

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH LEITRIM

VESTRY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018_a



NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim, will be held on Sunday March 3, 2019 at 12 Noon. The meeting will be held in the church basement immediately following the service and coffee hour.

All supporters sixteen years of age or over at St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim are earnestly requested to be in attendance at the 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 prayers as a Christian community.



support and

There were NO baptisms in 2018

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

Elizabeth Kelly

Beverly Oneida Clark

David Miller



Marriages

To those who have joined in Holy Matrimony

There were NO Marriages in 2018

"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

There were NO Interment of Ashes in 2018

"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 2018

"In my Fathers House there are many rooms"



St. James Leitrim AGENDA

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Vestry Meeting Minutes February 19, 2017

Present: Reverend Naomi Kabugi, Ron Stuart, Glenn Clark, Brenda Houle, Vera Guy, Phyllis Harris, Mike Thomas, Irene Thomas, Christine Boisclair, Guy Labrecque, Sylvia Thomas, Chuck Wootton, Victor Wootton, Bob Kemp, TAD Higginson, Sandra Donatucci The Meeting began at 12:15 p.m.

Devotions

Reverend Naomi Kabugi led us in prayer.

Appointment of Vestry Clerk

Moved by Mike Thomas, seconded Ron Stuart that Glenn Clark be appointed as Vestry Clerk. CARRIED.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Bob Kemp, seconded by Sylvia Thomas that the Agenda be accepted as printed. CARRIED

Approval of the 2016 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Moved by Chuck Wootton, seconded by Phyllis Harris that the minutes be accepted as printed. CARRIED.

Reports – Items 7 to 16

Moved by Mike Thomas, seconded by Irene Thomas to accept the reports on mass. CARRIED.

Reverend Naomi thanked Victor Wootton for making sure everybody was mentioned in the reports. Victor accepted the thank you.

Moved by Ron Stuart, seconded by Victor Wootton to accept Auditor's Report. CARRIED.

Glenn Clark explained what he does as Auditor in general terms to verify the revenue and expenses.

Financial Statements

Mike Thomas reported that the accounts receivable mentioned as of year-end have all been received. Deficit of \$887.45 was higher than previously reported because an amount for GST receivable was considered to be owing to the Wood's Cemetery account. TAD's challenge received \$445.00 towards the 2016 deficit in early 2017.

Victor Wootton asked about the Building Fund. Mike Thomas explained that an amount is received monthly through PAR from a few parishioners.

Mike Thomas then outlined the expenses. He explained the 'Fair Share' expense which helps cover the expenses of the Diocesan office.

TAD Higginson asked about the Internet service cost. Mike Thomas explained that this was for 5-year domain name registration and for our website and e-mail service. TAD explained that Roger's internet service and telephone can be obtained for between \$400 and \$500 per year.

Wood's Cemetery Financial Statement 5

Mike Thomas spoke about Wood's Cemetery financial statement. Christine Boisclair asked about the location of Wood's Cemetery. Glenn Clark explained the location.

There was a deficit of \$2,410.61 because of the cost of repairing tombstone vandalism last October. TAD Higginson asked about insurance. Mike Thomas explained that there was a \$25,000 deductible.

Mike Thomas said that including maintenance costs for 2017, there will only be a small amount of money left over. In the event of a shortfall, he suggested that the church give a small loan to the cemetery until the GIC matures in early 2018.

Chuck Wootton asked about the financial statement, but Mike Thomas indicated that the report is just an Income Statement.

TAD Higginson asked about whether we can share security facilities with the Jewish Cemetery next door. It was also suggested that we also link into any security with neighbouring car dealership.

Reverend Naomi suggested that this be passed onto the cemetery committee. There was a discussion of fake surveillance signs or fake cameras. Victor Wootton had investigated, and this is legal.

Is there a cost-effective solution?

TAD Higginson offered to talk to the Jewish Cemetery and the Hyundai dealership. Reverend Naomi asked TAD Higginson if he would do the research by the March Parish Council meeting.

Bob Kemp asked whether the church is subsidizing the cemetery. Glenn Clark explained that the cemetery has not borrowed from the church. In the event of a shortfall, a small short-term loan may be necessary until the cemetery GIC matures in early 2018. Chuck Wootton asked about expanding the cemetery so that there could be more burials. There was agreement that this was not practical with the very small area between the back of the cemetery and the car dealer parking lot behind.

Ladies Guild Financial Statement

Chuck Wootton asked about the Ladies Guild Financial Statement. The Total Revenue including the Back Balance is not correct. Glenn Clark agreed that the presentation should be somewhat different. The Total Receipts is actually the Total Revenue. This should then be netted with the Total Expenditures to come up with the Profit or Loss before calculating the final bank balance.

Guy Labrecque asked about the value of the church. It was explained that the church is actually owned by the Diocese.

2017 Budget

Mike Thomas then proceeded to the 2017 Budget and explained the differences. Mike Thomas explained PAR and how changes to PAR will increase the expected donations for 2017. Mike Thomas explained that there is a Special Appeal amount of \$1,136.50 which is needed to balance the budget. The church will need to find a way to solicit this money.

Total revenue is expected to be \$51,186.50.

TAD Higginson mentioned that he agrees that the church should not pass the plate except on special services.

TAD Higginson suggested that a special envelope be placed in the pew bulletin and to place it in the plate at the end of service. Victor Wootton indicated that experience suggests that we are not really losing money.

Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Brenda Houle that an envelope be inserted into the special service bulletins and that the final decision concerning this be passed onto Parish Council. CARRIED.

Mike Thomas spoke about expenses. He specifically mentioned that the parish is presently looking at replacing the land line with a cell phone. There was a discussion on whether data should be included on the cell phone. The cost of a cell phone is \$35.00 per month but it was unclear whether data was included in that cost. The status of our land line contract was unclear, and no information was provided on when that contract could be terminated.

Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Chuck Wootton that the land line be replaced by a cell phone with data in a name of the one of the parishioners. CARRIED, Glenn Clark opposed this motion, Victor Wootton abstained.

Ron Stuart indicated that the church sign is out of date. The estimated cost is \$200. This is referred to Parish Council.

There was a discussion on reporting the profit and loss in the weekly bulletin and how it can be misleading. There was a discussion on whether this should be continued. Reverend Naomi suggested that the matter be deferred to parish council.

Sandra Donatucci asked about the fair share figure and why it was lower for 2017. Mike Thomas indicated that the Diocese has reduced its budget.

Glenn Clark asked when the GIFT campaign ends for St. James. Mike Thomas is to communicate with the Diocese.

Moved by Mike Thomas, seconded by TAD Higginson that the budget be accepted as printed. CARRIED.

TAD Higginson thanked Mike Thomas for his good work. There was a round of applause.

Appointments

Mike Thomas suggested that Phyllis Harris be included as Members at Large of Parish Council.

Christine Boisclair offered to help out on the Wood's Cemetery Committee.

Moved by Christine Boisclair, seconded by Guy Labrecque that the report of the Nominating Committee and the appointments be accepted as modified. CARRIED.

Other Business

Glenn Clark mentioned a young talented musician (Spencer Scharf) living in our community and suggested that we hire him for one of our events at a cost of \$75.00 per hour (\$100 minimum) and to offer the church for practice in exchange of performing at church.

Christine Boisclair asked about the Girl Guides who had inquired about the church. Glenn Clark mentioned that the price quoted was out of their budget. There was a discussion on whether the church should be offered for free.

Irene Thomas welcomed Christine Boisclair into the Altar Guild.

TAD Higginson thanked the wardens for their good work. There was a round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. with the Grace.

St. James Anglican Church Leitrim

2018 Vestry Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2018

Present: Reverend Joan Riding, Chuck Wootton, Mike Thomas, Sylvia Thomas, Irene Thomas, Victor Wootton, Bob Kemp, Maureen Kemp, Phyllis Harris, Brenda Houle, Vera Guy, Sandra Donatucci, Sunday Peter, Glenn Clark, Deb Donoghue, TAD Higginson.

Meeting began at 12:25 p.m.

Reverend Joan Riding began the meeting in prayer.

All parishioners signed the Vestry list

Moved by Deb Donoghue seconded by Victor Wootton that Glenn Clark be appointed as Vestry Clerk. CARRIED

Minutes of the Last Vestry Meeting – Sunday, February 19, 2017

Note: Minutes from the 2017 Vestry were discussed but not approved

Discussion of the Minutes

TAD Higginson asked about a surveillance sign for the Cemetery. Victor Wootton indicated that there was very little money available in the cemetery fund. TAD asked for it to be referred to Parish Council.

TAD Higginson asked about special envelopes being placed in the bulletin. Mike Thomas mentioned that envelopes are in the pews. TAD indicated that it might be better on special days such as Christmas that the envelope inserted right in the bulletin. This is to be referred to parish council.

TAD Higginson asked about the church sign being out of date. The sign indicating Reverend Naomi Kabugi. Referred to parish council.

TAD Higginson asked about Spencer Scharf being offered to use the church for practice. Glenn Clark explained that he plays at another church.

Vestry Reports

Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Deb Donoghue, that reports 6 through 15 be accepted. CARRIED.

TAD Higginson asked about the finances after the GIFT campaign ends, given that our finances are in the black. Reverend Joan responded that we are only paying for 1.5 days during her tenure. Victor Wootton expressed concern about long-term finances when there is another minister. Glenn Clark suggested that a letter from the wardens at Easter be sent to the parish suggesting that the GIFT donations be transferred to the parish starting in 2018 whether targeted to the roof replacement or general donations. Reverend Joan mentioned that there is a replacement program named 'Today for Tomorrow'. Reverend Joan will get more information from the Diocese.

Deb Donoghue mentioned that Nancy Ritchie's death was not mentioned in the Rector Warden's report. She passed away on April 5, 2017. Also, Ron Stuart passed away on May 5, 2017.

Reverend Joan would like to add Corey Schryburt (nephew of Marilyn Donnelly) who passed away in November. Reverend Joan would like to have Ken Donoghue, Corey Schryburt, Ron Stuart, and Nancy Ritchie added to her report as having passed away during the year.

Victor Wootton would like to thank Fred Guy for helping set up the Yard Sale. Reverend Joan suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Fred Guy. It was agreed.

Page 17 (Bridlewood) - Deb Donoghue suggested Vera Guy be thanked for serving as past organist Bridlewood Retirement Home. There was a round of applause.

Deb Donoghue asked that Clara Stuart, Phyllis Harris and Alice Purdy and Reverend Joan be added as part of the Bridlewood ministry and to be thanked.

Maureen Kemp asked that Wendy Taylor be added as part of the Altar Guild.

Reverend Joan mentioned that we are not joining with All Saints Greely but only sharing a minister.

Sandra Donatucci suggested that the Christmas Eve service was over capacity, relating to the People's Warden report.

TAD Higginson suggested that he wanted to be Sunday School Superintendent and get the children involved in the Rotary Home. There was a discussion. Reverend Joan suggested that there be an exploration of team outreach for youth. Glenn Clark asked how to get this off the ground? Bob Kemp mentioned that someone from the Rotary Home had attended a Gloucester Lions Club meeting and wanted to get involved in community fund raising. Glenn Clark suggested that Bob Kemp get the name of the Rotary Home representative and invite her as a speaker at St. James.

Victor Wootton indicated that his grandchildren are attending Christian school and know the Bible stories, but other children are not learning those stories.

TAD Higginson suggested that we have been doing stories that are not directly related to the Christmas story and it is time to go back to a more traditional pageant. Victor Wootton felt that everybody already knows the Christmas story. Phyllis Harris interjected with her experience as a leader for a pageant.

Reverend Joan suggested that this be referred to Parish Council.

Item 16 – Bank Street Reconstruction

Reverend Joan spoke that this is moving forward quicker. Glenn Clark indicated that there is a meeting at the Fred Barrett Arena on February 28th at 7 p.m. People are encouraged to attend.

GIFT Campaign – Reverend Joan will get more information on the replacement program, ‘Today for Tomorrow’.

Summer Market – Mike Thomas saw some e-mails going back and forth and did not do anything. Likewise, with Deb Donoghue who was waiting for the names of the farms. Bob Kemp suggested that it may not be a good time because of road construction. Glenn Clark indicated that we don’t know when construction will begin. TAD Higginson looked up some farm names and gave phone numbers to Deb Donoghue.

Roof Replacement – Bob Kemp got two quotes \$7,600 from D.R. Bird Roofing who did roof repair before and Godfrey Roofing at \$16,910. Chuck Wootton asked about metal roofing and whether a roof guard is being installed first. This is normal practice. The decision was deferred until the budget.

Audio-Visual System – Glenn Clark demonstrated the idea of swinging television screens behind the pillars on one side or both side of the church sanctuary. The quotes were \$1,020 for one television, \$2,260 for 2 televisions, \$900 for installation, \$250 for a sound bar. It was not clear what the installation cost is for one television screen. There was a discussion on whether a single television would be good to start and whether a 50-inch screen is enough. Should we put a television on a cart? There was discussion but what do we do with it when not use?

Reverend Joan asked if Glenn Clark is to look further or to cancel the project.

Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Sandra Donatucci that Glenn Clark continue his investigation into an Audio-Visual System. CARRIED.

Telephone Replacement – Glenn Clark spoke on this and indicated that he had three proposals, for land line and cell phone, land line and Internet, Internet and VOIP phone. Our telephone contract continues until March 2019 and there will be a significant penalty for cancelling it. TAD Higginson suggested Rogers Internet and a VOIP phone.

