered to host Coffee Hours. TAD Higginson offered to send invitations to parishioners for inclusion in their electronic calendars.

### Telephone Replacement

There is no discussion because the telephone is under contract for 2 years.

### **Parish Dreams**

Reverend Joan Riding mentioned that her suggestion related to the damaged corner of the church interior rather than painting the whole church.

Sandra Donatucci asked about the date of the Yard Sale, July 4<sup>th</sup> . Mike Thomas mentioned that the Thomas family is not available for late June.

### **Accessibility Fund**

\$8,000 has been invested in the Consolidated Trust Fund for the possible use for accessibility. TAD Higginson apologized for not contacting Carleton University about design of accessibility through a 4<sup>th</sup> year architecture class.

Reverend Joan Riding mentioned about the impact of the Bank Street widening project and dealing with Councillor Carol Anne Meehan.

### **Christian Education**

Reverend Joan reviewed the history from the last couple of years. We now have a plan for Lent. There was a discussion that we now have a few children for Sunday school, which normally takes place on the first Sunday of the month. TAD Higginson is now in charge of the Sunday school.

### **Weekly Bulletin and Vestry Report Formats**

Glenn Clark mentioned that the Pew Bulletin was revised after last year's bulletin eliminating the calendar to make the bulletin more concise. Irene Thomas liked the calendar. TAD Higginson offered to prepare the Vestry Report next year. Reverend Joan has another idea to involve new parishioners. There was a discussion about the format of the Comparative Balance Sheet in the Vestry Report.

### **2020 Budget**

Mike Thomas talked about the Financial Statement. The \$8,000 placed in the Consolidated Trust Fund does not get included for calculating our Diocesan fair share. Once we spend the \$8,000 then it will be included in our fair share obligation. Mike Thomas mentioned the small amount in the Deanery account that has been there for several years.

Mike Thomas then presented the budget in detail.

There was mention of meat vendor joining Foster's for the 2020 season.

The following are the changes to the budget:

Telephone expense changed from \$1225 to \$1308.96

Memorial Fund Revenue increased from \$600 to \$1,000

Building Fund Revenue increased from \$418 to \$768

The budget surplus is revised from \$1435 to \$2101

**Moved by Mike Thomas seconded by TAD Higginson that the Budget be accepted as revised. CARRIED.**

There were thanks given to Mike Thomas for his excellent Budget report.

Mike Thomas presented the Wood's Cemetery financial statement. There was a surplus of \$1,458.74 and balance of \$3,233.50.

He also presented the Ladies Guild Financial Statement. \$1,000 is donated by the Ladies Guild to the church. Total assets are \$11,493.79 including GIC

There was a discussion about the role of the Envelope Secretary.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Irene Thomas has offered to join Parish Council. Please change Benda to Brenda Houle.

**Moved by Deb Donoghue, seconded by TAD Higginson that the nominating committee report be accepted and those appearing are elected. CARRIED**

### **Readers, Intercessors, Servers, and Guilds**

The lists are accepted

### **New Business**

Reverend Joan brought up the episcopal election. Chuck Wootton and Phyllis Harris are our electors and Reverend Joan is part of the retired clergy. March 2, 3, 4, 5 are the regional meetings to introduce nominees for Bishop, questions and answers and meet and greet. These meetings are open to all parishioners not just Synod delegates.

TAD Higginson suggested that we have name tags.

**Moved by TAD Higginson seconded by Carlotta that TAD create name tags. CARRIED. Chuck and Vic Wootton were opposed.**

A question was asked about allowing pets into the church.

TAD Higginson would like to invite his son Casey and father-in-law Gino to re-plaster the damaged corner of the church. TAD suggested that we pay for materials and Casey's time. Vic Wootton suggested that we needed an estimate.

TAD Higginson suggested that we have a cube for credit cards and Paypal on the website. Glenn Clark asked about the cost. There is a charge per transaction. The matter was dropped.

### **Votes of Thanks**

Reverend Joan thanked the two wardens, Chuck and everybody else.

There was a round of applause.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned with the Grace at 9:10 p.m.

## Vestry Report of the Priest-in-Charge

St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim  
February 24, 2021.

I am the Church  
You are the Church,  
We are the Church together.  
All of God's people  
all around the world,  
Yes, we're the Church together!

Where do I start? How do I begin? What can I say? The past year, 2020, was difficult for all of us. Two of our St. James parish family had died in the final months of 2019, and Alice Purdy died at the beginning of January, 2020. "May Alice's soul and all the souls of the departed rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her."

Shadows began to gather. Let me take you through my diary of events. In January, we began to hear news stories about a strange new illness which was moving very quickly. At first, it was not considered to be very dangerous, more like a cold. Very soon, though, it became obvious that this was a very serious illness indeed, deadly in many cases. Nevertheless, at the end of February, we were able to have our Vestry meeting together in person, and we planned for the year 2020, not knowing how the year would go. Almost immediately, it became apparent that our plans would have to change.

On March 14, Bishop Chapman announced that it would be necessary to stop meeting in person because the COVID illness had begun to rage across Canada. A provincial "lock down" was imposed to try to minimize the effects of the disease, and all religious services and gatherings of any kind were cancelled. We were all told to shelter at home. Sadly, we had to close our church buildings. While I found this hard, I knew the Church would continue! I had to adjust my pastoral response.

We had several weddings and baptisms planned, but unfortunately, those plans had to be delayed for the future. It has always been my practice to visit parishioners in the hospitals, but in this pandemic, no clergy have been allowed to visit in homes, hospitals, retirement residences or long term care homes. I very much regret that we have several people that I would definitely have visited had I been permitted.

Our parish consists of a few young families, several middle-aged individuals and families, and many of us over sixty-five. Most of us are healthy and some of us are quite vulnerable. Without visitors and opportunities for gathering, isolation could easily become an important problem. Would people have enough to eat? How were people to get their groceries and medications? How would people cope with job loss and home schooling? There are so many ways to be isolated. To confront isolation and to find ways to encourage our community, that first week, I developed a weekly Evening Prayer service based on the one in our Book of Alternative Services, (the BAS, or the Green Book, as I usually call it). I proposed to send it to the Wardens and they undertook to send the new services weekly by email to everybody who could receive it. To other people, respecting the contact rules in place, it was hand delivered so that everybody had a way to worship together.

We agreed that we would have a service of Morning Prayer weekly because we could get together at one time, if not in person. Again, relying on the BAS, I developed a service we could send around by e-mail, or hand deliver as necessary. Each week a reflection from me was included. We would all worship at our usual time on a Sunday morning, but in our own homes. Our Wardens also undertook to distribute these services.

We did this for two weeks and then TAD Higginson proposed an idea he had been working on. It was both brilliant and a bit overwhelming for me. We could all meet by Zoom. I didn't even know what Zoom was. Using our computers, we could meet in person and both see and talk with one another. The computer process meant that we combined our two parishes of All Saints and St. James for worship, which caused a little consternation, but we worked that out. We



could sing hymns and have time to chat together before worship and even have coffee together after our worship.

For me it meant learning how to use the computer for this new purpose. Not everybody liked the idea, and not everybody was able to do it, but TAD persevered with us. He contacted many of us to prepare our computers and to teach us. He spent hours with me on the phone to teach me the process and to have practice runs. Again, respecting the contact rules, he went to many homes to up-grade computers. He coached us all. And thanks to TAD, it has worked out for many people. For those who can not attend in this way, or who do not like the process, they still receive the electronic or paper version, and we all can worship together in that way. March 29, we had our first worship time together by Zoom with 26 people attending.

After a few weeks of effort, we realized that we could not sing together because of timing processes of each computer. It was really bad, so bad that we thought we would have to forego music altogether.

However, Mike Thomas volunteered to be our singer, with Sylvia. Irene offered to play their home organ to lead the music, as she has ever since. It worked because they are all using the same computer. In addition, our wardens took over the formatting of the bulletin, which was a big help to me. The worship life of our Church community continues.

Meanwhile, it seemed to me necessary to be in touch with people individually. On St. Patrick's Day, I began weekly phone calls, sometimes twice weekly, calls to people who were ill or otherwise isolated. With that organized, I began a rotation through our parish list, phoning five households each day from each parish of St. James, and All Saints. Other people joined me in keeping telephone contact and that has continued. Thank you for your trust in allowing me to visit with you regularly in this new way. For those people who prefer it, I maintained contact through e-mail, and surprisingly to me, that has worked too because it is much more convenient for people having to juggle their time commitments. The pastoral life of the Church continues.

To liven things up, though, in April and May, I was asked several times what I was doing now with all my free time! That question reminded me of the goodness of laughter together.

In June, I reduced the number of my phone calls to four daily in each parish. I realized that my pastoral phone calls plus all the regular planning and information exchange calls and emails were getting to be just too much for me, and COVID restrictions were beginning to be eased by that time so people were not home alone so much.

We have sent out several parish letters over these nine months, some electronically, some by hand and two by post, to be absolutely certain that everybody is up to date with our parish life, including our continuing outreach projects and our financial position. The life of the Church continues.

