

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH LEITRIM

VESTRY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019



NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim, will be held on Wednesday February 19 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the church basement

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 support and prayers as a Christian community.

Adelaide V. Faith
Greyson James Richard Dowhan



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

Funerals

Robert George Kemp
Lennox Dundas



To those families who experienced the loss of a loved one

Marriages

To those who have joined in Holy Matrimony

Timothy Maslonek and Judith Doris McCaskill (Harris)
Kushan Thirwavu and Sara Ross Adamson



"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 2019



"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 2019

"In my Fathers House there are many rooms"



St. James Leitrim AGENDA

February 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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St. James Anglican Church Leitrim

2019 Vestry Minutes

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Present: from Vestry attendance sheet - Reverend Joan Riding, Glenn Clark, Deb Donoghue, Wendy Taylor, Michele Sutherland-Simpson, Chuck Wootton, Phyllis Harris, Brenda Houle, Sandra Donatucci, Sylvia Thomas, Maureen Kemp, Bob Kemp, TAD Higginson, Alice Purdy, Irene Thomas, Mike Thomas, Victor Wootton.

The meeting was brought to order at 12:48 p.m.

TAD Higginson thanked Victor Wootton for printing the Vestry Report. There was a round of applause.

Devotions: Reverend Joan led us in prayer

Motion by Deb Donoghue, seconded by TAD Higginson that Glenn Clark be appointed as Vestry Clerk. CARRIED.

Motion by Chuck Wootton, seconded by Sandra Donatucci that the 2017 Vestry minutes be approved as printed. CARRIED.

Motion by TAD Higginson, seconded by Phyllis Harris that the 2018 Vestry minutes be approved as printed. CARRIED.

Business arising from the minutes

TAD Higginson asked whether envelopes were enclosed with bulletins and in the pews. Glenn Clark explained that we did do this with envelopes included during special services and in the pews. TAD asked whether it made a difference. Mike Thomas explained that we did receive some envelopes, mostly from the pews

There was a discussion on the Christmas pageant. It was agreed that it may include both adults and children.

TAD Higginson asked about the number of Vestry reports printed and whether electronic copies could be provided. Glenn Clark said that the number of printed reports was reduced, a digital copy was on our website and an e-mail was sent to everybody concerning how to access the digital version.

2018 Reports

Motion that Wendy Taylor, seconded by Deb Donoghue that the reports be received as printed in the Vestry Report. CARRIED.

TAD Higginson thanked Victor Wootton for honouring Beth Kelly in his report.

Reverend Joan thanked everybody for writing reports.

TAD Higginson brought up Glenn Clark's report on the Christmas lighting. There was a discussion about the labour and the amount of money being donated by the organizers. Glenn Clark mentioned that if he or Brenda Houle were not available, this would not happen anymore. TAD Higginson suggested a "Go Fund Me program". Victor Wootton suggested that there be something new each year. TAD will investigate a "Go Fund Me project".

TAD Higginson asked about the adult education program. TAD asked about an Alpha Course, whether the course was dropped. Reverend Joan mentioned that a book study will replace the Alpha Course.

Telephone Replacement

TAD Higginson asked about the telephone replacement. Glenn Clark mentioned that we have watching for the expiry date of our phone contract. TAD brought up a service at \$99 for 5 years plus a minimum \$35 per month for Internet.

Motion by TAD Higginson, seconded by Bob Kemp that we cancel our telephone service and replace it by Internet service and VOIP. CARRIED

TAD Higginson has offered to do this.

Dreams

1. Chair lift from the basement (Deb Donoghue)
2. A full accessibility engineering report (Bob Kemp)
3. Replace vestibule to take into consideration accessibility (Bob Kemp)
4. Ramp entering near location of organ. (Bob Kemp)
5. Replace stairway to basement so that it works better with a chair lift (Bob Kemp)
6. Heat the accessibility ramp (Deb Donoghue)
7. Wheelchair lift (Reverend Joan Riding)
8. New lights in the nave of the church (Brenda Houle)
9. A deck above the church kitchen (Brenda Houle)
10. Repair basement ceiling (Reverend Joan Riding)
11. Re-paint vestibule, and repair step edges entering the church (Irene Thomas)
12. Stone walkway, more benches, and wishing well or pond (Brenda Houle)
13. Use youth labour for projects (TAD Higginson)
14. Evening service (Deb Donoghue)
15. More guitar-based services (Glenn Clark)
16. Military whist night (Sandra Donatucci)
17. Trivia Night (Glenn Clark)
18. Electronic sign (Brenda Houle)
19. Re-paint the interior of the church (Reverend Joan Riding)
20. Morning or Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, 3 or 4 times a year (Phyllis Harris)
21. Guest musicians (Sandra Donatucci)
22. Like to replace the woodwork in the altar area (Brenda Houle)
23. A live nativity scene (Brenda Houle)
24. Music to go with our Christmas Lighting (Glenn Clark)
25. Install solar panels (Bob Kemp)
26. Memorial plaque for late parishioners (Irene Thomas)

TAD Higginson will consult with Carleton University about the possibility of accessibility design. Deb Donoghue is to consult with her grandson who is at Algonquin College.

Motion by TAD Higginson, seconded by Michele Sutherland-Simpson for Parish Council to review list of dreams. CARRIED

Accessibility Fund

Glenn Clark asked for Mike Thomas to explain the status of the Accessibility Fund. \$1,425.26 is presently in fund. There was a discussion in the January Parish council on whether we proceed with the Accessibility Fund. What to do with the \$2,000 from the Nancy Ritchie's estate and the \$1,500 from the Summer market?

Mike Thomas suggested that we defer a decision on the Accessibility Fund until later in the year.

Christian Education

Glenn Clark suggested that if we can't have a Sunday School, then we have a child friendly service on the first Sunday of each month.

TAD Higginson offered to prepare a Sunday school lesson on the first Sunday of each month. Michele Sutherland-Simpson offered to support the Sunday School by being the second adult present.

Michele Sutherland-Simpson spoke about her past experiences at All Saints Westboro with the same topic discussed as in the service. The first part of the service was separate, but the children then were included in the main service at the end.

There was a discussion on how this would work.

TAD Higginson, Michele Sutherland-Simpson, Reverend Joan, and Irene Thomas are to work together to see how this would work.

Michele Sutherland-Simpson mentioned that police checks will be necessary for working with children.

There was a discussion on a book study. When will we do this? What will we study?

Motion by Sandra Donatucci, seconded by TAD Higginson that we have a Brown Bag Book discussion group on a monthly basis following the service starting in April. CARRIED.

New Business

Victor Wootton would like to re-do the bulletin to reduce the size of the document. Eliminate the cartoon, the thought of the day, the event schedule, the calendar.

Motion by Sandra Donatucci seconded by Sylvia Thomas to review the format of the weekly bulletin to simplify and standardize it. CARRIED

Motion by Sandra Donatucci seconded by Victor Wootton to review the layout of the Vestry Report in order to reduce the size of it. CARRIED.

TAD Higginson has offered to print the 2019 Vestry Report.

TAD Higginson will e-mail the pdf Vestry Report next year.

There was a discussion about the church flower garden.

2019 Budget

Proposed revenue is \$42,630. Special Event revenue is \$11,084.00. Building Fund revenue is 408. Total revenue is \$54,122. Total expenses are \$47,798 for a budgeted surplus of \$6,324.

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

TAD Higginson extended a thank you to Mike Thomas and there was a round of applause.

Nomination Committee

Reverend Joan presented the slate of nominations and then opened the floor to further nominations. There were none.

Reverend Joan thanked Irene Thomas for selecting the music each Sunday. There was a round of applause.

Motion by TAD Higginson, seconded by Deb Donoghue to approve the slate of nominations. CARRIED.

TAD Higginson was appointed as Sunday School coordinator.

Motion by Wendy Taylor seconded by Alice Purdy that the slate of appointments be accepted. CARRIED.

Motion by Maureen Kemp to adjourn the meeting with the Grace at 3:25 p.m.

There was applause for Glenn Clark taking the Vestry minutes.

Auditor's Report – December 31, 2019

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 Priest-in-Charge, Parish of St. James, Leitrim

aka Joan's Report to Vestry

Each year as we gather for Vestry, we begin by thanking God for our life together, for the love we experience, and for one another. It is a particular joy for me to have this opportunity to formally welcome those of you who have chosen St. James 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.

We also thank God for the life and ministry of those who have died in the past year. This year, sadly Bob Kemp died in October, Lennox Dundas died in late December, and Alice Purdy died at the beginning of January. May they and all whom we have loved, rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. Each one has uniquely enriched our lives and we will miss them all.

We have had the joy of celebrating two weddings. And what happy events they were, with families and friends present, united in joy.

And. . . . I wonder what may have been put in our water. We baptised two children, one whose Mom has been part of St. James since her own baptism, and the other whose parents have made St. James their spiritual home ever since their wedding. We renewed our own baptismal vows with each child, and we promised to support them and their families in their lives.

This is a very busy and generous parish. In addition to our budgeted expenses, with one week's notice we gathered oodles of pairs of socks for homeless people. We offered gifts that will support the lives of several permanent residents of the Rotary Home up the road. And we sent about two dozen Christmas boxes to children in Africa. People drive others to and from church. There is always so much wonderful food at all our eating events. People are kind to each other. This really is a generous parish.

We are blessed with both youth and age in our parish life. I think it is important that we continue to concentrate on our scheduling so that the children's ministry is never overlooked or underestimated in our planning. We offer our parish resources for our children and their friends. It was wonderful to have them offer a Proclamation of Scripture in their own way in our Christmas Pageant.

In my report, it is my responsibility to present a picture of what I understand about the life of our parish and to describe my part in it. As you know, our Bishop asked me to be part of St. James, and, through the Wardens, you agreed. I am very happy to be here.

I work Sundays and the equivalent of one day weekly. During that time, my first responsibility is to pray for our parish and each person in it. I prepare worship and sermons for Sundays and special days, as well as for funerals and weddings. I preside at our Holy Days services, our annual Cemetery Services, and Pet Blessings.

I visit people in their homes occasionally, and I visit almost daily when St. James people are hospitalised. I also visit people in long term care homes. It is a privilege for me to be welcomed into peoples lives in telephone conversations, especially when they are ill or troubled in some way. With the Wardens, I plan events that are part of our life together. I write many notes and seek to establish relationships within our neighbourhood. I make a point of taking treats to the fire fighters next door, to tell them we appreciate

their work and the dangers they face. I think this is important mission work on behalf of the parish so that people know who we are and what we stand for.

