

# ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH LEITRIM

## VESTRY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022



### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim, will be held on Sunday February 26, 2023 at 12 noon in the Church basement and online through 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 2022***

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*

***Maureen Kemp***

***Vera (Dawn) Phillips***

***Raymond Robin Cope***



# Marriages

*To those who have joined in Holy Matrimony*

***Sara Elizabeth McPeak***

***and***

***Alan Peter Caletti***

"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*

***Sharon Lucille Eccles***

***Robert Oliver Eccles***

"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 2022***

"In my Fathers House there are many rooms"





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# St. James Anglican Church Leitrim

## Vestry Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m. (On-Line)

### Vestry Attendance

*"I solemnly declare that: I am a member of St. James, Leitrim Parish of the Anglican Church of Canada; I am of the full age of sixteen years; I am a regular worshipper with this congregation; I do not intend to vote as a member of any other Vestry in the election of Churchwardens or of Members of Synod during the ensuing year; and I am a supporter of this congregation by regular contributions to its maintenance."*

Reverend Joan Riding, Glenn Clark, Linda Cutts, Mike Thomas, Sylvia Thomas, Deb Donoghue, Elsbeth Dowhan, Brenda Houle, Vera Guy, Chuck Wootton, Victor Wootton, Steve Northcott, Janet Northcott, TAD Higginson, Sandra Donatucci.

**Opening Prayer:** Reverend Joan Riding led those in attendance in prayer.

### Appointment of Vestry Clerk

**The members attending the Vestry Meeting appointed Glenn Clark as Vestry Clerk. Moved by Deb Donoghue, seconded by Mike Thomas. CARRIED.**

### Approval of Vestry Agenda

**The Agenda for the Vestry Meeting dated February 28, 2022, is approved as printed. Moved by Deb Donoghue, seconded by Brenda Houle. CARRIED.**

### Nominations Open

**Reverend Joan Riding opens nominations for People's Warden, Deputy Warden, Members of Parish Council at Large, Synod Delegates, Alternate Synod Delegate, Auditor, Chair of Cemetery Committee.**

### Approval of 2021 Vestry Minutes

**The Minutes for the Vestry Meeting dated February 24, 2021, is approved as printed. Moved by Mike Thomas, seconded by Brenda Houle. CARRIED.**

### 2021 Reports

**The Vestry Meeting accepts the Reports numbered 6 through 14 in the Vestry Agenda as published in the Vestry Report. Moved by Glenn Clark, seconded by Mike Thomas. CARRIED.**

### Rector's Warden Report



Victor Wootton wished to thank TAD Higginson, Sandra Donatucci and Grace Jones for<sup>7</sup> allowing St. James to have virtual services since the start of the pandemic including troubleshooting on many occasions as well as the broadcasting of the service from St. James while the church was open from September 12, 2021, until December 12, 2021.

He also wished to thank Mike and Irene Thomas, including Mike cleaning the snow at the church door, picking up the mail and delivering food to the food bank, as well as being our song leader on-line. Mike reminded that Sylvia Thomas accompanied him. Vic also thanked Irene Thomas for playing the organ both on-line and at the church.

Vic also thanked Deb Donoghue for keeping the church cleaned.

Vic thanked Glenn Clark for doing too much including the Christmas lighting, which involves a tremendous amount of his time, and he contributes financially to the project. Glenn Clark also added that Brenda Houle has also made a major contribution to the lighting project.

Vic thanked Reverend Joan for serving at both St. James and All Saints Greely and extended his heartfelt thanks for her contribution to both churches and for her excellent reflections. Vic gave a number of examples of remarkable reflections. He hoped that Reverend Joan would continue to serve us until age 75.

Vic spoke of the Shape of Parish Ministry and thought that the diocese was not trying to close us down but had priorities to reconfigure parishes such as Area Parish. He expressed concern about service times that are less ideal with the bigger churches in an area parish getting the best times. This would affect our attendance and if we lost parishioners, we may become a chapel with one or two services per year.

Vic would like to see St. James support ourselves better by moving towards paying a minister two days a week.

Vic watched a documentary about giving and the cost of living. He reminded everybody to make sure your priority is to pay for your needs first but at the same time, Vic suggested that if we can afford it, to increase your donation to the church, especially if you haven't increased your donation for years. Remember, that church costs also increase.

Vic commented about his vision problems which made it a problem in preparing the nomination list. He apologized for any errors and welcomed any corrections.

Reverend Joan commented that St. James is unique because how everybody works and cares for each other and she thanked both the wardens. Reverend Joan explained how she loves St. James.

Vic Wootton commented how he wasn't expecting to distribute all the boxes this past year, but St. James came through and filled all the boxes and they were distributed to pickup location at the last minute.

### **Statistics**

The number of people on the parish roll is 78. Change the statistic for 'families' to 'households'.

### **On-going Business**

#### **St. James and the COVID Pandemic**

Linda Cutts asked about the opening of the church. Reverend Joan explained that this subject is on the agenda. Vic Wootton explained his hope that the world will be returning to the normal soon.

#### **Outreach during the Pandemic**

Shoebboxes, food bank donations, Centre 454 sock donations, donations to the rotary home, and PWRDF and Christmas lighting. Vic Wootton mentioned the donations of chocolate to the food bank for Christmas was much appreciated.

#### **Re-opening St. James**

Glenn Clark mentioned that many churches have opened including Holy Trinity Metcalfe on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Elsbeth Dowhan explained that her son, Greyson has had many colds from daycare and has concerns about returning to church because of this, but she also thinks that Greyson and family will join in-person church eventually. Greyson does not qualify for a vaccine, and they cannot guarantee he will wear a mask at his age.

Glenn Clark mentioned that Elsbeth's family is welcome if Greyson is not sick, and that on-line service will continue even when in-person starts up.

Linda Cutts hoped that the church opened sooner than later.

Linda Cutts found the on-line screen distracting at the in-person service. Linda would like to have on-line or in-person and not both.

Brenda Houle expressed a desire to have both service types because of her mother's mobility issue.

There was a discussion of the broadcast of the in-person service and the glitches and Reverend Joan spoke that more time is needed to resolve the problems.

Reverend Joan will meet with Glenn Clark and Vic Wootton about restarting in-person services.

Deb Donoghue asked about whether an on-line service once a month and in-person three times a month will work. Glenn Clark expressed that this may cause confusion.

Reverend Joan is hoping that both services will be held each week and we need to be patient to resolve problems.

### **Succession Planning**

Glenn Clark expressed that our volunteers are getting older and there is a need for the younger generation to get more involved so that there is an orderly transition for St. James' future.

### **New Business**

#### **Shape of Parish Ministry**

Linda Cutts expressed a need to get younger families involved and to make church fun for children. Linda expressed the need to have more modern music some weeks.

Linda Cutts loved church when she was growing up, and how church was fun for her.

There needs to be more volunteers.

There was a discussion of how to get children involved.

The problem is that there is so many other activities in competition with church these days.

Elsbeth Dowhan has expressed the challenges of caring for a young child with the restrictions of the pandemic. She indicated that virtual services are not designed for young children.

**The Vestry Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with the Grace and will be reconvened on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7 p.m.**

**The Vestry Meeting was reconvened on-line on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7:00<sup>10</sup> p.m.**

### **Church Accessibility and Fire Safety**

Glenn Clark spoke about an Accessibility Fund and transferring some surplus funds into the consolidated trust fund for that purpose. Reverend Joan spoke of the need of an emergency exit at the front of the church in the event of a fire. Glenn Clark spoke of possibly placing one of the windows on a hinge. Mike Thomas spoke of possibly transferring \$5,000 from the Building Fund and \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund to the Trust Fund. Steve Northcott spoke of running a ramp to the emergency front entrance. TAD Higginson agreed that we have been working on this for 10 years without accomplishing anything. Glenn Clark suggested that a decision on amounts to be transferred to the trust fund be deferred to the next parish council meeting.

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Monday, March 22, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

### **Votes of Thanks**

TAD Higginson thanked Reverend Joan's care during the pandemic by calling parishioners on a regular basis.

Reverend Joan thanked Sylvia Thomas for answering the phone every day.

TAD Higginson thanked both wardens and particularly Vic Wootton because of his current eyesight problem while he is still performing his tasks.

Sandra Donatucci thanked Glenn Clark for maintaining the bulletin and assigning the readers every week.

Reverend Joan thanked Vera Guy for her long-standing service.

Glenn Clark thanked Vera Guy because it was through her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party that we received funding to start lighting the church for Christmas.

Sandra Donatucci thanked Deb Donoghue for keeping the church clean.

Reverend Joan thanked Irene Thomas for her service of music.

Deb Donoghue thanked TAD Higginson and Sandra Donatucci for setting up the on-line service.

Reverend Joan thanked God for our church.

### **2021 Financial Statements**

**The Vestry Meeting receives the 2021 Financial Statements as presented, including those for Wood's Cemetery and the Ladies' Guild (Items 21 through 26**

**in the Vestry Agenda). Moved by Mike Thomas, seconded by TAD Higginson. CARRIED.**

It was noted that the Vestry Report included the wrong financial statements. The report will be republished with the correct statements for January 1 to December 31, 2021.

### **General Fund**

There is a total of \$37,215.09 in the bank. Total assets are \$46,499.82. Operating Revenue is \$52,781.34. Total Revenue is \$55,859.74 Total Expenses are \$52,246.46 and a Surplus or \$3,613.26. Church Lighting expenses are \$7,616.69 leaving the Church Lighting Fund balance of \$2,483.04.

### **Envelope Secretary Report**

Mike Thomas reported that four people are contributed \$24,299.60 of \$52,774.80 or 46%

### **Wood's Cemetery**

Total Revenue is \$4,911.20, expenses are \$3,053.82 for a surplus of \$1,857.38. The Trust fund dividend for 2021 was \$3,649.90. Trust Fund total is \$188,141.42

### **Ladies' Guild**

Bank Balance at the end of the year was \$7,212.84 plus a GIC of \$4,256.15 for total assets of \$11,468.99

### **2022 Budget**

Total Revenue is projected as \$56,147.92 Total Expenses are projected as \$56,146.00 Projected Surplus is \$1.92.

Glenn Clark would like \$2,000 to be recorded as a donation towards the Consolidated Trust Fund for Accessibility during 2022. TAD Higginson would like to see an offsetting \$2,000 revenue figure to encourage donations towards the Accessibility project. This increases revenue to \$58,147.92 and expenses to \$58,146.00 with no change to the projected surplus.

**Moved by Glenn Clark, seconded by Sandra Donatucci that the Vestry Meeting approves the budget for 2022 as revised. CARRIED.**

Reverend Joan Riding thanked Mike Thomas for providing the clearest financial statements.