At the beginning of the year, we had hoped the pandemic would run its course quickly and we might even be able to meet for Easter, but that was not possible. Still, we had 65 people from both parishes together by Webex (which we were using instead of Zoom by this time). Our new Bishop, Shane Parker, formed a committee to help us all understand the risks of the pandemic and to develop procedures for eventual re-opening our doors. With many restrictions, the Bishop allowed parishes to have in-person worship beginning September 6. At first, we thought we might be able to do this. But we learned that many of our folks preferred to wait until we are all vaccinated. Also, with only a few people being allowed into the building at a time, many people would have been excluded. And finally, the clincher was the realization that our ventilation system does not meet the requirements for safe re-opening. With the Archdeacon's approval and the Bishop's consent, we continued the programme we had developed. (Many other small parishes did the same.)

So finally, we come to Advent and Christmas. I had the fun again this year of purchasing little tokens for our parish children and grandchildren. I wrote individual cards to their families and included little wooden tree ornaments with my good wishes. I wanted them to know we care for them even though we cannot be together yet.

We lamented, thinking we could not have a Christmas Pageant; but one idea led to others and we made plans to have the pageant in a new way. We had a two parish, intergenerational, electronically produced, lively Christmas Pageant. We even had costumes and backgrounds. Emboldened by the success of this joint activity, we had a service of Carols and

Readings the Sunday after Christmas with music from three households. I realized that continuing with some of our favourite worship activities, even in an unfamiliar way, gave us unexpected joy, drew us more together and increased our confidence for 2021.

We have even welcomed people into the parish life of St. James. Who ever thought that would happen in this time? We have maintained contact with people who have moved away so that they know they are always part of us.

I am so thankful for our Wardens, Glenn Clark and Victor Wootton. They have served generously and freely and have gone way beyond their prescribed duties. Our Treasurer's commitments to our parish life have also been different from usual this year with extra reports to our diocese, and people contributing in various ways differently from usual. Even the administration and financial life of the Church continues.

Thank you all for your trust, your prayers, and your suggestions. Thank you for your time and your willingness to adapt to a different way of our Church life. Still together, but different in many ways. This will be over. We will be back together, face to face. We pray for peace and health for each other and for the world God loves.

Yes, we're the Church together!

God bless you.

With love,

*Joan.*

To Everyone at St. James,

There are no words to express our sincere Thank You to all of you for including all of us at All Saints Greely to join with you in worship during the pandemic. Everyone's open and welcoming arms are appreciated more than you could possibly realize.

It takes a team to make this happen but we would like to say a special thanks to Rev Joan for her leadership, Glenn & Vic for pulling the service bulletins together and Grece for her lovely music. And our deep gratitude to everyone else for your openness & warm welcomes.

Your friendship is a special gift, generously given, happily accepted, and deeply comforting.  
Love from  
The Members of All Saints Greely

## **Rector's Warden Report 2020**

It is once again my honour and privileged to write the annual Rector's Report for the year. The year 2020 was indeed a very strange year with the onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic; a year that none of us attached to St. James has ever seen before and hopefully will never see again.

Well, we are now in 2021 and St. James is still in operation. We will mention the names of some of the volunteers who made us able to operate during this crisis. We will outline many of the tasks, some of which were quite amazing, that they performed for us. It is this document that traditionally narrates the contribution of so many. It is basically the only method we have of giving recognition and showing our appreciation. It is important to note that the following is probably not a complete list but it covers most of those who helped in the background. If anyone was missed please accept our sincere gratitude for all you for St. James.

We will also do a small discussion of Alice Purdy. Alice Purdy was a long member of St. James who passed away, rather suddenly early in January of 2020. A year later we still feel the effects of her loss.

Finally, we will finish up on some observations and thoughts as they pertain to our future. Many hard and negative things happened to us during the year but there were also many good things that came out of this terrible epidemic.

Our last in house service in 2020 was March 28. It is also important to note that January had two Sundays in a row where church was cancelled because of major snow storms.

### **Deb Donoghue**

So, we were in-house from January 3 to March 28 and on-line every Sunday thereafter. During the entire year the church was kept in an immaculate condition thanks to Deb Donoghue. Floors washed, bathroom cleaned, pews straightened up and counter cleaned and looked after were some of the duties Deb performed on our behalf. Thanks very much to Deb. It is important to note that Deb usually had a helper along to do the job. The job was done weekly. Thanks very much Deb

### **Rob Clark**

Like his father before him Rob Clark continued to keep our church parking lot plowed. Even after in-house services were cancelled, Rob kept our parking lot plowed so folks could get into the church to drop things off or pick things up. Over the years Rob and his father Ron have saved St. James thousands of dollars in snow plowing. Thank you Rob, it is sincerely appreciated.

### **Mike, Irene and Sylvia Thomas**

Here are some of the many things that these folks do for St. James on our behalf:

Mike -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Treasurer – he keeps our books</li> <li>- Sends reports and interacts with the Diocesan Finance. Provides our budget to St. James monthly</li> <li>- Fills out special reports requested by the Diocese</li> <li>- Looks after recovering our GST from CRA</li> <li>- Picks up our mail</li> <li>- Shovels the steps from snow in the front</li> <li>- Instrumental in our annual yard sale. Does a lot of organizing and preparation</li> <li>- Does a lot of building maintenance</li> <li>- When Covid-19 hit Mike sings all the hymns alone with the rest of us muted so the songs can be sung and heard clearly</li> </ul>
Irene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selects and practices the hymns we sing every Sunday</li> <li>- Is the contact for the Alter Guild</li> <li>- Is a member of the Ladies Guild</li> <li>- Sells the church calendars every year</li> <li>- Organizes and crates a list for flowers given in memory every Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas</li> </ul>
Sylvia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looks after phone calls sent to the church</li> <li>- Member of Ladies Guild</li> <li>- Member of Altar Guild</li> </ul>

They probably do even more but I'll stop here because I'm getting scared! Thanks Mike, Irene and Sylvia. Much appreciated.

### **Glenn Clark**

Every once in a while, all my responsibilities seem to gang up on me and I feel overwhelmed. When that happens I immediately look at the things that Glenn Clark does for us and become embarrassed. My feeling of being overwhelmed disappears and I am left with a feeling of thankfulness.

Auditor	Audits our books once a year as the law and the Diocese demands. It is an enormous task.
Web Master	Keeps our website up to date and accurate
Cemetery Head	Looks after funeral requests and calls in tradesmen when the cemetery needs special work. He called in a tree specialist when a storm split a tree at Wood's cemetery. He digs the hole for a burial of ashes
Plants flowers around the church	He organizes and sees that the church is planted with flowers every spring
Looks after Christmas Lights	Ensures that the Christmas lights will come on and work. Provides new lights and dispalys every year. Many of which he pays for himself.

Pew Bulletin Printer	Prints our pew bulletin every week
People's Warden	Attends all parish council meetings and becomes involved in many things that may come out of the meeting
Secretary for Parish Council	Takes notes at all our monthly parish council meetings
Protects septic tank	Buys (usually he pays for it himself) straw and covers the top of the septic tank every late fall to stop our system from freezing
Church Photographer	Many of the pictures that show up in our Vestry Reports were taken by Glenns

He undoubtedly does more but I am going to stop here. I've been embarrassed enough. Thanks so much Glenn.

### **TAD and Sandra Higginson**

When the Pandemic closed the church building early in April 2020 we were in a terrible state. What to do? How do we survive? It was then that TAD Higginson came forward and offered the suggestion of using Zoom or Webex to do our services virtually instead of face to face.

Getting approval from Joan and the wardens he set about to set up the mechanism for us to have our services on-line every Sunday. This was not an easy task and the first few services included TAD being on the phone to check out problems at every level of communication. Twice he took my IPAD home to work on it. Many meetings had TAD talking on the phone to various participants until all their problems were solved. The end result was finally a smooth and problem free service that was in place. During this time Sandra was his right hand. When TAD was not available, Sandra would carry the load. Grace Jones from All Saints Greely had a big hand in this venture as well.

In addition to this TAD took charge of producing a Christmas Pageant with as many children he could attract. The pageant was wonderful. Sincere thank yous to TAD, Sandra and Grace Jones.