2017 Financial Statements and 2018 Budget

Balance at December 31st is \$17,501.22. Because of a recent cheque arriving for GIFT, we will add \$1,000 for the GIFT campaign. Mike Thomas has added \$3,000 in revenue from the Ladies Guild on the assumption that we will be replacing the roof. They had agreed to the additional donation. This changes the Operating Revenue to \$47,700.

Glenn Clark suggested that the lighting donation and expense be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

There was a round of applause for Brenda Houle and Glenn Clark for the church Christmas lighting project success.

Total revenue increases to \$56,495

Glenn Clark indicated that COPS has decreased because we are paying for Joan for 1.5 days instead of 2 days and she is not expecting extra pay during Christmas and Easter.

Building Fund expense is being increased to \$8,000 to replace the roof. Telephone is being increased to \$1,150 from \$1,000 to reflect the latest increase.

Reverend Joan indicated that she will not be claiming the extra day charge. There is \$500 in the budget and is being removed.

\$2,500 is being added for the Audio-Visual system.

Total Expenses are revised to be \$57,014.

The budget deficit is \$39.

Moved by Mike Thomas, seconded by Sandra Donatucci that the budget be approved as revised. CARRIED.

Wood's Cemetery

Edith Wood (ashes) will be buried on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in the afternoon. The time will be clarified closer to the date.

Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Brenda Houle that Items 22 to 27 be approved. CARRIED.

Altar Guild – Change from Christine Lebreque to Christine Boisclair, add Alice Purdy

Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Vera Guy to accept the Nominating Committee report. CARRIED.

Reverend Joan opened nominations – add Alice Purdy to Parish Council

Reverend Joan closed nominations

TAD Higginson thanked Mike Thomas for his good work. There was a round of applause.

Glenn Clark indicated that Phyllis Harris is a licensed lay reader and should be recorded.

Reverend Joan thanked Irene Thomas for coordinating the Altar Meeting and both Irene and Vera Guy for their music.

Sizzle 'n Suds Gift Basket

Brenda Houle presented a report for the spring gift basket. Brenda is accepting donations from now until the Irish Céilí dinner. Tickets will be on sale from Irish Céilí until the Yard Sale with draw time at 2 p.m. Brenda presented ticket design ideas.

Moved by TAD Higginson seconded by Deb Donoghue that spend up to \$200 for the professional tickets (1000). CARRIED.

There was agreement that there will be consolation prizes.

New events

Brenda Houle suggested a couple of events for this year, which are documented.

Glenn Clark asked if we want to do an outdoor movie night. There was a consensus that this was not a good idea partly because of mosquitoes and the movie licensing cost.

Vestry Meeting 2019

There was a problem with Vestry falling on Family Day this year. For 2019, it will take place on Sunday, February 24th.

Vestry Printing

Glenn Clark spoke on printing the whole report in one run and condensing reports where possible to limit the number pages. Cover pages should not be printed separately.

Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Chuck Wootton that the Vestry Report be available in electronic format. CARRIED.

Glenn Clark indicated that the Vestry Report is already available electronically on the website.

Cards of Thanks

Brenda Houle suggested that only one person handle this task. Deb Donoghue and Reverend Joan Riding volunteered to do this.

Brenda Houle suggested that Rob Clark get a tax receipt. Mike Thomas indicated that it will be necessary to have him bill us. Tax receipts can not be provided for services rendered.

The meeting adjourned with the Grace at 3:25 p.m.

Report of the Priest-in-Charge

As always, we begin by offering thanks to God for the lives and ministries of our parishioners, friends and relatives who have died this year. We remember Kenneth Donoghue, Nancy Ritchie and Ronald Stuart, all of St. James Parish. Each one has uniquely enriched others. May they rest in peace.

Equally important, welcome to those of you who have chosen Saint James Leitrim as your parish home this year. I hope you will find this, as I do, to be a wonderful place of community, challenge, peace and spiritual refreshment.

“What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord your God.” (Micah 6:8)

I love this text and I aspire to its imperative. Micah was a prophet of the Hebrew people about 700 years before Jesus. His ministry was to proclaim truth. Micah’s people had tried many ways to please God, with incense, fasting, even with burned offerings. Micah asks the question again. “What does the Lord require of you?” Then he re-forms the question as he gives the response. The question becomes “Who?” Who does the Lord want? God wants us. God wants a people who seek justice, who love mercy, and who walk humbly with the Lord, our God.

We gather as the people of God to be formed by the word of God and shaped by the Holy Spirit of God. This is a way of being. In everything that we do and in all that we are, we strive to conform to Micah’s imperative because it is timeless. In our parish ministry, the text is a touchstone for me. Our parish activities, and my part in them, must be measured against Micah’s very clear statement of who we are meant to be.

As we review the past and plan for the future at our annual Vestry meeting, we don't know what opportunities God has in mind for us. Thus, we review with gratitude and we plan with hope.

This has been a year of important changes in our lives. St. James has experienced several unexpected changes in clergy, which is never easy. I, too, have been working through changes in my life. I was happily retired and filling in occasionally in parishes. Then our Bishop phoned, discussions ensued, and a new ministry was offered to me. Now my daily activities of puttering, potting, painting and prayer have expanded. I have added parish, preaching, property, and phone! I am delighted with this change in my life; thank you for your warm welcome to our parish.

Besides preparing for worship, I have devoted much of my time to getting to know people, introducing myself by phone, in person and by notes. I participated in our Welcome Back Picnic, our Christmas Sale, the Church Lighting festivities and our Carolling evening. Unfortunately, due to illness, I missed the parish Murder Mystery and Dinner, but I led the worship at the Bridlewood Retirement Home which I consider a privilege. Besides being very enjoyable, these activities are useful opportunities to meet people.

I am thankful that our regular worship times have accommodated everyone, and perhaps All Saints Greely and Saint James Leitrim can also share some events in 2018.

I am delighted to note that our parish supports our children in the daily aspects of their Christian development. We celebrated one Baptism this autumn in which we renewed our own baptismal vows and promised to uphold this child and her family in her life. We support parents' educational choices for the children, we support seeking more than one church home, and we offer our own parish resources for our children and their friends. This is a very busy and generous parish and it is important that we continue to concentrate on our scheduling so that the children's ministry is never overlooked or under-estimated in our planning. It was wonderful to have them offer the Proclamation of Scripture in their own way in our Christmas Pageant. Let's continue to support our parish children and their parents in our journey together as children of God.

We have many gifts in the parish, and faithful leadership is one of them. When I look around on a Sunday morning, it is evident to me that each person present offers a particular and important ministry. Welcoming, reading, music, including, praying, repairing, lighting, preparing, consoling, stewardship, encouraging, finances, community relationships, wardens, the ministry of human presence. On behalf of the whole parish, thank you! Thank you to each of you for sharing your gifts and for your help to me as we set out together.

What are your hopes and dreams for our parish? Please do share them with me. Similarly, do you have worries or disappointments? Please also share them with me. Do you feel that God's Spirit is drawing you to a particular ministry? Perhaps I can help with your discernment; I will certainly support you in my prayer.

Thank you for reading this report.

We pray that God will guide us, **at the love of Jesus will be evident in our lives, and that the power of the Holy Spirit will give us courage.**

God bless you.

Joan.

Reverend Joan Riding

Report of the Rector's Warden

It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers.- James Thurber

It is that time of the year once again when I get the chance to share my memories and express my comments about the past year at St. James. It always starts out the same. I feel overtaxed and burdened and am usually depressed and frustrated before I start. It is only after I commence the report, I begin to feel better and very quickly get into it.

It reminds me of attending 50-60 weekend camps with the Beavers in Scouts Canada over the 32 years I was a member. The hour and a half drive up to Camp Opemikon near Perth would find me depressed and not happy during the drive. *Why am I giving up another weekend? Why don't I just say I am not available?* This personal dialogue with myself continues for the entire drive until I park the car just outside the cabin where the boys will be staying. When I get out of the car, I immediately hear screams of excitement from the boys in the cabin. I then understand instinctively why I keep doing it. I couldn't wait to get to the boys and take part in the excitement. Although excitement may be an overkill expression concerning the Rector's Report; the procedure and the rewards remain the same.

I will be giving my comments on the passing of Beth Kelly, our outreach programs and visibility in the community, the problem of accessibility of the church and finally a personal comment on our priest-in-charge the Reverend Joan Riding. I will not go into detail on many topics as our People's Warden Glenn has already done most of them in his People Warden's Report. His report as usual is detailed, informative and incredibly accurate. *(of course, we all know he is just showing off)*. I urge everyone to read his report.

Before I start dealing with those subjects, as is traditional at St. James, I would like to list the many volunteers and folks who work in the background on our behalf. They perform daily, weekly, monthly and at times several times a week. It has been suggested to me on numerous occasions to simply list their names. But I contend that is NOT good enough. The parishioners of St. James should be aware of not just their names but also their tasks. Otherwise people could go years and never know what these wonderful people are actually doing on our behalf.

A very sincere thank you to all our friends and fellow parishioners who make St. James happen successfully every week.

Mike Thomas	<p>Mike is our Treasurer. He prepares and presents our books at every monthly Parish Council Meeting. He prepares cheques, pays our bills, fills out forms for the Diocese, collects the weekly donations and records them, prepares and sends a monthly standing of our finances that we pass to everyone through the bulletin. He also prepares the budget for the next year for Vestry.</p> <p>He also is our Envelope Secretary and records everyone's individual donations for the year. At year's end he issues Income tax receipts and prepares a summary for Vestry.</p>
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	<p>Mike also acts as a Building Maintenance man. When was the last time you noticed the clock's batteries needed to be replaced or a burnt-out light bulb? The front steps not shovelled and salted, the septic system not pumped out regularly and the church cold on a Sunday morning. Thanks to Mike none of these ever happen.</p> <p>He and his family provide the music for our Praise and family services and our Céilí dinner.</p> <p>Heavily involved at our Yard Sale. He is the one who designs and builds the stage for our music and dancers every June.</p> <p>He interacts with CRA and the diocese concerning financial matters.</p> <p>I could go on and talk about his Delivery of food to the food bank, but I am going to stop here. Quite frankly I am getting scared!</p>
Irene Thomas	<p>Irene is our organist from October till the end of May each year. She picks out the hymns each week and practices them for Sunday. In addition, she supervises the donations for flowers at Easter and Christmas and sells the annual church calendars. NO, not finished; she is a full member and contributor to the Ladies and Altar Guild as well an intercessor and does the Prayers of the People occasionally.</p>
Rob Clark	<p>Our Snow Plougher. Like his father before him Rob keeps our yard clean of snow. When was the last time you showed up on Sunday morning and found the yard full of snow? I know I have never seen it. Rob and his dad Ron have saved St. James tens of thousands of dollars over the many years they have looked after us.</p>
Alice Purdy	<p>Member of the Ladies Guild, the Altar Guild, Parish Council, Reader and a host of other activities. Many times, Alice will do the reading when other folks assigned could not make it.</p>
Vic Wootton	<p>Rector's Warden, fills in when Joan cannot make it to carry the service and the sermon, Representative for Samaritan's Purse, Sunday School Teacher, Reader, Psalm Leader, Parish Council, Intercessor, Server, Deliverer of food to the food bank during the summer, Pew Bulletin creation, Parish Council are just some of the jobs Vic looks after.</p>
Deb Donoghue and Judy Harris	<p>Both these ladies regularly clean the basement. I do not know who else is involved but it would not surprise me if Alice Purdy has a hand in there also.</p> <p>Deb is also our interface with the Bridlewood Retirement Home.</p>
Karen McPeak	<p>President of the Ladies Guild and organizes many of the special events the Ladies Guild sponsor. She also is a singer with her father at many of the music concerts they put on.</p>

Sylvia Thomas	Sylvia is our Telephone Secretary . She also is a Reader, helps Chuck with the collection and is a server.
Glenn Clark	People's Warden, Web Master, Pew Bulletin Printer, Auditor, Wood Cemetery Director and Representative (this involves digging grave holes for ashes and filling them up after burial, organizer of the Cemetery Service, updater of the sign board in front of the church, planting night organizer, music provider during the summer when Irene is not available, planner and purchaser of the TV display screens at the front and probably a whole lot more that will not mention as the hair on my neck is starting to tingle. The list of things speak for themselves and I haven't even mentioned those delicious date squares he is famous for. We are very glad we have him.
Chuck Wootton	Synod Delegate, Stewardship Delegate, Parish Council, Reader, Intercessor, and looks after counting the collection every week. Chuck can also be seen looking after some of the nasty jobs around the church. He will come out after a snow storm and clean off the front steps. Last week I found him at the back door with a shovel and a blade chipping away at the ice so we can actually use the back door again. Always around at our events and Yard sales. We are very lucky to have him.
Phyllis Harris	Our only Licensed Lay Reader . She will carry the service and sermon when Joan is not available. Reader of the Psalms, Server and this year will be involved in the Prayers of the People . She is also a member of the Ladies and the Altar Guild.
Brenda Houle and Vera Guy	We have a Christmas Lighting event every year thanks to the incredible effort on the part of Brenda and Vera. They championed its beginning and have been there for years to help finance it through bake sales, craft fairs, raffles and the selling of bed sheets. On Vera's birthday a few years ago all cash money given to Vera for her birthday was turned over to the Christmas Lighting fund. In addition to all of this they are also members of Parish Council and the Altar and Ladies Guild . I don't know what we would do without them.
The Altar Guild	Every service at St. James has the church prepared by the Altar Guild. The host box has been topped up, the wine and water cantors have been filled, the readings are set up at the reading stand up front and the carpet has been thoroughly vacuumed. Many thanks to our Altar Guild members: Irene Thomas, Sylvia Thomas, Alice Purdy, Marilyn Donnelly, Wendy Taylor, Brenda Houle, Vic Wootton and Vera Guy.
The Ladies Guild	Far too many to mention here; please check the list of ladies out at the end of the Vestry Report. The Ladies Guild, under Karen McPeak, organize and run many of the activities that St. James puts on during the year. Events such as our suppers, the Yard Sale, the Strawberry Social and a host of other activities. In addition, they routinely make donations to St. James for special projects as well as our central account. We are very lucky to have them.