### **Nomination Report**

Reverend Joan is adding Elsbeth Dowhan as Deputy Warden

**Moved by TAD Higginson and seconded by Mike Thomas that the nominations be closed. CARRIED.**

**Moved by Deb Donoghue, seconded by Sandra Donatucci that the Vestry Meeting approves the Nominating Committee Report as amended. CARRIED.** <sup>12</sup>

### **Appointments for 2022**

Greg Dowhan has been added as an additional Pew Bulletin editor. Irene Thomas was added as Organist. Karin Ferrol is added as an Intercessor and Reader. Add Samuel Peter, Perri Koch and William Green as Crucifer. Add Sandra Donatucci to the Ladies Guild. Add Jamie Koch to the Altar Guild.

**Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Irene Thomas that the Vestry Meeting accepts the Appointments and other reports numbered 30 through 32 in the Vestry Agenda and as published in the Vestry Report and as amended. CARRIED.**

### **Adjournment**

**Moved by Brenda Houle that the Vestry Meeting is adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned with the Grace.

## A brief report of Interim Priest in Charge

*"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me, Matthew 25:40).*

As the interim Priest-in-charge, my comments will be very brief. I shall leave the reporting to its wonderful, spiritual and dedicated team of office holders. I have been working with the wardens, the treasurer, the organist, parish council, etc. to provide two-days a week priestly and pastoral services to St James, Leitrim as its interim priest-in-charge, initially for Sept 2022 and October 2022. It was extended for November and December 2022, January 2023. My term was extended to cover February 2023.

The church continues to meet its obligations to its local community by hosting events like the Yard Sale. Bake Sale, dinners, etc. It lives its faith of being its Sister's and Brother's keeper as Christ charged it in Matthew 25:40 (And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me). It participates in its Diocesan events like the 2022 Synod. Diocesan calendar events are celebrated as much as possible. 2022 All Saints and All Souls Days were celebrated. Remembrance Day was marked. Advent was observed. Christmas Eve and New Year's Day were celebrated and had great attendances.

The Church endeavours to meet its financial obligations and more. The number of parishioners attending regular 10.30 a.m. Sunday service continues to hold steady and approaching its pre-pandemic levels. Its Christmas Eve, 2022 and New Year's Day 2023 numbers of attendees were impressive.

St James has been a church that exemplifies hospitality and welcoming to its old, current and new attendees. Our pastoral care is done by the wardens, the pastoral care team supported by the priest. My short time at St. James has been so inspiring with the parish family so supportive of my ministry and my journey with them. It's been a blessing serving St. James. May Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ sanctify every member of this Mystical Body of His called St. James, Leitrim.

Respectfully submitted.

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(Rev. Nash Smith).

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ST. JAMES, LEITRIM: VESTRY REPORT

Joan Riding, Priest-in-Charge

January 2022 - September 10, 2022.

It is a strange situation for me to be formulating this Vestry report four months after having retired, and six months before I had planned to retire. Thus, as you can imagine, it is with very mixed feelings that I write this document today.

***With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow down before the exalted God?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?  
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
The Lord has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.***

Micah 6: 6-8.(NIV)

Micah was a prophet to the People of Israel who were captives of the Assyrian Empire. Their faith had become superficial. and they were spiritually lost. They felt isolated from one another and from God. They wanted to know how to renew their relationship with God. Micah reminded them that God was the source of all they had, even their own lives.

As you may remember, this passage of Scripture from the Prophet Micah is one of my favourites. It expresses deep and consistent questions and truths of our faith. How do we, in our own time and place do what is right in a world so deeply divided? How do we, individually and as a community— take action to love mercy in a world where mercy is so often seen as weakness, where justice is elusive, and where people are starving because warfare is blocking the shipping routes for food? And how do we live humbly in the presence of God, knowing that we have responsibilities that may cause us discomfort and discord in the world God loves?

In 2022, we can recognize how that kind of situation might have happened to Micah's people, and even recognize it in our own lives. We have dealt with covid and its dangers over the last three years. Still, it continues unabated. In so many ways, we have suffered from isolation. We have been kept apart from one another, and even from our families. Some of us have contracted the covid virus; many have been stressed, and lonely. We have suffered



losses. We have prayed for one another and have worked to develop new ways to support one another and to receive support with grace.

A large part of my ministry with you has been to address that sense of isolation and to remind us all that we are not alone. Even when we cannot feel the presence or the love of God, God still loves and cares for us. Even when we can't imagine what is coming next, we can trust God to be with us. That was Micah's message to his people so long ago, and it remains the message of Scripture for us today.

In our parish this year, one person died who had a long connection with us before moving to Toronto. Some of you will still remember Mr. Ray Cope. Another beloved person died after a long illness. Maureen Kemp was deeply connected to us for many years. We offer thanks to God for Ray's life and for Maureen's long life. May they rest in God's peace, and may we be inspired by the gift of their lives. May Ray and Maureen's families always know God loves them, even in their bleakest moments.

Some of the changes we are experiencing are wonderful. St James has had the pleasure and privilege of welcoming Carole Ladouceur to this community of faith during my section of the last year. I am happy to have this opportunity to formally welcome Carole to the community. So, welcome, and welcome back to those who have returned.

We also had the joy and privilege of celebrating one marriage in our parish. Sara McPeak has grown up in St. James, and because of Sara, we have also come to know and love Alan Caletti. We wish them long lives, full of love and joy.

Vera Guy, who has been a constant in our parish life, has had to move away, making it very difficult for her to worship with the rest of us. Vera and all who are far away or not able to travel, continue to be part of our parish, but in ways that are unfamiliar to them and to us. As life changed for the People of Israel, life has changed for us, and we are having to learn new ways to be together and to experience the profound care we have for one another. I am so grateful for the miracles of electronic communication which allow us to maintain and nurture our relationships.

We have prayed for people, in particular, for Mikey, and then had to delay fully celebrating their healing until there is less pressure from germs in our environment.

When we gather, it is to offer strength to one another, to worship God together, to listen to Scripture together. We individuals gather to form a community of faith in which we can learn together what the Lord requires of us.

Micah's people were facing enormous change in their lives. They asked what to do to please God. They listed possibilities, each one larger and more impossible than the last. Then, finally, Micah reminded his people what they needed to remember.

*What does the Lord require of you?*

*To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

God had already told them what was required of them. Not "things". "Righteousness". God longs for the righteousness of the world and its people. God longs for our righteousness. Goodness at our core, in our souls. God wants us to have attitudes and to take actions that

promote justice, that love mercy, and that lead us to humility in our relationship with God. God longs for people whose prayer and whose service is to do God's will, whose longing is to love other people, and whose intention is to love God. That's us. That desire runs throughout our worship.

My ministry at St. James was centred on worship and pastoral care. During the past three years and because of covid, that ministry moved into "high gear". We wrote parish letters, individual notes, and e-mails. Dozens of phone calls just to say hello. We even sent silly little jokes and cartoons around. "Where does Santa keep his money?" "In the snowbank!" My intention was to be in touch with everybody regularly. Some were busy, not very interested in long chats, but pleased to know that they were being cared for as part of the community. Most expressed pleasure at the contact and even increased their own check-in calls to one another. Several people developed covid as well as other illnesses, and we helped to supply food and other necessities to them.

We began the year 2022 still with our church building closed. We met for worship through Webex by the kindness of our own TAD Higginson, and Grace Jones from All Saints. For meetings and chats, we used Zoom. During February and March, we continued to worship using the miracle of electronics. Our parish and All Saints each maintained independence, while we shared many elements of our ministries. We continued to send out a weekly form for Evening Prayers. We had Parish Council meetings and even our Annual Vestry meetings on-line in order to provide ways to meet that were as safe as possible from infection. There was a lot for us to get used to! Thank you to everybody who made that possible.

With all the other parish clergy of our diocese, I attended a mandatory on-line anti-racism conference in January. Throughout this time, the work on The Shape of Parish Ministry and Buildings Project continued. This was a lot of work for the parishes, and it was quite stressful, especially because of the degree of isolation and threat parishes were feeling. Unfamiliar reporting methods and questions that seemed unclear were stressful because they were either so broad that they really didn't suit the little parishes such our own, or they were very narrow because technical information was being collected. That work continued into the summer and the results are still being worked through, as you have heard.

At the end of March, WOOHOO! We were able to begin returning to worship in our church building. Such a relief. We long to get back to normal, but normal has changed. We have learned new skills for living. We have become reliant on people in new ways - neighbours we hardly know doing errands for us, for instance. Opening our church building required continuing great care. Our meetings remained electronic. And we were delighted to be able to host our Blessing of the Animals.

Planning began in May for our Christmas Outreach programmes. Victor undertook to arrange the Shoebox programme for children outside Canada to receive a Christmas gift. It was also agreed that we had the resources to plan for the Church lighting though the Christmas Season. This is such a fabulous way for St. James to share the hope and joy of Christmas with all who pass by or who are caught in traffic jams right outside the church! The Memorial Board that Mike Thomas had created was installed and plans began for the new Autumn Yard Sale, which was a great success. We continued in this way through the spring and into the summer.

I took my holiday at the end of July to the middle of August. During that time, I noticed that my vision was changing quite quickly.

One of the days, I realized I could no longer read the street signs, and that was scary because I was in a new area and didn't know my way out. Well, I did get out and got home safely. I phoned the Eye Doctor, was offered an emergency cancellation appointment and was scheduled for cataract surgery in September. I was warned not to get covid or anything else because I would lose my place in line. So, that forced a decision for me. Reluctantly, sadly, I spoke with our Wardens, our Archdeacons, and finally our Bishop because it was obvious that it was time for me to retire. We agreed that September 4<sup>th</sup> would be my last Sunday. I think you all know all this, but this report is the official place for me to record these decisions and the reasons for them. I am so very grateful for your encouragement, your prayers, and your very kind offers of help. We had a wonderful party to send me off and I really felt your loving care. Thank you so much. I was scared and you really helped me. And now, my vision is better than it has ever been. I can see individual blades of grass! I can read! It is even possible that the other eye condition which underlies the cataracts will not require surgery, assuming that medication continues to work.

I miss you all very much. I think of you and continue to pray for you and for St. James Parish. None of us knows our future or what others may have in mind for us. But together, you are strong in your faith. You have faithful leaders, especially in Victor and Glenn, your Wardens. You have worship leaders trained, a pastoral care plan, a Treasurer worthy of everybody's trust, a very generous musician to inspire the congregation, people who love and care for the building and grounds. You have people who really do care deeply. And you are formulating plans. Plans may change but having them is important because they keep us looking forward and listening for God's call in our lives, both individually and as parishes.

Thank you for my time with you. Thank you for your encouragement, your friendship, and your partnership in the ministry of St. James, Leitrim. You gave me much more than I ever could give to you.

Be steadfast in prayer; be joyful in hope;  
and be untiring in acts of love all the days of your lives.  
May the peace of God which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
now and for ever. Amen.

With my love,  
Joan.