### **Ladies Guild, Altar Guild**

Organizes and prepares virtually every event for the church; from our yard sale to the spaghetti dinner. Also donates \$1,000 every year to the church. These are just some of their duties. We are lucky to have them. Their efforts are very much appreciated. .	Karen McPeak, Sylvia Thomas, Irene Thomas, Judy Harris, Brenda Houle, Vera Guy, Maureen Kemp, Deb Donoghue, Clara Stuart, Marilyn Donnelly, Wendy Taylor, Tammylee Sisson, Phyllis Harris, Phyllis Smith, Sandra Donatucci
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### **Altar Guild**

Ensures the right colour for the Sunday is used for the altar, Set up the altar every Sunday, ensuring that enough wine, water and host is available. They also look after the replacement of candles and purchase of wine and host. Washes and irons the linen every week. Thanks to all!	Irene Thoms, Sylvia Thomas, Brenda Houle, Vera Guy, Marilyn Donnelly, Wendy Taylor, Vic Wootton
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### **Servers, Readers, Intecessors, Psalm Readers, Synod Delegates**

<b>Servers</b> Actively assist the minister with the communion. Much thanks!	Vic Wootton, Sylvia Thomas, TAD Higginson, Phyllis Harris
<b>Readers</b> Do the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> readings every Sunday Thank You	Jamie Koch, Sylvia Thomas, Mike Thomas, Marilyn Donnelly, Wendy Taylor, Chuck Wootton, Phyllis harris, Glenn Clark, Irene Thomas, Elsbetyh Dowha, Deb Donoghue, Sandra Donatucci, Vic Wootton, sam peter, TAD Hogginson
<b>Intecessors</b> Does the Prayers of the People for us every Sunday, Thank You!	Vic Wootton, Chuck Wootton, Phyllis Harris, TAD Higginson, Irene Thomas, Elsbeth Dowhan
<b>Psalm Readers</b> Reads the Psalm for us every Sunday. Thanks to all of you!	Phyllis Harris, Vic Wootton, Elsbeth Dowhan, Jamie Koch, Michele Sutherland-Simpson
<b>Synod Delegates</b> Attends 2 day annual Synod. Reports back to the parish what happened and writes a report for Vestry regarding Synod	Chuck Wootton, Vic Wootton, Phyllis Harris

### **The Reverend Joan Riding**

We would be terribly remis if we did not recognize the enormous contribution of our rector, the Reverend Joan Riding. At a time when both congregations were left gasping for breath, it was Joan who took the lead and kept everything sensible and controlled. Not knowing much more than we did as the Diocese was as confused as we were, Joan constantly put out a message of God's love for us and that he would see us through everything. During the year of virtual services Joan delivered some of the best reflection I have ever had the honour of listening to.

Always positive and never demanding, it has been and will continue to be a wonderful time at St. James. Never discouraging and always positive she was and is the perfect match to hold both St. James and All Saints Greely together moving forward.

We are so lucky to have her. Thanks from all of us Joan!

### **The Passing of Our Friend, Alice Purdy**

In 2023 I will be marking my 50<sup>th</sup> year attending St. James. When you are around a group of people that long, especially a congregation mostly in their senior years; it is not uncommon to have to say goodbye to many friends and colleagues you have come to know, respect and admire. We found out only a week before her death on January 7, 2020 that she was dying and had little time.

I have seen or attended the funerals of many St. James people over the years. Some I cannot even remember their names but remember their faces. All their passing were upsetting but it was at Alice's funeral that the loss hit me hard. As I carried out the cross at the end of the service, I was really tuned into the fact that she was gone; She's not coming back. I managed to get to the back with the cross but thanked God St. James did not have a longer center aisle.

Alice was a no-nonsense person who had no trouble letting you know how she felt about things. If you didn't hear her opinion on a subject; don't worry it was coming. I remember attending a meeting at the church and got engaged in conversation with the person on my right. During the conversation I had moved my chair to a 45 degree angle pointing to the person I was talking to. I was not aware I had done this. Alice walked by and stopped and then gave me proper hell for turning my back to the person at my left.

On another day after church, the other side of Alice came out. As I was talking with someone with my back to the aisle, I felt someone fussing with my collar on my coat. It was Alice who noticed it was wrinkled and stopped to straighten it out. That was our Alice. Give you heck or help you out-whatever she felt was needed. To this day I cannot seat myself at a meeting until I've checked to see if my chair is on a 90 degree angle to the person on my left and on my right. Also I have yet to put on my coat anymore without checking the collar to see if it is wrinkled. She must have been one hell-of-a mother!

My fondest memory of Alice was holding young Graysen Dowhan in her arms just two months before her death. She had no idea she only had a couple of months left. To see that wonderful smile of hers from ear to ear looking at this tiny new life summed up for me exactly what Alice Purdy was made with.

Glenn captured that scene with his camera and put the picture in last year's Vestry. It is, and always will be, one of my favourite pictures.

God Bless you Alice. I won't say goodbye. I will say *only-a la prochaine-till we meet again!*

### **Observations and Conclusions**

## **Finances**

When the pandemic hit us in April that caused the closing of St. James church building and in-face services, we all began to panic. The fear was, and we had good reason to believe this would be the result, that our attendance would drop significantly and our finances would fall through the floor. There was little direction from the Diocese except to stop in-house services. No mention as to when we could open again. In fairness to the Diocese they simply didn't know either. Massive confusion and fear of the unknown was a good way to describe St. James.

Well almost a year later as we are well into 2021, the impact of Covid-19 is known and much more better understood. Our finances **DID NOT DROP**. In fact, we actually brought in more funds. At this point in time, we have over \$9,000 in surplus funds. All our bills are paid and all our commitments and responsibilities have been met. Considering that both our dinners, our yard sale, murder mystery and every other regular fund raiser were cancelled and we still increased our surplus, is absolutely amazing.

The reasons for this is the fact that regular givers gave even more, that regular givers continued their support of St. James even though we were not worshipping face to face, and new givers came along.

Add to this the realization that we will probably lose a few regulars, but we have also picked up new members as well. We won't know the real story until; we are back in church with face to face services, but we seem to have grown during this crisis.

Suffice to say that the final status of the effect of the pandemic is still unknown but the fear and confusion we felt last year at this time has disappeared. **Thanks be to God!**

## **Aging Volunteers**

St. James is blessed with a host of very capable and experienced volunteers. We are so fortunate in that regard. It is important to point out however, that many of these volunteers are quite elderly. I raise this issue, not because we want to replace these towers of experience and strength but simply get them some help. Involve other people that can begin to grasp the complexities and responsibilities that St. James has to administer.

The purpose is not to replace; we really don't want them less. But realizing that they are human, we cannot ignore the fact that eventually they may need to step back a little. That someone else may have to take the lead. Looking ahead I think we all agree that it would be far better to have them less than to not have them at all.

To that end I suggest that we make a strong effort to get help for Mike Thomas at treasurer. Mike's job of treasurer involves accounting. We need to get him help with



someone with accounting experience and expertise. Not to replace him but simply to help him and learn the many, many contacts and rules of thumb he has learnt over the years.

The responsibilities of Glenn Clark are so massive that the best way to figure out what he does is to simply consider what he doesn't do. The list will be smaller. Having just retired last year, we older folks look at him as the "youngster", "the kid". But his load is already so heavy, one more task may very well be the feather that sends this guy to his knees. Even "youngsters" have a breaking point. A serious look at the many tasks he performs should be looked at in order to get him some support, relief and breathing room.

On this topic I appeal to St. James Parishioners that Reverend Joan needs support and understanding as well. Well passed the age of retirement she is single hangingly the spiritual head of two churches. We should be setting routines and processes that take the heat from her as much as possible. Scheduling lay people to look after the reflection or service once in a while to give her a break would be a good move in the right direction. To restate what I said in the previous paragraphs, we would rather have her less than not have her at all. Every time something new or different is suggested, consideration needs to be given as to how this change will impact Joan.

### **Growth and Future**

Thirty years ago I remember of being part of a discussion that St. James must make a strong effort to reach out and become part of the community around us. "*Most people don't even know we are a church*" was a common expression we used.

That expression is not used anymore as the community is well aware we are a church. We have greatly increased our outreach in the last 30 years. Our Christmas lighting is very much appreciated by the public. We never ceased to be amazed at the comments and e-mails we receive from people we don't know and have never met about our lights at Christmas. Comments from these people like "*I hope to catch the red light at Bank and Leitrim Road so I have a few seconds to take in the Christmas lights*" is a phrase used more than once. Sometimes people have showed up at church simply to visit the church who put on the Christmas lights. This is an outreach THAT MUST CONTINUE.

The folks at the food bank are well aware of St. James. They appreciate and anticipate our donations of food we make monthly. We need to continue this outreach.

We need to get back to Bridlewood as soon as it is safe and legal. We had a following there. They look for us. Our yard sale, two dinners and murder mystery all have a profound impact on the public. They need to continue.

All of these acts of outreach need to continue if we want to grow and become a bigger part of the community. Perhaps even come up with a few more.

But without question the most important feature of growth is one that has always been with us. Our dedication and love for Jesus Christ our Saviour is one of our greatest assets. The outreach may bring new folks to St. James but it is our love of our Lord and Saviour that will keep them here.

One of our best human assets is the Reverend Joan Riding. Joan is a non-confrontational spiritual leader. She will NOT confront! She will debate. I often marvel at our meetings and watching Joan in action. Many times the discussion will be going and I know from conversations with her that the discussion is not going the way she would prefer. Yet you would NEVER see anything from Joan's expression or demeanor that she prefers the opposite to what we are leaning towards. She will debate and use facts and logic. Sometimes she loses but she more often wins by convincing everyone that the other approach is best. Considering that both St. James and All Saints Greely are churches with older congregations. With folks that are set in their ways; full of pride, loyalty and habit, Joan is the perfect leader for our church and the association with All Saints Greely.