I assist people in preparing for their weddings and baptisms. I support people in their grief, and I work with them to prepare funeral liturgies that offer comfort and hope. I love being part of the social events we share. Apart from the fun of being together, this is an opportunity for me to deepen my connections within St. James, and to meet friends and families of our parishioners. Thus, I participated in our Welcome Back Picnic, the Church Lighting festivities, our Carolling evening, and the Parish Murder Mystery and Dinner. With a group of six devoted parishioners, I lead monthly worship at the Bridlewood Retirement Home, which I consider a privilege. We even have music at this event which gives so much pleasure to those able to attend.

I am in contact with our Archdeacon and I pass along Deanery and diocesan information to you, and Parish information to him. As your priest in charge, I attend such Diocesan events as Great Chapter to prepare for Synod, Synod itself, and some clergy days pertaining directly to our parish life.

In response to several requests, we began a book study last summer, but we found that it did not work for us. So, we changed direction and began to study the scripture selections for Advent. That seemed to be well received so we will add a Lent study using the same method.

I think it is a good thing that we continue to share some activities and occasional worship with our friends at All Saints, Greely. Worship with other church groups can broaden our understanding of our faith, lead to more questions, and begin new friendships.

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. Our parish activities, and my part in them, must be measured against Jesus' imperatives of generosity, justice, love of our neighbours and devotion to God's service.

We have many gifts in the parish, and faithful leadership is one of them. Each person in our parish family offers a particular and important ministry. 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 serve God together. It is always dangerous to thank only a few people individually, but it would be wrong not to mention a few in particular. Our Wardens, Glenn and Victor, are on duty all the time. Glenn also organises our music during the summer months. Irene Thomas chooses our music, prepares it and leads us in the music of worship every week between Thanksgiving and May. Mike faithfully stewards our finances. We notice many of the things Deb does, but did you know she also keeps our church clean and ready for us? Not many parishes have Lay Readers, but we do. Phyllis works with Victor to lead our worship in the absence of clergy and as part of our regular worship. Two weeks ago, Mikey laboured outside in the miserable cold and driving rain and sleet to keep people safe and to help us into St. James for Alice's funeral. Many people offer their time and expertise to keep our building and grounds in good condition. Many people participate in the leadership of our liturgies. Thank you to each of you. We are blessed, and I am thankful for the generosity we experience here.

Do you know what my favourite season was this year? It was the Season of the Christmas Lights Outside. Did you see it? Each year for the past 5 years, St. James Church has offered the community a spectacular sight at the corner of Bank Street and Leitrim Road. This is an important outreach project of our little church. Throughout the year, the parish raises money to pay for this project, and then at the end of

November, the great reveal! this year, we invited the whole community to the event which included the lighting, carolling together, and a feast of Christmas goodies to share.

Outreach project? Many people have asked. Without sacrificing any of the traditional good works of parish life, St. James raises \$4000 to pay for the display. This is about 9% of our income. Very few of our parishioners actually see the display because they do not use Bank Street after dark. The purpose is not to delight ourselves! The purpose of the lighting is to be a sign of the love of God. A sign of hope in the gloomy dark of night. A sign that somebody cares for all those people stuck in the terrible traffic which nightly strangles Bank Street.

The St. James display makes me think of an Angels' Playground. Lights high and low. In trees. Around windows and door frames. Twinkling stars. All around the Church. A tableau of Mary, Joseph and Jesus at the stable. All bathed in the light of hope to dispel despair, love to overcome hatred, and peace to draw us together. And joy. Joy to surprise us and encourage us on the journey. Have you seen it? The beautiful sight is a gift to all who see it.

Thank you for reading this report.

We pray that God will guide us,
that 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

Dedications

Our Annual Vestry Report for 2019 is offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Kemp and Lennox Dundas.

Many of us have suffered losses in our lives this year. Parents, brothers, friends, relatives. In those losses, we are left with a mixture of thanksgiving, sadness and hope. We give thanks for all the ways our lives have been made better, fuller by someone we have loved, and who has now died. We experience sadness and great loss which are not easily assuaged. And, as Christians, our thanksgiving and our loss are tempered by our hope. Jesus promised that where He would be after His own death, we would be too. Jesus promised that He would be with God, and that He would prepare something exactly right for us when we die. So while we rightly grieve, we grieve in the hope of life in a different form with Jesus and with the people we have loved but see no longer.

Our parish life reflects our individual lives. We have experienced great loss in 2019.

Bob Kemp

Robert Kemp, known to most of us as Bob, died on October 3rd. He had a long and wonderful life. Bob's family has been known in the area of Leitrim for decades. Bob was smart. He was devoted to Maureen and their family. He was a businessman, and a dreamer. Bob had big dreams and the strength of character to share them and the drive to make those dreams happen. He was a founding member of the Gloucester Lions Club, and he lived a life devoted to public service, service to his friends and family, and quiet and consistent service to God. We needed a new roof. Bob was there to organize the task. Electrical work? Bob knew just the right person. Somebody needed help? Where and what was needed. Those would be Bob's only questions. Somebody need to be towed out of a snowbank in the middle of the night? Bob was on his way. This was an ethic Bob shared with Maureen. He was a mechanical genius. Nobody else understood the intricacies of his swimming pool plumbing and electrics. He was funny, kind, gracious, and humble. Bob made the world a better place. He was a leader by example in our church family. We know that Bob rests with Jesus and we miss him very much.

Lennox Dundas

Lennox Dundas died on December 16th. He was a big man who had a big faith. Lennox and Karin and their family had dual church citizenship with us and with St. Aidan's church. That was unusual, but it was a testament to his belief that church attendance was vital and when it was impossible to be with one church community, it was possible to be with the other. So, very seldom was a Sunday ever missed. Lennox studied theology. He visited the sick and lost. He worked steadily with Karin to teach their family the faith that grounded his life. He taught by example. Lennox loved, loved his music, and even played hymns and Christian songs in the car to help the girls develop their own faith. When Lennox became ill, he relied on the love of Jesus to give him strength to face the days ahead. Lennox could "talk the hind leg off a donkey". He had a story for every occasion. And a delight in telling those stories. And his laughter was impossible not to join. Lennox offered his life to God and used every opportunity he had to share his faith so that it would be a gift to another person. Lennox died as he lived, believing in the resurrection of Jesus, and the love of God.

Bob and Lennox knew themselves to be children of God. One was known to us only a short time and the other for many, many years. Both enriched our lives, and not only ours. We are grateful, and we dedicate this 2019 Annual Vestry Report in thanksgiving for their lives.

May Bob and Lennox rest in peace and may light perpetual while on them. Amen.

Rector Warden's Report For the year Ended December 31, 2019

It was early in January when the Reverend Joan Riding approached me as asked if I was willing to serve another year as Rector's Warden. It only took a second to respond a very grateful yes to her. Serving as her warden has been an honour and a delight and I hope to fill that role as long as she wants me to do it. I hope I can do it for many more years.

But that is not the purpose of this report. Its main function is to list all the parishioners and volunteers who make the smooth operation of St. James a solid reality. For in fact, yard sales do not run themselves, spaghetti dinners and pancake suppers do not happen magically, the altar does not prepare itself and readers and intercessors have to perform those functions.

We do this in this report, to publicly thank all those volunteers that make these things happen and to let all parishioners know who are people that do them. So, without any more delays, take note with thanks for all our volunteers who contribute so much here at St. James. This is what your fellow parishioners do for you the entire year.

Mike Thomas

Mike is our treasurer and has been for many years. He provides an updated status of our financial position at every Parish Council meeting. In addition, he provides an update at the beginning of every month that shows revenue, expenses, surplus or deficits. This information is printed in our bulletin.

Mike also provides statistical information from St. James to the Diocese of Ottawa. He interacts with CRA on our behalf which takes an enormous load off other people who would have to do this.

Mike also leads and plans out the music for our family praise services. He maintains and updates our song book we use at the Thanksgiving Harvest supper and singsong.

He is one of our readers and helps out during altar guild activities. Heavily involved in the Céilí and spaghetti dinners and is probably our most important resource for our annual yard sale. It is Mike who created, sets up and takes down the stage that the musicians and dancers use every year.

Not enough? He created our sign right in front of the church that lets everyone know what is happening and on-going at St. James. He is the one who contacts the people who drain our septic tank.

Finally, Mike backed off from the building superintendent position. It is listed as looked after by committee. In reality there are dozens of little fixes and repairs that Mike looks after for us. Sometimes he will ask someone to look after them but most of the time he simply does them himself. If all of that is not enough, he routinely shovels the steps after a snowstorm.

Not bad Mike! What do you run on? Thanks so much from all of us!

Rob Clark

When was the last time you could not get into the church parking lot after a snowstorm? I cannot remember either. That is because Rob Clark sees that our parking lot is plowed, keeping access to the church a reality. Like his father Ron before him, Rob does this service for us every winter and in the end saves us thousands of dollars over the years. Many thanks from all of us Rob.

Irene Thomas

Irene is our organist from October until May every year. Not only does she play the hymns; she usually picks them herself. When was the last time you heard her miss a note? Probably NEVER because in addition to picking the hymns appropriate for the calendar, she also practices the during the week. She supervises the donations for flowers at Easter, Christmas and now Thanksgiving. She orders and distributes the church calendars every Christmas season. She looks after the altar guild, is a reader and an intercessor and takes her turn at looking after the altar. Quite frankly we do not know what we would do without her. From all of us Irene a very sincere thankyou.

Vic Wootton

Vic Wootton is our Rector's Warden and has been for many years. Vic is involved with the altar guild and takes a regular turn monthly a couple of time a year, He creates our weekly bulletin that Glenn Clark prints for us. He is the psalm reader and takes a turn serving and doing the prayers of the people. He doesn't see well anymore and avoids reading if he can but has done it when necessary.

Vic also is the organizer of the annual Christmas Box Samaritan Purse exercise we do every fall. Vic will also fill in for Joan with a morning prayer service once in a while when she can't be with us. He has organized and written plays acted out by the children and has in previous years kept our Church School going.

Thanks, from all of St. James Vic!

Sylvia Thomas

Sylvia is our telephone secretary and checks our phone messages regularly. She also helps Chuck with the offerings every Sunday. In addition, Sylvia does readings and is a server. She is also a vital part of our dinners and yard sales. Thanks very much Sylvia.