## Rector Warden's Report for 2022

It is once again my pleasure and honour to write the Rector Warden's Report for the year ending 2022. It is this report where we extend our sincere thankyou to all the folks who gave an enormous amount of time to make things happen during the year. As you may guessed things don't happen by themselves.

This past year we went through a very thorough exercise for the diocese to think out and decide what kind of church we are and what kind of church do we want to work towards.

In this report we will highlight and give our opinions of many problems facing St. James. Observations that could cause a great de of grief for our parish and list possible solutions.

As is the case of an elderly congregation this year again we continue to lose life long parishioners who have passed away.

On a happier note one of our younger parishioners, Sara McPeak was married to Alan Caletti in 2022, Sara we've seen from a baby. Her and her husband Alan and Sara often come together with the Thomas family at many of our events.

It is this report also where we mention important changes that occurred during the year. No change was any bigger than the sudden departure of the Reverend Joan Riding and our introduction to her replacement, the Reverend Nash Smith.

ST. James would not be able to function without the contribution of time and effort by the following people. We mention them here so that all our parishioners know who is looking after and in effect, give them credit and thanks at least once a year. In previous years we would mention everyone who looked after something. This would take hours to list them all and we would probably miss a few. So, we will mention a few but with thanks to all who helped out. Your contribution of time and care is highly appreciated.

Rob Clark	Snow removal	Like his dad before him he ploughs our yard all winter and ensures we
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		can park our cars in the yard. Over the years has saved us thousands of dollars.
TAD Higginson	Setting up and caretaking the on-line system we broadcast every Sunday	There was no one else with the expertise to carry this out except TAD. As we were not allowed to meet in person for well over a year; tAD's contribution may well be the only reason St. James is still in business.
Sandra Donnatucci	Helps run and take care of the on-line system for our broadcasts	Fills in for TAD when he is not available on Sunday. Many times she has looked after the service broadcast when TAD is not available
Irene Thomas	For our organ music	Irene not only plays the organ for our hymns but picks out the hymns that are acceptable to the Church Sunday. She practices heavily during the week so the hymns sound perfect on Sunday. She possess an amazing ability to use the right tempo and key for our congregation. This is on top of her duties on Altar and Ladies. Are we ever lucky to have her.

Mike Thomas	Treasurer, envelope secretary, representative to the diocese for financial questions, monthly financial reports and the list goes on,	Looks after our books, provides monthly reports on our finances, Is our representative to talk with the diocesan financial community. On top of all this he also works and fixes things in the church . I've probably only touched a small list of what he does. Thank God for Mike!
Chuck Wootton	Synod delegate, counts and reports on the money donated every Sunday	Chuck is a reader during the service, a synod delegate, sidesman along with Sylvie and counts the collection at each service. He also does many jobs on his own (shovel snow, mows the back stairway, paints the front steps and a multitude of other things that folks aren't even aware of.
Deb Donoghue	Parish council, secretary for parish council meetings, cleans the church, representative for Bridlewood	Takes notes at all our parish council meetings, Cleans the church, reads during the service and is our contact person for Bridlewood Retirement home
Glenn Clark	Web master, wood's cemetery chief, responsible for ensuring the Christmas lights are ready and	Updates and maintains our website which is spectacular.  He is in charge of Wood's cemetery and deals with

	<p>working on time, pew bulletin editor and publisher, creating and preparing the music when Irene is on vacation AND the list goes on and on</p>	<p>people who want to bury someone. He also looks after the grounds at Wood's Cemetery and arranges for things like trees being cut down and fences repaired.</p> <p>He is the editor and publisher of our pew bulletins.</p> <p>Creates the music for us when Irene is at the cottage all summer. It is an enormous job that takes hours and hours of his time.</p> <p>He is in charge of ensuring our Christmas Lights are working on time. A task that takes hours and hours of his time.</p> <p>He also contributes mightily to the displays around the church at Christmas He does more but I am getting scared!!</p>
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As mentioned earlier, this is just a partial list of things done at St. James on our behalf. Rest assure that we are very grateful to those who have not been mentioned for the job they do. Sincere thank you to all.

Shape of Parish Ministry

It was in 2022 that St. James along with all other churches in the diocese completed the Shape of Parish Ministry exercise. This exercise involved several meetings, between ourselves and representatives from the diocese. We had questions that St. James had to answer. What type of church are we? What kind of church do we want to be in the future? The end result of our meetings and answers to their questions gave us a good indication of

what kind of church we were and what type of organizational format would<sup>18</sup> be the most successful for us.

At the end we simply kept the same format we have always had. The advantage to this exercise is that all churches were made aware of their problems of attendance and what formats could work best for them.

### Problems

St. James like any church in the diocese has a problem of a declining congregation. When I first became involved with St. James in 1973 (*Good Lord that was 50 years ago*), the weekly average attendance was 28 to 32 people a service. It stayed in that range for several years. Then in the 1980's it began to drop.

### Declining Congregation

It didn't fall off the page like a rock but the decline was fairly steady. Every couple of years or so we would get new parishioners and the average weekly attendance would go up. It was not all one sided; but the decline was, for the most part, steady and constant. At the beginning of Covid our average weekly attendance was around 17 for the year.

**Solution:** We need to attract more parishioners. Actually we have been doing that. Our Christmas Lights, outreach to Bridlewood and the Rotary home have definitely helped, but we need to do more.

### Very few Children and middle aged folks

We have brought in some middle aged people and we have had children show up as well. The problem is there are not enough. We abandoned our Sunday school a few years ago as there was not enough children to warrant it.

In addition most of our new people are senior citizens. In one way this is good as they are experienced and wise people joining us. On the other hand senior citizens are not likely to get involved with the running of the church. No one can blame them of course. You cannot do the things in your senior years that you did in your thirties and forties. The end result is that people quite elderly that are already doing possible too much are having to take on more and more. As we are all human; sooner or later we are going to be in trouble.



**Solution:** Set up formats and programs that would be of interest to children<sup>19</sup> and middle aged folks. Easier said than done but we are trying. Blessing of the animals service, family praise services, our Christmas Lights are just a few examples of what we have tried.

### Folks we lost in 2022

This past year we lost a life long St. James parishioner. Maureen Kemp who some of us have known since we were children, passed away in 2022.

I first met her when I was 10 and she would have been in her late teens. This 10 year considered her to be one of the prettiest ladies I had ever seen. She only got prettier as the years went on.

Always friendly, positive and helpful; her death was a serious loss to all of us. The only good thing about her death is that she has left to be with God and her late husband George that she had lost the year before. God bless you Maureen and thank you!

### Changes

As Rector's Warden I have had the sad duty to read over a dozen St. James letters from the diocese. They were all sad, some more than others. In late August of 2022 we were informed that we were losing our incumbent Joan Riding who was being forced to retire because of her eyesight. Although sad and unexpected nothing was sadder to us than this news. We were informed that her last day with us would be Sunday September 4, 2022.

We were also informed that the diocese had a temporary replacement by the name of the Reverend Nash Smith who would be joining us on Sunday September 11, 2022. We were surprised and delighted as the diocese has not always been that quick.

### The Reverend Nash Smith

Reverend Smith joined us on September 11 to start his ministry with us. We started from scratch as we had to work out the format of the service. I imagine Reverend Smith was just as nervous as we were.

It took a couple of weeks but very quickly a routine and a format for the services was established. That has progressed to the point where there is nothing in doubt about the next week's service. All the information we need for the bulletin is provided to us early in the week.

As time goes on the routine became very familiar to us and went like clock work. Reverend Smith was only promised to us for a couple of months. As that time slowly came close both us and the Reverend became anxious. Then in November we got word that his stay with us was extended till after Christmas and the new year.

Now in February the extension was extended for another couple of weeks. In the meantime he had requested something from us and we made him an offer we felt would satisfy him. All that is left is the OK from the diocese. At the writing of this document we are waiting for the diocese to OK everything so Nash can stay for a much longer time. We are happy with the settlement and Nash is happy with the conclusion. Just need the diocese to OK it. We don't see any problems but the diocese has some strange rules. That's where it stand as of February 15.

Nash is a kind, intelligent and thoughtful priest and we are lucky to have him. Glenn, Mike and myself are in agreement and we are sincerely hoping that everything works out. We want him and we have told the diocese that. We will just have to wait and be patient.

### The Reverend Joan Riding

When you work with someone for 5 years you develop a very good working relationship. Such was the case with working with Joan. Coming into the church and stopping to talk to everyone there, and then starting the service the same way every Sunday.

She'd go to the front and flash that wonderful smile (*which would catch everyone's attention*). Then commencing with her always funny "*pun jokes*" was a feature that we always looked forward to every Sunday.

She would tell us stories about her mother, grandfather, grandson and even<sup>21</sup> her dog. The stories were always cute; even funny at times. The stories made her sound more credible and human.

She was wonderful at meetings. I remember one meeting when she was discussing something with a parishioner. The parishioner was taking a view that I knew that she was against; she was on the other side. I listened intently wondering when she was going to show her side. She never did. She asked questions that were basic, fair and non-intrusive. I finally clued in that she was never going to show her side. What I was witnessing was a master communicator plying her craft. She wasn't trying to debate him; she was attempting to LISTEN. I was very impressed. Judging from their interchange there was no way he knew what side she was on. At the end she had a good idea what he was motivated by. I was very impressed.

I've tried the Joan Riding method a couple of times since then. The secret is to keep your opinions to yourself and try and find what is behind the other person's arguments. This skill is difficult to maintain but you get better with practice. It is even more difficult if the topic is something very close to your heart. At that time it is very difficult to keep your mouth shut and listen but you can do it with practice.

What you realize is that your position that you considered righteous and credible is not as righteous and credible as you thought AND the other side that you considered wacky and crazy wasn't anywhere near as wacky as you thought. Some of their arguments are sound and reasonable. What happened-COMMUNICATION. When communication happens-Problems get solved. Thank you Joan! I am going to miss you.

When Joan finished her last service on September 4, she signed the Vestry book as her last official duty as the incumbent of St. James. After she signed she wrote in the following message in the Vestry Book right after her last entry on September 4. Glenn, me, Sylvie, Chuck and Reverend Nash might have read it but I put it here so all parishioners of St. James can read her final thought as our incumbent:

*"I am grateful to God and to this congregation for my 5 years at St. James. <sup>22</sup>  
I received much more than I was ever able to give. I will always  
remember you with love and prayers"*

Joan had left very quickly. She really had no choice. The problem of course is that we never really got to say goodbye. To that end I asked her to pick a Sunday when she could drop in for a visit. She told me anytime in May. I will be approaching Vestry or parish council at the earliest to pick a date and then I will let Joan know.

While at SYNOD I had the honour of sitting at the same table as Peter Coffin our former Anglican Bishop of Ottawa. We talked and I mentioned to him that we were all sad at St. James because we lost our incumbent the Reverend Joan Riding. I learned that at one time Peter was her mentor when Joan first started her ministry. He knew her quite well. I told him we were very happy with the Reverend Nash Smith but sad because we lost Joan because we all loved her. I'll let Peter finish this report with his final comment to me.