To conclude it is my observation, that to grow and secure our future we need to continue our outreach, continue to love our Lord and Saviour and follow the non-confrontational approach used by our spiritual leader; the Reverend Joan Riding or someone else with the same wonderful qualities.

Here's to our future with the Lord and the results should not take 30 years.

Thanks be to God!.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Wootton, Rector's Warden.

## Operation Christmas Child 2020

In 2020 St. James once again participated in Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. 2020 was indeed a strange year with the Covid-19 pandemic and we were not sure if we would be able to pull it off.

We had to setup a special delivery time every week as both our churches were closed. Thanks to the grace of God and the wonderful generosity of St. James and, as it turned out, All Saints Greely, we did complete the filling of our Christmas boxes. Normally we fill 25 boxes every year. This year, although I asked for 25 boxes I was only sent 24. All 24 boxes were filled and complete. They were sent for distribution around the 15<sup>th</sup> of November and sent to 24 thrilled children who had anticipated getting nothing for Christmas.

Thanks to all who participated from St. James but also to the folks from All Saints Greely. We could not have made our goal with their wonderful support. I have gotten used to picking up boxes not claimed or not complete over the years. As a result, I held the record for the most boxes filled in one year- a total of 4. I never minded that for the most part as it gives me the opportunity to bring in the grandchildren and go shopping. It's an activity with them that I love. This year however my record of 4 boxes was broken by Carole Lemay and her husband from All Saints Greely who filled a total of 5 boxes. WOW!

With 2020 now successfully in the books we look forward to 2021. Not knowing the exact future we can only hope and pray the this terrible pandemic will be over by the fall and we can go back to our normal routine.

Thanks top all who contributed and helped out.

Vic Wootton

Operation Christmas Child representative

## Food Bank Donations-2020

The year 2020 was another successful year for donations to the Greenboro Food Bank. I say successful only because we managed to continue after the pandemic hit. Our usual way of dropping off “white gifts” in the form of non-perishable groceries ended the first Sunday in March. Our last in-house church meeting was March 28. After March 28 we were not able to meet at our church service time and were operating in a total on-line environment.

As there was great confusion with everything shutting down, our first priority was to get services going in an on-line mode. The food bank was put on hold at that time. We didn't forget it but there were more urgent priorities.

In September an arrangement was made with Vic Wootton to be at the church between 9:00 and 10:00 am the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month. Vic would receive the food stuffs and get them to the Food Bank. This has worked pretty well since then. It got a little fuzzy at New Years as the first Sunday of the month was January 3. This meant that the first Saturday was January 2. Not a very conducive date for people to drop off groceries so January's date was moved a week to January 9. People still showed up.

An interesting fact was when I dropped off groceries in September, I started to say they were from St. James Leitrim. Before I could finish the sentence the elderly lady I was talking to finished the sentence. She recognized me even though I hadn't been there in six months.

It reminded me that the food we donate is appreciated and anticipated. The volunteers running the food bank are either very elderly (in their seventies) or very young (in their teens). Please continue to support this wonderful outreach of St. James. **Our next food drop off date is Saturday March 6 at the church between 9:00 and 10:00.**

One final note is that the folks from All Saints Greely helped greatly in contributing food. This despite having a food bank they are looking after as well. Those able can donate food or money to the Osgoode Food Bank. Just contact Grace Jones from All Saints or check out the notice in our bulletin.

Again a sincere thank you to all of you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Wootton,  
St. James Food Bank Contact and Deliverer

## People's Warden Report for 2020

Glenn Clark

2020 will be a year that will not be forgotten. Personally, it has been a year of transition from my career to retirement, but more importantly a year of tremendous disruption because of the world-wide COVID pandemic. This affected all of us in so many ways and also our beloved St. James.

Despite the disruption, there have been many blessings. **How can we thank TAD Higginson enough for setting up our on-line services?** Our parish would be in dire straits without his ongoing support. I thank you TAD with all my heart. I am also thankful that we were able to join forces with All Saints Greely during these difficult times and that our Sandra Donatucci and Grace Jones from All Saints were willing to host the services when TAD was not available.

When 2020 began or soon after, we began hearing of a mysterious new virus in Wuhan, China. It all seemed so remote at the time, but things began to change quickly in early March as cases started to arrive in Canada. We had no idea what the implications would be. Initially, we adjusted by taking precautions during services and I recall preparing the bulletin on March 13<sup>th</sup> advising everybody that we would not have Holy Communion that Sunday, only to cancel the service outright just 15 minutes later, on the advice of the Diocese.

### Events Before the Pandemic

It seems that the beginning of 2020 was prophetic. We lost our dear Alice Purdy on January 7<sup>th</sup>. It was like she just flew away. I had spent a couple of hours at the hospital with Alice on New Years eve and we talked about a better 2020. Alice had lost her mother just a month earlier. This was the last time I saw her when she could communicate. It was all so fast. We knew she had serious medical problems, but I had hoped that treatment was still possible. Given what has happened since, it may have been a blessing. I can't imagine Alice facing the pandemic with her medical problems.

The weather also did not cooperate, and we had to close the church for a couple of Sundays in a row in January. It seemed that we were on a weekend snowstorm schedule for the full month of January.

There were a few successes during the early months. We were able to enjoy a scaled down version of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner in the church hall (basement) on February 25<sup>th</sup>. It was getting too expensive to rent the seniors hall next door for a weekday event. The following evening, we hosted the Ash Wednesday service with our friends from All Saints Greely. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, we had a special Family Praise service that is always enjoyable. The liturgy and music are different, and we can thank the Thomas family, TAD and Sandra Donatucci for their involvement with the music and Reverend Joan Riding for preparing a different style of service.

## **The Pandemic**

We then spiraled down into the pandemic with our March 15<sup>th</sup> service cancelled. Initially, we were told that our church would be closed until Easter, but I had a sinking feeling and there was talk of how the virus would last 18 to 24 months. That was almost frightening to hear, yet here we are almost a year later, and that estimate now seems reasonable.

## **On-Line Services**

When TAD first brought up an on-line service, I have to admit that I was a little skeptical. I had only participated in one video conference before and it had not achieved its objective. People had problems using the technology. But the offer was made, so let's go with it. And it worked! We missed only one service. It was trial and error to a degree as we learned the technology. We started with Zoom but there was quickly talk of security issues and 'Zoom bombing' (unwelcomed visitors to the video conference). We switched to Webex a few weeks later and then perfected our use of the technology (as much as possible) by controlling and restricting the microphones to the presenters. Open microphones were problematic with so much noise feedback and overtalking and 'choir' singing does not work in this environment. Of course, there were some ongoing technical problems, but it worked well enough for most people.

On-line services and the technology involved does not work for everybody and some parishioners did not participate or dropped out. This was an ongoing concern, but this was the best we could do under the circumstances. By decree from the Diocese and following public health advice, we were obligated to keep our church building and even the church grounds closed to any public event. It became quickly apparent that our full complement of 2020 scheduled events were going to be cancelled.

## **Church Closure**

I have been concerned about the long-term impact of keeping the church closed. How would we grow the parish and make up for those who move away or passed? God has answered, as we have had new 'regulars' at the on-line service. I would not have thought this possible.

We did have the opportunity to re-open the church in September, but the rules were very strict, and many were very concerned about the risks. We decided to remain closed and in retrospect, this was the wise choice. Who would have come? How could we have both a live and an on-line service? Both would have been necessary and there were two parishes to be concerned about. It would have been a potentially a mess, let alone a serious health risk to all involved and particularly our minister, Reverend Joan Riding.

## **Our Angel, Reverend Joan Riding**

What can I say? Reverend Joan has gone beyond the call of duty. This may not be fully recognized when many of us seem to be at home and there is not a lot to do, or so it may seem.

We all know this is not true. We have all been trying to keep in touch with family and friends and watching out for our mental and physical health with the world in total flux. Behind the scenes, Joan has been working hard to keep God's flock together. This is a responsibility she has been taking seriously. Those phone calls and notes that we have all received and those written reflections that appear in each Sunday's service bulletin are more than what would normally be done in non-pandemic times. As the months of the pandemic continue, it has been demanding and draining. I thank Joan for her ongoing kindness to us all. None of us can do what you have been doing for the last 11 long months and counting.

### **Finances for 2020**

I have also been concerned about our finances. All our special fund-raising events were cancelled. Would donations decline as in-person contact became very restricted? God has answered again. The diocese did not require a monthly payment during April and May and from I have learned recently, the diocese has been able to obtain government funding to make up for that loss of money. Furthermore, everybody has kept up their donations and despite our loss of special event revenue, we have ended 2020 with a surplus of over \$9,000. In order to facilitate donations, we set up a PayPal account shortly after the pandemic started and added a 'Donate' button on our website. We all did well in keeping the church financially supported so we could continue to pay the bills. Thank you.