Debbie Donoghue and Judy Harris

Debbie and Judy regularly clean the basement for us. In addition, Debbie takes notes at our Parish Council meeting and is our contact with the Bridlewood retirement Home. Thanks to both Ladies.

Karen McPeak

Karen is the president of the Ladies Guild and organizes many of our special events. She also sings very well with her father and family at the music concerts they put on during the year. (*I never knew she could sing so well*). Thank you very much Karen for all you do.

Tammylee Sisson

A former full-fledged member of St. James; Tammy left us about 10 or 15 years ago. I said left but in reality, she has never really left. She helps out at all our dinners, working like a horse helping our ladies.

Thanks, so much Tammy!

Chuck Wootton

Chuck, now in his eighties is a very important part of St. James. He is our convenor of Sidesmen where he counts and packages our offerings every week. In addition, he does the Prayers of the People and readings for us. On top of that Chuck is a long time Synod delegate. After a major snowstorm Chuck has been known to drive to St. James and shovel the steps. He is also known to shovel and clear away the ice at our back door, so the exit is not blocked. All in all, a pretty tremendous set of contributions. We are so lucky to have him. Thanks, so much Chuck.

Glenn Clark

Every once in a while, I will get overwhelmed and depressed and start feeling sorry for myself. At those times I will invariably think of Glenn Clark and immediately feel ashamed. Glenn Clark has forgotten more things that he has done that I have ever actually done. *(even old men can get grumpy and feel sorry for themselves)* Glenn is involved in so much I cannot put them in a paragraph style; I will have to list them.

- Webmaster our website is always up to date and accurate
- Prayers of the People in addition to being a reader
- Organizer of our planting night every spring
- Parish council and many times is the note taker for the minutes
- Wood Cemetery representative. He lists it as a committee but 99% of this committee is Glenn Clark
- Digs holes for ashes at Wood's cemetery and closes them up after the burial ceremony
- Looks after our music during the summer and fall
- Prints the bulletin every week *(also makes many suggestions and improvements)*
- Attends every dinner, parish council meeting and yard sale
- Participates in our annual Murder Mystery
- Sings solo songs during a service
- Does the announcements
- Organizes and looks after the Wood's Cemetery service
- Checks things out with the city

You will notice I didn't even mention his delicious date squares that he spoils us with.

He is so kind and generous with them. *"Have more! Take some home, there are lots"*

As I am a type 2 diabetic, I figure he is just being kind and generous or..... he is trying to kill me!

We are so lucky to have Glenn at St. James. Like Mike Thomas he seems to take all the efforts the other volunteers provide and acts as the glue that pulls it all together. Thank you from all of us Glenn. St. James would not be the same without him.

Phyllis Harris

Our only licensed lay reader, Phyllis is also a long time Synod delegate. She reads the psalms, does readings, does the server role and prayers of the people. She also helps in the service when Joan is not available. Phyllis usually does the sermons. Quite a girl and a great cook and we are lucky to have her. Thanks, so much Phyllis!

Maureen Kemp

A long time Parish Council member. Maureen has agreed to be a member of Parish Council again for this year. Her common sense and level-headed approach are always welcome and appreciated. Thanks Maureen!

Brenda Houle and Vera Guy

Both these ladies are on Parish Council. It was Vera who suggested many years ago that at her Birthday party no one bring presents. Simply make a donation to the Christmas Lights she wanted to have installed. Brenda was right with her and the rest is history. Brenda has taken on the role of fund raising for the Christmas Lights. This involves bottle raffles, ticket raffles and selling candy bars. The lights cost anywhere from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year. This puts enormous pressure on, mostly Brenda at this time. There was an appeal that went out to the parish that if you could afford a few dollars a month then please do so. If enough people can give a few dollars a month then the money needed for the lights at the end of November could be brought down to a manageable level. This would take great pressure off of Brenda. It will go a long way to ensure our lights will be there every Christmas.

TAD Higginson

TAD is a reader, Intercessor and Server. He is also heavily involved in our Family praise services with his guitar. This past year TAD assumed the role of Sunday School Teacher and superintendent. He only has 2 children with a young guy by the name of Greyson waiting in the wings, but he keeps the Sunday School open and we are very grateful for that. Thanks very much TAD!

The Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild under Karen McPeak is instrumental in the successful running of St. James. They plan and carry out our dinners and pancake suppers. The Ladies Guild presents St. James with \$1,000 every year towards general use. There are too many to name here but just about every lady in church is part of the Ladies Guild. Thanks for all your help. We could not do it without you!

The Altar Guild

Ever notice every Sunday that the proper colour for the church season is on the altar; how we never run out of wine during the eucharist; how there is always enough host and water readily available; how the carpet is always clean and vacuumed every Sunday. It does not happen by itself. These tasks are carried out every week by members of the Altar Guild. Vic, Mike, Irene, Wendy, Jamie, Sylvia, Brenda and Vera. Thanks very much to the Altar Guild.

The Bridlewood Team

Services once a month at Bridlewood are carried out by the Bridlewood team. Hymn and prayer book are brought along. Hymns are chosen. We usually have from 10 to 15 or more attendees. It is hard work to put on and make happen. Very sincere thanks to Reverend Riding, Irene Thomas, Sylvia Thomas, and a host of others from one month to the next that I do not know the names. Deb Donoghue is our liaison with the Retirement Home. Thanks to all of you for making our very own outreach a reality.

The Reverend Joan Riding

A very true spiritual leader with an incredible capacity to communicate. We are so lucky to have her.

The Passing of Alice Purdy

When you reach the age of 70 you become familiar with the cases of people you know and have known for years passing away. It's like a built-in resistance to the tragedy. Make no mistake; they are all sad and they all hurt. Yet you seem to accept the tragedy and move on, treating it like a fact of life and inevitable.

Such was the case on January 7, 2020 when we learned of the passing of Alice Purdy. Alice had been sick with Kidney and liver problems but only on Sunday January 5th we had found out that her condition was hopeless, and her demise was imminent. Immediately I fell into the tragedy and inevitability of life defense and accepted what will happen to all of us one day. When Mike Thomas, the Thomas family and I met at church on January 9 to take down the decorations and put them away till next year, the mood was sad and very very blue.

Alice has been involved in just about every aspect of church business. Every dinner, play, yard sale and praise service; Alice was always there. Every time you looked around the church you could see Alice doing something. Either hugging someone arriving, smiling at young Greyson, doing a reading or fussing with someone's coat collar. Turning around you would find it to be Alice who had noticed the collar had gotten twisted and was straightening it out for you. (*Once a mother; always a mother*).

It was when I opened a bottom drawer at the back and seen about 5 small boxes of Kleenex that I stopped in my tracks. Alice had put them there. Without anyone asking Alice had took it upon herself to always ensure the containers with Kleenex in them would always be filled. Later that afternoon, after finishing at the church, I stopped in at Fresco and purchased 7 small boxes of Kleenex for the church and put them in the drawer with the boxes Alice had put there. I have now declared that I will look after the Kleenex for those containers from here on. A small thing in the long run, but you have no idea how happy it made me to do this. I am covering for my congregational sister.

At her memorial service I spent the whole hour or so protected by acceptance of tragedy and was surviving. It was at the end when I was carrying the cross from the front to the back that I became very distressed.

"She won't be here this Sunday." *"I will never see her again in this life"*. *"She is gone"*; kept running through my mind and I almost lost it. I asked Glenn to please include in the picture for Vestry; that picture of Alice holding young Greyson and smiling down at him. After that picture was taken, Alice lost her own mother. A month after that she lost her own life. Sad, but you know, if Alice had known what was coming in the next months after that picture was taken; I don't think it would have mattered to her. That picture to me will always represent the true nature and essence of Alice Purdy.



So, we say goodbye to our old friend. She lies now with her Lord and Saviour; enjoying the reward she earned through her wonderful life. She left the world a better place simply because she lived in it.

Don't worry about St. James Alice, we'll take it from here!

The Reverend Joan Riding

As mentioned earlier in this document the reverend Joan Riding asked me to stay on another year as her warden. To make a long story short-I was thrilled.

Reverend Joan is a wonderfully capable and talented incumbent and she shows that skill almost every Sunday. She has an amazing ability to negotiate; has trouble saying "NO"; gives wonderful sermons (*some of which knock me over as they are so well thought out and presented*). She gets along well with any age group and I firmly believe she enjoys St. James. She attends almost all of our activities and meetings and is always giving us positive feedback.

Last year she asked me to attend a funeral at St. James for a David Miller. David Miller was a fellow student of mine and somehow, she knew it. I, of course, attended the funeral. Joan was worried that she knew no one attending the service and she wanted someone she knew to be there.

There was myself and 14 people neither I nor Joan had ever met. Joan started the service and made a few opening comments in the super welcoming voice she is gifted with. Almost instantly she went from the preacher that no one knew; to David's preacher who was holding the service for his funeral. The response from the 14 went from a person whom they had never met before to a well-known preacher they seem to have known for years. It was a miraculous transformation.

When I mentioned this to Joan after the service, she simply chalked it up to experience. Well I suppose experience did have something to do with it, but I cannot help feeling there was something more. I believe it is a gift- a wonderful gift she possesses. We are so lucky she is with us dispensing that gift to us every Sunday.

I mention this to Vestry that we have a responsibility to not overwork or overextend our very talented and giving incumbent. At a time in her life when she has already put in many years of serving our Lord and Saviour, she should be like many her age stepping back in her senior years to enjoy the fruits of her labour like most people after retirement. God knows she has earned it. Yet here she is looking after two churches: both with attendance and youth problems being a wonderful spiritual leader for both us and All Saints Greely.

Our Role

Don't get me wrong. Joan is a big girl and is totally able to engage in what's best for her. But she does have problems saying no and all I am suggesting is that we are careful with our requests on her time. A simple question we should always ask ourselves is *How will this effect Joan?*

We should get more active with All Saints Greely when doing services; especially the ones at Easter and Christmas when there are many services back to back. Perhaps we can share in the services between the two parishes. We can also perhaps drop services where the attendance is very poor. Services like Christmas Day when only 5 people show up. Why do we ask this lady to show up on Christmas day when only a handful of people are there for the service?