Then Peter Coffin the former Anglican Bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa learned on his chair and said lightly to me in my ear:

***Everyone loves Joan!***

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## Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child Report 2022 <sup>23</sup>

When we approached the Operation Christmas Child exercise this past fall, I was filled with great trepidation. At the end of August we were averaging somewhere around 10 people per service and it looked like we would have great difficulty filling our normal 25 box goal that we have met for years.

### Process:

The following process is what has to occur every year to make this wonderful exercise happen.

1. Contact Samaritan's purse (in Calgary) and ask them to send me 25 boxes along with 25 pamphlets. They ask for a donation and as it is just a few dollars I look after it myself. It usually takes 2 weeks before the boxes are at my place.
2. Put the 25 boxes together and label them from 1 to 25, in addition Make p a sheet listing 25 boxes so that who takes which boxes can be recorded.
3. Distribute the boxes to the congregation and let everyone know the date they have to be returned (November 13)

After making the boxes available for two weeks there was still 11 boxes out of 25 that were not taken. I began to feel that maybe this time we were not going to create 25 boxes for the kids. There was only 2 weeks left at the end of October. Time was running out.

I was worrying for nothing.

By the end of the first week in November, ALL boxes had been taken.

St. James had come through once again. I was delighted to take 25 full boxes of gifts to the distribution place after the November 13 deadline.

A very sincere thank you to all who participated, Many of whom took and filled 2 boxes. Special thanks to Ron and Grace Jones from All Saints Greely who took and filled 2 boxes. The queen of the boxes this year was our own Linda Cutts, who took and filled 4 boxes for the kids at Christmas.

Thanks to everyone's dedication and generosity, 25 children received a wonderful gift at Christmas. A gift they did NOT expect.

They tell us that these children when they grow to adults speak very fondly of these gifts they received as children. It stays with them all their life. Let's do it again next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Wootton  
Samaritan's Purse  
Operation Christmas Child  
2022 Representative.

## Greenboro Food Bank Report 2022

The year 2022 started off roughly with a special day, the first Saturday of each month, as the day folks would bring their donations to the church. As we were still in on-Line mode only it meant that our standard way of bringing donations on our white Gift Sunday was impossible. To facilitate the Saturday pickup I volunteered to show up the first Saturday of each month to collect groceries for the food bank.

Then early in 2022 we got word that the Diocese had Okayed the in-person services again. We very quickly went back to our white gift Sunday system where donations we brought to the church on the first Sunday of each month.

It did not happen all at once. We were at times only boasting around 10 parishioners in church. There were times when only 1 bag of groceries were donated. As time went on however, our numbers grew stronger and stronger. The donations to the food bank reflected this increase.

We started 2023 with an on-line as well as an in-person service with a monthly white gift Sunday. The outreach to the food bank continues to grow. They know who St. James Lietrim is and have been mentioning our name before I get a chance to tell them who is donating.

An important aspect of the food bank that developed in 2022 was the fact that folks, who did not have time to pick up groceries can still contribute with cash donations. I have found out these cash donations are very welcome. It is these donations that purchase eggs, milk and other foodstuffs for their clients.

With our congregation getting larger and largr each Sunday there is every reason to believe that this outreach will continue to grow as time goes on. Well done St. James.

respectfully submitted,

Vic Wootton

St. James Food Bank representative 2022

## People's Warden Report for 2022

2022 had its share of challenges and blessings.

Our year started out with another Covid shutdown, but thankfully we were well prepared thanks to our technical leader, TAD Higginson, who made sure that we could continue our weekly service despite the ongoing public restrictions.

We had other worries as we went through a rather tense parish discussion about our future as a result of the Shape of Parish Ministry process. We made our reports to the Diocese, but I was not sure where this was leading us. I was relieved when we had met our obligations. At the Diocese level, the outcome of all the consultations was presented in a series of motions at the 2022 Synod meeting but it was nothing as specific as we were all so concerned about.

Of course, of more local concern was the Trucker Convoy protest that locked down much of central Ottawa for about three weeks in February 2022. I suffered considerable anxiety as it was not clear how this was going to be resolved. In the end, I was so thankful when the protest was closed down with virtually no violence. We can thank the police for their wise actions even though there was a sense of frustration with the police when the truck blockades were allowed to be set up in the first place. Our own parish neighbourhoods were not significantly affected. I did see flag waving vehicles on their way into the city and at local hotels. We should all thank God that there were no serious injuries or deaths during these tense times.

Within a couple of day, the war in Ukraine began and from the very beginning, I could not understand how this was going to end. And as of February 2023, it is still going on. Too many casualties, too much destructions, affecting soldiers and civilians alike. It disgusts me. And for what? It all seems to be a power play by Russia to exert its will over the Ukrainian people, who do not want to be subjugated. Sadly, I only see more death and destruction. As of this date, I still don't see a path towards peace.



*St. James Remembers Ukraine in March 2022 with the colours of the Ukrainian Flag*

## The Derecho Storm

In our parish, we also faced a calamity when a derecho storm went through our community on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The full force hit my own home, and nearby Wood's Cemetery. This is further discussed in my cemetery report. I had great fear after seeing the number of trees that had fallen in my neighbourhood, of what had happened at our beloved St. James. I forced myself to drive out to the church, wondering if it would still be standing. Thankfully, it was still there and only one tree had significant damage. A fir tree had its top blown off. The church building itself was intact, thanks be to God. Yes, there was some need for clean-up in the church yard, but overall, it paled in comparison to closer to home and at the cemetery.

## Pandemic Close-down Finally Ends

The church re-opened for in-person worship on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Personally, it was a blessing that it waited that long, as I had contracted Covid on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and this gave me time for a proper recovery. Thankfully, my experience with Covid was not bad, not much more than a cold. We re-opened with some hesitancy and our congregation was initially reluctant to return. I was worried but I understood the concerns that many had about returning to community after two years of Covid worries. Beyond our regular services, none of our previous events initially returned including the Lunch Club and Coffee Hour. We needed to take this slowly and build everybody's confidence that it was safe at church. This was going to take time and everybody's risk assessment was going to be different.

The one thing that re-started was communion, something that we could not celebrate during on-line services. We even started this slowly, by only sharing the host. There was no wine served. Also, we continued to be masked and 'the peace' was only shared from a distance. Gradually as the year progressed some restrictions were relaxed.

## A Tribute to Reverend Joan Riding

Dear Reverend Joan was a friend to all of us and she served our community with commitment and love. Joan joined us September 3, 2017 as a retirement project. She had always wanted a small parish to guide. Of course, there were complications when All Saints Greely was also without a minister. The bishop called, and of course, Joan accepted to serve at both parishes.

Joan's leadership was always focused on gentleness, caring and love, something that our parish enjoyed. So, we also loved Joan in return. Friends of mine were a little upset when we 'got' Joan. See, Reverend Joan was loved wherever she went.

Everything went well until the big challenge came, Covid. We had a bit of a warning that this awful virus was coming and when it arrived, things changed quickly. I recall on March 13, 2020, when planning the bulletin for that Sunday with some sanitary restrictions and suddenly we were notified by the Bishop's office to close. It was upsetting. Not so much different from the Trucker Convoy protest and the Ukrainian War, we were facing the unknown. We didn't know



*Joy Sabourin and the Easter Cross*



what tomorrow would bring. We didn't know if we would all get terribly ill. We didn't know when we would re-open. Would it be weeks, months or longer?

Reverend Joan continued to smile all through this as we tried to find a path forward while finding ways to keep the parish together. We knew that Joan's anxiety levels were building but all we could do is offer support ..... from afar, always by telephone. She somehow did the best she could as new technology was dumped on all of us, but Joan's most outstanding contribution was to keep in touch. Seriously, I don't know how she did it. All the phone calls she made to parishioners. She kept in touch regularly and listened to everybody's concerns, and there were many. This was a challenging task, but she continued to smile even as the stress was building. We should all thank her for being there during these difficult times. I know it was taking a toll and others didn't fully understand when she didn't have to go to both churches each Sunday.



*Reverend Joan Ridina*

Reverend Joan quietly informed us that her real retirement was coming, and this was planned for some time in early 2023. She didn't make it. For most of her time at St. James, Joan commented about her eyesight. She always needed new glasses. We didn't fully understand the extent of the problem until she finally got a full assessment while on her summer vacation in 2022. Her eyes were in bad shape, and she might need cornea transplants. She needed to focus on her health. We were shocked when she announced her almost immediate retirement, about six months early, but we gave our full support. There could be no retirement party. She needed cataract surgery on both eyes as soon as possible and could not risk a viral infection.

We reluctantly said goodbye on-line on Labour Day weekend 2022, her last Sunday with us. A few private gifts and thank yous were extended behind the scenes. A number of members of the parish kept in touch and her surgeries went well. Her vision has improved, better than expected, so well, that hopefully cornea transplants will not be needed. We all pray for that.

What can I say, but a big thank you to Joan with all my heart for sharing your God given gifts with us for the last five years. We will miss your enormous contribution to our parish.

### **An Irish Prayer for Reverend Joan**

*May the road rise up to meet you.*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sunshine warm upon your face;*

*the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,*

*may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.*

## Reverend Nash Smith

And with this, St. James was moving in another direction with a degree of uncertainty that none of us enjoy. But there are blessings everywhere and a new one was about to arrive, Reverend Nash Smith.

Reverend Nash's first service with us was on September 11, 2022. Things would be different (naturally) but the adjustment was quick and easy. At this time, St. James fully re-opened with fewer restrictions. Full communion returned with both wine and bread, and we shared the peace again with each other, both for the first time since early March 2020.

Reverend Nash had a different preaching style. Seldom in the past have our parishioners responded during the sermon with laughter and Amens. We all benefit from a different approach. We have also since welcomed new parishioners, regulars, something that was much more difficult during the pandemic. This had worried me. Only losses when people passed or moved away. But I got a sense of hope since Reverend Nash's arrival. Attendance has ticked up with new arrivals and few more feeling comfortable enough to come back to church after the pandemic.

Our arrangement with Reverend Nash has been very short-term but your Wardens are hoping for something a little more long-lasting.

## Activities in 2022

Everything started off very slowly. We took baby steps. First and foremost, we needed to gently encourage people to have the confidence to come back to church. Initially, there were no frills. Our very first step was to celebrate Holy Week. Services during the week were on-line and the in-person Good Friday service was held at Holy Trinity Metcalfe. It was not St. James. On Easter, we went gung-ho with the Easter cross. We have never had the cross so well decorated with flowers. It was beautiful.