The Bridlewood Team	One of the finest parts of outlook that we here at St. James are involved in is the ministry to the Bridlewood Retirement Home. It started small but has grown into a full ministry. In many ways we are their in-house church. Much thanks to our Bridlewood team of Irene Thomas, Sylvie Thomas, Deb Donoghue, Brenda Houle, Vera Guy, Alice Purdy, Marilyn Donnelly, Wendy Taylor and of course our leader, the Reverend Joan Riding. Until her sickness Clara Stuart was a member of this team as well. Thanks to all.
Maureen and Bob Kemp	Both members of Parish Council . Bob was instrumental in arranging to get our roof shingled this past year. Bob's experience with the Lion's Club and wisdom is a constant source of strength for us here at St. James.
The Reverend Joan Riding	Priest-in-Charge . Helpful, humours, friendly and organized. She is a benefit to St. James every time we see her. A true spiritual leader.

It is possible that I have missed a few names or tasks and if so, we apologize. Glenn and I wanted to let all our parishioners know that the successful operation of St. James takes much more time than 10:30 to 11:45 every week. We wanted to recognize the people during this work behind the scenes.

We also want the parish to know that many of these folks do much more than one task. Some of them handle, two, three and four tasks for us. Most are senior citizens, and many are elderly senior citizens. It is hoped, with this in mind, that when a call goes out for volunteers, maybe some of you may feel the need to step forward.

The Passing of Beth Kelly

Most of us are at that stage in life where we have stopped racing to the sports section or editorials of the newspaper and have replaced it with a lookup to the obituaries. That's not macabre, it is simply human nature. Most of us are at the age where we start losing friends.

The loss of Ken Donoghue, Ron Stuart hurt. Recently I attended the funeral of David Miller, a person I attended high school with over 50 years ago. Their passing hurts as will the passing of other friends and acquaintances in the years to come. But the passing of Beth Kelly last year, to me, hurt very hard.

Beth had been a member of St. James ten or fifteen years before I showed up in the early seventies. It was during the 140th anniversary research project that I came across Beth Kelly in a picture of the Ladies Guild from the late fifties. Same girl, same expression with one difference. Her hair was black, not the beautiful snowy white hair I had to come know her by.

A few years before her death she had lost the ability to drive. Her car was sold, and we were asked if anyone could pick her up and bring her to church. I volunteered. Looking back, it was of the best decisions of my life. I would pick her up at her house and drive her to church.

After church I found I was fussing like a mother hen to ensure she was present and ready to go home. Initially I berated her because she would not wear a winter coat. I was afraid if anything happened to the car she would not be prepared for the cold weather.

After a couple of weeks, she finally showed up wearing a winter coat. Wearing the coat but the buttons were not done up. Beth was stubborn. I accepted the compromise with a smile on my face.

We would talk about farming and the people and farms she grew up around. It was at this time I learned that *Grandma Kelly* was the real boss of Mapelkell Farms. She talked about her mother and father who both passed away at the age of 43. Her love for them was very obvious. She talked about her children and granddaughter and sisters. The love she had for them was unquestionable; as was her pride. Her greatest love in my opinion however was for her late husband Ed-*the love of her life*.

Beth was senior and was a bit forgetful. In another week she would start telling me about her memories again. Although the story was the same, the thrill of hearing it again never left. In fact, I could have listened to it dozens of times and would still look forward to hearing it the next time. Such was the love and pride in her voice. In all our conversations I never heard Beth say a bad thing about anyone.

Then she was sent to a home and it was over. I did not get to speak to her again and it was disappointing. And then, SHE WAS GONE!

I mention this about Beth to remind all of us that when we read an obituary or hear of someone we knew had passed, that it is more than just news. That although we are sad; we acknowledge to ourselves that they were real people with real lives. They lived, participated and contributed. They loved and were loved. They like Beth, are gone! But never forgotten.

May God Bless her and Keep Her. May His eternal light shine upon her.

Outreach and Community Visibility

I just wanted to make a couple of comments concerning our outreach and how we interact in the community. Several years ago St. James made a decision to get more involved in our community by doing more outreach. Although not perfect; but for a tiny church I am very proud of the steps we have taken the last several years. There was a time when the church did not even have a cross at the front. People would express astonishment when they discovered we were a church. *"That's a church?"* they would say.

We set out to become involved and become visible. It was hoped that this visibility would send us new members in the future. Please read the outreach your tiny church is involved in today. These are all events and activities outside normal church hours.

Bridlewood Ministry:

Church services held roughly monthly at the Bridlewood Retirement Home. Many services in excess of 10 parishioners. They know about St. James.

Cemetery Service:

Held once a year at Wood's Cemetery at Blossom Park. We have always had the responsibility to look after the cemetery, but we now have a service when folks with loved ones buried there can come for an annual service.

Samaritan's Purse:

St. James is an annual participant in this very worthy project.

Most years we fill 25 boxes for children in poor countries who otherwise would receive nothing for Christmas. Last year we filled 26 boxes. Samaritan's Purse is a large organization, but they have local representatives. After several emails and phone calls, believe me, they know we are here.

Contributions to Diocesan Charities such as the Well and Centre 454:

St. James has participated many times in appeals from the diocese and various centres sponsored by the diocese. We have given dinners, coffee mugs, mittens and toques to residents over the years. Those centres have heard about us.

In touch with The Rotary House across the street.

Last year we invited Cindy Wheeler from the Rotary home across the street to talk to us. She gave a presentation that was very helpful. It resulted in us using the proceeds of the mitten tree to donate to the Rotary home. In addition, some member of St. James began donating contributions monthly. Although residents are not able to attend our Tree lighting, Cindy herself showed up and told us that the residents moved to a portion of the building where they could witness the actual lighting. The Rotary home know St. James is here.

Food Bank:

Our church has for several years contributed non-perishable good to the Greenbank food centre. I have had the privilege on several occasions to drop the food off once a month.

I have always heard a thank you and just have to mention St. James and they know who we are. Also, I am always amazed about how many people show up to get food. It is highly needed and very much appreciated. St. James is right in the middle of the solution.

Christmas Lights:

Our Christmas lights shine joy to the community for a few weeks every Christmas.

I never knew how much it was appreciated until I began getting emails and phone call from people, I have never met telling how wonderful the lights were. At Christmas I truly believe that the Christmas put a smile on people's faces on their commute home. We have had people show up simply to visit the church behind the Christmas lights.

Carolling:

For years just before Christmas St. James takes an evening and goes around carolling to people from St. James and others. A stop at the Bridlewood home is always on the itinerary.

They came to my place once. I wasn't expecting them, and the place was a mess. I was so embarrassed. It was only after they left a smile came on my face and I began to appreciate the wonderful gesture. The people that were carolled to all know about St. James.

Yard Sale:

Open to the public with items for sale, music, dancing, food and sometimes crafts, plants and once in a while plays; gives the community a great vision of St. James and what we stand for. Not just easy to see from the road but almost impossible to ignore, they all know that the church putting it on is St. James.

Murder Mysteries:

We have done a couple of years at our spaghetti dinner a murder mystery opened to the public. This last year the incumbent of Our Lady of the Visitation in South Gloucester asked their members about the possibility of doing something similar for our Catholic brothers. Apparently, he either heard or was present for it and was absolutely delighted.

Our catholic brothers down the road know we are here.

And, add to these the Salvation Army Christmas pot and other ventures into the community that we participate in, and you can see that this tiny church is heavily involved in the community. We set out 20 years ago to become more visible and we have. Have we reached our limit? No, I don't think so, but we have made great strides in that direction. I just wanted everyone to see that St. James is totally committed to the community and is heavily involved.

BTW: We have had a cross at the front of our church for the last 25 years.

Accessibility

I wanted to say something about the accessibility situation at St. James. This subject was raised ten years ago and has been a hot topic about the same amount of time. The subject is to do with people who have disability problems, can't walk or move very well. They need a wheel chair, a walker or a cane to get about. This makes going to St. James a problem. Going downstairs for events or simply to use the washroom.

My understanding is that an approach has been agreed upon and simply needs to be enacted. As most people at St. James are not aware of the design or approach, I urge that what the changes to the building will involve, needs to be communicated to the parish.

No, not to the people that have made the decisions but the rank and file.

When Canada converted to metric, it all happened at once. It was done this way because the experts said that if you wanted it to succeed, the public has to be involved right from the start. It was rough. It made my father a stranger in his own country and even today I find myself converting to the old British system. But it worked. Our kids will have no trouble with it.

I have seen pictures of St. James from the 1920's and although the building has been moved, a basement and narthex built; from the outside it looks just like it does today. If we are going to change that appearance then we have to involve the parish at all levels.

I suggest an artist's conception of the planned new building. Have this prominently displayed at the church and have it posted to our web site. Mention it often regularly during the service and provide updates on its progress.

Once we have the concept visually, put it out and get estimates as this will give us a dollar goal we can work on. Those involved want this to happen. Like the metric system we need to get the rank and file involved as soon as possible. Who knows they may make observations that we have not considered or suggestions that enhance the whole project?

In any event it will cause it to be St. James' project and not just a decision from parish council. It is this way I believe that it will really happen not be just a mention every few years or so.

Our Incumbent-The Reverend Joan Riding

Joan has just completed her first full year at St. James. Her sermons are informative and well worth listening to for their information and opinions. I have attended St. James since the early seventies and have listened to

may priests give many sermons. The only other priest I would put in Joan's territory was the late Reverend Frank Lawler. Oh, you didn't want to miss his sermons. Joan has very quickly reached that level in my eyes as well.

Blessed with an enormous sense of humour she is at home with her senior citizen congregation and they relate well to her. But just as important, she can talk to children or youth just as effectively. Very complimentary and helpful at meetings; she is full of ideas and suggestions.

If you ever want to see Joan at her finest, be in the pews when she walks into a service. A service where she has never laid eyes on anyone present and they have never seen her before. Stand back and watch her spin her magic. In seconds the congregation is reacting to her like they have known her all their lives. She responds like she is simply speaking to old familiar friends. That is not just experience; it is a gift. We are so fortunate that she is sharing that gift with us.

She is, of course, also the priest-in-charge at All Saints Greely. She is not ours alone. The work does not seem to bother her and that is the only concern I have. Joan is not the type of person to say no to a request. The problem being that we may over extend her. We have a good thing with Joan, and we would like to keep for as long as she is up to it. We need to be careful and thoughtful when we ask for her participation.

Having said that I am only hope and pray as many of you that she remains healthy and vibrant and stays with us for a very long time.

Respectfully submitted.

Vic Wootton, Rector's Warden

People's Warden Report for 2018

A Year in Review

2018 was a successful year. Our finances are in good order, we funded a new church roof, a new audio-visual system and our events were successful.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was held on February 13th and had increased attendance with the mini-auction seeing unprecedented bidding. I am very pleased how our dinners have all become entertaining events. How better to show the joy of being a member at St. James? -

With Reverend Joan Riding sharing responsibilities at both our church and at All Saint's Greely, it was decided to share the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services, with the former at St. James and the latter at All Saints. This could not have had a better outcome with 12 All Saints members coming to the Ash Wednesday service and 18 from our own church going to All Saints for Maundy Thursday. We were welcomed for Maundy Thursday with refreshments, an unexpected turn of events.

This was followed by the Irish Céilí on April 7th, which featured a variety of stews, Shepherd's Pie and delicious desserts. Attendance was somewhat down from 2017 but everyone who attended enjoyed a night of good food and rousing Irish music, thanks to the Thomas family. The profit was \$885.09.

June brought us great success at both Doors Open and at our Strawberry Social and Yard Sale. Doors Open was held on June 2nd and 3rd and brought in 110 visitors, the most we have ever had. It was decided to have a

Blessing of the Animals service on the Sunday, and thanks to the free publicity through Doors Open, we had an attendance of 47 people and 19 pets for this part alone. This was something that we will repeat in 2019. The service was held in the church garden and a canopy was put in place. We did experience a problem when the canopy was blown over as a result of a weather change. Despite the brisk winds, we were able to secure the canopy reasonably well for the service.

The Yard Sale held on June 23rd, produced record profits of \$3,527.38 and mostly good weather. We closed a little early when showers arrived in the afternoon. Nevertheless, during the peak morning and lunch hours, the weather was good. We were entertained by the Thomas family and the step dancers.