Joan's Role

Joan, of course has a role to play as well. Whenever she is tired or feeling overwhelmed and out of gas, she should NOT hesitate for a moment to let us know that she needs time off. Joan let us know a couple of weeks ago that she needed to take a Sunday later this month off. GOOD! I don't know the reason and quite frankly the reason does not matter. She is not a machine and is only human. I told her we were happy she takes time off and she should not be afraid to do it more often. Obviously, the more time we have to prepare the better, but she should feel she can cancel the night before or the morning of. Both St. James and All Saints Greely will survive and will look forward to her resuming her duties when she feels up to it.

Perhaps what we need is a generic bulletin and a generic sermon ready to go at a moment's notice. We are blessed to have her and regard her tenure with us as good times. BUT it may be not as long a time as we would like. Let us pray that she stays long with us.

St. James Leitrim and the Future

One of the things that caught my attention when I first got involved with the Vestry Report was the Statistics page. It was small back then. The only important data was that of weekly attendance. Weekly attendance is calculated by adding up all the attendance from each Sunday and then dividing the total by 52. Only the Sundays are counted. The 52 refers to the number of weeks in a year. For 2020 the total will be divided by 50 as we have already lost 2 weeks to the weather. Since that earlier times we have added data to the stats. Special days of the Christian year, info about Bridlewood, etc. This year we added Canada Day. The whole purpose is to let us know how the attendance is doing from year to year.

For the first 20 years and more what I noticed is that our weekly attendance was always between 28 and 32. Then, in the early 90's it began to slide. It would drop below 28, then the next year it would drop lower. Over a couple of decades, it had slipped to 20.1. Now this year it has dropped to 18.1. Some years during this time frame the weekly attendance actually increased but would fall again the next year.

This loss of attendance resulted in us losing the ability to afford a part-time minister for 2 ½ days a week. That however was the only financial obligation we could no longer fill. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the - people of St. James we remained solvent and continue to be satisfying all our financial obligations.

It was at that time (90's) that we became conscious of the fact that, although we on the same plot of ground we had been at for over 130 years, we were not well known in our community. It was pointed out that we didn't even have a cross on our church. It was around this time that a parishioner, a Scotsman set out and created a cross for us. I can see his face; I can hear his wonderful accent that I could listen to for hours; but I cannot remember his name (Peter Byrne). With the Celtic cross he created it was the first time I had ever seen a cross on St. James. It made the neighbours claim that they didn't realize it was a church more difficult to be believed but it did NOT stop the dwindling attendance. We tried flyers, ads in the newspapers and everything else in between but the attendance kept dropping.

In the new millennium we branched out even more. Thanks to Glenn Clark we have an annual cemetery service at Wood's cemetery. Not large but constant. We average anywhere from 10-15+ for every service. We get inquiries from families willing to attend, about dates and times for the service.

In the millennium as well, and again thanks to Glenn Clark, we began regular monthly donations to the Pavilion Food Bank. Our contributions may seem small to many of us but speaking as a person who many times have delivered the foodstuffs to the food bank, I can say with great pride; they know all about St. James.

It was at this time that we began an outreach program with the Bridlewood Retirement Home. That has grown over the years to a solid base of interest. It is a wonderful outreach, totally within the grasp of St. James. Last year we approached the Rotary home across the street. We are involved with PWRDF and Samaritan's Purse. Yet we still branch out to attract new members.

The Christmas Lighting started by Vera Guy and Brenda Houle has developed into a greatly anticipated practice every Christmas. Please see below for an email I received:

Thank you so much to the people of St. James' Anglican for the very beautiful lighting of your church and yard over the Christmas season. I always hoped for a red light as I approached your property so I could enjoy it a few extra moments. Your efforts were much appreciated.

*Joan Mulligan
Findlay Creek*

I have never met Joan Mulligan. She is simply a resident of Findlay Creek who felt compelled to look up my email and send this message. Some people have simply showed up in church to see the church behind the lights.

In conclusion, we can easily see that the program to make St. James more obvious to our community; a program to involve ourselves with out neighbours since the 1990's, has been very successful. There are not very many who are not familiar with St. James and what it stands for. This involvement has NOT stopped the decline in attendance, but it has without question, slowed it down.

Although as we've seen our attendance drop with the loss of parishioners and members over the years, it has not always been a one-way street. St. James has also welcomed new families and members over the same time period. We look forward to welcoming many more. There are 3 young children at St. James lighting a flame for the future. In addition, we have now 5 new families today that we did not have a year ago and there are more coming.

The message therefore is positive. We have not stopped the attendance bleed, but we have slowed it down. We have every reason to believe that if we continue to believe in ourselves and put out faith and prayers into the hands of God, we may very well, stop the attendance leak and start growing again.

Vic Wootton
Rector's Warden

People's Warden Report for 2019

By Glenn Clark

2019 was a mixed bag for St. James. We ended with a significant surplus and we invested \$8,000 in the Consolidated Trust Fund, which may be used for significant renovations such as ceiling repairs in the basement or maybe a bigger project, to improve accessibility into the church, something that has been considered for at least 10 years but has not received any traction. It seemed to be beyond our financial means. But now we have a significant start if we choose to move in that direction.

Memorial Board

We have also embarked on another more personal project, a Memorial Board to recognize parishioners who have made a significant contribution to St. James in years past. The board has already been created but small plaques are still to be engraved with each person's or family's name. The names are being selected by Parish Council. I expect this project will be completed sometime in 2020 and this will give us another reason for a special celebration. A memory book will accompany the plaque to tell us who these people were.

Remembrances

This brings us to the sad part of our past year, with the loss of three supporters of our parish, Bob Kemp in early October, Lennox Dundas in mid December and Alice Purdy just recently in early January 2020. Bob and Alice had served on Parish Council for several years and made contributions in so many other ways. All will be dearly missed. We thank Bob, Lennox and Alice for their service, and we extend our sympathies to their families. Bob leaves his dear wife Maureen and family. Lennox leaves his spouse Karin and daughters. Alice leaves her sons and their families. Son Blaine and family were thankfully visiting from Australia during Alice's final illness.

These three untimely deaths reflect on a major risk to our future, our aging community. We have been fortunate to have seen a few new and younger families and individuals join us, but at some point, in the future, there will need to be a generational change in leadership. Please pray for our community as we move towards this uncertainty.

Bank Street

We also face another threat. The widening of Bank Street has recently been the subject of a flurry of e-mails between the Bishop's office and our City Councillor, Carol Anne Meehan. We have spoken to her directly when she visited us on the Church Lighting night in late November. She was taken by surprise when we mentioned that although the building was not threatened, she did not realize that a church without parking is not viable. The widening of Bank Street is still some years away according to current city plans.

This again indirectly came up again in the news just this morning (February 8, 2020) when it was reported that the future Hard Rock Casino (currently known as Rideau-Carleton Raceway and Slots) will need improved road access. Construction of a major addition including a hotel and concert hall is to begin this year with completion in 2021. This is putting pressure on City Councillors to widen and extend Earl Armstrong Road as far east as Bank Street. But you can read between the lines, that this project cannot go ahead without widening Bank Street south from Leitrim Road in front of the church to meet this new road extension. Regardless, traffic conditions have deteriorated badly at rush hour and the patchwork improvements to Bank

Street south of the church are just not enough. We will need to keep on top of this and later this year, we will meet with Councillor Meehan.

A Few Thank You's

I will leave the detailed thank you's to fellow warden Vic Wootton, but I do thank everybody for offering their ongoing support to me as Warden and for all contributions that make St. James a giving, loving and vibrant community. I do want to specifically thank TAD Higginson for keeping our Sunday school going despite the few children available.

I cannot forget to give a special thank you to Reverend Joan Riding who always provides us spiritual leadership with love, kindness, humility and good humour. For me, this provides badly needed weekly refreshment as I face my many challenges as I move towards retirement from my career later this year.

I also thank Vic Wootton who has been the Rector's Warden for many years. His service to St. James has been amazing and he has filled so many roles over that time. He currently prepares the weekly bulletin, which I then print. He has also assembled this Vestry Report, is the champion of our Operation Christmas Child program, makes sure that our monthly 'White Gifts' are delivered to the Pavilion Food Bank, schedules our weekly intercessors, readers and servers, maintains our parish prayer and memorial lists and works with Phyllis Harris when we have a Morning Prayer service. Vic is a very important member of Christ's body at St. James. He has agreed to serve again in 2020.

2019 in Review

Now, I am pleased to give you my traditional year in review, something that I feel is always positive. I am thankful for being part of this community which is willing to try new things and sometimes think outside the box, while at the same time maintaining our Anglican traditions. If we think back several years, St. James is hardly recognizable. While our building is mostly the same, we have become a more active and giving community in so many ways.

Our year began with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and mini auction on Tuesday March 5th at the Seniors' Centre next door. Although the event was a success, it was decided to move the event to St. James for 2020. The Seniors' Centre has changed how they charge for use of their facility and is now considered too expensive for the Pancake Supper.

Seder Supper Teaches

As has been tradition since Reverend Joan Riding became Priest-in-Charge for both St. James Leitrim and All Saints Greely, the two parishes have chosen to hold joint services for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. For 2019, the Ash Wednesday service on March 6th was held at All Saints Greely and was well attended by St. James parishioners. The Maundy Thursday service on April 18th featured a semi-traditional Seder Supper which we shared with our friends from All Saints. It was an evening of learning as we gained a better understanding of the components of a Seder Supper and how it related to the Passover and the 'last supper' It was followed by a service that followed Jesus on his path towards his crucifixion on Good Friday. The end of the evening featured the solemn stripping of the altar and a prayerful and quiet exit from the church. These two services will be reversed for 2020 with Ash Wednesday at St. James and Maundy Thursday at All Saints Greely.

Our now annual Irish Kitchen Céilí supper was held on Saturday, March 23rd at the Seniors Centre next door. The event included some lively Irish music provided by 'The Monkey Toes' (the Thomas family and friends). It was a great success and a lot of fun. The dinner featured an assortment of delicious stews and shepherd's pie followed by pies for dessert.

St. James is For Our Pets Too!

As a legacy left to us by Anne Gregory, we participated in Doors Open Ottawa on June 1st and 2nd along with our neighbours at the Gloucester Historical Society. This a great opportunity to welcome visitors into the church and more than 80 joined us over the two days. We held a Blessing of the Animals service for a second year on June 2nd. Because of rain, the service was held inside the church. It was a great success and proved that this kind of service will work both inside and out. I thank all those who volunteered as greeters on both days and to everybody who brought their pets. The Blessing of Animals service will be held during Doors Open again in 2020 on June 7th.