We were not ready for our bigger events yet, such as the Céilí dinner or our Yard Sale, but we did participate at Doors Open with our neighbours at the Gloucester Historical Society. Attendance from visitors was down compared to before the pandemic, but marketing had been limited and this was also the first year back from Covid. We also had the Blessing of the Animals Service that same weekend, an always boisterous event.

In the end, our Yard Sale did take place but was delayed until September 10<sup>th</sup>, a surprisingly hot day. It was quite successful and a great way to bring our community back to work together again. We attempted a corn roast, but it was not popular and will not be repeated.

Our church was again beautifully decorated for Thanksgiving. A big thank you to Linda Cutts who assisted me with the decoration. This was followed by a Harvest Potluck supper on October 19<sup>th</sup> that



*Yard Sale 2022*

was not well attended, and the Spaghetti Supper returned on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was<sup>29</sup> lower compared to prior to the pandemic but I have been told that attendance for church dinners has been down elsewhere as well. We need to be patient to get everybody back fully into the swing of things.

The church was beautifully lit up for Christmas again this year and the official lighting took place on December 1<sup>st</sup> with many from the neighbourhood joining us for carols and a reception in the basement. Our special guest was City Councillor Steve Desroches. We intended to start up Christmas Caroling again, at least at Bridlewood Retirement Home, but it wasn't meant to be. Our chosen date was cancelled by a snowstorm and our alternate date was cancelled by a viral outbreak at the home. We will try again next year.

We also prepared for Christmas on December 18<sup>th</sup> with carols and lessons, a pageant and a shared lunch on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you TAD Higginson for setting up an enjoyable pageant to everybody else who contributed to our lunch. Under less than ideal weather conditions, we celebrated Christmas Eucharist on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. with good attendance. On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, we did something a little different with a mini-choir followed by a light lunch and a toast to the New Year with some bubbly. We have been asked to repeat the mini-choir. I was surprised by the very good attendance, something that I would not have expected on New Year's Day.

We also worked hard to restore our White Gifts program to support the Pavilion Food Bank and we met our goals with Operation Christmas Child, the shoebox program, with every box taken and filled. Thank You Vic Wootton who champions both causes and who makes sure that both our food donations and shoeboxes are delivered. Our 'Christmas Mitten Tree' was an overwhelming success in collecting warm winter mittens, gloves, socks, hats and scarves for those in need. Thank you, Mike and Irene Thomas for delivering them.

### **Plans for 2023**

We hope to restore most of our special events in 2023, the Pancake Supper on February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Irish Céilí Supper in April, Doors Open and a Cemetery Service in June, a Strawberry Social also in June, a Yard Sale on September 9<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Spaghetti Supper on November 4<sup>th</sup>, a possible Christmas bazaar and our usual Christmas program. I am even hoping that we can restore a monthly Coffee Hour monthly. This will be brought up at the Vestry Meeting to see whether there is sufficient interest.

### **Memories of Maureen Kemp**

We lost our beloved Maureen on May 29, 2022 at age 89. She had been diagnosed with cancer during the pandemic but preferred to keep her ailments to herself. Maureen was a kind gentle lady with a beautiful smile. She was a lady in the true sense of the word.

She had been involved at St. James for decades, as Sunday School teacher when her children were growing up, with the Ladies Guild and with her husband Bob (who died in 2019), she served on Parish Council.

Maureen always spoke quietly but she expressed her opinions honestly and diplomatically behind the scenes. After Bob passed, she could no longer come to church and not being particularly adept with technology, she preferred not to participate in our on-line service. Nevertheless, she was very pleased to receive her weekly



*Maureen Kemp*

service bulletin so she could worship privately. She even shared the St. James bulletin with her sister in Kansas City.

Maureen was a proud Anglican. Even though she could no longer join in our service, she was not excluded. She welcomed telephone calls and visits. A visit at Maureen's house was not a 5-minute affair. You could count on a lengthy and always pleasant conversation that covered current events, history, her memories of growing up at Billings Bridge and of course St. James. It was a joy to visit Maureen.

Although Maureen's voice has now been silenced, we will all share in warm memories of her. We will miss Maureen.

### **The Future**

I always speak of the future with caution. We don't have enough children. We don't have enough younger families. We don't have enough parishioners in general. We cover our bills, but will we be able to continue in the longer term with our demographics?

The end of 2022 brought me a ray of hope with a few new parishioners, and a little growth in our attendance. How do we welcome new people? How do we make our services appealing? Are we too traditional?

I don't have the answer to these and other questions. We need to keep working together and trying new things, but in a way that is comfortable to us all.

### **A Prayer for the Future of St. James**

*Heavenly Father, You have called us at St. James to be the bearers of the Good News. Send your light and truth to lead us. Open our minds to worship you in spirit and in truth. Open our eyes to the opportunities you give us. Open our ears to hear your call. Open our hearts to your love, that we may serve you and bring others to your light. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### **A Prayer for Each of Our Futures**

*Lord, you are in complete control of our lives. Thank you for bringing us this far. Thank you for giving us this day. Please bless us and keep us covered as we journey into tomorrow. Please strengthen our faith and guide us in every moment. Help us to always rely on your protection and your love—especially for tomorrow. We pray this prayer in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Faithfully submitted,

Glenn Clark

People's Warden

## Statistics 2022

Year	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Baptisms	3	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Births	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Marriages	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1
Funerals	3	3	3	5	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	3
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	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	17	Unk
# Families	Unk	42	46	45	46	42	31	43	36	49	51	47
# of Known Givers	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	36	34	35
Avg Bridelewood	Unk	Unk	11.1	9.2	11.6	16.25	14	14.7	12.5	9.5	0	0
Cemetery Service	Unk	Unk	24	15	32	12	18	9	Unk	N/A	0	0
Christmas Eve	Unk	Unk	46	35	42	36	68	49	53	39	34	33
Christmas Day	Unk	Unk	16	7	8	8	8	7	5	N/A	27	0
Palm Sunday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	23	31	19	36	17
Easter Sunday	Unk	Unk	30	32	31	21	41	34	33	46	43	19
Lessons and Carols	Unk	Unk	38	48	40	45	43	42	53	23	44	33
Blessing Animals	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	30	25	N/A	37	0
Christmas Lighting	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	32	Unk	22	Unk	Unk
Ash Wednesday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	20	Unk	Unk	21	0
Maundy Thursday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	34	22	N/A	22	8
Good Friday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	11	15	Unk	39	25

<b>Year</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Family Praise Service	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	16	27	26	0	0
Canada Day	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	21	16	19	24	9

- Due to Covid-19 we have not been given the OK to hold services at Bridlewood
- There was no Cemetery, Family Praise or Christmas Day Service in 2022
- There was many people present for the Lighting exercise in December but no count was taken

## Wood's Cemetery Report for 2022

First, I wish to thank Vic Wootton Jr. for maintaining the cemetery under difficult circumstances during 2022.

The big event was the May 21<sup>st</sup> derecho storm. Most had never heard of this term before. It struck the cemetery with full force just before 4 p.m. It lasted only about 5 minutes but left a trail of destruction.

Derecho storms are different from tornados as they don't have swirling winds. In this case, it had the equivalent to EF2 strength winds. Also, unlike most tornados that typically affect a narrow and often relatively short path, this storm crossed much of Southern Ontario. Most of Ottawa was affected to one degree or another. A particularly bad storm stream wavered back and forth across Hunt Club Road. In Blossom Park it crossed about ½ km south of Hunt Club Road and hit the cemetery dead on then moved eastward causing tremendous devastation in the Conroy Pit Dog Park and then further southeast through the Pinegrove Recreation Area before moving towards the west end of Carlsbad Springs and then to Navan. A second severe stream crossed Albion Road and Bank Street south of Lester Road and towards Kempark.

A long-term feature of Wood's Cemetery was a row of Norway Maples likely planted along 'the highway' in the 1940s or 1950s. For me, this row of trees was there since childhood.

Unfortunately, they were blown across Bank Street, reaching the centre left turn lane. Many trees around the perimeter of the cemetery were also severely damaged, some falling inside the cemetery. One tombstone, the MacKenzie tombstone, was damaged, when a top pedestal was blown over and broken into two. This has since been repaired.

The cemetery was left in an unsafe condition, which forced the cancellation of the planned Memorial service in June. The clean-up has been difficult. We are thankful, for safety reasons, that the trees were cleared off of Bank Street by the City of Ottawa. This occurred within a week of the storm.

With so much damage across the city, securing an arborist at a reasonable cost was next to impossible. Most did not even want to make a quotation or were hideously expensive. Vic Jr. and his crew did an initial clean-up in early July, eliminating the most precarious branches at the front of the cemetery. I followed up with a further clean-up in September allowing a planned burial to take place. An arborist was finally hired in November but had equipment problems that did not get resolved until winter set in at Christmas. The same arborist did work at my house, and I am pleased with the quality of his work. Hopefully, he will proceed with the project first thing in the spring. I will confirm this.

In addition to the tree damage, the fence at the front of the cemetery was also damaged. The plan has been to clean-up the trees first before tackling fence repairs. The remaining trees overhanging the fence still require removal or pruning. Fence repairs will be hired out hopefully in the spring of 2023. The estimated cost for cleaning up the remaining trees is \$5,450.50 and the arborist is Crowe Tree Services Inc.

There were three burials in 2022. A full casket burial for Raymond Cope took place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, just a few hours before the storm struck. A double burial of ashes took place on October 1<sup>st</sup> for Robert Oliver and Sharon Lucille Eccles (husband and wife).

At the present time, we have \$14,803.39 in the bank plus \$3,098.77 as our annual Trust Fund<sup>34</sup> dividend for perpetual care. Hopefully, this will cover the costs of tree clean-up, fence repairs and maintenance for 2023.

Respectfully submitted.

Glenn Clark  
Wood's Cemetery Committee



*Maple Trees fallen across Bank Street at the front of the Cemetery  
Toppled*

*MacKenzie tombstone*

*Derecho Storm Damage – May 21, 2022*



## Christian Education Program

We are broadening our scope from “Sunday School” to Christian education. First, because the “kids” we have in our parish are like so many good kids just like them. They are busy. So.... in order to make a meaningful difference in their Christian outlook we need to do what is necessary to meet them where they are at. This might include a drama on Good Friday, involving them as helpers at parish events like the Christmas Lighting even, suppers, yard sale and anything else that reminds them that they have home here at St James that’s is here for them and that they beloved in this community.

We are fortunate we have two wee ones in Church right now Ronin and Grayson. So we are now coming to a situation where we should be offering what we’ve traditionally called Sunday School? But with demands on their families like never before how do we “meet them where they’re at”.

First off, not trying to get them to meet on our schedule is going to be a key. Frankly that’s hard for any organization to do. That kind of flexibility is hard to commit to. Or is it? It means that you can’t be too disappointed by last minutes changes in plans. It also means that if you can’t meet on a Sunday regularly, meeting on other nights or days as is convenient for everyone needs to be offered. It doesn’t have to be every week either. Maybe twice a month for 9 or 10 months will be optimal. It all depends on the families. When they are ready we will be too.