After months of planning and the necessity to alter the design because of the lack of identifiable wall studs, the new audio-visual system was put in place by the “Geek Squad” a few days after the Yard Sale. It was a period of unprecedented activity at the church. At the very same time, the new church roof was being installed and the long hoped for summer market opened. Originally, the market was to open on the day of the Yard Sale, but a late spring delayed the local strawberry crop. The Market was operated by the Foster Family farm. Nevertheless, Mel Foster seemed to be pleased with sales and we received a cheque of almost \$1,500 at the end of the year. The market opened daily until early October. We are quite hopeful, that the market will open again in 2019. Your purchases at the market provide healthy eating and provide a little financial aid to your church.

The audio-visual system was blessed on July 1, 2018, the same day that it was first used for church music and the display of lyrics on two video screens. We had been using an amplifier since the previous August when our summer organist Vera Guy was forced into retirement as a result of a wrist injury. The new system was used weekly until our winter organist, Irene Thomas returned on the week following Thanksgiving.

We took advantage of the new system to experiment with a variety of styles of music and towards the end of the season, we tried out ‘themed music’ Sundays. We brought tears to Phyllis Harris’ eyes when we played “Ode to Newfoundland” just prior to her vacation home to Newfoundland. We also tried out a variety of lively and fun children’s music. We welcome suggestions of songs for the 2019 summer season. Until then, we continue to thank Irene for playing all our favourite hymns on the organ.

September 9th brought us another Homecoming service followed by a BBQ and lunch in our garden. It was a nice day with a non-traditional service. We had the church beautifully decorated for Thanksgiving and the Harvest Potluck took place the following Wednesday evening, which was well attended with lots of good food and our traditional sing-song with guitarist Mike Thomas. Thanks Mike.

We held a Craft Sale at the Senior’s Centre next door on Saturday, October 20th. The event was sparsely attended but still generated a \$500 profit towards the Christmas lighting of the church. We may need to reassess this event in order to make it more successful and worth the effort involved. I will consult with organizer, Brenda Houle to see how we may best proceed.

The Spaghetti Supper held on Saturday, November 10th was also the most successful since we started this event several years ago as a replacement to our popular Turkey suppers. I think everybody will agree that as we gain more experience with specific events, we do them better each year. The food was excellent! A murder mystery titled “Murder by Tiramisu” followed dinner and was written by Brenda Houle. It was a lot of fun and something we hope Brenda will agree to do again in 2019. This event was so successful that we may need to set up additional tables in the lobby this coming year.

Christmas Lighting 2018

This year's Christmas lighting display was changed. The colour scheme was different, and some items were retired. Nevertheless, the display was arguably better than any previous year. We continue to replace many of the Noma lights that were of poor quality. We are trying to use sealed lights wherever possible and I expect that those light strings will have a longer life span. Hopefully, this will save money in the long run.

We continue to have power short out issues during rainy or icy weather. Some parts of our display are not 100% weatherproof including the nativity scene, which is disappointing as everything was purchased as an outdoor product. It is almost impossible to find other products depicting a religious theme to possibly replace the parts of the display that are causing problems. We continue to use Cityscape as our installer and there are few alternatives from previous research. We are reasonably satisfied with their work, although it is expensive.

The light display accomplished its outreach goal. Our church is on the map in our community. Our official lighting night held on Thursday, November 29th welcomed many visitors including young families. We receive compliments from far and wide, and we have benefited from higher attendance at our Christmas Eve service as a result.

I have no doubt that we will not be able to do this forever. This involves a lot of work and money from your two organizers, Brenda Houle and myself. I do hope that we can continue with this outreach for a few more years at least. In meantime, let's enjoy the beauty of the lights that have made St. James, "Ottawa's Christmas Church".

Christmas at St. James

Our Christmas program involves a lot of commitment to the community. In addition to our Carols and Lesson Service held on

December 23rd, our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, we give back to the community in many ways. We again manned a Salvation Army Kettle for most of a day, this year at the Loblaws store at South Keys Shopping Centre. Our previous location at the Metro store, ceased to be a Kettle location. We raised money for our neighbours, the Ottawa Rotary Home throughout the season and we carolled to their residents and at Windsor Park Manor. We also brought a Christmas Service to the Bridlewood Retirement on December 16th, where we continue to provide monthly outreach.

Following tornadoes that crossed our community on September 21st and specifically through the Hunt Club, South Keys and Greenboro districts, we put extra effort into supporting the Pavilion Food Bank that took a direct hit from the storm.

Going Forward

As we move into 2019 and beyond, I want to speak on a few points. While there are issues of concern, the immediate future for St. James is positive. We ran a surplus in 2018, we have a minister who is gentle, kind, and giving, and we have a community that is harmonious and cares about each other. A special thank you to Reverend Joan Riding.

Of course, one threat to our parish is beyond our control. As Findlay Creek expands, traffic has continued to grow worse at our front door. The plan to widen Bank Street will leave us in a difficult position if we lose our parking lot. It is something that will become a crisis when the road project finally goes ahead. I expect that this will still be a few years away. It will probably be a good idea to arrange a meeting with the new city councillor, Carol Anne Meehan. We will keep you posted on this matter.

Demographics and Attendance

Attendance and demographics are another concern. Attendance seems to be slowly declining and our congregation is aging. We are picking up a few new faces and there is hope because we are in a growing community. How do we welcome more?

While some churches are highly successful, it appears to be based on very dynamic leadership to all age groups, less structured services, more modern music, better and bigger facilities and an understanding of the Bible that may be foreign to us. These churches are aggressive and have high expectations from those who attend.

Are we prepared for such a radical change? Is it even Anglican?

As we move forward, we need to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible. Are we ready to fully welcome and integrate people of different ethnic backgrounds including indigenous people? What if a gay couple showed up? We need to practice the commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves and truly mean it.

To a great degree, we are succeeding in being a welcoming community, but I expect that we will continue to be tested. But are newcomers getting what they are expecting or hoping for? We have been challenged already by a visitor only recently. Are we Bible based enough? Are we being the evangelists that we should be?

We continue to try new things but at some point, we will need a new generation of leadership. Where will they come from?

Ottawa Centre Deanery Meetings

Your wardens and minister have been involved with Deanery meetings with the Bishop and representatives of all the other Ottawa Centre churches since November. The overall picture is not good. Almost every parish is faced with aging congregations and declining attendance, yet at the same time, every church is doing unprecedented amounts of community outreach. St. James is no different.

Today, we are in a post Christian society where we are competing with so many other activities. Our children have been bled away by sports and other endeavours that often take place on Sunday mornings. This also takes younger families from us who may also be burned out by the demands of modern society that just keeps on accelerating. We also face competition from Sunday shopping that continues to expand hours to maximize profit. Let's also face it that many just face mental and physical exhaustion. With so many demands, families even have difficulties just finding the time to get together.

How do we deal with this? We must accept that we can do nothing about these recent changes in society, however, we can give an image of our church that presents the Good News in a positive way, and is welcoming, loving, and does good in the community. We will also need to make further changes to meet the needs of a younger generation.

There is consensus that Sunday morning may no longer be the best time for everybody to attend church. Many have suggested Friday evenings when sports and other activities seem to be at a lower ebb. Another alternative is Saturday mornings. A change of this nature will require careful consideration as there could be many risks that may leave St. James worse off. No decision on this is imminent but it is worthy of further discussion.

The outcome from the Deanery meetings is uncertain, but there is a general wish to encourage some sort of partnership arrangement between Trinity, Ottawa South, St. Thomas the Apostle, Alta Vista, and the Church of

the Resurrection, Mooney's Bay. A similar arrangement is being encouraged between St. Matthew's in the Glebe, and St. John's, Elgin Street. There are many possibilities that don't necessarily involve closure.

I have expressed a degree of nervousness as Leitrim and Greely have mostly been left as bystanders in these discussions, while similar joint arrangements have already taken place to our south including Metcalfe. Where does this leave us stand in the long-run?

Our small buildings here at Leitrim and at Greely gives us an advantage, as we don't face the crushing maintenance costs of the big city churches. We all face the same demographic issues, but it costs a fortune to maintain those big stone and brick city churches.

We will keep you posted as these discussions continue. In the meantime, our Bishop John Chapman faces health issues, and I ask you to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Children's Ministry

As most are aware, our Sunday school has been slowly dying for the last number of years. We thank Victor Wootton for his years of service, but he has resigned as Superintendent. To be fair, he has worked very hard, but the children are simply not coming anymore.

I do not wish to give up on our ministry to children. There are still a few in the parish. As a result, I have suggested that we adopt a child friendly service on the first Sunday of each month. It will be designed to be multi-generational so that it will work with or without children. I hope that you will support this endeavour. I also welcome other suggestions moving forward. Vestry is a perfect time for engagement in this discussion.

Adult Christian Education

I have also been hoping for some sort of opportunity to have Christian education at St. James for some time. I was encouraged when an Alpha Course was suggested a couple of years ago, but it didn't get off the ground. In the past, St. James hosted Bible studies and two Alpha Courses. The courses welcomed newcomers and were generally well received and supported by St. James parishioners.

I understand that Alpha's teachings are not for everybody, but I am hoping that we can do something in this regard this year. I welcome this as a possible joint venture with All Saint Greely.

In the back of my mind, I would like to do something that may be attractive enough that it could welcome somebody from outside our churches. This is something we can discuss further.

The Big Challenge - Accessibility

I have presented a lot of issues to be concerned about, but I also ask you to consider one major project for our future and to potentially benefit us all as we get older.

Church accessibility has been something up for discussion for several years. Ideas were considered and drawing prepared for an outdoor ramp. Financially, we now have a window of opportunity. Parish Council has re-opened the debate and a motion was passed at our November parish council meeting to set up an Accessibility Fund. It is long overdue. Surplus funds from our roof replacement project were placed into it. We also received a bequeath from the estate of Nancy Ritchie in 2018 and a contribution from the summer market, which is not needed for day to day operations. We ended up in a surplus at the end of 2018.

Our treasurer, Mike Thomas has had a conversation with the Diocese on the best way to move forward. The suggestion is that we place the Accessibility Fund in the Consolidated Trust Fund maintained by the Diocese where it would generate more income than just leaving it in our bank account. In addition, with the money

ear marked for a specific project, it would be removed from our operating income. This would save us additional money as it would not be considered in making calculations for our annual contributions to the Diocese.

Further discussions revealed that the money would be available if it was needed to keep St. James going. As far as I can see, the risks are minimal, and the benefits high.

We presently have about \$3,500 from the bequest and the summer market, and I suggest that we add this to the Accessibility Fund and establish it as part of the Consolidate Trust Fund.

Let's not kid ourselves, an accessibility project will be very expensive. It will range in price from \$50,000 for a ramp including renovations to the front entrance to \$100,000 for a full-blown elevator. Can we do it? Consider that we just raised \$8,000+ in a matter of months for a new roof. We raised a further \$1,500 from the summer market. If we could do this for 5 years, we could pay for a ramp. In 10 years, we could install an elevator. And this is without investigating funding from other sources. The key is to maximum the amount of money donated from outside our own parishioners. It then becomes less daunting.

Are we up to the challenge?

I know that some of us may not see the fruition of this project, but I would hate to see us invest in small projects of limited value when the opportunity to do something big is now.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Clark

St. James Anglican Church Leitrim

Proposed 2019 Events Schedule

Sunday, February 17, 2019 – **Vestry Report Due Date**

Sunday, March 3, 2019 (following the church service) – **Annual Vestry Meeting**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 5:30 p.m. – **Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner and Mini-Auction**

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 7:30 p.m. – **Joint Ash Wednesday Service at All Saints Greely in 2019**

Saturday, March 23, 2019 5:30 p.m. – **Kitchen Céilí Dinner with Irish Music**

Sunday, April 14, 2019 1:30 p.m. - **Bridlewood Easter Service x**

Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:00 p.m. – **Joint Maundy Thursday Service (Joint Service at St. James Leitrim).**

Friday, April 19, 2019 10:30 a.m. – **Good Friday Service**

Sunday, April 21, 2019 10:30 a.m. – **Easter Sunday Service**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 6:30 p.m. – **Frank and Elizabeth Lawler Garden planting night** (Rain night – May 23rd)

Saturday, June 1 and Sunday June 2, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – **Doors Open**

Sunday, June 2, 2019 10:30 a.m. – **Blessing of the Animals Service**

Sunday, June 9, 2019 3:00 p.m. – **Wood's Cemetery Service**

Saturday, June 22, 2019 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – **Strawberry Social and Yard Sale**

Sunday, September 8, 2019 10:30 a.m. – **Homecoming Service (Friends and Family Service)** – BBQ and Garden Party

Sunday, October 13, 2019 10:30 a.m. – **Thanksgiving Service**

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 6:30 p.m. – **Harvest Pot Luck Supper**

Saturday, October ?, 2019 – **Christmas in October Craft Sale**

Saturday, November 9, 2019 5:00 p.m. – **Italian Spaghetti Supper and Murder Mystery evening**

Thursday, November 28, 2019 7:00 p.m. – **Official Christmas lighting of Church**

Sunday, December 15, 2019 1:30 p.m. – **Christmas Service at Bridlewood**

Friday, December 20, 2019 6:00 p.m. – **Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 22, 2019 10:30 p.m. – **Carols and Lessons Service with Children's participation**

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 7:30 p.m. – **Christmas Eve Service**

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 10:30 a.m. – **Christmas Day Service**

Wood's Cemetery Report – 2018

Ryan Boyd was rehired to maintain the cemetery for 2018. He fertilized the grass in spring and summer and cut the grass on a biweekly basis until late October following an initial cleanup in mid-April. The cemetery was well maintained throughout the season.

