



“For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

ANNUAL VESTRY – OCTOBER 16TH, 2022

Christ Church, Brampton

Our Annual Report to Vestry tells the story of our parish ministries for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

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COLLEGE OF BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES

(Released February 2022)

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

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

As you gather today for the annual vestry meeting, we as your bishops wanted to write to you united as a College, to assure you of our prayers, gratitude and love for you in the face of the challenges facing our Church at this time. We want to encourage you and to assure you of our support, as we look back on the past year and anticipate the one that lies before us.

Our life together continues to be shaped by a little virus called COVID-19. Most of us had hoped that we would be back to our pre-pandemic ways by now. Yet we seem to be entering into the third year of this pandemic, and we are in the midst of an incredible fifth wave. We have learned to adapt, shift, change, open, close, move online, Zoom, sing through a mask, and much more. None of us could have imagined that we were capable of doing all of this, for as long as we have, when we closed our church buildings for the first time in March 2020.

To say that we are tired – worn out, fed up – would be an understatement. We wonder: how much longer? Unfortunately, while we may be finished with this pandemic, this pandemic is not quite finished with us.

“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

Just as the Lord commissioned Joshua to take on leadership from Moses and to lead the people forward into the land that had been promised, so God commissions us to be faithful even in the midst of this anxiety. As with Joshua, God promises to be with us wherever we go. And God's faithfulness to Israel on the cusp of new life in a new land, renews our hope for our own deliverance.

In the crucible of this pandemic, there are signs of God's light and life all around us, and we have been so moved by the ways that strength and courage have been shown by the people of our Diocese this year. The movement to virtual worship, the leaving behind of our buildings for

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a time, the reliance on community that has been formed and nurtured online – these are all signs of the resilience born of our faith in Jesus Christ. They are reminders that the Lord our God is with us wherever we go – even through this season of deep challenge – and that God has not abandoned us.

God's accompaniment has been made known in other ways too. In the midst of this pandemic, we as a Church have been coming to terms with issues of systemic racism and bias. The rollout of anti-bias and anti-racism training in 2021 – and the participation of almost all our active clergy – is a sign of God's transformative work in us as a Church. We still have much to do to combat racism and bias, but these steps bring us closer to the Church we are called to be. The ABAR workshops will be rolled out at the parish level in the coming year, and we strongly encourage your support and participation. The apology to the LGBTQ+ community in June was a further step in the Gospel work of justice, dignity and inclusion. May Christ continue to be with us as we seek to be transformed in His likeness.

The Gospel of Christ has good news and hard news. The good news is that we have hope in Jesus, who is our unchanging rock and our constant salvation in the midst of the storms and tribulations of this life. The hard news is that we are called to serve others in Christ's name. Service is sacrificial. Service is rewarding. Service is at the heart of our faith. Thank you so very much for your service to the Church and to the glory of God this past year. We are speaking here to all the baptised: our hardworking churchwardens, treasurers, musicians, administrators, Sunday School teachers, ACWs, outreach workers, altar guilds, sextons, our now-indispensable tech volunteers, and so many more. To our beloved clergy, both priests and deacons: you pour your heart and soul into your God-given vocation, and we see you. We are grateful beyond words for the super-human effort you have tirelessly made to build up the People of God during this pandemic.

At such a time as this, when we are deeply unsettled, when we would prefer the comfortable to the challenging, Christ is calling us to look for the opportunities that are being presented anew: how can we partner with a neighbouring church to do more effective and robust ministry? Do we need to have all the answers before we set out on the journey of missional exploring and engagement? What are we afraid of, and how can the good news of Christ allay our fears and embolden our hearts to venture into the unknown? How can we put "the movement of the Spirit" into words, phrases and invitations to which new disciples can respond?

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Without a doubt, we are all tired; yet recently, we your bishops are also hearing something new. You are beginning to dream again. And we know that when the Church dreams...things change.

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your children will prophesy, your young will see visions, your elderly will dream dreams.” (Joel 2:28)

May you have a creative, hopeful and inspiring vestry meeting today, as we enter this new year with the strength and courage of the One who accompanies us on our journey. We are praying for you all.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

INCUMBENT'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2022

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

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before endured the cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God”.