All we can hope for is that the families are committed to some form of Christian education for their Children and with that as our base, mould a program that delivers that in an interesting and fun way.

One thing for sure is that all generations getting together for some projects is really fun and meaningful too. Our annual Christmas Pageants are a great example of that. Thanks to Rev Nash and Rev Joan before him for being so supportive of this project annually. Thanks too to our great wardens. Who has better wardens than us!

This year we had participation from the following and I hope I don’t miss anyone because it’s so important to thank people when they come out and do such a great job with such a great attitude. Thank you to my main man William and his wonderful mother Liz and multi talented Grandfather Mike! Thank you to the girl who brightens my heart everytime I see her Grace and her mother Janice and grandmother Phillis. Thanks to poor Grayson and Elsbeth even though they couldn’t appear on the day of the performance because they were sick. Thanks to our new people Ronin and his mom Laura, and Carol. You guys made it so easy to do this! We got some veteran acting from the talented Marilyn and the journeyman Vic Wootton Senior. Vic Wootton Jr can always be counted on to bring the scene to life. My kids Amanda and Casey and Casey’s girlfriend Samantha McDonald added all kinds of fun! Finally, thanks to Sandra my wife for being her wonderful and supportive self!

TAD Higginson

## SYNOD Report for the year 2022

*The 142 Session of Synod for the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa was held at the St. Elijah Centre on October 20 and 21, 2022.*

### **The Bishops Charge**

The Bishop is charging us with the current changes facing the world; to welcome, understand and guide them in order to achieve what God is calling us to do..

Since we have developed these 3 top priority programs:

1. Shape of Parish Ministry. (For strengthening the future)
2. Lifelong Formation. (For nurturing Parish Ministry)
3. Engagement with the World. (New Worshipping Communities and contextual mission)

(All 3 recently affirmed by the passing by SYNOD 142 of their relative motions.)

These will enable us to Steer the changes re the Gospel and Gods Love with Strength and Hope. We will be able to Strengthen and nourish Parish Ministries, Create new worshipping Communities and share the Love of God when many have become wary of Religion.

We must steer for both Parish and Community.

We are to seek and serve Christ in all persons and follow up with meaningful action.

We are removing carbon footprints from all 4 of our buildings to help stop Gods World from decaying.

The Lambeth 2022 "Communion Forrest" to which we will be subscribing will counteract the Forrest depletion problem.

Stay Healthy! not only for yourselves, but to maintain the level of service to others.

## Summary of the 142nd Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

### Results of SYNOD 142 according to the Diocese

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa has stepped away from being changed and chosen instead to lead change, Bishop Shane Parker told the 142nd meeting of Synod on Saturday. He was speaking after Synod endorsed several motions to advance work on the diocese's transformative strategic priority, the Shape of Parish Ministry project. Voting for them, Bishop Shane said in his charge to Synod on Thursday night, would "instill the life and work of our diocesan church with new purpose and direction." Ultimately, undertaking the work involved in changing the Shape of Parish Ministry says "We want to be part of a church that is thriving," Bishop Shane said. The Shape of Parish Ministry was announced as a strategic priority at the 140th Synod in 2020. The goal was to discern what parish ministry should look like in a changing world in order to thrive while serving God and the greater community. After two years of listening, gathering information, developing profiles of parishes, discussing ideas and sharing proposals, it's not surprising motions on the Shape of Parish Ministry's three proposals dominated much of the Synod's Friday and Saturday sessions. The proposals are: • Shape of parish ministry: strengthening for the future; • Lifelong formation: nurturing parish ministry; and • Engagement with the world: new worshipping communities and contextual mission. There were seven motions designed to provide the framework for the Shape of Parish Ministry, including clarifying parish structures, promoting consolidation and collaboration on administration and other practical ideas for relieving the organizational burdens on parishes. All passed. The three motions under lifelong formation focused on training to build skills and on identifying and sharing resources (in particular, through diocesan "resource pods" of people with expertise in a given area), also passed. It was the three engagement motions that stirred the most energy during the synod. Their focus is to develop new worshipping communities and contextual mission, which according to the Venerable Mark Whittall who introduced the motions, is "learning how to share the love of God in ways that are meaningful to our neighbours in 2022." Speaker after speaker urged people to be innovative, creative and to take risks in doing that, and others reminded us to remember the richness from which we come and to honour our traditions. Pilot projects will be developed, tried, assessed and reported on to Synod 2023. Funding will be available from the Second Century Fund (to be renamed the Future Fund), part of the diocese's endowment funds. While there was a strong focus on the future, the ongoing work of the diocese was also discussed. All of our community ministries all saw a surge in demand during the pandemic, director general of community ministries Canon Peter John Hobbs told Synod, and met that demand as best they could despite facing some major setbacks, including fires at two of our facilities, Cornerstone Housing for Women's Booth Street residence and St. Luke's Table. Nevertheless, Bishop Shane said that both the expertise and capacity exists for the community ministry arm of our diocese to expand as need increases. In the third year of COVID-19, the state of our

diocese's finances and the 2023 budget were a matter of considerable interest. Sanjay Grover, director of financial ministry, reported 2021 revenue of \$7.02 million and expenditures of \$7.6 million for a deficit of \$576,000. However, that was offset by investment gains of \$469,000, bringing the deficit down to \$107,000. Mr. Grover said upheaval in the stock market means the value of our investments has dropped about 15 per cent overall, but while "we are in it for the long haul," he advised against parishes undertaking large capital projects at this point, when funds held by our diocese have dropped so significantly. The Venerable Chris Dunn, chair of the Property and Finance Committee, presented the 2023 budget. Unusually, it covers only one year, because the impact reshaping our parish ministries will have makes our standard three-year budget cycle impractical. Projected spending of \$4,255,341 is up roughly \$370,000 from 2022. Revenues are up in some areas, but down in others, and the end result is a balanced budget. The diocesan chancellor, Canon Henry Schultz, is working to bring the management of the many parish cemeteries in our diocese in line with Ontario provincial regulations. Synod's work was enhanced by the presence of the Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, who gave four reflections over our day and a half, mostly on the diocese's plans and commitments but also on the national church and some issues raised by questioners. She spoke of the important, difficult and long-term work of dismantling racism and increasing diversity in leadership of the church at all levels, and recognizing the deep vein of colonialism that is inherent in a church brought by the British to the places they colonized. All facets of the church need decolonizing, Archbishop Linda said. She also spoke about the divide between those provinces of the Anglican church that support same-sex marriage and those that do not, and the need to listen and recognize the cultural differences that have led to those different positions. However, Archbishop Linda is concerned focus on that issue has led to us to ignore other important issues such as racism and colonialism. "Sometimes," she said, "the Holy Spirit needs a rest. Not because it isn't important, but because we have reached a stalemate." Synod heard a chorus of other important voices when the youth and young adults invited to observe commented on what they saw. One called for more focus on individual spiritual development, important for young people just learning who they are and what their faith means. Another called for "genuine inclusion" for young people (who are not, they pointed out, all alike). A third called for "equal standing, equal voice" for young people in parish and diocesan work. And one urged parishes to offer a comfortable place to practice faith (play different music, speak different languages, worship in new ways that suit people who are from outside your world), saying "I hope that in the future we continue to grow and make our church a home because it's not only a house of God, it's a home with God."

### My Interpretation

After listening to so many speakers and comments from the rank and file speak about how we need to adjust and change to accept new groups into our parish, I have to admit that I was getting very frustrated. It seemed to me

that we were being told that if we want to bring new groups into our church,<sup>39</sup> then the onus is on us to adjust, change and make welcome to incorporate new groups.

I have no objection to that. Certainly if we wish new groups to join us it goes without saying that we will be required to negotiate and compromise to make it happen. No argument there!

I began to get angry with what was not being said! Joining with new groups means that we have to compromise and negotiate, but the new groups joining also have a responsibility to compromise and negotiate as well. Listening to the speakers and rank and file it sounded like all the change and adjustment has to come from us.

Nothing was required from new groups. I was so angry I did something I hadn't done in over 35 years of attending SYNOD. I went to the mike and stated my concerns.

Because everyone was falling all over themselves to show their approval, I told the SYNOD that there are people who have supported our church for the last 60 years or longer. They have a right to expect that the new groups coming in also have a responsibility to compromise and negotiate. If not we could be making our lifetime supporters strangers in their own church. I then sat down.

When our Primate Linda, a very talented speaker, got up to speak again she re-emphasized that the responsibility lies with us to accommodate and make new groups welcome. No mention as to the responsibility of new groups. I got depressed again.

Then near the end, a priest from the diocese got up and after he introduced himself, turned in my direction and looked right at me.

Don't worry he said. When a new group is approached about joining us there will be enormous negotiations and compromise from both them and us.

Your supports will not be made strangers in their own church. I then relaxed. That was all I wanted to hear.

There were people in the diocese that felt the same way I did. I suppose people might say that this would be assumed to be the case anyway. But sometimes you need to hear it out loud.

*respectfully submitted,*  
*Chuck and Vic Wootton*  
*St. James Synod delegates for 2022*

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**Auditor's Report – December 31, 2022**

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

## 2023 Events Schedule

All Dates are Subject to Revision

Sunday, February 12, 2023 – **Vestry Report Due Date**

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 6:00 p.m. – **Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner and Mini-Auction**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 7:00 p.m. (On-Line) – **Ash Wednesday Service (Joint with All Saints Greely?)**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023 Noon – Annual Vestry Meeting**

**Monday, March 20, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting**

Thursday, April 6, 2023 7:00 p.m. – **Maundy Thursday Service (Joint with All Saints?, On-Line? Seder-Passover Supper?)**

Friday, April 7, 2023 10:30 a.m. – **Good Friday Service**

Sunday, April 9, 2023 10:30 a.m. – **Easter Sunday Service**

Saturday, April 15??, 2023 5:00 p.m. – **Kitchen Céilí Dinner with Irish Music**

**Monday, April 17, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting**

**Monday, May 15, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:30 p.m. – **Frank and Elizabeth Lawler Garden planting night (Rain night – May 25<sup>st</sup>)**

Saturday, June 3 and Sunday June 4, 2023 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – **Doors Open (to be confirmed)**

Sunday, June 4, 2023 10:30 a.m. – **Blessing of the Animals Service (not confirmed)**

Saturday, June 10, 2023 3:00 p.m. – **Wood's Cemetery Service (not confirmed)**

**Monday, June 19, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting**

Sunday, June 18, 2023 10:30 a.m. – **National Aboriginal Day of Prayer**

Sunday, June 25, 2023 or July 2, 2023??? 10:30 a.m. – **Canada Day Service**

Saturday, June 24, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – **Strawberry Social**

Saturday, September 9, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – **Yard Sale (entertainment?)**



Sunday, September 10 or 17?, 2023 10:30 a.m. – **Homecoming Service (Blessing of the Backpacks etc., Blessing of Memorial Plaque)** – BBQ and Garden Party (**not confirmed**)

**Monday, September 18, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting**

Sunday, October 8, 2023 10:30 a.m. – **Thanksgiving Day Service**

**Monday, October 16, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:30 p.m. – **Harvest Pot Luck Supper (not confirmed)**

Saturday, November 4, 2023 5:00 p.m. – **Italian Spaghetti Supper (Murder Mystery evening?)**

Sunday, November 5, 2023 10:30 a.m. – **Remembrance Day Service**

**Monday, November 20, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting**

Saturday, November 25, 2023 Times to be Announced ?? – **Christmas Bazaar in the church**

Thursday, November 30, 2023 7:00 p.m. – **Official Christmas lighting of Church**

Friday, December 15, 2023 6:00 p.m. – **Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 17, 2023 10:30 p.m. – **Carols and Lessons Service, Pageant, Christmas Lunch**

Sunday, December 24, 2023 7:00 p.m. – **Christmas Eve Service**

**Monday, January 15, 2024 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting (Budget Meeting)**

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## BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM

On July 26, 2022 we received notice from the City of Ottawa regarding their Backflow Prevention Program.