The annual memorial service was held on Saturday, June 9th at 3:00 p.m. Attendance was 9. The service was moved to Saturday to accommodate a memorial service at the bigger All Saints Greely cemetery. Reverend Joan Riding officiated. The weather was good and a ceremony to place flowers on graves took place during the service. Music was provided using an amplifier and a generator.

There was an internment of ashes on Wednesday, April 25th for Edith Arnott Wood.

As a result of an ice storm on April 15th and 16th, a tree split up at the north end of the cemetery. It was cleaned up before the annual memorial service.

The cemetery finances had a deficit of \$477.38. \$2,000 was transferred from a GIC in order to return the bank balance to a reasonable level. A deficit is expected in 2019. In order to reduce spending, we are planning to eliminate one cheque to Ryan Boyd.

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

It has been approved to install three surveillance signs in 2019, one on the gate and one on each end of the front fences. This is designed to discourage vandalism. I wish to thank Ryan Boyd for maintaining the cemetery and Mike Thomas for keeping the cemetery Financial records.

The 2019 cemetery memorial service is scheduled for Saturday June 8th at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Clark, Wood's Cemetery Committee

Statistics 2018

Year	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Baptisms	4	3	0	2	1	0	1	1	0
Births	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Marriages Att	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Funerals	3	3	3	3	5	2	1	1	3
Confirmations	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Avg Weekly Att	29	26	23.7	26.8	28	22.8	23.6	20.5	20.2
# Families	Unk	Unk	42	46	45	46	42	31	43
Avg Bridlewood	Unk	Unk	Unk	11.1	9.2	11.6	16.25	14	14.7
Cemetery Service	Unk	Unk	Unk	24	15	32	12	18	9
Christmas Eve	Unk	Unk	Unk	46	35	42	36	68	49
Christmas Day	Unk	Unk	Unk	16	7	8	8	8	7
Palm Sunday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	23
Passion Sunday	Unk	Unk	Unk	30	32	31	21	41	34
Carols & Lessons	Unk	Unk	Unk	38	48	40	45	43	42
Blessing of Animals	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	30
Christmas Lighting	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	32
Ash Wednesday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	20
Maundy Thursday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	34
Good Friday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	11
Family Praise service	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	16

The Synod Members' Vestry Report 2018

Rev. Joan Riding, Lay Reader Phyllis Harris and Charles Wootton attended the 137th Session of Synod November 8, 9, 10, 2018.

Prior to Synod we attended the GREAT CHAPTER meeting at St. Thomas, and subsequently the Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral where the BISHOP delivered his charge to the Diocese. On Sundays after Synod we gave brief oral reports to St. James at 2 Sunday services.

Great Chapter Meeting:

We pasted Stickies of Events carried out in our parishes. These were retrieved and pasted on a wall at synod with those of the other Deaneries at Synod. (See subsequent report on Embracing God's Future for more detail.)

Interim Oral Synod Reports to St. James on November 11, 18, 2018.

There were many examples of ministry and outreach touted at Synod, but **the Drop in**

Centre at Trinity-Cornwall is quite remarkable. *Last year* we learned that it started small (i.e. invited a line of welfare recipients to come in and have a cup of coffee!) but has grown to a three-day drop-in where breakfast is offered, and social recreation happens.

This Year

By Rev. Peter Czaly.

It grew from 6 to 500 people. There are 40 to 45 people every morning. There are volunteers from three sister parishes community recreation coffee etc. is available till noon. People don't just come for food, they come for community. People are moving from isolation to community. Community of agency refers to any agency in town which can help them. Social agencies work in concert with them and meet once a month. They are able to implement things like legal aid. The main need is for a men's shelter. Currently people on the street are usually sent to the hospital or to the police. The city offers three nights shelter at the edge of town. Social housing: there is a 4 to 5 year wait. Because of the quality of some of the housing fire is a danger. Homelessness is there for example tents, couches etc. They did a survey of homelessness and found it to be much bigger than they had thought.

A new mayor has been elected by majority and has asked me to address city Council local service clubs Masons Rotary clubs etc. With the help of Rev. PJ Hobbs and the Bishop they are looking into sustainability by trying to qualify it as a community ministry.

RESCUING DRUG VICTIMS AND OTHER PATIENTS WITH NALOXONE

Rev. Monique Stone and Mark Barnes explained the use of Naloxone for overcoming opioid overdose as 300 Naloxone kits were distributed at Synod. (It is not harmful ***even if drug overdose was not the problem***).

The symptoms are (1) pin-point pupils, (2) not breathing (3) unresponsive convulsive shaking and (4) a gurgling sound.

A spray of Naloxone restarts their breathing.

See the Youth Ministry report by Leslie Giddings, mentioned later re CLAY and YIP.

Bishop Chapmans' address to Synod at Thursdays Eucharist

It was posted as an audio clip on URL website ottawaanglican.ca/synod-2018.

He set about to deliberate about the Mission of the Church, how it is carried out in the Diocese and how we gather together as a Diocese to take counsel from each other and talk about the Mission of God. At this point he went on to honor the works of Robin MacKay, Sue Garvey, Catherine Otley, Doug Richard and Rev. Dr. Richard Le Sueur. He demonstrated how the metaphorical prologue to the Gospel of John was most relevant to Christianity today because the scope of this style allowed ideas to flow from the distant past to the present without time or cultural restrictions or occlusions. He remarked how Johns' Gospel is feeding us now in the Diocese of Ottawa and will continue to do so for the near future. This has been a gift for us as

the people of God as it allows us to respond to the GOSPEL in new ways unencumbered by who we are or whom we would like to be.

This frees us from the bounds of the past and allows us to think of the CHURCH in new ways:

Living Water, Bread of Life, Jesus the true vine, King of Israel, Resurrection of life, Son of Man. Our sensibilities will permeate us via the new Hymn, "Sing a New Church".

This has been our story these past few years and I will tell it again and again to clarify the unfolding mission that is ours: deepen prayer-deepen longing for the Holy One. Our longing, comprehension and re-managing of our Diocese.

He told a story of a woman who put her hand out the window of a car during a downpour, brought her hand in and marveled at the wetness and subsequently at the foot of Niagara Falls she gazed at it and declared, "All that fresh water, this is truly one of Gods' miracles! "LIVING WATER".

These are our Parishes- places where we gather as at a banquet hall to feed on Jesus until we are full. This where we entered Gods' womb, home, where we are protected, hospitalization for damaged souls, where we pray the prayer of tears. Living water- a place where we feed upon the Bread of Life and experience the support and encouragement of others. As we walk together with faith and discernment, we follow a roadmap to embrace GODS' future. We started 3 years ago to set our Diocesan house in order to get the word from the congregation. That metaphor was the word of Jesus Christ. In the West Bank Christians are only a small percentage of the population, yet they do the work of thousands! - That is growth!

We must be smart about this...We can't all work in the shallow end of the pool.

We have decided to no longer be under-achievers. How does Jesus model the metaphor of power and authority? We must embrace growth smartly. We embrace and encourage existing ministries. We engage the World to form new ministries. We were successful with seed planted in Cornwall and have planted more in the Upper valley.

How are we engaging the world? We have 160 people in our community ministries.

For refugees, our staff have submitted more applicants than any other group in Canada.

With a small group we have achieved big results. That is Growth!

Community ministries and outreach ministries are only possible if we go to places of living water.

Money for thinking creatively...innovative grants sent to Parishes, rather than to "hangers on".

We need to be proud of what we have done!

Think creatively about real growth.

Think of Synod and the Diocese as a Parish.

Think of Jesus and of the many and varied forms in which He appears and counsels us.

Notes from the 2-day session of Synod 137:

Keynote Speaker (Friday)

The Rev. Doctor. Richard LeSueur Dean of St. Georges College in Jerusalem spoke of the Anglican Ministry there (1-2% of the Christian minority). The amount of work by these Christians makes their numbers seem much, much, larger. We were encouraged to acknowledge Jerusalem Sunday and to pray for a just peace. [*A lasting peace must be a just peace for all people*] Unlike many countries Canadians benefit from both government and community response to natural disasters. The Doctor's answer to the question, "What kind of church do we need to be to carry the word of God out into the World?" It is to invite people to (1) belong (2) behave and then come to believe. He asked, "How do we roll up the walls of our churches to permit everyone to enter as they pass by?"

Keynote Speaker (Saturday)

The Rev. Doctor. Richard LeSueur.

This session was about how to be faithful, give witness and testimony

to the Risen Christ...all the stuff we usually do but in a world that is upside-down compared to the world of the last century. It addressed the hard work of embracing Gods future!

Some of the new Mission answers:

- Paint a new expression of Mission Life.
- Messy Church
- Intergenerational folk gather in the Church
- Meal of hot dogs, play game, tell story of new testament (as this will be an entry point Church).
- Adjust to the needs of the working folk.
- Outpost ministry (re apartment dwellers)
- Rent private school Sunday morning; 20 min songs, 20 min coffee, pose question, {wet Paint}, recite some Gospel. Fresh expressions may occur to the children.
- Jesus said to Nathaniel, "Come and see!"
- Jesus and his disciples at a rec. area asked, "Who do they say I am?" At last Peter asserted "I believe you are the Christ."

The believing did not come first!

The community of St. Anson. Big empty bldg., only carpets for floor, people took off their shoes to worship. This community is very motivated and stretched to find out who they are as Christians.

Most agree a new season of "Church" is upon us. It is a challenge and a threat to the Church. This can result in nervousness and depression or motivation and innovation depending on whether you act out of Despair or Hope; different works are produced.

A Bible story from 587 BC relates to our present situation. A new force emerged and at Jerusalem destroying all the leaders and temples. Judea did not collapse. Synagogues emerged (at that time gatherings which were fluid, flexible and responsive). Thus everyone was raised to be priests and prophets of a new age.

Some say we are headed to a new apostles-like age.

Rarely do we tell of setbacks and reverses and the times when the Church was confused and something had to change.

In Europe the churches are vacating and the routes are overflowing.

What is going on?

The St. James Pilgrimage. It is a de-institutionalizing Church experience. See what happens, experience it. There is something there to be discovered. Seek the inner transformation experience.

Some Saturday go for a hike. Pray to be open to the spirit of God

(listen) and see how the spirit interacts with us.

Canada is a young country. Notice these qualities as we think of doing faith here. There is a disconnect because a step was missed. Why can't we provide a language of faith for what is outside? Why do we say, "sorry" when we skip church to go for a weekend at the cottage? Because there is no language of faith to hallow the cottage experience!

Here are 4 rules for church survival (likewise for a pilgrimage):

1. Never go alone.
2. Take only what you can carry.
3. Expect anxiety (heat, flies, getting lost)
4. Wait upon the Lord (do not be consumed by your fears)

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The Bishop thanked the speaker and made a few announcements.

This is the year for General Synod which meets triennially.

This year we elect a new Primate.

The marriage Canon will have its second reading.

The Cornerstone Housing for Women is presently very strong despite its beginning as 5 cots in a basement at Sandy Hill.

(see video at <https://ottawa.anglican.ca/community-ministries>)

The ministry to refugees has recently exploded. An advisory panel is now looking at restructuring the refugee ministry which is now in crisis. As is, it is not sustainable.

Report from refugee group:

- 1-Try to assure its growth
 - 2-High expectation of doing that work well
 - 3-Please uphold us in your prayers
 - 4-This is a work we must embrace
- 2013.... 2 applications

2014.... 10 applications

2015.....Primate spoke out

2016..... Resolutions brought 60 sponsoring groups and 284 sponsors

2017.....26,000; (USA had even more). There are thousands of refugees stuck in camps because no one is picking up their applications.

By the end of 2018 we will have sponsored 700 refugees.

It takes 1 year to apply and 2 years to complete sponsorship.

This is a huge, expensive ministry every year. (We have to monitor our in-boxes!). We must help them bring their relatives over. These refugees need to be connected with citizens until they become well integrated in Canadian society.

We ask for your prayers and support for this ministry. For many it is a 50-60 hour work week!

Deanery Presentation Ottawa East

This includes the Parish of Bearbrook-Navan-Vars with The Rev. Margo Whittaker in charge.

The Churches and associated locations are:

Bearbrook...Holy Trinity; Navan...St. Mary's; Blackburn...St. Mary the Virgin; Vars...St. Andrew's (Chapel)

Church of the Epiphany Parish with Rev Geoffrey Chapman and The Rev Alana McCord.

St. Aidans Parish with Rev. Canon Linda Hill

St. Columba's with the Rev. Ken Spear

St. Helen's Orleans with the Ven Susan Churchill-Lackey

St. Margaret's Vanier with Rev. Jason Pollick

St. Mary's Russell...vacant.

Jeff Chapman showed us a video.

Some interesting points: Colonel By was reprimanded for a "cost" overrun.

Alexander Mullen Ross-Bird Man- Started the Underground railway.

Sparks donated the land for Christ Church Cathedral.

The Diocese serves an area the size of New Brunswick.

St. Margaret's in Vanier: "Many Inuits attend there and it is also the home of Sandy Hill parishioners."

St. Aidan's was the first to sponsor refugees from Syria.

St. Colomba's does outreach to the community of Orleans.