### **2020 Christmas Lights**

Another victim of the pandemic was fundraising for the church Christmas Lights. It appeared that there may not be enough money for us to proceed this year. But again, there was a leap of faith. Reverend Joan felt it was an important outreach to the community during a period of 'darkness' and would help raise people's spirits. It was a sign of the light of God. Mike Thomas felt that we could manage it even with a parish subsidy and at a special meeting in late October, the OK was given. Sandra Donatucci suggested a GoFundMe page, which successfully raised several hundred dollars. I thank Sandra, for making this a success. The leap of faith actually resulted in an unexpected and significant surplus for the Christmas Lighting fund, so no subsidy from the church was needed. Well done to everybody who supported this effort.

Following the parish OK, I checked the lights for defects and looked for sales. Unlike previous years, there were no sales and the lights purchased in the early years from Canadian Tire continued to fail at alarming rates. I have stopped buying Canadian Tire Noma lights. Because other retailers did not sell pink lights, which was a significant part of the display, I decided to source professional grade lights. I had placed a test order in 2019 for use at home with very good results. The professional grade lights were not that much more expensive compared to consumer grade lights, so I decided to replace our entire complement of pink lights. The results have been excellent.

Also, during 2019, I experimented with coloured flood lights on the church and I was very pleased with the results. It really shows off the church well. Blue lights were used during Advent and then changed to red and green for the Christmas season. I improved the flood lighting of the church this year particularly at the rear of the church, that had been ineffective in 2019. The other addition was a new Angel.

The light display was activated on December 1<sup>st</sup> with some in-person visitors from both within and outside the parish as well as an on-line broadcast thanks to TAD and Amanda Higginson. I thank TAD and Amanda. The children who came loved it, although there was no ceremony this year.

The light display was very well received with many compliments coming in from the community. Because of the lockdown that began on December 26<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to run the lights beyond the normal shutdown date following the second weekend of January. I will likely turn them off for the beginning of Lent if that is the desire of the parish.

We are still regularly encountering short outs, requiring regular resets during wet weather. I wish to thank Garry Cutts who built a number of 'shelters' to protect the main electrical plugs next to the church and some of the ground connections. The nativity scene and 'Merry Christmas' sign remain sources of short outs but not exclusively. This is very disappointing as they are some the highlights of the display and I have not been able to find decent replacements. We tried to apply a special oil to reduce shorts, but any improvements were very temporary. As a result of the ongoing problems, Garry Cutts arranged his electrician neighbour to look at the situation. At the present time, all the outdoor plugs use the same breaker connection in the electrical panel, and he has recommended that we separate each of the outdoor plugs in the panel. There is plenty of room. I recommend that this be done during the warmer months of 2021. Also, the plug on the north side of the church failed and will need to be replaced.

I also have a few ideas to 'change' the display for 2021 if we decide to continue with this outreach program. I like to change it up a bit each year. Although, it is a lot of work to set up and maintain the display, I do enjoy the design work and I am happy to continue to work on this project as long as I am physically able to do so.

### **Other outreach**

Something else lost during the pandemic is much of our outreach. There were no Bridlewood services after the pandemic began, no Salvation Army Kettle campaign, no Christmas caroling etc. But I wish to thank fellow warden Vic Wootton, who resurrected our food collections for the Pavilion food bank that were interrupted and our Operation Christmas Child donations (Christmas shoeboxes).



Although not really outreach, the Foster farm vegetable market again opened for the summer 2020, the most successful season yet. It has been another way that helps our bottom line. They have already asked to return for 2021 and we have answered with a resounding 'Yes'.

### **The Coming Year**

What can I say? As I write this, we are still under lockdown. Our church is still closed. The vaccines are now being distributed, very slowly, but with a promise of inoculating the entire population by September. What does this mean? Our church will not be reopening any time soon and there is no point in planning any events for 2021. It is discouraging and I am so afraid when we have not seen so many parishioners for so long.

Our treasurer is projecting that we will break-even for 2021 but there remains great uncertainty. The hope is the vaccine. Perhaps, just perhaps, we can look forward to significantly reduced health precautions by fall. So, when can we re-open St. James? Labour Day? Thanksgiving? Christmas? We don't know.

In the meantime, we need to keep in touch with each other, and I ask you to consider calling someone. It is often difficult to keep up with phone calls, but I ask you to consider calling someone in the parish maybe once every week or two. Just to keep in touch, and to hold our faith community together.

I also suggest that when in-person services finally become safe again that we consider some sort of significant celebration.

Let us pray to God that 2021 will be better and we can return to a normal life sometime this year.

## Statistics 2020

Year	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Baptisms	3	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	0
Births	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Marriages Att	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Funerals	3	3	3	5	2	1	1	3	1	1
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Avg Weekly Att	26	23.7	26.8	28	22.8	23.6	20.5	20.2	18.1	23.41
# Families	Unk	42	46	45	46	42	31	43	36	49
# of known Givers	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	36
Avg Bridlewood	Unk	Unk	11.1	9.2	11.6	16.25	14	14.7	12.5	9.5
Cemetery Service	Unk	Unk	24	15	32	12	18	9	Unk	N/A
Christmas Eve	Unk	Unk	46	35	42	36	68	49	53	39
Christmas Day	Unk	Unk	16	7	8	8	8	7	5	N/A
Palm Sunday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	23	31	19
Passion Sunday	Unk	Unk	30	32	31	21	41	34	33	46
Carols & Lessons	Unk	Unk	38	48	40	45	43	42	53	23
Blessing of Animals	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	30	25	N/A
Christmas Lighting	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	32	Unk	22
Ash Wednesday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	20	Unk	Unk
Maundy Thursday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	34	22	N/A
Good Friday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	11	15	Unk
Family Praise Srvc	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	16	27	26
Canada Day	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	21	16	19

**Note:** In house services ran from Jan 1 to March 8. Most of these services had communicants. After March 8 the services were all online and were morning prayer services and there were no communicants. There was a total of 140 communicants in 2020. Average communicants were 15.5 weekly. There were two snow cancellations of services in January

- There was only 2 Bridlewood services in 2020. The average Bridlewood stat only reflects the total attendance of 9; resulting in an average attendance of 9.5 for 2 services.
- Our pageant was attended by 30 people. Our Thanksgiving Service had 24 in attendance.
- There was NO Christmas Day service in 2020
- There was an Ash Wednesday Service but no count was taken
- # of families represents different families on our parish list
- # of known givers represents everyone who contributed \$25.00 or more in 2020.
- Average weekly attendance for both in house and online services was 23.41. Up from 18.1 in 2019.
- There was no Maundy Thursday service in 2020. There was a Good Friday Service but the count was not taken.

## Wood's Cemetery Report – 2020

Vic Wootton Jr was hired to maintain the cemetery for 2020. He maintained the cemetery regularly during the months from April to October.

The annual memorial service was cancelled in June due to COVID pandemic.

There were no burials in 2020.

A Labour Day windstorm caused one of the old Norway Maples at the front of the cemetery to break and it became a serious hazard of falling onto Bank Street. We arranged to have the tree cut down later in September as well as another tree that had been damaged in an ice storm a couple of years earlier. It will be necessary to remove the base of both trees in 2021.

The cemetery finances had a surplus of \$1,327.59. This is mostly thanks to a generous donation by James G. Dropp.

The cemetery committee consists of Glenn Clark, Victor Wootton, Maureen Kemp, Don Eccles and Christine Boisclair.

I wish to thank Vic Wootton Jr., and his son Billy for maintaining the cemetery and Mike Thomas for keeping the cemetery Financial records.

No 2021 memorial service has been scheduled because of the ongoing pandemic and one is unlikely to take place unless health precautions are substantially reduced by June.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Clark  
Wood's Cemetery Committee

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## St James Anglican Church Sunday School Report

So after a rousing 2019 pageant for Christmas, we were only able to fit in one Sunday School session before the pandemic hit. Regular sessions have been postponed until regular Church life resumes. There was however, an exception at Christmas. We put together an online version of the Christmas Pageant! How fun! This year we involved not just children but adult volunteers from both our parish and the parish of All Saints. We even had a special visitor from St Clements Anglican Church in Toronto as well. My newly born great-niece Anna Webden, her brother Charlie and her mom Emily and dad Chris got involved so that Anna could be our baby Jesus. She was perfect as was Charlie as a shepherd.

As always I turned to my special guy Will Green to take on a role. This year it was the role of the Inn Keeper along with his mother Liz. As soon as I heard Will had agreed to help

out, I knew the whole thing would be a success. Will brings to St James an in-calculable spirit to everything he does. What a joy and a blessing he is.

And that brings me to Grace the wonderful grand-daughter of Phillis Smith. She is involved in SO much in her life yet, everytime I ask her to help out with the pageant, there she is. And such an actress! Whoa!