The purpose of the Backflow Prevention Program is to protect the quality of Ottawa's drinking water by ensuring the appropriate installation and inspection of backflow devices that prevent contaminated water from flowing back into the water distribution system.

The first step is to have a qualified contractor or professional engineer complete and submit to the program a survey of all water entry services supplied to our property by the City of Ottawa, for the purpose of premise isolation.

We have had the above survey completed by Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Ottawa, and have received from the City of Ottawa notice that the device needed is "DCVA" which is a moderate device..

Our date to have this installation finalized is November 29, 2024.

Our next step is to apply for a Permit to proceed with the installation. In order to procure this permit, we must engage the services of a qualified engineer to prepare engineering drawings in accordance with instructions provided by the City of Ottawa. We should complete this stage this year. Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Ottawa can prepare these drawings.

Once the above has been submitted to the City of Ottawa and a permit issued, we can proceed with the installation which must be completed by November 29, 2024. Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Ottawa can also perform this work.

The cost for the above is as follows:

Survey Stage - \$ 551.13

Engineering Drawings and Permit Application - \$2500.00 estimate

Installation - \$3500.00 - 4000.00 estimate

The above are based on quotations received from Mr. Rooter Plumbing of Ottawa.

Thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners, we have received a donation of \$5000.00 to be applied against this project. The initial survey amount of \$551.13 has been applied leaving a balance of \$4448.87 as a reserve to cover some of this work.

Once installation has been completed, annual testing must be performed by a qualified person. Also, every five years, a qualified person must conduct site surveys to report on installation and to perform the required testing. Tester must have "tester's certificate" and pre-register with Backflow Solutions Inc. The tester will submit results, collect fees and submit to the City of Ottawa.

Submitted by Mike Thomas, Treasurer.

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

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<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>31-Dec- 22</b>	<b>31-Dec- 21</b>
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalent</b>		
General Fund Allocation	17,779.41	15,447.89
Gift Allocation	0.00	0.00
Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28
Building Fund Allocation	13,494.25	9,398.10
Memorial Fund Allocation	2,788.70	8,149.22
Church Accessibility Fund	1,425.56	1,425.56
Xmas Church Lighting Fund	(84.85)	2,483.04
PWRDF Special Support	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u>35,714.35</u>	<u>37,215.09</u>
<b>Investments</b>		
Synod - Consolidated Trust Fund	<u>14,244.99</u>	<u>8,244.99</u>
<b>Total</b>	14,244.99	8,244.99
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
Accounts Receivable General	0.00	(0.00)
H.S.T. Receivable	231.01	295.83
P.S.T. Receivable	<u>580.11</u>	<u>743.91</u>
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<u>811.12</u>	<u>1,039.74</u>
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	 <u><u>50,770.46</u></u>	 <u><u>46,499.82</u></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 Woods Cemetery	0.00	0.00
Reserve Xmas Lighting	0.00	0.00
Reserve - Backflow Prevention	4,448.87	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>	4,760.15	311.28

**EQUITY**

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**Net Worth**

Total Prior Years Equity

46,188.54

42,575.26

Current Earnings

(178.23)3,613.28**Total Equity**

46,010.31

46,188.54

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**50,770.4646,499.82

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## St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim Comparative Income Statement

REVENUE	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
<b>Offerings</b>		
Envelope (Including Par)	36,690.00	34,634.23
Bridlewood - Open	0.00	0.00
Donations Centre 454	0.00	140.00
Initial	50.00	35.00
Open	982.55	42.80
Maundy Thursday	15.00	5.00
Shrove Tuesday	0.00	0.00
Shrove Tuesday - Auction	0.00	0.00
Ash Wednesday	0.00	0.00
Easter	995.00	1,768.35
Thanksgiving	635.00	160.00
Memorial Garry Cutts	0.00	500.00
Christmas	1,214.94	1,660.00
Memorial - Clara Stuart	250.00	100.00
Memorial - Maureen Kemp	900.00	0.00
Ukraine Humanitarian Relief	640.00	0.00
Donation - Stella Krushelnyski	0.00	200.00
Caeli Dinner Revenue	0.00	0.00
Xmas Church Lighting Donations	4,363.80	9,027.69
Donations - Fundscript	40.00	0.00
Memorial Services Donations	0.00	0.00
Interest, Dividends Earned	17.34	260.22
PWRDF Donations	155.00	480.80
The Ottawa Rotary Home - Donations	150.00	20.00
The Greenboro Pavillion Food Bank	0.00	0.00
Hymn Book Donations	0.00	0.00
Flower Donations - Altar	902.00	415.00
General Donations	611.37	609.50
History Books Income	0.00	0.00
Donations - Virtual Equipment	0.00	231.77
Booklets - Bible Study Material	0.00	0.00
Donations - Air Purifier	0.00	200.00
Donation Foster Family Farm	862.92	1,660.98
Donations - Electrical Work	0.00	170.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00
Yard Sale Income	2,249.07	0.00
Donations - Church Cleaning	0.00	400.00
Calendar Sales	75.00	60.00

Ladies Guild Donations	0.00	<sup>48</sup> 0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>51,798.99</u>	<u>52,781.34</u>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Bldg. Fund Offerings	289.00	408.00
Bldg Fund - Other	<u>551.13</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Bldg Fund</b>	840.13	3,078.40
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>52,639.12</u>	<u>55,859.74</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>	<b>31-Dec-21</b>
<b>Cost of Priestly Services</b>		
<b>Remuneration - Incumbent</b>	23,444.00	22,687.00
Honorarium - Substitute Priests	0.00	0.00
Discretionary Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Priestly Services</b>	23,444.00	22,687.00
<b>Diocesan Support</b>		
Fair Share	9,502.00	9,102.17
Insurance	<u>998.00</u>	<u>870.83</u>
<b>Total Diocesan Support</b>	10,500.00	9,973.00
<b>Building Fund Expenditures</b>		
Signage and Cross	727.58	0.00
Replacement Furnace	0.00	2,989.81
Backflow Prevention Program	<u>551.13</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Bldg. Fund Expenditures</b>	1,278.71	2,989.81
<b>Misc</b>		
Conferences	160.00	0.00
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00
Donations Centre 454	0.00	240.00
The Ottawa Rotary Home	300.00	300.00
PWRDF Donations Paid	300.00	600.00
The Greenboro Pavillion Food Bank	0.00	0.00
Canadian Red Cross - Ukraine	740.00	0.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Church Calendars - For Sale	62.36	59.67
Worship	260.00	260.00
Christian Education/Nursery Supplie	0.00	0.00
Memorial Board	469.57	11.22
Lawler Garden	0.00	0.00
Xmas Church Lighting	6,896.38	7,616.69
Donations - Canadian Bible Society	0.00	0.00
Hydro	3,038.13	2,349.26

Telephone	0.00	<sup>49</sup> 901.77
Internet Services (Data Processing)	1,469.18	776.16
Water	253.95	249.82
Postage	201.30	106.72
History Books Expense	0.00	0.00
Stationary Supplies	910.31	527.87
Bldg. Mtce. Supplies	242.78	329.81
Bible Study Material	0.00	0.00
Maintenance & Repairs	72.11	704.41
Church Sanitary Supplies	12.45	0.00
Yard Sale Expenses	494.29	0.00
Flowers	573.85	267.70
Celebrations, Gifts, etc.	468.18	173.58
<b>Sub-Total</b>	16,924.84	15,474.68
	<b>31-Dec-22</b>	<b>31-Dec-21</b>
<b>Balance Forward</b>	16,924.84	15,474.68
Visual Display/Virtual Trans. Equip	255.45	213.18
Air Purifier	0.00	530.75
Bank Charges/Interest	179.94	198.97
Candles	136.23	75.26
Host/Palms	18.71	0.00
Wine	0.00	0.00
Purificators/Pall	17.14	0.00
Hymn, Prayer, Liturgica books,	60.15	103.08
Misc.	2.18	0.73
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<u>17,594.64</u>	<u>16,596.65</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>52,817.35</u>	<u>52,246.46</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	(178.23)	3,613.28

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**Summary of Receipts Issued for the year ended December 31, 2022**

**Summary of Regular Givers:**

Zero to 500	16	3067.00
501 to 1000	7	5090.00
1001 to 1500	2	2435.00
1501 to 2000	6	10359.00
2001 to 2500	2	4375.00
2501 to 3000	0	0.00
3001 to 3500	0	0.00
3501 to 4000	1	3625.00
4001 to 8000	4	22298.74
	38	51249.74
<b>Receipts issued to Visitors</b>	10	1000.00
		52249.74

**Respectfully submitted by Mike Thomas, Envelope Secretary.**



**Wood's Cemetery - Income Statement**  
**31-Dec-22**

**Revenue**

Trust Fund Dividend	(See note below)	3067.85
Offerings - Cemetery Service (Cancelled)		0.00
Misc Donation	James G Dropp	1222.74
Misc Donation	Raymond Cope	200.00
Misc Donation	Stuart Eccles	100.00
Interest Earned	Bank	3.44
Interest Earned	GIC	32.12
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<u>4626.15</u>

**Expenditures**

Cemetery Maintenance	Vic Jr.	3066.23
Cemetery Maintenance	Glenn Clark	51.21
Advertising		0.00
Bank Charges		0.00
GIC interest reinvested		
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<u>3117.44</u>

**Surplus/Deficit** 1508.71

Balance in Bank December 31, 2021	6418.47
Surplus/Deficit for the period ended December 31, 2022	1508.71
Proceeds from GIC #####	6876.21
Balance in Bank December 31, 2022	<u>14803.39</u>

**INVESTMENTS**

TD Redeemable GIC	Balance December 31, 2021	6876.21
	Interest Earned to November 7, 2022	32.12
	Proceeds from GIC	6908.33
	Value at December 31, 2022	<u>0.00</u>

Note: Woods Cemetery has a Trust Fund administered by TD Canada Trust and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, from which we receive an annual dividend which is to be used primarily for the maintenance of the cemetery. The capital cannot be accessed.