- Weekly study group
- Outreach to community ministries
- Food bank and other collections
- Monthly Seniors luncheons.

St. Mary's Russell does annual Christmas dinners, Yoga and fitness classes and first responder Sundays.

Trinity Bearbrook, first service in 1900, does pies, turkeys, bake sales and bazaars.

Church of the Epiphany: intergenerational services, immersive baptisms, Partners with the City of Ottawa re "Good Food Markets". Youth periods Supports "Cornerstone" and is a fundraiser for the Ottawa Pastoral counselling Centre.

The Big Give

Presented by Cathy Blakely and Wayne Mosely

Gods ministry to the City. "Know we are Christians by our Love!"

Build bridges to our neighbours. Meet the needs of the marginalized. Encourage denominational unity.

In our parking lot, people brought in all kinds of stuff.

Gave away \$10,000 worth of stuff. Brought stuff in by truck and delivered to refugees directly. Face painting, bouncing castles, washed people's pets.

Four provinces and 130 Churches joined in.

Community Ministries committee.

Sharon Troniak, P. J. Hobbs

It includes: Management and Corporate Board, Strategic-Planning, Annual Plans, Financial Report, Risk Management, Groups and Sub-committees, Homelessness and affordable Housing, Human Resources, Financial Development.

Advocacy: The Bishop wrote a letter to the City re adequate housing.

Cornerstone: 427 women are sheltered and housed with 65 staff and 324 volunteers. There are partnerships with Indigenous Woman's Services, Lodges and the African Foundation.

Recently 42 units of affordable housing were added.

\$160,000 was recently raised re the Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre.

The Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, which also offers Psychotherapy has 3 satellite Offices, namely Bronson-Centre, Carleton Place and Manotick, where responses are available in emergencies within 24 hours.

Centre 454: 300 people were served at a turkey dinner.

Funding exists for an out of the cold program in March.

St. Luke's Table- 240 people were served.

The Well- 380 women are served each year, 100 meals served each day, Music and learning activities.

All at Cornerstone benefit from the Generosity of the City of Ottawa. We were shown a video of the "Breakfast of Hope."

In Westboro 42 apartments are available for women coming out of crisis and trying to restart their lives. People can heal on their own!

At the Well drop in Centre you can go and enjoy yourself. It is for people who are really struggling to make ends meet. "We are all on a journey of growth."

P.J. Hobbs: "Find suffering and bring relief!"

Audrey Lawrence, "They use every single penny that people donate!" We are changing lives and **we need your support.**"

Property and Finance Committee:

Sanjoy Grover, Barbara Gagne, Jim Lynes, The Ven. P.J. Hobbs.

Synod Finances

They use Fund Accounting where the emphasis is on accountability rather than profitability.

Total Assets \$86,300,000 Sold property in 2016.

Liability \$71,500,000

Pay Fund \$ 2,016,000 surplus in 2016

Parish managed capital assets fund \$731,000

Real Estate Stewardship Fund.

Consolidated Trust Fund; Parishes 58% Dividends paid 3%.

Extension Fund \$5,000,000 at year end.

Extension Fund Inc. Revenues \$145,838.

We are going into the last year of a 3-year budget. Next year we will have a new budget to approve. Next week we will get the ECOPS Levy for 2019. It will be passed to the Archdeacons and then on to the Parishes.

Human resources team.

Clergy staff 300. We deal with 2 unions in the Community Ministries. It involves Legal staff and is very complex. How do we change for the future?

We brought in a counsellor who will scan the existing practices and processes. In phase 2 there will be a **Manager** who will sit on teams as an **advisor**. This is an interesting hire. Strategic framework-touches on volunteers and staff. You treat volunteers as if they were employees. It is a collaborative working environment...**Jane Bridges** is now aboard and ready to work.

She focuses on the Strategic Road Map we are looking for.

Renovations to 71 Bronson Ave.

It was a private home in 1897. It was subdivided into apartments before the Diocese bought it. It suffers from years of deferred maintenance and is not easily accessible.

Objectives: Remains downtown, flexible to last 30yrs., accessible, and secure.

Investment options:

Use a Church such as St. Michaels of all Angels but it needs \$1,800,000 renovations.

Rent commercial space for \$2,300,000

Use 71 Bronson but lose \$1,410,000 in rental income.

Build anew on Diocesan land...\$2,300,000 and would take 5 years.

71 Bronson was the most cost-effective option. Now negotiating with the Cathedral for Synod Office and refugee staff. This option will not affect the **Parish fair share**. Synod Office will use their share to pay off the mortgage in 20 years.

Padosky Architects did St. Albans. The design and contract phase are underway now. Staff will move into the crypt in the spring when construction begins.

PJ Hobbs: Chair of Real Estate Working Group.

Objectives Obtain the greatest possible potential for the real estate holdings. Use the buildings creatively.

There are 3 key functions:

Consulting

Tornadoes, fires, windstorms etc., Parish property sales markets, HAHWG, Julian Norwich, St. Thomas Elwood house.

Proactivity

71 Bronson, planning for the number of Parish sites, Surplus properties, use of the net proceeds from the sale of surplus (i.e. not held by parishes)

Developmental

Reinvestments back into Real Estate properties

10% Church extension

75% Real Estate Legacy fund

15% Real Estate Stewardship Fund

Real Estate Legacy \$1,442,000.

Real Estate Stewardship Fund . \$ 240,000.

Final Thoughts:

We need a mission statement to inform property investment.

It is a new era.

Need risk management input.

Opportunity to “Embrace Gods Future!”

Earlier, the working group indicated what they needed to make decisions.

Be courageous and take risks...it is a bit of a balancing act.

Have Faith...God is inviting us to a grace filled future.

Question from the floor,” With respect to the Diocesan Office and the Heritage building, was any consideration given to tearing down the building and building a new one?” [7,000sqft.]

Ans. There was a problem with that as our contract with the Cathedral Hill Foundation won’t allow us to go beyond the footprint of the building.

Bishop John, “you can see the work that has gone into all of this.”

Ottawa School for Parish Development

We had 27 participants from 17 parishes of the Diocese.

Models of change and trust development.

Sources of transformation Model.

We are using new material.

Year B is open to non-year-A students.

Goal is to help leaders of the Church to develop healthier parishes. Then they will be able to work well together.

Gibbs Areas of Trust development in groups.

The problems were: When a skill is not learned well at the basic level, it shows up later at a more advanced level of the application.

All information about changes is given. Members feel that they know each other.

Acceptance and membership.

Data flow and decision making.

The year begins in February. 23 are registered so far and they are only accepting 42.

500 from Diocese 500 from Parishes.

.....**Heidi Danson.** “YOU can register on the Diocesan Website.

Homeless-ness and affordable housing

Sue Garvey-current status.

The work is now being done by Parishes etc. so now we just co-ordinate and keep track of it.

Christ Church Bells Corners and Trinity have finished feasibility studies.

St. Johns at Smith's Falls – use of its property for affordable housing.

How can we help?

Last year we showed the power point presentation. The work includes assessments. Where is your property and how might it be used for affordable housing?

Here are questions for your congregation.

- 1- Who is responsible for affordable housing in your area?
- 2- Do you have the 10-year plan to end homelessness across the Province? How many people? What is their waiting time?
- 3- What do you see as the age gap? (Seniors and their needs)
- 4- Is anybody (other faith groups) doing anything about it in your area?
- 5- Any partners in your area?
- 6- Importance of Leadership.
- 7- As you move forward there are more risks to be taken.

P.J. Hobbs. *"We are engaged, we are doing it!"*

Provincial Synod

A hopeful Church in changing times.

Before General Synod existed, we had "Ecclesiastical Provinces" to address problems better dealt with together.

In 1912 we hived off and made a new province. It was the province with the most Anglicans at the time. So, the ecclesiastical province of Ontario was formed and subsequently the Provincial Synod of Ontario. The Church has impacted on the community by bringing together those that are good and of mutual jurisdictions and social concerns.

They report on Government, secretariat, Elections and Elder (Overwhelmed, isolation, deserted, loneliness, end of life) care.

Homelessness over a wide area

An election was forth-coming so we created a policy paper. It was adopted and 3 parties honed it with them. A small card was given to 3 candidates outlining our policy and what we are doing. How you can partner with us.

A sheet was given out to Parishes with questions they could ask when the politicians came to the door. Last year resources were posted on our web-site. We did a web and slide production in Montreal. Theological Education. Call to Action 60 to collaborate with Aboriginal spiritual information on conflict to help eliminate further spiritual violence. Began to develop programs on indigenous spirituality.

One representative from each Party sits on the Council. The Provincial Officer is Harry Hipkins.

Senior staff-Now a 10-year plan- experts, legal matters etc. They all come together to get the 1 lecture: Lay, clerical secretary, plus the new Metropolitan Anne Germond (who won the election overwhelmingly on the first ballot.)

Presentations at Provincial Synod- there was hope amidst changing times.

England gives \$\$ for training people for mission.

They elected members for the next 3 years. They will look at how we can handle issues on a country wide scale.

Bishop John: "The Provincial Synod work was good."

Embracing God's Future

Monica Patten; Chair, Rev. Simone Hurkmans; member, Brian Cameron; member.

Review a moment in time when we found ourselves embracing God's future projects and practices. In many cases the things were not framed by the terms "embracing God's future,"

so, we surveyed 154 people's responses, we interviewed 18 of the responders and we obtained 12 volunteers.

Teams went to Great Chapter Meetings and generally collaborated across the Province. They had Stickies on 5 priorities:

Priority 1 is Buildings and the shape of Ministry.

2 Child Poverty

3 Forgiveness workshop, new music,

Lifelong foundations (Boys and Girls club, centering prayer workshops)

4 Drop in Music Night, open doors, indigenous surveys

Teenage workshop.

5 Communications.

Surprisingly some Parishes were contemplating outlets for electric cars!

So, all of those stickies (Which were saved and brought to Synod) embrace What the Diocese contemplates for God's future.

The next step is to go out and do it!

Conclusions:

1. REINVIGORATE "Embracing God's future", a work in progress.
2. Communications are very important.
3. Re Priority 1, we should be more concerned with MINISTRY than with BUILDINGS.
4. Look at Priority 2. We need a roadmap re Indigenous issues.
5. Don't forget priorities 3 and 4

Saturday afternoon

All My Relations Working Group (The background for this group is given at the following URL) <https://ottawa.anglican.ca/amr/>

An all-day workshop entitled, “Moving forward with reconciliation” was held in May attended by 125 lay and clerical Anglicans from 35 Parishes. The workshops included “standing stones sacred worship”, “Developing resources for reconciliation”, “creating a welcoming Church” and “reconciliation as a spiritual practice.”

Co-Chair-person Debbie Grisdale, subsequent to a learning consultation on Human trafficking of indigenous women, put forward a recommendation for the Diocese to take this issue to Provincial Synod.

Diocese of Ottawa Healing and Reconciliation Fund

This fund has funded 10 projects for a total of \$40,680.

AMR administers the fund. Guidelines and application forms are available at the above URL. Rural based Parishes are encouraged to apply.

AMR emails members of the Diocese interested in their work.

Videos are available via the amr URL above.

Multi Faith Housing Initiative (For a general idea of this organization visit: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/MHIOttawa/about/>)

In 2001 it was recognized that poverty was a function of the lack of housing.

Ottawa suffers a 10,000-person homelessness problem. 7,500 of these folks are street people. (8.5% are veterans or service-men)

No data re families.

It was pointed out that if 1 person is impoverished, the whole solution to the problem may embrace housing for the person’s nucleate family.

Youth Ministry Leslie Giddings (*Child, Youth and Adult Learning Facilitator*)

Spoke on Gabby camps and St. Helens Orleans.

Also mentioned Gabby talks.

A volunteer from St. Stephens travelled to and sent stuff to Iqualuit via air.

There was a free children’s music camp, yard and playground.

They taught kids stuff for a concert at the end of the camp for the adults.

CLAY was at Thunder Bay this year. Several Churches from Ottawa participated.

Steve Green was the “Story Weaver”.

Testimonials:

When did you feel God the most?

-Marine Park Outing.

- Listening to the sounds of wind, campfires, singing.
- You don't have to go to Church to go to CLAY
- Your grandchildren can go to CLAY
- making new friends
- chance to connect with God
- may develop a wider community for youth in Ottawa
- important way of doing ministry
- strengthen youth attachment to Church

Youth Internship

This is a structured program which allows youth within the Church and the Community to develop their leadership skills. It runs from June to September and takes about 4.5 hours per week of the intern's time. For more information see the following URL.

<https://ottawa.anglican.ca/yip/>

Donna Rourke is the prime contact person. She is the YIP coach.

The Interns get paid.

At Synod 15 people indicated that their Parishes had set up an intern.

Auditors

Deloitte and Touche are the Auditors but an audit is done only on a triennial basis. The next audit will be in 2019.

We were reminded that we are Synod Delegates for the year, not just 3 days!

Interesting excerpts from Crosstalk articles.

September article (page 15) by Paul Dumbrille:

"I think that hearing God's call involves 3 aspects of prayer:

Listening for God's voice, recognizing a specific call and confirming the call with a wider Christian Community.

In the September issue of the accompanying Anglican Journal at pages 1 and 9 it was reported that the Cuban Episcopal Church unanimously resolved to admit the Cuban Church to TEC on July 10. Our Primate, Fred Hiltz said that the ACC has continued to have a close relationship with the Episcopal Church in Cuba.