Hebrews 12:1-2

I am so thankful for God's faithfulness to us and for the faith and commitment of God's people at Christ Church. We have sought to follow in our Lord's way and have seen the grace of God abound toward us:

- We provided online worship and when permitted, provided gathered worship, all the while observing our Provincial and Diocesan Covid-19 safety guidelines.
- This past year, at the peak of the Omicron virus in January, the diocese mandated that all parishes close but when permitted, we reopened and have remained open ever since.
- We welcomed all sorts of online visitors along with current and former members of our congregation to our online worship and, when permitted, also had gathered events.
- We provided Bible studies, small groups, prayer and other online gatherings, “Sunday” School on Thursday nights, and terrific youth and family programming – both via technology and in person.
- We shared in pastoral care and connection with our members, newcomers and those who looked to us in time of need.

Through it all God has been faithful and has provided, through his faithful people at Christ Church, all that we have needed to execute our mission.

WORSHIP

Every Sunday throughout “regular” time, during Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, worship continued online and in person in our building when permitted. We also worshipped during the week with *Lectio Divina* and evening prayer.

In May we moved from having worship segmentally pre-recorded and then premiered on YouTube Sunday mornings at 10:00 am to recording our live worship on Sunday mornings and posting that service to YouTube for 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoon.

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We would not have been able to do all of this without the hard work of our clergy, staff and significant volunteers. A special thank-you to our tech volunteers who continue to ensure that we were able to have both in-person worship and services posted to YouTube.

PASTORAL CARE

As the feet and hands of our Lord, we visited, we celebrated, we connected, we attended, we prayed and we accompanied those in need through personal seasons of grief, loss, change, renewal and new life. While this was mostly done through the telephone, *Zoom* and *Facetime* calls, with the lessening of restrictions, we were able to be more physically present. We provided emergency assistance where it was needed and made important referrals when required.

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

This past year we offered the following Discipleship Development opportunities:

- † Bible Studies
- † Baptism Preparation
- † Lectio Divina
- † Marriage/Relational & Life Transition Counselling
- † Sunday (Thursday) School
- † Youth Group
- † Alpha Program ~ This past winter, from January through Holy Week, we offered the Alpha program in which over fifty adults participated. We gathered online every Wednesday evening for topical video presentations and small group discussions led by lay people from our congregation. We are so grateful to Charlene Bickerstaffe for organizing this program that blessed so many. Thank-you Charlene!

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

We stayed connected through our parish website, *Facebook* page and *Instagram* account. Our social media verger Martha Whittaker did an outstanding job of keeping our profile readily before our community. We also used old fashioned methods including bulletins and the occasional pastoral mailing! Thank you, Martha!

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to every household in our parish family who responded with such generosity and love to our annual stewardship campaign *We've Come This Far by Faith*. Due to our congregation's strong support,

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we weathered the “Covid-19 storm” and are set to emerge from it. Your prayerful pledge has greatly assisted our Corporation in budgeting for the coming fiscal year.

I am deeply grateful to you, the members of Christ Church, who have generously and sacrificially supported our work this past year through your regular and reliable financial gifts. Thank you to all who used Envelopes, PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance), e-Transfers, and Canada Helps.

PARISH LIFE

Much of our parish life was enjoyed via technology with hearty chats on Sunday while gathering for worship on YouTube and in our church building itself. We had lively conversations before and after small group gatherings and events which kept us connected and relating to each other. We had all sorts of personal *check-ins* via technology (*Zoom, FaceTime* & telephone). We had intentional individual phone calls to and between our parishioners. Parish life continues to deepen as we are now more able to see each other.

As we continued reopening and rebuilding our in-person gatherings we found ourselves in need of more volunteers and the people of Christ Church did not disappoint! Thank you to those who have joined our new Greeters’ Ministry Team, our Technology Production Team and our Choir and Worship Collective this past year. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you into future opportunities for volunteerism this coming year as we still need choir and praise team members, new communion assistants, coffee hour hosts and a renewed servers’ guild.



Blessing of Backpacks (September 2021)



Birthday Celebration (May 2022)

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OUTREACH

This past year we generously supported our community partners with financial and volunteer support, striving in partnership with them to serve our community:

- † **PWRDF** The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief.

Special Offering | July 25, 2021

Anglicans invited to support Territory of the People in aftermath of fire



In July 2021, Christ Church partnered with PWRDF in offering assistance to the Territory of the People devastated by the sudden fire which destroyed the village of Lytton and Lytton First Nation. Very quickly and generously you responded and we were able to provide immediate funds in excess of \$3,000.