Then there are the Wootton Jr's.... another family in motion – but when it comes to St James they heartfully agree to help make things a success! Billy and Skyler were wisemen, Shaidyn was an angel thank you so much for all you did! Thank you to my buddy Vic Jr for helping to organize everything with very little time to do it :-)

Then there is the star of the show young Greyson. Done up so nicely by Elsbeth and Greg. I think Greyson has had perfect Church attendance too! What a great addition to St James this family has been!

Now, the only one in the parish with true acting pedigree is Mike Thomas. His grandfather was a famous actor back in the day – Hollywood stuff. That's why I knew I was getting just the right person for the big role of the Donkey. All that natural talent just came exploding out on the screen. Hee Haw!!!!

When it comes to angels who could argue with Vera Guy being just that. And with the costume design talents of Brenda behind her well who's doing better than St James!

But this year was different! We had a larger talent pool to draw from and when it comes to Greely there seems to be nothing but talent! Anne Kirby turned out to be a VERY wise choice for her role. And Laurie Brown you're a lamb! What a great job you did as a sheep!

My Amanda was the narrator which was very challenging through the online production process. She held the whole thing together and me together too! Finally, thank you as always to Sandra who quietly works with me every year to make everything come together in the end.

I think although the production had it's technical challenges, it ended up being a meaningful part of our Christmas celebrations none the less. Thank you to Rev Joan for her support and encouragement!

Respectfully submitted,  
TAD Higginson  
Sunday School coordinator

## Synod Members Vestry Report 2021

Reverend Joan Riding, Rector's Warden Victor Wootton, and Synod Member Charles Wootton attended the 139<sup>th</sup> and 140<sup>th</sup> Sessions of The Diocese of Ottawa Synod 139 of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and Synod 140 of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 respectively. There was no Great Chapter Meeting and the October Synod was virtual due to the pandemic.

At the spring Synod 139, convened to elect a Bishop as Bishop John Chapman was retiring; the candidates were: The Venerable Christopher Ian Dunn, The Venerable Dr. Peter John Hobbs, The Venerable Brian Kauk, The Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley, The Very Reverend Shane Alexander Donaldson Parker, and the Reverend Mark William Glen Whittall.

**Bishop Parker** was elected on the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot as shown hereunder.

#Clergy% , #Lay %

The Very Reverend Shane Alexander Donaldson Parker.....51    69% , 77    51.7

**Synod 140 in the Autumn;** was held on a Saturday via the Internet.

There was no Thursday night Eucharist as has been the custom.

Canon Doug Richards briefed us on Zoom etiquette. [*mute during meeting, unmute to ask a question, may text questions, don't push the chat button*]

Bishop Parker introduced the Diocesan Chancellor, Henry Schultz who explained how we arrived at this Synod during a pandemic. He addressed legal aspects of Synod which itself was demanded by our Canons *even during pandemics*. It was virtual because current Law forbids indoor conferences in general. However, non-

profit organizations are permitted to use video conferencing. Only basic matters demanded by the Diocesan canons, bylaws and regulations were to be covered.

The basic matters were: 1. Approving new members to Diocesan Council.

2. The presentation on Diocesan Finances. 3. Re-appointing the Auditor.

4. This current annual meeting which defines the end of the synod year for various purposes such as taxation, appointments etc.

### **The Bishops Charge**

The Bishop referred to the Apostle Paul as he addressed the Thessalonians via his Letter in 50 A.D.

He mentioned giving thanks to God for all in your group that he has chosen for you to work with in faith and love. Like the Thessalonians, some of us came from other Religions. {Currently our suffering relates to the Pandemic.}. He urged us not worry about the future, but to focus on being “Children of the Light” and persevere.

He reminded us to use eyes of faith, hope and love in our quest for, peace and purpose. To pray for our group to be creative, to stick together and to be profoundly effective. To find out what it means to be a Diocesan Church. To join with your compassion and wisdom to help complete services to the needy.

Then the Bishop pointed out our collective assets:

1. The Diocese of Ottawa **One Big Church,**
2. Parish and Diocesan Members **One Big Parish**
3. Community **Parishes in Buildings**
4. Community Panel
5. Second Panel

*He implied a few applications.*

(4.) can provide plans, (5.) can consult with (3.) and (2.); re plans for

6. New Buildings and populating them.

This involves both Parish and Diocesan Members (2.) as (1.)

That is **1. Big Church!**

7. "Do not let them think Church has abandoned them!"

He went on to say with all four Dioceses, there can be a Governance review by a

Diocesan Committee. This will enable building the capacity to help troubled groups discover more precisely the causes of their troubles and how to go peaceably about diminishing them.

The pandemic has caused hardship and loss so we have to take on new and voluntary actions.

Take care of yourselves. Do what makes sense relative your mission. Stay healthy so you can serve others.

Find peace and purpose to serve the World.

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The Bishop set our collective focus on 4 renewed and refreshed strategic priorities:

- \*communications
- \*the shape of parish ministry and buildings
- \*engagement with the world
- \*lifelong formation, worship and hospitality

Eventually we will need the equivalent of a face-to-face meeting of Synod.

Two episcopal panels have been created:

The **Communications Panel** -to create a strategic communications strategy.

The **Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation Team** -focussed on the success of Parish-ministries-as-a-whole. This will mean some buildings will have to be closed, others built. No one will be left without a Parish.

### **Basic Matters**

Next Synod approved the appointment: Members of Diocesan Council, the Advisory Panel on the Termination of Clerical Appointments, The Provincial Synod and Trinity College Corporation. Then the financial report was given by the Director of Financial Ministry, Sanjay Grover. Things have been improving (about 20% over the last forecast). See the financial package at; (<https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/Synod>)

Synod approved a motion to appoint Deloitte LLP as auditors of the Dioceses 2020 financial statements. Synod also approved a motion to accept the minutes of the 140<sup>th</sup> session of Synod.

After a closing prayer led by Dean Beth Bretzlaff, and a blessing from Bishop Shane; the meeting adjourned.

### **Observations re the reports in the Convening Circular of Synod 140.**

The fellow members of the Diocese have developed outstanding innovations to cope with the pandemic.

You can read about it by downloading the convening circular of the 140<sup>th</sup> session of Synod and searching any number of the following keywords:

“Meals on wheels needy telephone,”

“food, showers, laundry, community fridge, migrant needy.” “hallway Bingo”

“face to face video counselling centre” “PWRDF \$25,000 Beirut explosion”

“plastic feathers, zoom communications”

“hospital patients zoom communications” “web portal eldercare”

“joined with schools across Canada zoom”

“what they learn, support them, in the World” “stewardship zoom best practices”



“funding ministry partners zoom best practices”

“St. Margaret’s 1.1M 2020 insurance renewal 11% increase”

“Nine epoll decisions” “examined nine requests” “20-2022 Budget”

“the Fund was \$52,264,395” “Consolidated Financial Position”

“OPERATIONS \$8,310,639” “ongoing support of Bales”

[archives@ottawa.anglican.ca](mailto:archives@ottawa.anglican.ca)

“Prayer for Christian Unity event” “Diocesan-wide prayer events Paul Dumbrille”

“a Licensed Lay Reader” “joining Dana Ducette”

“Food Banks, Centre 454 KAIROS,” “CMHC has provided” “YIMBY”

“Many couples were” “Glen McIntyre”

**This Synod Members Vestry Report 2021 is respectfully submitted by:**

Charles William James Wootton, Synod Delegate;

Victor Francis Wootton, Rector’s Warden and Alternate Synod Delegate.

(Synod Delegate and Lay Reader, Phyllis Harris was on a leave of absence.)

“The Cross shines forth in Mystic glow...”-*Venantius Fortunatus (540?-600?)(186)*

## Ladies Guild Report

Alice Purdy's passing has left us with fond memories of her work with the Ladies Guild and her dedication and love for St. James. How often have we all thought of her over this crazy year, and wondered how she would have coped having to isolate? Isolation was just not in her character!

Alice put her heart and soul into everything she did, and was very proud of her Shepherd's Pie that she learned to make from Irene. She always kept our spirits up with laughter when we were getting tired at the various events. We will miss her deeply and often.

The only social gathering we were able to organize in 2020 was a scaled down version of the pancake supper, held in the church basement, mainly due to the new facility rental fees now being charged by the Gloucester Senior Centre. The evening was still fun with good food, jokes and laughter during the mini-auction, and folks from Greeley in attendance.

Here's to the hope of hugs and hand shakes sometime in 2021.

I miss you all!

Karen McPeak

## **Auditor's Report – December 31, 2020**

I have carefully reviewed the financial records of St. James' and also the Ladies' Guild and Wood's Cemetery. In my opinion, all fairly represent the financial status of each organization.