In the **November Issue of Crosstalk** on page 3, the work of St. Thomas The Apostle is described re their "Ellwood House mission project." It plans to provide 38 new housing units that will allow the elderly to "Age at home".

On the same page there is an article re Multifaith activity about a parliament of the world's religions.

On page 8, there is an article re YIP by Donna Rourke, The Diocesan Youth Internship Program Coordinator.

In the **December issue of Crosstalk** at pages 6 and 7 The highlights of Synod 137 have been published

On pages 1 and 8 of the **January 2019 issues of the Anglican Journal** there is an interesting report on forthcoming changes to the Anglican Marriage Canon by General Synod.

As mentioned by Alice Purdy at a recent Parish Council Meeting;

There was a notice on page 11 of the **February 2019 issue of the Anglican Journal** re confirming your subscription via email to confirm your subscription. (Apparently, they have been sending 10% of the issues out to people who left no forwarding address on moving!).

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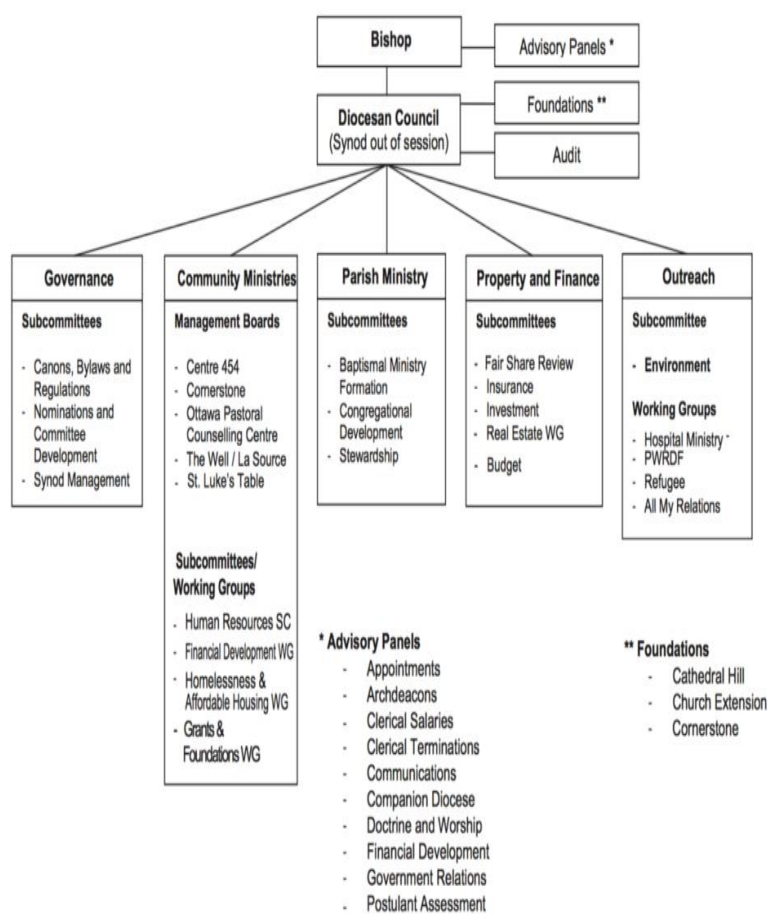
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Respectfully Submitted

Charles W, J. Wootton and Phyllis Harris

Synod Delegates for St. James.

Sunday School Report 2018

The Sunday School was in trouble right from the start of 2018. The problem was simple-NOT enough children. The arrangement we had made the previous year was that 6 or 7 children would attend Sunday School the first Sunday of the month but early on in 2018 very few of the children were coming. Another church that was much larger and could offer the kids more and various commitments to other activities that took precedence, made attending Sunday School once a month virtually impossible.

After a couple of months like this a great question started to invade my mind.

What happens if our children go through their growing years and NEVER be exposed to the stories, parables and lessons taught by our Lord and Saviour.

That they would reach their twenties and have never heard of the Beatitudes, knew only one or two of the Ten Commandments, had not heard of the rising of Lazarus, the healing of the blind man and so on.

I therefore concocted an exercise for all of them that they could complete in their own time. The exercise consisted of memorizing the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer. In addition, several famous quotations and bible verses were included as well such as John 3:16. Joan suggested one of the bible verses in addition to the ones I had come up with.

They all completed the exercise. I was astounded how quickly they all went through the questions and tasks. A couple of the kids actually listed all the books of the Old and New Testament in one shot. (*Apparently, they were taught a song in the Christian school they attended where the verses were the books of the bible*).

In a small ceremony around Christmas they were all awarded a certificate, signed by Joan, acknowledging their achievement. Joan had signed all of them. In addition, with Joan's permission, each child was presented with a new bible also signed by Joan.

It's was NOT what we had anticipated or had hoped for, but it was at least a small measure to ensure the kids were introduced at least to the major aspects of the bible that they will hear from now for the rest of their lives.

I do not know what the future of Sunday School at St. James is or what will evolve. Suffice to say that at this time, we have NO Sunday School. There are not enough children and those that could attend, have opted for a larger church that can provide many more activities than St. James is capable of at this time.

To that end, with NO Sunday School, there is no need for a Sunday School teacher or superintendent. I therefore regretfully resign my role in that capacity. I will always be there to help out if someone wishes to try again. I have a lot of wonderful memories working with our kids over the years, but the time comes when reality must be faced. Also, it is perhaps beyond the capability of a 70 year old to lead young children. As mentioned to Joan, my age may be part of the problem.

Perhaps all we can hope for is special events and occasions where the children can be enticed to participate from time to time. I have been asked to put on a play of sometime at Christmas that involves both children and adults. I am on it and looking forward to coming up something meaningful and entertaining.

Thanks to everyone for giving me the great pleasure I have had working with your children for so long. It is an honour I will never forget.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Wootton
Sunday School Superintendent

St. James Players Report 2018

Well folks this is sad and unfortunate, but the St. James Players were NOT able to put on any plays in 2018. Having said that I think it important to let St. James know there were a couple of plays I had going in the works.

"Closer to God" was the story of a Roman Catholic Bishop in Italy during WWII who broke one of the most sacred sacraments of the Roman Catholic church. He baptized 56 Jewish children as Catholics so they could escape from the Nazis with their families to very Catholic Portugal. A Bishop that would eventually become a Pope.

Another story was *"The Glory of Love"*. This play tells the story of two young people who fell in love but were immediately besieged by friends to push their modern baggage against one another. *"He is not the boss. You don't have to do it simply because he says so"* is a line the girl faced. *"Just who is the boss in this relationship? Are you a man or not?"* is the baggage the boy has to deal with. In the end their love for one another finally wins out and the two start their lives together finally knowing that their love can conquer anything. Both plays involve singing.

We failed this year, but I cannot help remembering some of the plays we put on in past years and remember them with a smile. *"Divine Confrontation"*, which told the story of a young angel in heaven who fell into anger that his life was cut short. He began mean mouthing God and declaring that Christians were hypocritical and attacked the very teachings of God. In response God sent his main trouble shooter Joseph to deal with him. The battle of words were tough and Claude Leblanc played a magnificent Sarcaticus. Joseph had a tough job as every word he spoke was in rhymes.

In the end Joseph won out and there was a surprise ending. Just about every complaint about Christians was dealt with and the creation of the dialogue was one of the most enjoyable things I have ever written.

My other favourite play we put on was *"Somewhere that's Green"* which told the story of a young priest who only wanted to work in the Vatican Library. But every time an opportunity presented itself, his Bishop would assign him to another school that was experiencing trouble. In the end the action of two young kids who had been experiencing trouble but finally found themselves in each other; finally convinced him that he should go where God is leading him.

To go *"Somewhere that's Green"*.

What seems to be the problem is not enough people want to get involved. I have asked our children, folks at All Saints and others outside who I know. There is simply not much interest. There is no question to be fair that putting on a play is hard, time consuming and a lot of work.

But Boy when it all comes together is it ever fun and rewarding.

So, I wait and am patient. Perhaps one day one of our parishioners will say in church

"Does this church have a drama club?" I will be the one jumping over pews and knocking folks over to get to talk with them (lol).

Respectfully,

Vic Wootton

St. James Players Representative.

The Ladies Guild Financial Report 2018

Receipts

Bank Interest	3.54
Meeting Collections	36.00
Pancake Supper	681.00
Spaghetti Supper	1,444.00
Outstanding Cheque #96 - Written Off	15.96

Total Revenue	2,180.50
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Expenditure

Bank Charges including Cheque Order	27.00
Contribution to St. James General Fund	1,000.00
Contribution to St. James Roof Repair	3,000.00
Donations in Memoriam	100.57
Pancake Supper Expenses	155.49
Spaghetti Dinner Expenses	138.81
Flowers for Clara Stuart	13.56

Total Expenditures	4,435.43
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Surplus/Deficit 2018	2,254.93
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Summary of Assets

Bank Balance at December 31, 2017	9,341.90
Deficit 2018	2,254.93
Less 2017 Outstanding Cheque #96	<u>15.96</u>
Bank Balance at December 31, 2018	7,071.01
GIC Maturing Oct. 12, 2019 (Value as of Dec. 31, 2018)	<u>4,084.98</u>
Total	11,155.99

Karen McPeak
Ladies Guild representative
Respectfully submitted

**St.James Anglican Church
Comparative Balance Sheet
ASSETS**

	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17
Cash & Equivalent		
General Fund Allocation	9,407.48	7,543.77
Gift Allocation	0.00	0.00
Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28
Building Fund Allocation	8,340.84	7,840.84
Memorial Fund Allocation	3,915.22	1,620.22
Church Accessibility Fund	1,425.56	0.00
Xmas Church Lighting Fund	(81.37)	162.86
PWRDF Special Support	57.45	22.25
Total Cash & Equivalent	<u>23,376.46</u>	<u>17,501.22</u>
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable General	0.00	0.00
H.S.T. Receivable	149.20	177.26
P.S.T. Receivable	348.87	442.08
Total Receivables	<u>498.07</u>	<u>619.34</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>23,874.53</u></u>	<u><u>18,120.56</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Payable PWRDF Special Appeal	57.45	22.25
Payable Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28
Payable Rotary Home	0.00	0.00
Reserve Xmas Lighting	0.00	0.00
Reserve Roof - Repairs	0.00	0.00
Accounts Payable Food Bank	0.00	0.00
Reserve Church Accessibility Fund	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>368.73</u>	<u>333.53</u>
EQUITY		
Net Worth		
Total Prior Years Equity	17,787.03	11,820.75
Current Earnings	<u>5,718.77</u>	<u>5,966.28</u>
Total Equity	<u>23,505.80</u>	<u>17,787.03</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>23,874.53</u></u>	<u><u>18,120.56</u></u>

St.James Anglican Church
Comparative Income Statement
REVENUE

	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17
Offerings		
Envelope (Including Par)	31,719.00	30,842.35
Bridlewood - Open	411.30	321.45
TAD's Challenge	0.00	465.00
Initial	25.00	45.00
Gift Proceeds	1,000.00	2,437.50
Open	636.60	814.25
Maundy Thursday	15.00	45.00
Shrove Tuesday	0.00	0.00
Shrove Tuesday - Auction	483.50	304.75
Ash Wednesday	70.00	10.00
Easter	1,705.00	1,525.00
Thanksgiving	860.00	1,235.00
Christmas	1,365.00	2,115.00
Memorial - Bev Clark	690.00	0.00
Memorial - Beth Kelly	1,605.00	0.00
Memorial Ron Stuart	0.00	435.00
Memorial - Nancy Ritchie	0.00	50.00
Caeli Dinner Revenue	950.25	1,152.00
Xmas Church Lighting Donations	4,191.28	4,947.26
Memorial Services Donations	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned	8.08	4.74
PWRDF Donations	518.70	0.00
The Ottawa Rotary Home - Donations	302.60	0.00
The Greenboro Pavillion Food Bank	95.00	0.00
Hymn Book Donations	0.00	0.00
Flower Donations - Altar	435.00	540.00
General Donations	70.00	0.00
History Books Income	0.00	0.00
Booklets - Bible Study Material	0.00	9.50
Donation Organ Repairs	0.00	520.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	100.00
Bake Sale - Spaghetti Dinner	0.00	165.85
Yard Sale Income	3,883.70	2,833.25
Recipe Book Revenue	15.00	0.00
Calendar Sales	84.00	70.00
Ladies Guild Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00
Church Assessability Fund - Donatio	800.00	0.00
Total Receipts	52,939.01	51,987.90
Building Fund		
Bldg. Fund Offerings	563.00	708.00
Bldg. Fund - Roof Repairs	8,525.00	0.00
Bldg Fund - Ladies Guild Donations	0.00	0.00
Bldg Fund - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Bldg Fund	9,088.00	708.00
TOTAL REVENUE	62,027.01	52,695.90