- † **Regeneration Community Outreach.** Regeneration provides meals, outreach, medical assistance, housing advocacy, food recovery, and a thrift store. Christ Church continued to support Regeneration through volunteering, fundraising and financial support. Our *Coldest Night of the Year* team raised over \$14,000 this year!

Doing What Love Requires
PWRDF supports Ukrainians forced to flee
Our March 27/22 Special Offering
for PWRDF totalled \$10,865



OUTREACH

www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give



In response to the Russian invasion of the Ukraine, we contributed, through a special offering of over \$10,000 in support of Ukrainian refugees.

PLEASE SPONSOR

marching in the light (christ church brampton)

amount raised: **\$14,270.00**
fundraising goal: \$10,000.00

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Our Fundraising Progress
Raised: \$14,270 | Goal: \$10,000

It's cold out there. I invite you to join me on February 26 as I walk to support the wonderful work Regeneration does within our own backyard!
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ...'

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† **Ste. Louise Outreach.** Our local food bank, through which we serve our neighbourhood, is supported by our Sunday food collection as well as dedicated volunteer and fundraising efforts within our parish. This year's *Drive By - Drop Off* food collection event generated a truck load of food as well as cash donations.

Contactless
Drive-By / Drop-Off
Saturday, June 4
10:00 am - 12:00 noon @ Christ Church
In support of Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel



† **JFJ Hope Centre.** JFJ is both a ministry that supports young marginalized families as well as a licensed adoption agency. A significant and much appreciated effort was made this year through *Caring and Sharing* at Christmas to purchase men's gifts and children's pajamas. I am blessed to serve on the Board of Directors of *JFJ Hope Centre* as Vice Chairman.

† **Caring and Sharing.** This loving Christmas program of gift and food hamper distribution assists many marginalized families in Brampton. Thank you to all who participated by donating and/or delivering and a special thank you to Jean Jamieson for her tremendous commitment to this ministry project!

Contactless
2021 Caring & Sharing
In partnership with
local ministry charities

JFJ Hope Centre
Boys & Girls Club of Peel
Knights Table

Worship Fully | Spend Less | Give More | Love All



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† **International Christian Voice.** To aid and resettle Christian refugees who have suffered religious persecution, particularly in Pakistan. A special thank you goes out to our own Jim Bakhsh who provided significant leadership in this ministry!

On the far right, Jim Bakhsh is with one of the many families who arrived in Canada over the past year. Jim is with the young widowed mother Sara and her two young children Mariam (Mary) 11 years and son Musa (Moses) 9 years.



Thank you to those in our parish family who, through their financial and volunteer efforts, supported these ministries. God bless you!

FOR THE COMING YEAR:

Three intentional areas where we prayerfully intend to build more ministry capacity:

Strengthening our Liturgy (Worship)

Building our volunteer worship ministry: adding more lay communion ministrants and readers, revitalizing our Servers Guild and building upon our volunteer music ministries.

Strengthening our Parish Life (Fellowship)

Re-introducing weekly coffee hour and building our lay pastoral visitation team.

Strengthening our Relationships (Fellowship)

Participating in our Anglican efforts to improve relations with our Indigenous neighbours and continuing our efforts in *Inviting, Welcoming and Connecting*, whether you are a long-term member or have just found us.

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING – OCTOBER 17, 2021

Minutes of the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Sunday, October 17 2021 in the morning following 10:00 am services Holy Eucharist in-person and Ante Communion online. As a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was held on Zoom at 12:00 noon. A telephone option was available. The Zoom link, Vestry Report, F2021 Financial Statements and F2022 Budget were made available on our website the Sunday preceding Vestry. Paper copies were made available at the church.

These minutes are considered draft until approved by the next Annual Meeting of Vestry scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2022

Opening with prayer, The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore took the chair at 12:00 pm for the 171st Annual Vestry. He gave thanks for all who participated in the various ministries that took place throughout Fiscal 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021). Canon Gilmore acknowledged the additional work by clergy, staff and volunteers as the Covid-19 pandemic continued throughout the fiscal year. Notice to suspend in-person worship on March 15, 2020 was received on March 13, 2020 and on June 1, 2020, it was announced that Anglican churches within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario would be closed until at least September. Christ Church, Brampton opened under the Amber Guidelines of the Diocese of Toronto on September 13, 2020. Subsequent changes included: November 2020 – Closure for In-Person Worship, March 2021 – Open for In-Person Worship, April 2021 – Closure for In-Person Worship and June 2021 – Open for In-Person Worship. Throughout the entire year, we were able to worship Online.