Our Memorial Service at Wood's Cemetery was held on Saturday, June 8th. The weather was warm and sunny and because of an e-mail distribution, attendance increased over the previous year. We borrowed a generator, which allowed us to have music during the service and everybody was asked to place flowers throughout the cemetery. This year we asked families to place flowers both at their own family gravesites as well as one other. This worked very well and will be repeated in 2020. I thank everybody who assisted in setting up for the service and then returning everything to the church afterwards.

Yard Sale Very Successful

Our annual Strawberry Social and Sale was held on Saturday, June 22nd. In order to control costs, the Strawberry Social was held in the church basement, but sale was held throughout the grounds. We were entertained by the step dancers and by 'The Monkey Toes'. The weather was fair and warm and was one of our most successful ever with a profit of \$3,090.62. The following day, we celebrated the National Indigenous Day of Prayer with a special litany.

On Tuesday June 25th, we screened the film 'The Doctrine of Discovery' to a mixed audience of St. James and All Saints Parishioners. The film documents a different and thought-provoking view of the history of the relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Again, Foster's Family Farm set up a market at the church for the summer months. They closed early on Labour Day weekend due a shortage of staffing. \$1,324.89 was earned for the 2019 season but will not appear until the 2020 fiscal year.

Audio-Visual System Fully Utilized

On July 14th, we took our audio-visual system to the next level when the entire service was presented on the video screens. Beyond a few glitches especially the first Sunday, this provided a book free method of presenting our services and music. This was the manner of service presentation throughout the summer until the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

New Blessing of Backpacks and Briefcases

Our annual Homecoming Service was held on Sunday, September 8th which took a somewhat different slant as we asked parishioners and especially the children to bring backpacks, briefcases or anything reflecting the beginning of the fall season and the end of vacation. This was very well received and will be repeated in 2020.

The service was followed by a BBQ lunch in the Frank and Elizabeth Lawler garden on a somewhat cool afternoon.

The Thanksgiving service on October 13th was shared with the Baptism of Greyson James Richard Dowhan. The church was crowded with family and guests and was beautifully decorated and included special flowers donated in memory of Bob Kemp. Laura Marie Eryou was our guest organist.

On Wednesday, October 17th, we shared a delicious potluck supper together in celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving. Mike Thomas led a sing-along of favourite songs with the guitar

A bible study was organized for October 20th and November 17th when we discussed the readings for the Advent season. This will continue with further studies during the Lent season in 2020.

As has been our tradition for many years and led by Vic Wootton, we collected shoe boxes again for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse).

Record Cake Auction

The Annual Spaghetti supper was held on Saturday, November 9th at the Seniors' Centre next door. It was one of our most successful ever and included the Murder Mystery 'The Cold Case' written by our own Brenda Houle. Much fun was had by all and one of Phyllis Harris' famous rum cakes was put up for auction. An amazing \$120 was collected for the Lighting Fund.

Councillor Carol Anne Meehan Amazed by Christmas Lights

Our Christmas season was very active and started with the Office Lighting of the Church on Thursday, November 28th. This included caroling inside and outside the church followed by refreshments in the church hall downstairs. Our light display, which this year included colourful flood lights was regarded the best yet and many families have made this an annual event to join us for our Lighting evening. City Councillor Carol Anne Meehan was our special guest.

With considerable rain throughout the lighting season, we continue to experience problems in maintaining the lights in working order every night. An ice storm followed by a flash freeze caused various problems and knocked some of the lights off the roof line. Again, a light connection was found in a puddle of ice and water, which short circuited the display and it was necessary to replace some lighter grade cords with something stronger. Each year is a learning experience and my goal is to make the display less labour intensive. Nevertheless, we receive several compliments from the community and is now considered a valued form of outreach. Despite its pricey cost, I thank Parish Council for continuing to support this endeavour, which is unique to St. James. We will continue with the lighting project as long as it is financially viable, and I am physically able to do the work involved. Because of a very successful Christmas Basket Raffle which generated \$1,890, the Christmas Lighting program again was fully funded.

Christmas Season Very Busy

We also collected donations for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund throughout the year, for the Rotary Home during the Christmas season and collected warm socks for the needy. We continued our outreach with the Bridlewood Retirement Home each month and celebrated Christmas with the seniors on Monday, December 16th.

We again manned a Salvation Army Kettle for an entire day (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) at the Loblaws store at South Keys on Tuesday, December 17th. We carolled at the Ottawa Rotary Home, Bridlewood Retirement Home and the homes of Greg and Elsbeth Dowhan and Garry and Linda Cutts on Friday, December 20th. This is always a Christmas highlight for me personally and it always fun to bring a smile to those who we sing for. One of these years, we might even practice in advance (not likely).

Christmas came to a climax with our Carols and Lessons service on December 22nd and our Christmas eve service, both of which included many visitors. All accounts indicated that the Children's pageant was very well done, but I missed it when I had to drive someone home unexpectedly. Thank you, TAD Higginson for organizing the pageant under rather difficult circumstances.

I made my vocal debut on Christmas Eve when I performed a solo of 'I Heard the Bells of Christmas Day' with guitar accompanist TAD Higginson. I guess I did OK when nobody fled the church and I was asked to repeat my performance the following Sunday. I was less nervous the second time.

I wish to thank everybody who participated in making our many Christmas events a big success. I know there were so many of you.

Let's Keep Coffee Hour Going in 2020

We continued to hold Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month, but we are running out of hosts. Are you able to help? Lunch club has become less formalized and a group usually go out every Sunday except on Coffee Hour Sunday. With the loss of two important people in the lunch group, I am not sure how often this will continue in 2020 and beyond. Let's hope for the best as the social aspects of our community are important.

A Final Thank You

I wish to thank everybody for being willing to try something new. A group went out for a Trivia Night in early December, and just last Sunday (February 2, 2020), we enjoyed our own version of 'Family Feud' with a religious theme to much laughter and many thoughtful answers. Thank you, Brenda Houle, for organizing this. Your creativity always amazes me.

Now let's bring on 2020!

St. James Anglican Church Leitrim

2020 Events Schedule

Sunday, February 9, 2020 – **Vestry Report Due Date**

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7:00 p.m. – Annual Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 5:30 p.m. – **Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner and Mini-Auction at St. James Leitrim**

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 7:00 p.m. – **Joint Ash Wednesday Service at St. James Leitrim in 2020**

Sunday, March 1, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Family Praise Service**

Monday, March 16, 2020 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Refugee Presentation**

Saturday, April 4, 2020 5:00 p.m. – **Kitchen Céilí Dinner with Irish Music**

Monday, April 6, 2020 10:00 a.m. - **Bridlewood Easter Service x**

Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:00 p.m. – **Joint Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints Greely in 2020**

Friday, April 10, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Good Friday Service**

Sunday, April 12, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Easter Sunday Service**

Monday, April 20, 2020 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6:30 p.m. – **Frank and Elizabeth Lawler Garden planting night (Rain night – May 21st)**

Saturday, June 6 and Sunday June 7, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – **Doors Open**

Sunday, June 7, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Blessing of the Animals Service**

Saturday, June 13, 2020 3:00 p.m. – **Wood's Cemetery Service**

Monday, June 15, 2020 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, June 21, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **National Aboriginal Day of Prayer**

Sunday, June 28, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Canada Day Service**

Saturday, July 4, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – **Strawberry Social and Yard Sale**

Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Homecoming Service (Blessing of the Backpacks etc.) – BBQ and Garden Party**

Monday, September 21, 2020 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Thanksgiving Day Service**

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 6:30 p.m. – **Harvest Potluck Supper**

Monday, October 19, 2020 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, November 7, 2020 5:00 p.m. – **Italian Spaghetti Supper and Murder Mystery evening**

Sunday, November 8, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Remembrance Day Service**

Monday, November 16, 2020 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2020 7:00 p.m. – **Official Christmas lighting of Church**

Monday, December 14, 2020 10:00 a.m. – **Christmas Service at Bridlewood**

Friday, December 18, 2020 6:00 p.m. – **Christmas Caroling**

Sunday, December 20, 2020 10:30 p.m. – **Carols and Lessons Service with Children’s participation**

Thursday, December 24, 2020 7:00 p.m. – **Christmas Eve Service**

Friday, December 25, 2020 10:30 a.m. – **Christmas Day Service**

Monday, January 18, 2021 7:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting (Budget Meeting)

Wood’s Cemetery Report – 2019

Ryan Boyd was rehired to maintain the cemetery for 2019. 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 8th at 3:00 p.m. Attendance was 17. 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 were no burials in 2019.

During the summer, a footstone for Private Charles H. Chatfield was erected and reset in a new foundation. The cemetery committee is not aware of the details, but it is expected that this was arranged by the family.

The cemetery finances had a surplus of \$1,458.44. This is mostly thanks to a generous donation by James G. Dropp.

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

It has been approved to install three surveillance signs in 2020, 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 2020 cemetery memorial service is scheduled for Saturday June 13th at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Clark

Wood’s Cemetery Committee

Statistics 2019

Year	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Baptisms	4	3	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	2
Births	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Marriages	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Funerals	3	3	3	3	5	2	1	1	3	1
Confirmations	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Avg Weekly Att	29	26	23.7	26.8	28	22.8	23.6	20.5	20.2	18.1
# Families	Unk	Unk	42	46	45	46	42	31	43	36
Avg Bridlewood	Unk	Unk	Unk	11.1	9.2	11.6	16.25	14	14.7	12.5
Cemetery Service	Unk	Unk	Unk	24	15	32	12	18	9	Unk
Christmas Eve	Unk	Unk	Unk	46	35	42	36	68	49	53
Christmas Day	Unk	Unk	Unk	16	7	8	8	8	7	5
Palm Sunday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	23	31
Passion Sunday	Unk	Unk	Unk	30	32	31	21	41		33
Carols & Lessons	Unk	Unk	Unk	38	48	40	45	43	42	53
Blessing of Animals	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	30	25
Christmas Lighting	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	32	Unk
Ash Wednesday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	20	Unk
Maundy Thursday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	34	22
Good Friday	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	11	15
Family Praise Svc	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	16	27
Canada Day	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	Unk	21	16

- Canada Day Attendance was added this year.
- Number of families was decided by known givers in 2019
- Average weekly attendance was 18.1. Down 2.1 from 2018.