	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17
EXPENSES		
Cost of Priestly Services		
Remuneration - Incumbent	23,863.00	23,470.00
Honorarium - Substitute Priests	0.00	151.00
Remuneration - Incumb. - Extra Days	0.00	630.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	100.00
Total Priestly Services	<u>23,863.00</u>	<u>24,351.00</u>
Diocesan Support		
Fair Share	6,893.00	7,263.00
Insurance	748.00	748.00
Total Diocesan Support	<u>7,641.00</u>	<u>8,011.00</u>
Building Fund Expenditures		
Renovations	0.00	0.00
Installation of New Roof	7,899.44	0.00
Total Bldg. Fund Expenditures	<u>7,899.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>
General Expenses		
Conferences	216.50	232.50
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00
The Ottawa Rotary Home	302.60	0.00
PWRDF Donations Paid	518.70	0.00
The Greenboro Pavillion Food Bank	95.00	0.00
Advertising	0.00	12.45
Church Calendars - For Sale	60.00	60.00
Worship	75.37	279.08
Christian Education/Nursery Supplie	0.00	0.00
Lawler Garden	0.00	30.14
Xmas Church Lighting	4,478.04	4,966.07
Donations - Canadian Bible Society	25.00	0.00
Hydro	3,148.80	3,245.88
Telephone	1,142.48	1,067.44
Internet Services (Data Processing)	238.54	238.54
Water	80.27	45.87
Postage	111.01	120.40
History Books Expense	0.00	0.00
Stationary Supplies	1,173.74	1,029.60
Bldg. Mtce. Supplies	47.56	93.42
Bible Study Material	40.00	56.97
Signage	0.00	0.00
Maintenance & Repairs	400.16	1,027.96
Yard Sale Expenses	356.32	578.76
Celebrations, Gifts, etc.	287.63	414.53
Visual Display System	3,225.12	0.00
Bank Charges/Interest	186.06	178.56
Candles	75.65	203.01

Host/Palms	54.27	7.27
Wine	25.29	31.59
Flowers Altar	407.20	398.48
	31-Dec-18	31-Dec-17
Caeli Dinner Expenses	65.16	49.10
Hymn Books, Prayer Books, Bibles	68.33	0.00
Total General Expenses	<u>16,904.80</u>	<u>14,367.62</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSE	 56,308.24	 46,729.62
 NET INCOME	 <u><u>5,718.77</u></u>	 <u><u>5,966.28</u></u>

	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Forecast 2018	Actual 2018	Forecast 2019	Page No. 2 Difference 2018-2019
Building Fund						
Donations - Roof Repairs	708.00	708.00	725.00	563.00	408.00	-155.00
Total Building Fund.	0.00	0.00	0.00	8525.00	0.00	-8525.00
	708.00	708.00	725.00	9088.00	408.00	-8680.00
TOTAL REVENUES	50201.49	52695.90	52595.00	62027.01	54122.00	-7905.01
EXPENSES						
C.O.P.S.						
Priest Honorarium (Replacements)	27666.00	23470.00	27666.00	23863.00	23908.00	45.00
Remun. Incumbent - Extra Days	296.00	151.00	500.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Discretionary Fund	1236.00	630.00	2040.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Priest's Expenses	0.00	100.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
	29198.00	24351.00	30406.00	23863.00	24708.00	845.00
Diocesan Support						
Fair Share	8013.00	7263.00	8013.00	6893.00	7337.00	444.00
Insurance	748.00	748.00	748.00	748.00	748.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Diocesan Support	8761.00	8011.00	8761.00	7641.00	8085.00	444.00
Building Fund Expenditures						
Renovations New Roof	0.00	0.00	0.00	7899.44	0.00	-7899.44
Total Building Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	7899.44	0.00	-7899.44
General Expenditures						
Conferences	251.00	232.50	350.00	216.50	250.00	33.50
Outreach Including Donations to Other Charities	0.00	0.00	0.00	302.60	300.00	-2.60
The Rotary Home	0.00	0.00	300.00	95.00	0.00	-95.00
Pavillion Food Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	518.70	300.00	-218.70
P.W.R.D.F.	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	-25.00
Bible Society	91.91	12.45	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Advertising						
Sub-total	342.91	244.95	750.00	1157.80	950.00	-207.80

	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Forecast 2018	Actual 2018	Forecast 2019	Pagve No. 3 Difference 2018-2019
Sub-total (from Page 2)	342.91	244.95	750.00	1157.80	950.00	-207.80
Worship	135.65	279.08	200.00	75.37	250.00	174.63
Christian Education	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydro	3220.22	3245.88	3300.00	3148.80	3300.00	151.20
Telephone	967.56	1067.44	810.00	1142.48	1150.00	7.52
Water	94.00	45.87	60.00	80.27	80.00	-0.27
Internet Services (Data Processing)	453.68	238.54	300.00	238.54	250.00	11.46
Postage	183.92	120.40	100.00	111.01	150.00	38.99
Supplies, Stationery & Printing Supplies	1257.36	1029.60	1300.00	1173.74	1200.00	26.26
Mtce. & Repairs	470.64	1027.96	1000.00	400.16	1000.00	599.84
Bldg. Maintenance Supplies	9.23	93.42	150.00	47.56	100.00	52.44
Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Celebrations, Gifts and Garden	531.65	444.67	450.00	287.63	300.00	12.37
Hymn Books/BAS Prayer Books	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.33	100.00	31.67
Bible Study Material	0.00	56.97	50.00	40.00	50.00	10.00
Yard Sale Expenses	450.26	578.76	600.00	356.32	500.00	143.68
Caeli Dinner Expenses	59.30	49.10	100.00	65.16	100.00	34.84
Bank Charges/Interest	145.38	178.56	130.00	186.06	185.00	-1.06
Church Calendars	58.50	60.00	78.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Host	26.50	7.27	40.00	54.27	40.00	-14.27
Wine	14.00	31.59	40.00	25.29	40.00	14.71
Flowers	343.87	398.48	300.00	407.20	550.00	142.80
Candles	24.83	203.01	100.00	75.65	100.00	24.35
Membership Dues	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Audio Visual System	0.00	0.00	0.00	3225.12	0.00	-3225.12
Church Lighting	4290.48	4966.07	3000.00	4478.04	4000.00	-478.04
Total General Expenses	13129.94	14367.62	13408.00	16904.80	15005.00	-1899.80
Total Operating Expenses	51088.94	46729.62	52575.00	56308.24	47798.00	-8510.24
Operating Surplus or Deficit	-887.45	5966.28	20.00	5718.77	6324.00	605.23

Woods Cemetery	Actual 2016	Actual 2017	Forecast 2018	Actual 2018	Forecast 2019	Difference 2018-2019
Woods Cemetery Income	3799.05	4236.17	3500.00	3313.75	3500.00	186.25
Woods Cemetery Expenditures	6209.66	4092.72	-4000.00	3791.13	4000.00	208.87
Woods Cemetery Surplus or Deficit	-2410.61	143.45	-500.00	-477.38	-500.00	-22.62

REPORT OF ENVELOPE SECRETARY

Summary of Receipts Issued for the year ended December 31, 2018

Summary of Regular Givers:

Zero to 500	9	1078.50
501 to 1000	8	5675.00
1001 to 1500	4	5050.00
1501 to 2000	5	8660.00
2001 to 2500	2	4284.00
2501 to 3000	2	5770.00
3001 to 3500	1	3500.00
3501 to 4000	1	3700.00
4001 to 6000	1	5953.28
Total	33	43670.78
Receipts issued to visitors	45	2615.00
Total		46285.78

Respectfully submitted by Mike Thomas, Envelope Secretary.

Summary of Church Lighting Fund		2018
Opening Balance		162.86
Donations Received		4191.28
HST & PST rebates received from 2017		432.86
Total Available for Church Lighting Fund		<u>4787.00</u>
Church Lighting Paid	(Including refundable taxes of \$390.33)	<u>4868.37</u>
Balance	31-Dec-18	<u>-81.37</u>

Notes: There is a rebate of GST & PST totaling \$390.33 which when received in 2019 will be added to the amount available in the church lighting fund giving us a total of \$308.96 to be used towards next years' lighting expenses.

Wood's Cemetery - Income Statement
31-Dec-18

Revenue

Trust Fund Dividend		3189.65
Offerings - Cemetery Service June 2017		110.00
Burial Fee		0.00
Interest Earned	Bank	0.57
Interest Earned	GIC	104.67
Payment received from St. James	PST/GST Rebate	0.00
Total Revenue		<u>3404.89</u>

Expenditures

Cemetery Maintenance	Ryan Boyd	3750.00
Clergy Fee		0.00
Cemetery Service Expenses		0.00
Cheque Printing Charge	TD Bank	0.00
Bank Charges		27.60
GIC interest reinvested		104.67
Total Disbursements		<u>3882.27</u>
Surplus/Deficit		<u>-477.38</u>

Balance in Bank December 31, 2017	252.44
Surplus/Deficit for period ended December 31, 2018	-477.38
Amount retained from GIC redeposited	2000.00
Balance in Bank December 31, 2018	<u>1775.06</u>

INVESTMENTS

TD Redeemable GIC	Balance December 31, 2017	8509.58
	Interest Earned To March 7, 2018	13.53
	Amount Retained for future use	<u>-2000.00</u>
	Balance December 31, 2018	6523.11
	Interest Earned to December 31, 2018	91.14
	Value at December 31, 2018	<u>6614.25</u>

Auditor's Report – December 31, 2018

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

Report of the Nominating Committee for 2018

The following persons have agreed to stand for election to the office and are so nominated.

People's Warden	Glenn Clark
Deputy Warden	
Members of Synod	Chuck Wootton Phyllis Harris
Alternate Members of Synod	Vic Wootton
Auditor	Glenn Clark
Parish Council at Large	Robert Kemp Maureen Kemp Alice Purdy Deborah Donoghue Brenda Houle Vera guy Phyllis Harris TAD Higginson
Wood's Cemetery Representative	Glenn Clark

Respectfully submitted

Vic Wootton

Glenn Clark

Reverend Joan Riding

Appointments for 2018

Rector's warden	Vic Wootton
Treasurer	Mike Thomas
Envelope Secretary	Mike Thomas
Sunday School Superintendent	
Sunday School teacher	
Altar Guild Contact	Irene Thomas
Building Superintendent	By Committee
Editor/Creator of Pew Bulletin	Vic Wootton
Publisher of Pew Bulletin	Glenn Clark
Telephone Secretary	Sylvia Thomas
Web Master	Glenn Clark

Licensed Lay Reader	Phyllis Harris
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Intercessors

Vic Wootton
Phyllis Harris
TAD Higginson
Chuck Wogotton
Irene Thomas
Glenn Clark
Phyllis Harris

Readers

Alice Purdy
Sylvia Thomas
Mike Thomas
Marilyn Donnelly
Wendy Taylor
Chuck Wootton
Phyllis Harris
Glenn Clark
Irene Thomas
Elsbeth Dowhan
Deb Donoghue
Sandra Donatucci
Vic Wootton

Servers 2019

Vic Wootton
Sylvia Thomas
TAD Higginson
Phyllis Harris

Ladies Guild 2019

Karen McPeak
Sylvia Thomas
Irene Thomas
Alice Purdy
Brenda Houle
Vera Guy
Maureen Kemp
Deb Donoghue
Marilyn Donnelly
Tammylee Sisson
Wendy Taylor
Phyllis Harris
Phyllis Smith
Sandra Donatucci
Judy Harris

Altar Guild 2019

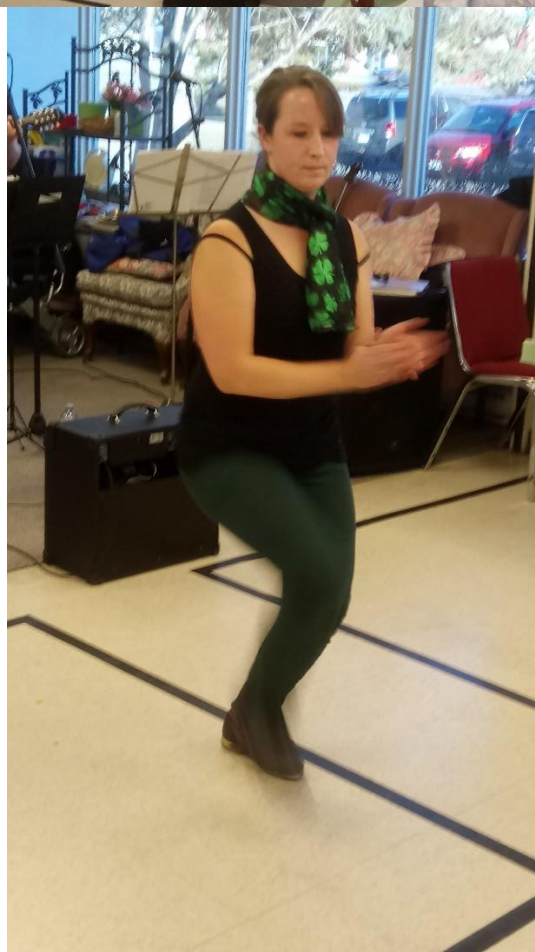
Irene Thomas
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Vera Guy
Marilyn Donnelly
Wendy Taylor
Vic Wootton
Alice Purdy

2018 in Pictures

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13th



Irish Céilí Dinner, April 7th



Magnolias at St. James, May

Pentecost Sunday, May 20thDoors Open, June 2nd and 3rdBlessing of the Animals, June 3rd

Yard Sale and Strawberry Social, June 23rdSummer Market, June 26thRoof Replacement, June 26th

Homecoming, September 9thThanksgiving, October 7thHalloween, October 28th

Spaghetti Supper, November 10thRemembrance Day, November 11th

Christmas 2018

Death by Tiramisu, November 10th