The pastoral letters received from The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto and the Right Reverend Jenny Andison, Area Bishop for York-Credit.

The Vestry Declaration was completed in the Zoom waiting room prior to entering the meeting. Instructions were provided as to how Vestry would work on Zoom, specifically how to ask questions and how to vote. The 2021 Parish Life video, *Doing What Love Requires*, was shown.

MOTIONS:

The following motions were moved, seconded and carried.

1. That the Agenda for the Annual Vestry meeting of October 17, 2021 be accepted. The motion was moved by Jonathan Tyner and seconded by Don Joshua.
2. That Martha Whittaker be elected as Vestry Clerk. The motion was moved by Jean Jamieson and seconded by Nancy Kee.

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3. That the minutes, as presented, of the Annual Vestry of October 4, 2020 be accepted. The motion was moved by Chris Bird and seconded by Paul Wren.

4. The following appointments were made:

Rector	The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Byron R. Gilmore
Rector's Warden	Shumaila Desrochers
People's Warden	Jonathan Tyner
Deputy Rector's Warden	Stan Stepezi
Deputy People's Warden	Sarala Golla
Treasurer	TBA
Engagement Reviewer	Peter Volkes
Parish Administrator	Martha Whittaker
Envelope Secretary	Carolynne Atkinson

Further nominations for People's Warden and Deputy People's Warden other than those presented by the Nomination Committee were sought from the floor with no response. The motion for People's Warden and Deputy People's Warden were moved by Don Joshua and Martha Whittaker and seconded by Chris Bird and Paul Wren, respectively.

5. That Isaac Olurotimi (moved by Tina Clarke, seconded by Paul Wren), Samir Tikaram (moved by Don Joshua, seconded by Shumaila Desrochers) and Barbara Westney (moved by Tina Clarke, seconded by Shumaila Desrochers) be elected as Lay members of Synod with Sean Joseph (moved by Isaac Olurotimi, seconded by Paul Wren) as an alternate. Nominations were sought from the floor with no response.

6. The following positions were appointed to serve on the Advisory Board:

- a. Rector
- b. Wardens
- c. Lay Reps (including Alternate) to Synod
- d. Member at Large
- e. Parish Administrator

7. Chinweike Chike was elected to serve on the Advisory Board as a Member at Large. Further nominations were sought from the floor with no response. The motion was moved by Paul Wren and seconded by Jean Jamieson.

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8. That the signing officers of Christ Church be any two of the following positions: Rector's Warden, People's Warden and Treasurer. The motion was moved by Chris Bird and seconded Nancy Kee.
9. That we approve the reports of the church groups and organizations as published with two corrections noted (pp 37, Envelope Secretary's Report has % in yearly comparison corrected and pp. 50 Outreach Summary adjusted by \$100). The motion was moved by Chris Bird and seconded by Paul Wren.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO VACCINATION POLICY (Information Only)

Effective September 28, 2021, the Diocese of Toronto Vaccination Policy was reviewed. While broadly communicated and implemented in the weeks leading up to Vestry, the Annual Meeting provided further opportunity to communicate and answer any questions. No significant issues were raised.

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

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

- Year over year, the number of contributors declined but the average total offerings per Envelope Subscriber and PAR subscriber increased by 11%.
- Total Electronic Givings in F2021 was \$250,346 was many of our envelope subscribers moved to e-Transfer and/or CanadaHelps.
- Good news was shared in that total General Funds increased by 4% and total receipts for Outreach increased by 18%.
- 2021 Stewardship Focus results were presented showing 45 responses with an average increase of 8% over the previous year's actual.

Don Joshua expressed thanks to Carolynne Atkinson. The motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report was moved by Don Joshua and seconded by Beth Cope. Motion was carried.

HERITAGE FUND AMENDMENT

That Vestry approve the management of Heritage Fund become the responsibility of Corporation was moved by Chris Bird and seconded by Paul Wren. Motion carried.

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HERITAGE FUND DEFICIT RECOVERY (Information Only)

Cumulative amounts held in Heritage Fund owing to General Fund as approved in Annual Vestry meetings to eliminate previous debt is \$60,403 as outlined below:

Christ Church, Brampton		
Cumulative Amounts - Heritage to Operating		
Currently Held in Heritage Account		
F2016	\$	11,351
F2017	\$	25,584
F2019	\$	23,468
	\$	<u>60,403</u>

FISCAL 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT (draft released October 11, 2021 presented by Stan Szepesi)

Financial statements are presented in a format that combined the Heritage and General Funds as per accounting principles. Also included in the Statements are funds held in the Consolidated Trust that is managed by the Diocese of Toronto. These funds are a result of selling the rectory some years ago. Christ Church receives approximately \$5,000 per in dividend income dependent on market conditions. Copies of the Financial Statement are a watermarked draft by MNP LLP, who prepared them, until they are approved by Vestry.