I wish to thank our treasurer, Mr. Mike Thomas and the Ladies' Guild treasurer, Mrs. Karen McPeak for maintaining excellent accounting records and both are to be commended for this.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Clark

Auditor

**St. James Anglican Church,  
Leitrim  
Comparative Balance Sheet**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>31-Dec-20</b>	<b>31-Dec-19</b>	
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalent</b>			
General Fund Allocation	14,354.46	7,274.99	
Gift Allocation	0.00	0.00	
Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28	
Building Fund Allocation	9,506.84	8,748.84	
Memorial Fund Allocation	7,549.22	6,495.22	
Church Accessibility Fund	1,425.56	1,425.56	
Xmas Church Lighting Fund	1,110.49	355.86	
PWRDF Special Support	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total Cash &amp; Equivalent</b>			34,257.85      24,611.75
<b>Investments</b>			
Synod - Consolidated Trust Fund	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>			8,000.00      8,000.00
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
Accounts Receivable General	0.00	0.00	
H.S.T. Receivable	181.03	149.49	
P.S.T. Receivable	<u>447.66</u>	<u>360.22</u>	
<b>Total Receivables</b>			628.69      509.71
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<u>42,886.54</u> <u>33,121.46</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	
Payable PWRDF Special Appeal	0.00	0.00	
Payable Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28	
Payable Rotary Home	0.00	0.00	
Reserve Xmas Lighting	0.00	0.00	
Reserve Roof - Repairs	0.00	0.00	
Accounts Payable Food Bank	0.00	0.00	
Reserve Church Accessibility Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			311.28      311.28
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>Net Worth</b>			
Total Prior Years Equity	32,810.18	23,505.80	
Current Earnings	<u>9,765.08</u>	<u>9,304.38</u>	
<b>Total Equity</b>			42,575.26      32,810.18
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			<u>42,886.54</u> <u>33,121.46</u>

**St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim**  
**Comparative Income Statement**  
**REVENUE**

	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
<b>Offerings</b>		
Envelope (Including Par)	36,002.79	33,128.75
Bridlewood - Open	143.00	514.35
Initial	35.00	25.00
Gift Proceeds	0.00	0.00
Open	126.05	573.80
Maundy Thursday	0.00	15.00
Shrove Tuesday	0.00	0.00
Shrove Tuesday - Auction	193.00	187.00
Ash Wednesday	77.00	25.00
Easter	714.07	955.00
Thanksgiving	385.00	942.00
Christmas	1,810.00	990.00
Mary Dowhan	200.00	0.00
Memorial - Bob Kemp	0.00	2,580.00
Memorial Alice Purdy	854.00	0.00
Memorial - Nancy Ritchie	0.00	2,000.00
Caeli Dinner Revenue	0.00	1,021.00
Xmas Church Lighting Donations	7,405.51	5,064.34
Memorial Services Donations	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned	12.72	11.14
PWRDF Donations	135.00	254.35
The Ottawa Rotary Home - Donations	20.00	305.00
The Greenboro Pavillion Food Bank	0.00	0.00
Hymn Book Donations	0.00	0.00
Flower Donations - Altar	0.00	655.00
General Donations	690.20	392.79
History Books Income	0.00	0.00
Booklets - Bible Study Material	0.00	0.00
Donation Foster Family Farm	1,324.89	1,499.51
Miscellaneous Income	0.22	56.50
Yard Sale Income	0.00	3,529.00
Recipe Book Revenue	0.00	0.00
Calendar Sales	60.00	65.00
Ladies Guild Donations	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>50,188.45</u>	<u>55,789.53</u>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Bldg. Fund Offerings	758.00	418.00
Bldg. Fund - Roof Repairs	0.00	0.00
Bldg Fund - Ladies Guild Donations	0.00	0.00
Bldg Fund - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Bldg Fund	<u>758.00</u>	<u>418.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u><u>50,946.45</u></u>	<u><u>56,207.53</u></u>

<b>EXPENSE</b>	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
<b>Cost of Priestly Services</b>		
Remuneration - Incumbent	20,055.80	23,908.00
Honorarium - Substitute Priests	0.00	501.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Priestly Services</b>	<u>20,055.80</u>	<u>24,409.00</u>
<b>Diocesan Support</b>		
Fair Share	6,953.30	7,337.00
Insurance	623.30	748.00
<b>Total Diocesan Support</b>	<u>7,576.60</u>	<u>8,085.00</u>
<b>Building Fund Expenditures</b>		
Renovations	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Bldg. Fund Expenditures</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>General Expenses</b>		
Conferences	0.00	282.50
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00
The Ottawa Rotary Home	300.00	305.00
PWRDF Donations Paid	300.00	254.35
The Greenboro Pavillion Food Bank	0.00	0.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Church Calendars - For Sale	58.27	60.00
Worship	512.50	237.35
Christian Education/Nursery Supplies	0.00	0.00
Memorial Board	0.00	50.00
Lawlor Garden	0.00	0.00
Xmas Church Lighting	6,537.04	4,615.16
Memorial - Bob Kemp	0.00	50.00
Donations - Canadian Bible Society	50.00	0.00
Hydro	2,619.56	3,077.80
Telephone	1,267.36	1,204.95
Internet Services (Data Processing)	238.54	238.54
Water	238.21	173.05
Postage	133.16	222.03
History Books Expense	0.00	0.00
Stationary Supplies	651.21	1,234.87
Bldg. Mtce. Supplies	25.41	453.60
Bible Study Material	50.00	0.00
Signage	0.00	0.00
Maintenance & Repairs	0.00	70.55
Church Sanitary Supplies	127.89	0.00
Yard Sale Expenses	0.00	438.38
Flowers	0.00	485.80
Celebrations, Gifts, etc.	200.00	207.17
Rental Fee - Shrove Tuesday Auction	0.00	125.00
Visual Display System	0.00	36.37
Bank Charges/Interest	219.12	201.54
Candles	0.00	143.28
Host/Palms	7.27	41.26
Wine	13.43	27.43

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Purificators	0.00	15.17
Caeli Dinner Expenses	0.00	158.00
<b>Continued from Page 2.</b>	<b>31-Dec-20</b>	<b>31-Dec-19</b>
Hymn Books, Prayer Books, Bibles	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<u>13,548.97</u>	<u>14,409.15</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u><u>41,181.37</u></u>	<u><u>46,903.15</u></u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	9,765.08	9,304.38

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## REPORT OF ENVELOPE SECRETARY

### Summary of Receipts Issued for the year Ended December 31, 2020

#### Summary of Regular Givers:

Zero to 500	15	3459.00
501 to 1000	5	3490.00
1001 to 1500	6	7960.00
1501 to 2000	4	6866.00
2001 to 2500	1	2200.00
2501 to 3000	1	2610.00
3001 to 3500	0	0.00
3501 to 4000	1	3600.00
4001 to 6300.	3	14974.21
Total	36	45159.21
<b>Receipts issued to Visitors</b>	11	735.00
Total		45894.21

Respectfully submitted by Mike Thomas, Envelope Secretary.

<b>St. James Leitrim 2021 Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Receipts - General</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
Envelopes (Including Par)		31719.00	33128.75	33000.00	36002.79	35000.00	2874.04
Initial		25.00	25.00	25.00	35.00	25.00	10.00
Open		636.60	573.80	600.00	126.05	100.00	-447.75
Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas		3930.00	2887.00	3000.00	2909.07	3000.00	22.07
Biblestudy material		0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Interest		8.08	11.14	10.00	12.72	10.00	1.58
Flower Donations		435.00	655.00	600.00	0.00	250.00	-655.00
Donations - General		70.00	392.79	100.00	690.20	100.00	297.41
Memorial Fund Donations		2295.00	4580.00	1000.00	1054.00	0.00	-3526.00
Ladies Guild Donations		1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00
Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday		85.00	40.00	100.00	77.00	100.00	37.00
Shrove Tuesday, Dinner and Auction		483.50	187.00	100.00	193.00	0.00	6.00
Good Friday		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale - Spaghetti Dinner		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bridlewood Offerings		411.30	514.35	400.00	143.00	0.00	-371.35
Misc. Income / /Cheer Basket		0.00	56.50	100.00	0.00	100.00	-56.50
Miscellaneous Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.22
G.I.F.T.		1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PWRDF Donations		518.70	254.35	300.00	135.00	300.00	-119.35
The Ottawa Rotary Fund - Donations		302.60	305.00	300.00	20.00	300.00	-285.00
The Greenboro Pavillion Food Bank		95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Revenue		43014.78	44610.68	40685.00	41398.05	40335.00	-3212.63
<b>Miscellaneous Events</b>							
Yard Sale		3883.70	3529.00	3500.00	0.00	3500.00	-3529.00
Calendar Sales		84.00	65.00	70.00	60.00	65.00	-5.00
Recipe Book Donations		15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Caeil Dinner Proceeds		950.25	1021.00	1000.00	0.00	0.00	-1021.00
Church Lighting Donations		4191.28	5064.34	4000.00	7405.51	4000.00	2341.17
Church Accessibility Fund		800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Foster's Market			1499.51	1500.00	1324.89	1500.00	-174.62
Total Misc. Events		9924.23	11178.85	10070.00	8790.40	9065.00	-2388.45