Report of the Envelope Secretary

Summary of Receipts Issued for the Year Ended

Summary of regular Givers

Range in \$	No. of Givers	Amount
Zero to 500	14	2,740.00
501 to 1,000	9	6,480.00
1,001 to 1,500	6	8,184.00
1,501 to 2,000	2	3,640.00
2,001 to 2,500	0	0.00
2,501 to 3,000	2	5,260.00
3,001 to 3,500	1	3,500.00
3,501 to 4,000	0	0.00
4,001 to 6,000	2	9,962.09
TOTAL	36	\$39,766.09
Receipts Issued to Visitors and in Memorandum	36	\$2,360.00@
TOTAL		\$42,126.09

Respectfully Submitted
By Mike Thomas,
Envelope Secretary

Sunday School Report for 2020 Vestry

I took over the Sunday School program from Vic Wootton who kept the Sunday School going for years following my time away with concussion issues. I want to thank Vic for his dedication to this role. He has so many roles it was indeed heroic for him to take this role on and St James needs to be very thankful to Vic for all his efforts.

We have a very young Sunday School and we realize that with all the pressures on families these days, kids won't be able to come every week as kids have done in the past.

The plan is that we hold a Sunday School on the first Sunday of the Month. However, if a student can't make that one, but can make another Sunday that month I will run that same lesson over for them then.

We are blessed with wonderful kids and even more blessed with super parents. Thanks to Perri, Ronin, and Grace in particular for their attendance. If we all work together, I know we will be able to start off these children's relationship with Jesus and the Church in a very meaningful way. Our goal is for each of these Children to know God's love and understand their responsibility to share this now and throughout their lives.

I need to thank Will Green, Grace Macintosh, Billy Wootton, Baby Greyson and Elsbeth, Connor Price, Donna and Graham Price, Rev Joan, Sandra Donatucci, Casey and Amanda Higginson for all their contributions to the Christmas Pageant.

Respectfully submitted,

TAD :->

TAD Higginson

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The Synod Members Vestry Report 2020

Rev. Joan Riding, Lay Reader Phyllis Harris and Charles Wootton attended the 138th Session of The Diocese of Ottawa Synod from October 24th to 26th 2019.

Prior to Synod, we attended the Great Chapter meeting at St. Thomas the Apostle where we were briefed on the upcoming Budget presentation.

At the Opening Eucharist on Thursday Evening, Bishop John Chapman left us with this prayer instead of a charge; “To walk with Abraham knowing God is with us on our journey, to fight with Deborah for the marginalized, to remember Moses as we step out of Church every Sunday and gaze on the promised land of Jesus, to think of Mary and show the World our love of Jesus, to embrace Tabitha and not be afraid of death remembering there is always resurrection. Five Biblical Friends to keep with us every day as we walk through life.”

There is a document entitled SYNOD HIGHLIGHTS available online at

<https://ottawa.anglican.ca/images/Synod/Highlights-138th-Synod-2019-.pdf?type=file>

We will not repeat this document here. We will report on items brought forth at synod relating to the same highlight headings for which there was not enough space on such an executive type summary.

Guest Speaker: Sue Garvey: She attended an “all-girls” high school, just up the hill from an “all-boys high school” in Ottawa. If you check out the her reference to You Tube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=920M5bdQ4N4 you will find it is a song and dance video showing that many different kinds of people can participate in roomy surroundings.. The message seems to be saying there is room at the table for everyone today, but begs the question, “What about tomorrow?”

She also raises the fact that what we think, may be quite different from what others think. She tells the story of a young boy who wandered into her work area.

When she approached, he stated that if she tried to hurt him; he would get his big brother and his dog after her! When she turned, to get him a hot chocolate, he disappeared. Sue Garvey told several stories of her experience over the 23 years at Cornerstone. She recited part of this year’s theme, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few” (but hardworking and dedicated.)

[Synod Members Comments] *We might want to use some discernment in the applying the Harvest metaphor. In a harvest we often trample down some of the crop or reject such as not quite up to standards, or far enough below standard to be of concern. Recently we heard a report that there was a homelessness and housing emergency declared in the City of Ottawa. Cornerstone is just one of several ministries trying to alleviate this emergency. That “workers are few” seems to be severely affecting the lives of Human beings in the Ottawa area.*

Community Ministries These Ministries: Cornerstone, The Well, St. Luke’s table, Centre 454, Centre 105 (Cornwall and Ottawa), Pastoral Counselling Centre are our Diocesan responsibilities. They are probably best understood by reference to the following corresponding URL’s: Cornerstone video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z98zuGSox8> , St Luke’s Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VKshQMsCZE> , Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ejAjqxaCHs>

Center 454, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjKpo8BpmWQ>

Center 105 in Cornwall is an example of community ministries extending well beyond Ottawa. The Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre is another. The Community Ministries Slide show presented at Synod (URL). (Shows a lot of statistics.)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vr42ci7bw8c8v4s/Synod%202019%20-%20Friday%20AM.pdf?dl=0>

Feather news URL <http://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/news>

Property and Finance Committee This was reported By Chris Dunn of All Saints Westboro. The audit was successful for the period ending in 2018. The Power-point presentation is available on the Diocesan website. It clearly shows the information presented at Synod. Some items of interest are:

The 3-year Budget for 2020 to 2021 to 2022 can be seen at the following URL

<https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/images/F-A/Diocesan-Budget-2020-2022.pdf?type=file>

It includes a Pie Chart and details about challenging a Parish's Fair Share.

EMBRACING GOD'S FUTURE Its priorities have been adopted by a Diocesan steering Group that has been formed.

Established as a process of strategic thinking and prayer discernment, **Embracing God's Future** has become the strategic roadmap for the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. It highlights our Priorities and Practices for our **future** together...

See the URL: <https://ottawa.anglican.ca/index.php/embracing-god-s-future>

See the video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsXHONKn2PI&feature=youtu.be>

Budget: We are on a 3-year budget system. Synod passed it unanimously.

Keynote Speaker: Albert Dumont, the Algonquin spiritual teacher, in residence at the Cathedral shared how much the apology from the Anglican Church meant with a relationship he developed between a woman whose feelings were hurt. When offered the apology she asked that he carry a heavy weight around with Him. For many years when they would meet, he would say "I am still sorry!" and she would reply, "It still hurts!" One day she declared the hurt had left her. This statement made him truly happy, not because he was relieved of his heavy weight, but because the woman was free of the hurt, he had caused her!

For centuries Europeans impressed the Aboriginals with their engineering skills and new-fangled gifts and equipment. To that was added disrespect for their Religion and culture. Eventually many developed inferiority complexes. He noted that sometimes people with superior attitudes towards others stem from "mechanisms" designed to hide inabilities of their own. Albert Dumont gave several examples of why such people and their followers, if any, should trash such mechanisms. Where he resided, they had the greatest natural resources available on the Earth. The Creator would not have put an inferior person there! The complex skills it takes to build a birch bark canoe are comparable to those needed to build the London Bridge! The settlers saw the natural resources as a non-depletable bank account. The aboriginals saw much more than that. The Indian Act had outlawed Indigenous Spirituality, although as we saw last year, some European spiritual leaders recognized the same Spiritual Trinity as quite analogous to the Christian Trinity. The history books say that people populated North America via the Bering Strait. Albert Dumont postulated that that was the route they used to depart from North America which they called "Turtle Island".

All My Relations: Reconciliation work is happening “Diocesan-wide”. This is a sign of respect for all Indigenous people. The working group has 20 members from across the Diocese. Some parishes have groups which work with Indigenous neighbors in their area. St. James (Manotick) has a group. They promote at least 20 books on Indigenous culture. They have a computer expert: Debby Drisdale. Their website is at <https://ottawa.anglican.ca/index.php/amr?highlight=WyJhbGwiLCJteSIsInJlbGF0aW9ucyIsImFsbCBteSIsImFsbCBteSBYzWxhdGlvbnMiLCJteSBYzWxhdGlvbnMiXQ==>

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General Synod: Linda Nichols was elected the 14th Primate of the ACC. Fred Hiltz, our outgoing Primate spoke about discipleship, the Indigenous Church and reconciliation, human trafficking, climate change, ecumenism and interfaith relationships, same sex marriage and an alarming decline in Church membership They passed the motion on same sex marriage, however it takes 3 years to change the canon (SSM is now a reality in some Provinces.) Many Indigenous items were dealt with including a national Indigenous Archbishop and oversight bodies.

Ottawa School for Parish Development: Provide training for Parishes. Size of courses are limited and subject to pre-registration. They presented a workshop at Synod information from which was relevant to some of our council meetings.

Stewardship: Supports Parish level stewardship and helping Parishes discuss time, talent and “treasure” stewardship. T4T appeal began in 2017 and is an important ongoing Diocesan source of outreach funds. The World has had many rainy days lately!

Area Parishes: This was a stewardship initiative which emerged when Bishop Michael Bird took over when the Bishop was ill. It is a new model of Ministry and relates to stewardship of resources. Many have come together due to decline and scarcity. New opportunities because we are working together.

(i.e. Parishes in Leitrim and Greely)

Youth Internship Program: YIP is a Christian village for youth evolving into adults.

The presentation was given by President Bob Albert. Candidates for internship

were interviewed. The “in-betweens” learn skills and skill development, networking, resume and relationship building. Each has a Christian mentor.

Active where teens usually draw away from Church. Several testimonies were presented.

Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group: (*This month it was announced that Ottawa is experiencing a homelessness and Housing emergency.*) Their goal is 125 new units by 2021. Their plan for 2019- support parishes, promote training provide a workshop called “Yes in my backyard!”; and to assist with informing the neighbors on board re proposed changes to the neighborhood.

Bylaw 3.01: The motion to amend By-Law 3.01 passed unanimously. An episcopal election will be held on March 14th at the Cathedral starting early in the morning and lasting until we elect a Bishop, as Bishop Chapman is retiring.

PWRDF: The Primates World relief and development fund has a 60-year history of bringing aid and Christ’s message of love, caring and healing to the most vulnerable of the World. This is the first time the regional meeting was held in Ottawa at St. Paul’s. Many planned to Participate in the Primate’s march re climate change. Both ecological and economic disasters are of concern. Some populous leaders cast democracies’ futures in doubt. PWRDF follow a 5-year strategic plan (U.N.)