As a result of the pandemic and Vestry being conducted virtually on Zoom, the F2021 Financial Report and F2022 Budget were posted on our website for downloading. Paper copies were also available at the Church Office. Grant income in F2021 significantly lower than the previous year wherein the Diocese of Toronto provided a "Jubilee" for three months (April – June, 2020) wherein parishes were not be required to pay their allotment to the Diocese or to pay the costs of clergy remuneration (stipend, housing and associated benefits).

MOTIONS

1. To approve the Fiscal 2021 Financial Statements was moved Stan Szepesi and seconded by Jean Jamieson. Motion was carried.

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FISCAL 2022 BUDGET (draft released October 11, 2021 presented by Stan Szepesi)

The following key budget assumptions were presented:

- As we are in the 2nd year of the pandemic, we have conservatively planned for no increase in regular offerings.
- We cannot predict with any certainty Memorial Givings
- Modest salary increases as committed to in 2020 Annual Vestry (if approved, planned salary changes take place in January)
- Increase of 10% in repairs in maintenance over actual in F2020 recognizing both savings while church building was closed and increased expenses as a result of Covid-19. Other expenses have a modest increase and will be closely monitored.

The motion to approve the F2021 Budget was moved by Stan Szepesi and seconded by Isaac Olurotimi. Motion was carried.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was moved by Martha Whittaker at 1:00 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer.



Easter Alleluia Craft (April 2022)



Non-DNA Family (Summer 2022)

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY 2022

A long time ago when I was the same age as some of the Youth group, I got the privilege of spending some time with my Great Grandmother. She was an amazing woman of great faith and had a great love of life ~ she who lived to be 104! I recall she shared with me some wise words and advice after listening to me complain that there was nothing to do and that the days and months seemed to drag on forever. In her very soft voice, which always commanded attention, she told me that when you get older that time...days, months, years, decades and even centuries will pass in the blink of an eye. I can hear her saying, "live life treasuring the time you have and spend as much time as you can with those you love." I, of course, just smiled and well you probably can guess what was going through my mind!!!!!!

Wrong, how very wrong that younger me was. Now at the ripe old age ofI find myself saying *how did it get to be Friday?* or the *end of another month?* and *another year?* Even scarier is that, for the most part, I can't even remember what happened over the past year. (Thank goodness we have Martha who photo documents everything.)

So, when I first started thinking about what went on in the past year all I heard was crickets. But then I started to recall that Moe, Bo, Martha and I went on the Children's Focus world tour. That orange icing looks good on Pumpkin party cookies and your laptop. That one of Sarah White's talents is instructing crafts on line and that the youth at Christ Church love hanging out with each other even if it means wearing a turkey hat or running across the gym with balloons between their knees. That the power of a screaming chicken can keep kids coming back and if they can't make a gathering in person, they join us on line.

The moments of joy, laughter and God's blessings are all around us ... Sometimes you just need to sit back with a cup of tea and reflect. Yes, time does seem to pass faster the older you get but that does not mean that time was any less fun, busy, full of life and God's love.

With this new year just starting I am praying that that God blesses me and all of us with my grandmother's wisdom.

Blessings

Tina

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



Mo & Bo's European Adventure (August 2021)



Blessing of the Back Packs (September 2021)



Frisbee Golf (September 2021)



Zoom Pumpkin Party (October 2021)



Zoom Advent Party (November 2021)



Youth Party (November 2021)

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



Youth Group on Zoom (January 2022)



Youth Group on Zoom (February 2022)



Shrove Tuesday on Zoom (March 2022)



Prepping for In-person Sunday School (April 2022)



In-person Sunday School resumes! (May 2022)



Knights of the North Castle (June 2022)

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

ADULT PROGRAMS

Writing My Story

In the fall of 2021, The Rev. Michelle Jones led a 6-part workshop entitled “Writing My Story”. A group met on Zoom throughout October to December (it straddled her appointment to St. James, Caledon East on the 1st Sunday in Advent) to reflect on and write about our journey through life. At each session, the group covered different topics starting with our childhood and concluding with our legacy. Writing prompts were provided and thus the journey of journaling was made easy.