The dividend received in 2022 was \$3067.85

The amount in our Trust Fund is as follows:

Balance December 31, 2021	188141.42
Net Capital Gains 2022	20248.89
Balance December 31, 2022	<u>208390.30</u>

Dividend to be received in 2023 3098.77

**St. James Ladies Guild  
Financial Statement  
December 31, 2022**

**RECEIPTS**

Bank Interest	3.61	
Spaghetti Supper	630.25	
	<u>633.86</u>	
Total Revenue		633.86

**EXPENDITURES**

Hall Rental for Spaghetti Supper	100.00	
Other	0.00	
	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		100.00

Surplus 2022		<u>533.86</u>
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**Summary of Assests**

Bank Balance December 31, 2021	7212.84
Surplus 2022	533.86
Bank Balance December 31, 2022	7746.70
GIC Maturing April 15, 2023	<u>4292.17</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>12038.87</u></u>

<b>St. James Leitrim 2023 Budget</b>		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Actual Difference</b>
<b>Receipts - General</b>		<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022-2021</b>
Envelopes (Including Par)		36002.79	34634.23	35000.00	36690.00	37000.00	2055.77
Initial		35.00	35.00	25.00	50.00	50.00	15.00
Open		126.05	42.80	100.00	982.55	500.00	939.75
Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas		2909.07	3588.35	3000.00	2844.94	3000.00	-743.41
Biblestudy material		0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest		12.72	260.22	200.00	17.34	200.00	-242.88
Flower Donations		0.00	415.00	400.00	902.00	500.00	487.00
Donations - General		690.20	1611.27	1000.00	611.37	700.00	-999.90
Memorial Fund Donations		1054.00	800.00	0.00	1150.00	0.00	350.00
Ladies Guild Donations		0.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	0.00
Mauudy Thursday, Ash Wednesday		77.00	5.00	50.00	15.00	50.00	10.00
Shrove Tuesday, Dinner and Auction		193.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
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		143.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Income / /Cheer Basket		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income		0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations - Ukrainian Relief		0.00	0.00	0.00	640.00	0.00	640.00
PWRDF Donations		135.00	480.80	300.00	155.00	300.00	-325.80
The Ottawa Rotary Fund - Donations		20.00	20.00	300.00	150.00	300.00	130.00
Donations Center 454		0.00	140.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	-140.00
Operating Revenue		41398.05	42032.67	41725.00	44208.20	43800.00	2175.53
<b>Miscellaneous Events</b>							
Yard Sale		0.00	0.00	3000.00	2249.07	2500.00	2249.07
Calendar Sales		60.00	60.00	60.00	75.00	75.00	15.00
Fundscript		0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00
Caell Dinner Proceeds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00
Church Lighting Donations		7405.51	9027.69	5000.00	4363.80	5000.00	-4663.89
Church Accessibility Fund		0.00	0.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Foster's Market		1324.89	1660.98	862.92	862.92	1367.68	-798.06
Total Misc. Events		8790.40	10748.67	10922.92	7590.79	9642.68	-3157.88

	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Forecast 2022	Actual 2022	Forecast 2023	Difference 2022-2021
<b>Building Fund</b>						
Offerings	758.00	408.00	500.00	289.00	300.00	-119.00
Donations - Furnace	0.00	2670.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2670.40
Donation - Renovation Projects			5000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation - Backflow Prevention Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	551.13	2500.00	551.13
Total Building Fund.	0.00	3078.40	5000.00	840.13	2800.00	-2238.27
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	50188.45	55859.74	57647.92	52639.12	56242.68	-3220.62
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
C.O.P.S.						
Priest Honorarium (Replacements)	20055.80	22687.00	25111.00	23444.00	25645.00	757.00
Total Priest's Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Diocesan Support</b>	20055.80	22687.00	25111.00	23444.00	25645.00	757.00
Fair Share	6953.30	9102.17	9502.00	9502.00	8941.00	399.83
Insurance	623.30	870.83	998.00	998.00	1267.00	127.17
Total Diocesan Support	7576.60	9973.00	10500.00	10500.00	10208.00	527.00
<b>Building Fund Expenditures</b>						
Backflow Prevention Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	551.13	2500.00	551.13
Signage and Cross			0.00	727.58	0.00	727.58
New Furnace		2989.81	2000.00	0.00	0.00	-2989.81
Total Building Expenditures	0.00	2989.81	2000.00	1278.71	2500.00	-1711.10
<b>General Expenditures</b>						
Conferences	0.00	0.00	250.00	160.00	200.00	160.00
Outreach Including Donations to Other Charities						
The Rotary Home	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
Centre 454	0.00	240.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	-240.00
P.W.R.D.F.	300.00	600.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	-300.00
Bible Study	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Ukraine Relief				740.00		740.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-total	650.00	1140.00	1300.00	1500.00	850.00	360.00

	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Forecast 2022	Actual 2022	Forecast 2023	Difference 2022-2021
Sub-total (from Page 2)	650.00	1140.00	1300.00	1500.00	850.00	360.00
Worship	512.50	260.00	260.00	260.00	260.00	0.00
Christian Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydro	2619.56	2349.26	2700.00	3038.13	3100.00	688.87
Telephone	1267.36	901.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	-901.77
Water	238.21	249.82	250.00	253.95	250.00	4.13
Internet Services - Telephone	238.54	776.16	1500.00	1469.18	1500.00	693.02
Postage	133.16	106.72	200.00	201.30	200.00	94.58
Supplies, Stationery & Printing Supplies	651.21	527.87	1000.00	922.76	1000.00	394.89
Mtce. & Repairs	0.00	704.41	800.00	72.11	800.00	-632.30
Bldg. Maintenance Supplies	153.30	329.81	200.00	242.78	250.00	-87.03
Memorial Expenditures	0.00	11.22	300.00	469.57	0.00	458.35
Celebrations, Gifts and Garden	200.00	173.58	300.00	468.18	300.00	294.60
Hymn, Prayer, Liturgical Books	0.00	103.08	110.00	60.15	110.00	-42.93
Bible Study Material	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Yard Sale Expenses	0.00	0.00	500.00	494.29	500.00	494.29
Caeili Dinner Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hall Rental Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges/Interest	219.12	198.97	225.00	179.94	200.00	-19.03
Church Calendars	58.27	59.67	60.00	62.36	60.00	2.69
Host/Palms/Purificators	7.27	0.00	50.00	35.85	50.00	35.85
Wine	13.43	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Flowers	0.00	267.70	400.00	573.85	500.00	306.15
Candles	0.00	75.26	100.00	136.23	100.00	60.97
Air Purifier	0.00	530.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	-530.75
Audio Visual/Virtual Trans. Equip	0.00	213.18	200.00	255.45	200.00	42.27
Church Lighting	6537.04	7616.69	5000.00	6896.38	5000.00	-720.31
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.73	5.00	2.18	5.00	1.45
Total General Expenses	13548.97	16596.65	15535.00	17594.64	15310.00	997.99
Total Operating Expenses	41181.37	52246.46	53146.00	52817.35	53663.00	570.89
Operating Surplus or Deficit	9007.08	3613.28	4501.92	-178.23	2579.68	-3791.51

Woods Cemetery	Actual 2019	Actual 2021	Forecast 2022	Actual 2022	Forecast 2023	Difference 2022-2021
Woods Cemetery Income	5089.76	4968.26	5000.00	4626.15	5000.00	-342.11
Woods Cemetery Expenditures	3631.32	3110.88	3200.00	3117.44	11000.00	6.56
Woods Cemetery Surplus or Deficit	<u>1458.44</u>	<u>1857.38</u>	<u>1800.00</u>	<u>1508.71</u>	<u>-6000.00</u>	<u>-348.67</u>

#### Summary of Church Lighting Fund 2022

Opening Balance	31-Dec-21	2022	2483.04
Donations Received			4363.80
GST & PST rebates from 2021			<u>550.92</u>
Total Available for Church Lighting Fund			<u>7397.76</u>
Church Lighting Paid		Including refundable taxes of \$586.23	<u>7482.61</u>
Balance	31-Dec-22		<u><u>-84.85</u></u>

#### Notes:

There is a rebate of GST and PST totaling \$586.23 which when received in 2023 will be added to the amount available in the church lighting fund giving us a total of \$501.38 to be used towards next year's lighting expenses.

## **Report of the Nominating Committee for 2023**

*The following persons have been appointed or agreed to stand for election or nomination for 2023*

People's Warden

Glenn Clark

Deputy Warden

Members of Synod

Vic Wootton  
Carole Ladouceur

Alternate Members of Synod

Chuck Wootton

Auditor

Glenn Clark

Parish Council at Large

Brenda Houle  
Vera Guy  
Chuck Wootton  
Wendy Taylor  
Irene Thomas  
Deb Donoghue  
TAD Higginson  
Sandra Donatucci  
Marilyn Donnelly  
Marek Durezak  
Julie White  
Carole Ladouceur

Wood's Cemetery Representative

Glenn Clark

Respectively submitted  
Vic Wootton  
Glenn Clark  
Reverend Nash Smith

## Appointments for 2023

Rector's Warden  
Treasurer  
Envelope Secretary  
Children's Activity Superintendent  
Children' Activity Teacher  
Altar Guild Contact  
Building Superintendent  
Editor/Creator Pew Bulletin  
Publisher of Pew Bulletin  
Telephone Secretary  
Web Master  
Food Bank Contact and Deliverer  
Operation Christmas Child Representative

Vic Wootton  
Mike Thomas  
Mike Thomas  
TAD Higginson  
TAD Higginson  
Irene Thomas  
By Committee  
Vic Wootton  
Glenn Clark  
Sylvia Thomas  
Glenn Clark  
Vic Wootton  
Vic Wootton

Intercessors and Readers 2023

Glenn Clark  
TAD Higginson  
Mike Thomas  
Marilyn Donnelly  
Carole Ladouceur  
Wendy Taylor  
Chuck Wootton  
Glenn Clark  
Irene Thomas  
Elsbeth Dowhan  
Deb Donoghue  
Sandra Donatucci  
Vic Wootton  
TAD Higginson  
Dave Picklyk  
Linda Cutts

Servers 2023

Vic Wootton  
TAD Higginson  
Carole Ladouceur  
Marek Durezak



Ladies Guild 2023

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

Altar Guild 2023

Irene Thomas  
Sylvia Thomas  
Wendy Taylor  
Vic Wootton Sr

Respectively submitted  
Vic Wootton  
Glenn Clark  
Reverend Nash Smith