They increased their effectiveness in view of “shrinking numbers of churches” by:

Partnering with the Canadian food grains bank, and Canada which provides a matching grant (totaling 41million dollars) to ship food to where it is needed. PWRDF took a delegation to check on food security in 2017. They found a critical need for wells. They are well supported by indigenous donors.

Refugee Development Task Force: Our Diocese is a leader in refugee re-settlement in Canada. In 2018 ACC sponsored about 1% of the refugees. One refugee and his family evaded the Syrian army to arrive at Germany, but they would not let his family in. A Canadian met him and now he and his family have a future in Canada. We work with other groups. WE process applications. The work is very demanding. Challenges arise from retiring volunteers. Some of the funding comes out of our budget. Hard-luck stories add to the job stress. Needs 2 full time case workers. Need a refugee Ministry Board.

Centre 105 Cornwall: Rev. Deacon Peter Cazaly is now the Director. It is a drop-in Centre. It has grown since last year to a daily average attendance of 50 people who enjoy breakfast, social activities, counselling and social service referrals. It includes 2 workers and 8 volunteers. It is equipped with 2 stoves, 3 fridges and a dishwasher. The governance model was set up by Rev. Peter John Hobbs. It has developed into a Community of Faith.

Hospital Ministry: (Sheila Granger) If you are going to an Ottawa area Hospital be sure to indicate that you are an Anglican. Dozens of people are involved in Hospital Ministry. The Diocese has an effective Pastoral Care Team.

Respectfully submitted:

Charles Wootton and Phyllis Harris

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ANNUAL REPORT SAINT JAMES LEITRIM ALTAR GUILD

The Members of our Altar Guild have once again succeeded in beautifully preparing our church for the regular Sunday services as well as for special services such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanks to Victor, Wendy, Jamie, Brenda, Vera, Irene, Sylvia and Mike for their contributions. Thanks also to Deb for taking Alice during her tour of duty. Special mention should be made to Glenn for his decorating of the church for the Thanksgiving Season.

Many of the above carry out their duties for an extended period of time, three months at a time, and it would be appreciated if more volunteers would come forward to help lessen their load. It only takes a few hours a week and training is provided.

If anyone is interested, see Irene Thomas for details.

Thank you.

Altar Guild

St. James Leitrim 2020 Budget

	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Forecast 2019	Actual 2019	Forecast 2020	Difference 2019-2020
Receipts - General						
Envelopes (Including Par)	30842.35	31719.00	33000.00	33128.75	33000.00	-128.75
Initial	45.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
Open	814.25	636.60	600.00	573.80	600.00	26.20
Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas	4875.00	3930.00	4000.00	2887.00	3000.00	113.00
Bible study material	9.50	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Interest	4.74	8.08	5.00	11.14	10.00	-1.14
Flower Donations	540.00	435.00	550.00	655.00	600.00	-55.00
Donations - General	520.00	70.00	100.00	392.79	100.00	-292.79
Memorial Fund Donations	485.00	2295.00	0.00	4580.00	600.00	-3980.00
Ladies Guild Donations	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday	55.00	85.00	100.00	40.00	100.00	60.00
Shrove Tuesday, Dinner and Auction	304.75	483.50	300.00	187.00	100.00	-87.00
Good Friday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale - Spaghetti Dinner	165.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bridlewood Offerings	321.45	411.30	300.00	514.35	400.00	-114.35
Misc. Income // Cheer Basket	100.00	0.00	0.00	56.50	100.00	43.50
Special Appeal Bequeath	465.00	0.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
G.I.F.T.	2437.50	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PWRDF Donations		518.70	300.00	254.35	300.00	45.65
The Ottawa Rotary Fund – Donations		302.60	300.00	305.00	300.00	-5.00
The Greenboro Pavilion Food Bank		95.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Revenue	42985.39	43014.78	42630.00	44610.68	40285.00	-4325.68
Miscellaneous Events						
Yard Sale	2833.25	3883.70	3000.00	3529.00	3500.00	-29.00
Calendar Sales	70.00	84.00	84.00	65.00	70.00	5.00
Recipe Book Donations	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Caeli Dinner Proceeds	1152.00	950.25	1000.00	1021.00	1000.00	-21.00
Church Lighting Donations	4947.26	4191.28	4000.00	5064.34	4000.00	-1064.34
Church Accessibility Fund		800.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Foster's Market			3000.00	1499.51	1500.00	0.49
Total Misc. Events	9002.51	9924.23	11084.00	11178.85	10070.00	-1108.85

	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Forecast 2019	Actual 2019	Forecast 2020	Difference 2019-2020
Building Fund						
Offerings	708.00	563.00	408.00	418.00	418.00	0.00
Donations - Roof Repairs	0.00	8525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Building Fund.	708.00	9088.00	408.00	418.00	418.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	52695.90	62027.01	54122.00	56207.53	50773.00	-5434.53
EXPENSES						
C.O.P.S.	23470.00	23863.00	23908.00	23908.00	24067.00	159.00
Priest Honorarium (Replacements)	151.00	0.00	600.00	501.00	600.00	99.00
Remun. Incumbent - Extra Days	630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discretionary Fund	100.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total Priest's Expenses	24351.00	23863.00	24708.00	24409.00	24867.00	458.00
Diocesan Support						
Fair Share	7263.00	6893.00	7337.00	7337.00	8344.00	1007.00
Insurance	748.00	748.00	748.00	748.00	777.00	29.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Diocesan Support	8011.00	7641.00	8085.00	8085.00	9121.00	1036.00
Building Fund Expenditures						
Renovations New Roof	0.00	7899.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Building Expenditures	0.00	7899.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Expenditures						
Conferences	232.50	216.50	250.00	282.50	250.00	-32.50
Outreach Including Donations to Other Charities						
The Rotary Home	0.00	302.60	300.00	305.00	300.00	-5.00
Pavilion Food Bank	0.00	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P.W.R.D.F.	0.00	518.70	300.00	254.35	300.00	45.65
Bible Society		25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising	12.45	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Sub-total	244.95	1157.80	950.00	841.85	950.00	108.15

	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Forecast 2019	Actual 2019	Forecast 2020	
Sub-total (from Page 2)	244.95	1157.80	950.00	841.85	950.00	108.15
Worship	279.08	75.37	250.00	237.35	250.00	12.65
Christian Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hydro	3245.88	3148.80	3300.00	3077.80	3200.00	122.20
Telephone	1067.44	1142.48	1150.00	1204.95	1225.00	20.05
Water	45.87	80.27	80.00	173.05	200.00	26.95
Internet Services (Data Processing)	238.54	238.54	250.00	238.54	250.00	11.46
Postage	120.40	111.01	150.00	222.03	200.00	-22.03
Supplies, Stationery & Printing Supplies	1029.60	1173.74	1200.00	1234.87	1200.00	-34.87
Mtce. & Repairs	1027.96	400.16	1000.00	70.55	1000.00	929.45
Bldg. Maintenance Supplies	93.42	47.56	100.00	453.60	100.00	-353.60
Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00	500.00	400.00
Celebrations, Gifts and Garden	444.67	287.63	300.00	207.17	300.00	92.83
Hymn Books/BAS Prayer Books	0.00	68.83	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Bible Study Material	56.97	40.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Yard Sale Expenses	578.76	356.32	500.00	438.38	500.00	61.62
Caeli Dinner Expenses	49.10	65.16	100.00	158.00	100.00	-58.00
Hall Rental Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	125.00	0.00
Bank Charges/Interest	178.56	186.06	185.00	201.54	200.00	-1.54
Church Calendars	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Host/Palms/Purificators	7.27	54.27	40.00	56.43	50.00	-6.43
Wine	31.59	25.29	40.00	27.43	40.00	12.57
Flowers	398.48	407.20	550.00	485.80	600.00	114.20
Candles	203.01	75.65	100.00	143.28	100.00	-43.28
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Audio Visual System	0.00	3225.12	0.00	36.37	0.00	-36.37
Church Lighting	4966.07	4478.04	4000.00	4615.16	4000.00	-615.16
Total General Expenses	14367.62	16905.30	15005.00	14409.15	15350.00	940.85
Total Operating Expenses	<u>46729.62</u>	<u>56308.74</u>	<u>47798.00</u>	<u>46903.15</u>	<u>49338.00</u>	<u>2434.85</u>
Operating Surplus or Deficit	<u>5966.28</u>	<u>5718.27</u>	<u>6324.00</u>	<u>9304.38</u>	<u>1435.00</u>	<u>-7869.38</u>

Woods Cemetery	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Forecast 2019	Actual 2019	Forecast 2020	
Woods Cemetery Income	3799.05	4236.17	3500.00	5089.76	4000.00	-1089.76
Woods Cemetery Expenditures	<u>6209.66</u>	<u>4092.72</u>	<u>-4000.00</u>	<u>3631.32</u>	<u>4000.00</u>	<u>368.68</u>
Woods Cemetery Surplus or Deficit	<u>-2410.61</u>	<u>143.45</u>	<u>-500.00</u>	<u>1458.44</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-1458.44</u>

Summary of Church Lighting Fund**2019**

Opening Balance				-81.37	
Donations Received				5064.34	
GST & PST rebates from 2018				<u>390.33</u>	
Total Available for Church Lighting Fund				5373.30	
Church Lighting Paid		(Including refundable taxes of \$430.53)		<u>5017.44</u>	
Balance 31-Dec-19				<u><u>355.86</u></u>	

Notes:

There is a rebate of GST & PST totalling \$430.53 which when received in 2020 will be added to the amount available in the church lighting fund giving us a total of \$786.39 to be used towards next years' lighting expenses.