Some things only survive through writing about them

All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required

2021 Fall Series

Writing My Story

Thursday Afternoons @ 2:00 pm

- For 6 sessions
- 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month
- Starting October 14 | Ending December 23

Register using Eventbrite on our website



Alpha @ Christ Church

How encouraging it was to run Alpha at Christ Church for the first time in many years. With the continuing public health restrictions and the “sure confidence” to try something new, we ran Alpha on Zoom starting in January until April. Not knowing what to expect, we were delighted that 50 people joined us on the journey. While most people were from the local area, it was marvelous to see people join us from Florida, Arizona and Collingwood (definitely a pandemic-perk). Under the leadership of Charlene Bickerstaffe, each week we met on Zoom to watch a video and then break out into small groups. We even managed to have a virtual Retreat Day and those who were local met for an afternoon walk ~ with the continued lock-downs and Covid-19 variants circulating, it was so very good to meet safely and in-person. A grateful thanks is extended to our leaders and all those who participated.

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

Alpha @ Christ Church (Winter 2022)

Join us in prayer for the leaders & participants of Alpha Online @ Christ Church continuing this evening



"To sojourn is to constantly be on a spiritual journey fixated on a kingdom-building purpose. At our best, sojourners are so filled with how things ought to be that the brokenness of what is gets replaced by the pregnant possibility of what's to come."

Sojourners (November 2021 pp 10)

All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required



Above: Eight leaders were recruited to lead the small groups.

Left: Zoom photos do not capture this wonderful group of 50 people!



Above & left: Alpha Retreat Day

LITURGY & WORSHIP

ALTAR GUILD VESTRY REPORT 2022

The Altar Guild prepares the bread and wine, vessels, linens, candles and flowers necessary for our services. We currently have 5 teams of 4 members and are on duty for 1 week at a time starting Saturday morning. We also set up for weddings, baptisms and funerals. Members attend meetings twice a year to get ready for the Christmas and Easter seasons. Decorating the church for Palm Sunday, Easter, Harvest and Christmas is a big part of the Altar Guild duties with the help from other parishioners. Thanks to all, both members and volunteers, who helped.

We welcomed Evelyn Wayne and Sara Golla to the Altar Guild this year. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Moffatt

Coordinator



We are so very grateful to the dedication of the Altar Guild.



LITURGY & WORSHIP

CHOIR REPORT 2022

Although we have had one year under our belt maneuvering through Covid-19, finding ways to stay engaging and stimulating has not been easy. What has been made easier is my working partnership with Sally allowing for an excellent melding of traditional and contemporary Christian into one service. Our jobs have changed through these two years and what has made it successful is to being able to adapt as we go.

Various choir members and guests very graciously stepped up to the plate to offer their skills in live recordings each week. As most Covid-19 rules were in place, this did not allow for weekly choir practices to take place. Four-part choral settings were used however online for the Christmas season. Following the last major lock down, it was wonderful to have live services in the middle of the winter and especially moving to experience Holy Week with all the bells and whistles as Anglicans are known to do.

Recordings for online services ended in June to help facilitate church services moving to live streaming.

It should also be noted that some choristers have come and gone and we give much thanks for their years of musical service to the music ministry at Christ Church Brampton.

Praise God for another wonderful year.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Greidanus

Organist and Choir Director



Closed set recording (December 2021)

LITURGY & WORSHIP

PARISH REGISTRIES (JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022) *

BAPTISMS

September 12, 2021

Dielle Chimamanda Obichukwu born April 14, 2021

October 31, 2021 – All Saints (Translated)

Moshe Ogheneruno Brown born February 2, 2021

April 24, 2022

Ezekiel Ernest Tikaram born September 29, 2021

June 12, 2022 – Trinity Sunday

Jack Anderson Crowe born September 20, 2020

June 12, 2022 – Trinity Sunday

Paige Elizabeth Kargl-Simard born September 20, 2021

June 12, 2022 – Trinity Sunday

Kianna Faith Martin born October 8, 2021

August 28, 2021

Douglas Andrew Ford born May 1, 1928 died August 9, 2021

September 10, 2021

Hilda May Doran born July 18, 1929 died September 4, 2021

October 16, 2021

Kathleen Mary Louise Rice born November 4, 1947 died January 15, 2021

September 11, 2021

Nina Marie Powelette born September 20, 1936 died September 6, 2021

September 29, 2021

Barbara Evelyn Thompson born April 24, 1930 died September 23, 2021

October 1, 2021

David Norman Hodder born June 7, 1955 died February 16, 2021

October 28, 2021

June Muriel Wilkins born June 16, 1927 died October 25, 2021

November 18, 2021

Larry David Reichert born August 18, 1938 died November 11, 2021

LITURGY & WORSHIP

FUNERALS & MEMORIALS (Continued)