	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Forecast 2020	Actual 2020	Forecast 2021	Difference 2019-2020
<b>4</b>						
<b>Building Fund</b>						
Offerings	563.00	418.00	768.00	758.00	500.00	340.00
Donations - Roof Repairs	8525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Building Fund.	9088.00	418.00	768.00	758.00	500.00	340.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>62027.01</b>	<b>56207.53</b>	<b>51523.00</b>	<b>50946.45</b>	<b>49900.00</b>	<b>-5261.08</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
C.O.P.S.	23863.00	23908.00	24067.00	20055.80	24750.00	-3852.20
Priest Honorarium (Replacements)	0.00	501.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	-501.00
Remun. Incumbent - Extra Days	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Priest's Expenses	23863.00	24409.00	24867.00	20055.80	25350.00	-4353.20
<b>Diocesan Support</b>						
Fair Share	6893.00	7337.00	8344.00	6953.30	9929.00	-383.70
Insurance	748.00	748.00	777.00	623.30	950.00	-124.70
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Diocesan Support	7641.00	8085.00	9121.00	7576.60	10879.00	-508.40
<b>Building Fund Expenditures</b>						
Renovations New Roof	7899.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Building Expenditures	7899.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>General Expenditures</b>						
Conferences	216.50	282.50	250.00	0.00	250.00	-282.50
Outreach Including Donations to Other Charities						
The Rotary Home	302.60	305.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	-5.00
Pavillion Food Bank	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P.W.R.D.F.	518.70	254.35	300.00	300.00	300.00	45.65
Bible Society	25.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1157.80</b>	<b>841.85</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>-191.85</b>

	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Forecast 2020	Actual 2020	Forecast 2021	Difference 2019-2020
2						
Sub-total (from Page 2)	1157.80	841.85	950.00	650.00	950.00	-191.85
Worship	75.37	237.35	250.00	512.50	250.00	275.15
Christian Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydro	3148.80	3077.80	3200.00	2619.56	3000.00	-458.24
Telephone	1142.48	1204.95	1308.96	1267.36	1300.00	62.41
Water	80.27	173.05	200.00	238.21	250.00	65.16
Internet Services (Data Processing)	238.54	238.54	250.00	238.54	238.54	0.00
Postage	111.01	222.03	200.00	133.16	200.00	-88.87
Supplies, Stationery & Printing Supplies	1173.74	1234.87	1200.00	651.21	650.00	-583.66
Mtce. & Repairs	400.16	70.55	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	-70.55
Bldg. Maintenance Supplies	47.56	453.60	100.00	153.30	150.00	-300.30
Memorial Expenditures	0.00	100.00	500.00	0.00	200.00	-100.00
Celebrations, Gifts and Garden	287.63	207.17	300.00	200.00	300.00	-7.17
Hymn Books/BAS Prayer Books	68.83	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bible Study Material	40.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Yard Sale Expenses	356.32	438.38	500.00	0.00	422.46	-438.38
Caeii Dinner Expenses	65.16	158.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	-158.00
Hall Rental Expense	0.00	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	-125.00
Bank Charges/Interest	186.06	201.54	200.00	219.12	225.00	17.58
Church Calendars	60.00	60.00	60.00	58.27	60.00	-1.73
Host/Palms/Purificators	54.27	56.43	50.00	7.27	50.00	-49.16
Wine	25.29	27.43	40.00	13.43	25.00	-14.00
Flowers	407.20	485.80	600.00	0.00	250.00	-485.80
Candles	75.65	143.28	100.00	0.00	100.00	-143.28
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audio Visual System	3225.12	36.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	-36.37
Church Lighting	4478.04	4615.16	4000.00	6537.04	4000.00	1921.88
Total General Expenses	16905.30	14409.15	15433.96	13548.97	13671.00	-860.18
Total Operating Expenses	56308.74	46903.15	49421.96	41181.37	49900.00	-5721.78
Operating Surplus or Deficit	5718.27	9304.38	2101.04	9765.08	0.00	460.70

Woods Cemetery	Actual 2018	Actual 2019	Forecast 2020	Actual 2020	Forecast 2021	Difference 2019-2020
Woods Cemetery Income	4236.17	5089.76	4000.00	5616.85	5000.00	527.09
Woods Cemetery Expenditures	4092.72	3631.32	4000.00	4289.26	4500.00	657.94
Woods Cemetery Surplus or Deficit	<u>143.45</u>	<u>1458.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1327.59</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-130.85</u>

#### Summary of Church Lighting Fund 2020

Opening Balance	355.86
Donations Received	7405.51
GST & PST rebates from 2019	430.53
Total Available for Church Lighting Fund	<u>8191.90</u>
Church Lighting Paid	<u>7081.41</u>
Balance 31-Dec-20	<u><u>1110.49</u></u>

#### Notes:

There is a rebate of GST and PST totalling \$512.56 which when received in 2021 will be added to the amount available in the church lighting fund giving us a total of \$1623.05 to be used towards next years' lighting expenses.

## Wood's Cemetery - Income Statement

31-Dec-20

### Revenue

Trust Fund Dividend		4015.06
Offerings - Cemetery Service (Cancelled)		0.00
Misc Donation	James G Dropp	1381.20
Misc Donation	Raymond Cope	150.00
Interest Earned	Bank	2.35
Interest Earned	GIC	96.62
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<u>5645.23</u>

### Expenditures

Cemetery Maintenance	Vic Jr.	3014.27
Cemetery Maintenance	Carlos Mosan (Tree Cutting)	1200.00
Advertising		0.00
Bank Charges		6.75
GIC interest reinvested		96.62
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>4317.64</u> <u>4317.64</u>

**Surplus/Deficit** 1327.59

Balance in Bank December 31, 2019	3233.50
Surplus/Deficit for period ended December 31, 2020	1327.59
Balance in Bank December 31, 2020	<u>4561.09</u>

### INVESTMENTS

TD Redeemable GIC	Balance December 31, 2019	6740.03
	Interest Earned to December 31, 2020	96.62
	Value at December 31, 2020	<u>6836.65</u>

<b>St. James Ladies Guild</b> <b>Financial Statements</b> <b>2020</b>
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**Receipts**

Bank Interest	3.19
Donation	20.00
Pancake Supper	315.00

**Total Revenue****338.19****Expenditure**

Bank Charges	6.75
Catering for Celebration Service - Alice Purdy	350.15
Pancake Supper Expenses	105.00

**Total Expenditures****461.90****Surplus/Deficit 2020****- 123.71****Summary of Assets**

Bank Balance at December 31, 2019	7,332.74
Deficit 2020	- 123.71

Bank Balance at December 31, 2020	7,209.03
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GIC Maturing February 12, 2022	<u>4,236.15</u>
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**Total****11,445.18**

## Report of the Nominating Committee for 2021

*The following persons have been appointed or agreed to stand for election or nomination*

People's Warden	Glenn Clark
Deputy Warden	Vic Wootton
Members of Synod	Dave Picklyk
Alternate Members of Synod	Chuck Wootton
Auditor	Glenn Clark
Parish Council at Large	Brenda Houle Vera Guy Chuck Wootton Wendy Taylor Irene Thomas Jamie Koch Deb Donoghue TAD Higginson Sandra Donatucci Michele Sutherland-Simpson
Wood's Cemetery Representative	Glenn Clark

Respectively submitted  
Vic Wootton  
Glenn Clark  
Reverend Joan Riding

## Appointments for 2021

Rector's Warden	Vic Wootton
Treasurer	Mike Thomas + ???
Envelope Secretary	Mike Thomas + ???
Children's Activity Superintendent	TAD Higginson
Children' Activity Teacher	TAD Higginson
Altar Guild Contact	Irene Thomas
Building Superintendent	By Committee
Editor/Creator Pew Bulletin	Vic Wootton
Publisher of Pew Bulletin	Glenn Clark
Telephone Secretary	Sylvia Thomas
Web Master	Glenn Clark
Food Bank Contact and Deliverer	Vic Wootton
Operation Christmas Child Representative	Vic Wootton
Licensed Lay Reader	
Intecessors 2021	Vic Wootton
	TAD Higginson
	Chuck Wootton
	Irene Thomas
	Elsbeth Dowhan
Readers 2021	Jamie Koch
	Sylvia Thomas
	Mike Thomas
	Marilyn Donnelly
	Wendy Taylor
	Chuck Wootton
	Glenn Clark
	Irene Thomas
	Elsbeth Dowhan
	Deb Donoghue
	Sandra Donatucci
	Vic Wootton
	TAD Higginson
	Dave Picklyk
	Christine Boisclair
	Michel Sutherland-Simpson

Psalm Readers 2021

Vic Wootton  
Elsbeth Dowhan  
Dave Picklyk  
Jamie Koch

Servers 2021

Vic Wootton  
Sylvia Thomas  
TAD Higginson

Ladies Guild 2021

Karen McPeak  
Sylvia Thomas  
Irene Thomas  
Brenda Houle  
Vera Guy  
Deb Donoghue  
Marilyn Donnelly  
Wendy Taylor  
Tammylee Sisson

Altar Guild 2021

Irene Thomas  
Sylvia Thomas  
Brenda Houle  
Vera Guy  
Wendy Taylor  
Vic Wootton  
Jamie Koch