Wood's Cemetery - Income Statement
31-Dec-19

Revenue

Trust Fund		
Dividend		3564.74
Offerings - Cemetery Service June 9, 2019		214.00
Misc. Donation	James G Dropp	1309.70
Interest Earned	Bank	1.32
Interest Earned	GIC	<u>125.78</u>
	Total Revenue	5215.54

Expenditures

Cemetery Maintenance	Ryan Boyd	3500.00
Clergy Fee		0.00
Advertising		5.98
Cheque Printing Charge	TD Bank	98.34
Bank Charges		27.00
GIC interest reinvested		<u>125.78</u>
	Total Disbursements	3757.10
		<u>3757.10</u>
	Surplus/Deficit	<u>1458.44</u>

Balance in Bank December 31, 2018	1775.06
Surplus/Deficit for period ended December 31, 2019	<u>1458.44</u>
Balance in Bank December 31, 2019	<u>3233.50</u>

INVESTMENTS

TD Redeemable GIC	Balance December 31, 2018	6614.25
	Interest Earned to December 31, 2019	<u>125.78</u>
	Value at December 31, 2019	<u>6740.03</u>

St. James Anglican Church Comparative Balance Sheet

ASSETS	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
Cash & Equivalent		
General Fund Allocation	7,274.99	9,407.48
Gift Allocation	0.00	0.00
Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28
Building Fund Allocation	8,748.84	8,340.84
Memorial Fund Allocation	6,495.22	3,915.22
Church Accessibility Fund	1,425.56	1,425.56
Xmas Church Lighting Fund	355.86	(81.37)
PWRDF Special Support	0.00	57.45
Total Cash & Equivalent	24,611.75	23,376.46
Investments		
Synod - Consolidated Trust Fund	8,000.00	0.00
Total	8,000.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable General	0.00	0.00
H.S.T. Receivable	149.49	149.20
P.S.T. Receivable	360.22	348.87
Total Receivables	509.71	498.07
TOTAL ASSETS	33,121.46	23,874.53
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Payable PWRDF Special Appeal	0.00	57.45
Payable Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28
Payable Rotary Home	0.00	0.00
Reserve Xmas Lighting	0.00	0.00
Reserve Church Accessibility Fund	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	311.28	368.73
EQUITY		
Net Worth		
Total Prior Years Equity	23,505.80	17,787.03
Current Earnings	9,304.38	5,718.77
Total Equity	32,810.18	23,505.80
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	33,121.46	23,874.53

St. James Anglican Church

Comparative Income Statement

REVENUE	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
Offerings		
Envelope (Including Par)	33,128.75	31,719.00
Bridlewood – Open	514.35	411.30
Initial	25.00	25.00
Gift Proceeds	0.00	1,000.00
Open	573.80	636.60
Maundy Thursday	15.00	15.00
Shrove Tuesday	0.00	0.00
Shrove Tuesday – Auction	187.00	483.50
Ash Wednesday	25.00	70.00
Easter	955.00	1,705.00
Thanksgiving	942.00	860.00
Christmas	990.00	1,365.00
Memorial - Bob Kemp	2,580.00	690.00
Memorial - Beth Kelly	0.00	1,605.00
Memorial - Nancy Ritchie	2,000.00	0.00
Caeli Dinner Revenue	1,021.00	950.25
Xmas Church Lighting Donations	5,064.34	4,191.28
Memorial Services Donations	0.00	0.00
Interest Earned	11.14	8.08
PWRDF Donations	254.35	518.70
The Ottawa Rotary Home - Donations	305.00	302.60
The Greenboro Pavilion Food Bank	0.00	95.00
Hymn Book Donations	0.00	0.00
Flower Donations – Altar	655.00	435.00
General Donations	392.79	70.00
History Books Income	0.00	0.00
Booklets - Bible Study Material	0.00	0.00
Donation Foster Family Farm	1,499.51	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	56.50	0.00
Yard Sale Income	3,529.00	3,883.70
Recipe Book Revenue	0.00	15.00
Calendar Sales	65.00	84.00
Ladies Guild Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00
Church Accessibility Fund - Donation	0.00	800.00
Total Receipts	55,789.53	52,939.01
Building Fund		
Bldg. Fund Offerings	418.00	563.00
Bldg. Fund - Roof Repairs	0.00	8,525.00
Bldg Fund - Ladies Guild Donations	0.00	0.00
Bldg Fund – Other	0.00	0.00
Total Bldg Fund	418.00	9,088.00
TOTAL REVENUE	56,207.53	62,027.01

	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
EXPENSES		
Cost of Priestly Services		
Remuneration – Incumbent	23,908.00	23,863.00
Honorarium - Substitute Priests	501.00	0.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00
Total Priestly Services	<u>24,409.00</u>	<u>23,863.00</u>
Diocesan Support		
Fair Share	7,337.00	6,893.00
Insurance	748.00	748.00
Total Diocesan Support	<u>8,085.00</u>	<u>7,641.00</u>
Building Fund Expenditures		
Renovations	0.00	0.00
Installation of New Roof	0.00	7,899.44
Total Bldg. Fund Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,899.44</u>
General Expenses		
Conferences	282.50	216.50
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00
The Ottawa Rotary Home	305.00	302.60
PWRDF Donations Paid	254.35	518.70
The Greenboro Pavilion Food Bank	0.00	95.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Church Calendars - For Sale	60.00	60.00
Worship	237.35	75.37
Christian Education/Nursery Supplies	0.00	0.00
Memorial Board	50.00	0.00
Lawler Garden	0.00	0.00
Xmas Church Lighting	4,615.16	4,478.04
Memorial - Bob Kemp	50.00	0.00
Donations - Canadian Bible Society	0.00	25.00
Hydro	3,077.80	3,148.80
Telephone	1,204.95	1,142.48
Internet Services (Data Processing)	238.54	238.54
Water	173.05	80.27
Postage	222.03	111.01
History Books Expense	0.00	0.00
Stationary Supplies	1,234.87	1,173.74
Bldg. Mtce. Supplies	453.60	47.56
Bible Study Material	0.00	40.00
Signage	0.00	0.00
Maintenance & Repairs	70.55	400.16
Yard Sale Expenses	438.38	356.32
Flowers	485.80	0.00
Celebrations, Gifts, etc.	207.17	287.63
Rental Fee - Shrove Tuesday Auction	125.00	0.00
Visual Display System	36.37	3,225.12
Bank Charges/Interest	201.54	186.06
Candles	143.28	75.65
Host/Palms	41.26	54.27

	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
EXPENSES (Con't)		
Wine	27.43	25.29
Purificators	15.17	407.20
Caeli Dinner Expenses	158.00	65.16
Hymn Books, Prayer Books, Bibles	0.00	68.33
Total General Expenses	<u>14,409.15</u>	<u>16,904.80</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>46,903.15</u>	<u>56,308.24</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>9,304.38</u></u>	<u><u>5,718.77</u></u>

Ladies Guild Financial Statement for 2019

Receipts

Bank Interest	3.01	
Pancake Supper	619.00	
Spaghetti Supper	1,271.96	

Total Revenue		1,893.96
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Expenditures

Bank Charges	27.00	
Contributions to St. James General Fund	1,000.00	
Donations in Memoriam	50.00	
Pancake Supper Expenses	231.13	
Spaghetti Supper Expenses	324.10	

Total Expenditures		1,632.23
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Surplus		261.73
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Summary of Assets

Bank Balance at December 31, 2018		7,071.01
Surplus		261.73
Bank Balance at December 31, 2019		7,332.74
GIC Maturing December 14, 2020		4,161.05
Total Assets		11,493.79

Ladies Guild Income Statement

Balance Forward

\$7,071.01

Date	Cheque #	Description	Receipts	Expenses
Jan. 31/19		Service Charge		2.25
Feb. 28/19		Service Charge		2.25
Mar. 7/19		Pancake Supper	619.00	
Mar. 8/19	130	K. McPeak - Pancake Supper Groceries		231.13
Mar. 29/19		Service Charge		2.25
Apr. 30/19		Interest	1.40	
Apr. 30/19		Service Charge		2.25
May 31/19		Service Charge		2.25
June 25/19	131	St. James - \$1000 annual donation,		1,000.00
June 29/19		Service Charge		2.25
July 31/19		Service Charge		2.25
Aug 31/19		Service Charge		2.25
Sept. 28/19		Service Charge		2.25
Oct. 17/19	132	Donation to Church in Memory of Bob Kemp		50.00
Oct. 31/19		Service Charge		2.25
Oct. 31/19		Interest	1.61	
Nov. 26/19	134	K. McPeak - Spaghetti Supper Groceries		143.10
Nov. 13/19	136	D. Donoghue - Garlic Toast for Spaghetti Supper		21.00
Nov. 14/19		Spaghetti Supper	1,271.95	
Nov. 14/19	133	Gloucester Senior's Centre Hall Rental - Spag. Supper		120.00
Nov. 14/19	135	Gloucester Senior's Centre Hall Rental - Spag. Supper		20.00
Nov. 20/19	137	Bridlewood Senior's Res. - Spaghetti Supper Groceries		20.00
Nov. 30/19		Service Charge		2.25
Dec. 31/19		Service Charge		2.25
		Total	1,893.96	1,632.23
		Net Income (Deficit) 2019		261.73
		Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2019		7,332.74

Report of the Nominating Committee for 2020

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 (<i>2nd Year</i>) of a 2 Year Phyllis Harris (<i>assignment</i>)
Alternate Members of Synod	Vic Wootton
Auditor	Glenn Clark
Parish Council at Large	Deb Donoghue Maureen Kemp Brenda Houle Vera Guy Marilyn Donnelly Jamie Koch Phyllis Harris TAD Higginson Samuel Peter Wendy Taylor Michele Sutherland-Simpson Carlotta Buckle-Omage Irene Thomas
Wood's Cemetery Representative	Glenn Clark

Respectfully submitted
Vic Wootton
Glenn Clark
Reverend Joan Riding

Appointments for 2020

Rector's warden	Vic Wootton
Treasurer	Mike Thomas
Envelope Secretary	Mike Thomas
Sunday School Superintendent	TAD Higginson
Sunday School teacher	TAD Higginson
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 2020	Phyllis Harris
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Intercessors 2020

Vic Wootton
Phyllis Harris
TAD Higginson
Chuck Wogotton
Irene Thomas
Elsbeth Dowhan

Readers 2020

Jamie Koch
Sylvia Thomas
Mike Thomas
Marilyn Donnelly
Wendy Taylor
Chuck Wootton
Phyllis Harris
Glenn Clark
Irene Thomas
Elsbeth Dowhan
Deb Donoghue
Sandra Donatucci
Vic Wootton
Samuel Peter
TAD Higginson

Psalm Readers 2020

Phyllis Harris
Vic Wootton
Elsbeth Dowhan
Jamie Koch
Michele Sutherland-Simpson

Servers 2020

Vic Wootton
Sylvia Thomas
TAD Higginson
Phyllis Harris

Ladies Guild 2020

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

Altar Guild 2020

Irene Thomas
Sylvia Thomas
Brenda Houle
Vera Guy
Marilyn Donnelly
Wendy Taylor
Vic Wootton