December 28, 2021

Peter Marius Van Luyk born September 18, 1964 died December 19, 2021

January 31, 2022

Doris May Glenn born April 13, 1924 died January 24, 2022

February 5, 2022

Pauline Mez born March 15, 1934 died January 22, 2022

March 24, 2022

Edna May Pearce born June 27, 1922 died March 18, 2022

April 19, 2022

Eunice Olga Hackett born August 21, 1928 died April 5, 2022

April 30, 2022

Margaret Ruth Whebell born April 7, 1929 died April 6, 2022

May 26, 2022

Lochiel Parry Cameron born April 18, 1940 died May 22, 2022

June 11, 2022

Beryl Alison Hall born January 13, 1935 died June 3, 2022

June 17, 2022

Frederick William Allen born April 17, 1927 died June 12, 2022

June 30, 2022

Evelyn Irene Mee born October 20, 1927 died June 22, 2022

* Global Covid-19 pandemic declared March 2020 and public health restrictions continued throughout the entire fiscal period.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

PRODUCTION TEAM 2022

Our Audio Visual Team formed in March 2020 as a direct result of the global pandemic Covid-19. This dedicated team provided online services each and every week in a pre-recorded/closed-set environment. In addition to weekly services, they made themselves available to record special seasonal services for Advent, Christmas and Holy Week. After 2+ years and with public health restrictions being eased, in June 2022 we moved to a format of recording the Sunday morning service live and releasing it later that day at 4:00 pm on YouTube. It is anticipated that over time, we will be able to broadcast the service live at 10:00 am. Check out our YouTube channel for all our worship services and special productions: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchBrampton>



Filming Remembrance Day



Video, Script and Sound



For the 2nd year in a row, we spent Canada Day filming. (July 2021)



Training Up New Team Members | Consider Volunteering



LITURGY & WORSHIP

WORSHIP COLLECTIVE 2022

The Worship Collective is springing back into action again. After a two-and-a-half-year adjustment, we are ready to take what we've learned and move forward in putting the team back together again.

To begin with, we are now meeting again for weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7 pm, which will allow us to grow and develop. A series of new songs were recently introduced. Now live worship will give the congregation an opportunity to become comfortable with them.

The focus of this ministry continues to be the provision of a contemporary blend to corporate worship at Christ Church. Worship does not only consist of music, but the reading of God's word and teaching. The contemporary music segment is chosen to reflect this concept.

We've rebranded. We diverted from being one unified team a while back. We are now a collective of musician and singers that sometimes come and go.

As our ministry evolves, we have adapted to the limitations of our environment. Our sound system and channel options have led us to taper the size of the team and spread everyone out. We are now excited to meet individuals who sing, and perhaps have a skill with singing in harmony, as well as those who play an acoustic instrument at an intermediate level.

An orientation night was held in September to explain the ministry and allow folks to engage and ask questions. This was very successful and brought us two new people and one team member returning.

We look forward to the coming season and developing the contemporary offering to our worship.

Sally Campbell

Worship Collective Director



Worship Collective (September 2022)

LITURGY & WORSHIP



Ordination of the The Rev. Luigi Battista to the Diaconate (July 2021)



Safely gathering for worship (October 2021)



Praying for The Rev. Michelle Jones after announcing her appointment to St. James Caledon East. (November 2021)



We continued to visit safely outside throughout the year (December 2021)



Parish families lit our Advent Wreath (December 2021)



Gathering Christmas morning (December 2021)

LITURGY & WORSHIP



Ash Wednesday (March 2022)



Lent | Be the Future (March 222)



Maundy Thursday (April 2022)



The Great Vigil of Easter (April 2022)



Celebrating Baptism (April 2022)



Blessing of the Pledges (June 2022)

ENVELOPE SECRETARY 2021

I write this report that while we are still in the midst of the pandemic albeit with public health restrictions greatly reduced. We are now seeing people return to in-person worship. It was encouraging to see this past year, the continued use of e-transfers especially among our Envelope Subscribers. We are now using coding within our receipting program that will allow us to see the changes in donor patterns whether offerings are received by E-transfer, Pre-Authorized Remittances or “On the Plate”. There are some parishioners that use CanadaHelps which is also a good way to support ministry at Christ Church. CanadaHelps issues tax receipts directly so donation information is not included here.

For those new to how we receipt at Christ Church, a brief review:

- Offertory envelope information is inputted into our database on a regular basis thus providing current individual contribution information.
- Pre-Authorized Remittances (“PAR”) are inputted on a monthly basis and totals are reported to the Treasurer for allocation to the different funds (e.g. general offerings, FaithWorks, Clergy Discretion, etc.)
- Christ Church also accepts E-transfers and has an account with CanadaHelps
- Reports are reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure that any discrepancies or inaccuracies are captured and corrected in a timely fashion.
- Interim tax receipts for the 9 months ending October 31st are included in a November mailing providing parishioners an opportunity to review their current offerings for the taxation year and to check for accuracy. As a result of this exercise, Annual Tax receipting goes very smoothly.
- Fund Descriptions continued to be updated to better reflect various ministries where your offerings may be placed. Of course, General Offerings was and remains of prime importance.
- Keeping the Parish List updated is a continuous work in progress. **It would be extremely helpful to be notified of personal information change as soon as possible to keep our records up to date. This was particularly important when establishing the Parish Call and Mailing programs.**
- With a solid understanding of the PowerChurch system, I am able to assist the Corporation by providing them with cumulative results regarding Stewardship Pledging Focus and provide them with ad hoc reports as they managed the overall financial health of Christ Church.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MAINTENANCE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

- Keeping our contact information current is an ongoing task; however its accuracy is reliant upon being advised of changes to contact information. We kindly ask that you remember to inform Christ Church whenever there is a change or correction required in your mailing address, email address and/or telephone number(s).
- It is important that we have the correct spelling of your name and current address in order to comply with Canada Revenue Agency's requirements for the issuance of tax receipts and other documents.

DONATIONS/ENVELOPE NUMBERS

In accounting for contributions, each donor (whether a parishioner or a visitor) is assigned a unique envelope number. Your envelope number has two benefits: it provides confidentiality in the offering count and it provides individual tracking for tax receipting purposes. Numbered groupings are used to identify whether a contributor is:

- i. Envelope set holder (numbered 1-150)
- ii. Utilizing Pre-Authorized Giving (numbered 1,000 to 1,999)
- iii. A regular contributor who is neither of the above (numbered 400 - 500)
- iv. A visitor (numbered 300 - 399)
- v. One-time receipts, or persons that are no longer members of the parish (moved, died, etc.) (8,000+)

I continue to work closely with the Parish Administrator to identify individuals that may be attending on a "new" and "regular" basis. This allows me to approach the individual and invite them to take a set of envelopes or go on PAR.

The overall assignment of a particular envelope category makes the management of the database and any analysis or referrals much easier as we are able to obtain information quickly and efficiently.

Your current envelope number can be found on your tax receipt or you may contact the Envelope Secretary or the Church Office to confirm. When in doubt as to your number, please use your name. This goes a long way to ensure accurate receipting.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ENVELOPE SETS

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

- Please do not use previous year's envelopes. **2023 envelopes will be distributed during the first week of Advent 2022.** This is critical for accurate tax receipting purposes.
- This also applies to donors who have converted to the PAR system. PAR users are kindly asked to use their new envelope number (numbered 1,000 to 1,999) or their name to ensure accurate contribution records.
- **For those on PAR, we will provide you with a set of pre-numbered envelopes during the first week of Advent.**

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR)

PAR is a convenient monthly offering that is automatically withdrawn on the 20th of the month from your bank account. Pre-pandemic, we promoted this method of giving so that if you were away, your donations could still be made. This remains true, particularly during the pandemic when the building was closed and/or you may have been feeling unwell or unsure if in-person worship was for you.

Should you ever wish to convert to this system, please know that you can do this at any time and that forms are available at the Parish Office and on our website at:

www.christchurchbrampton.ca/commitment-2022-2023

The PAR system provides the donor with the same opportunity to make regular allocations to any FaithWorks ministry and/or any ministries undertaken by Christ Church (e.g. special offerings).

Additional donations can be made at any time (e.g. Seasonal offerings, Memorials, Special Offerings, etc.). Please ensure that your name and/or your correct envelope number is clearly written on the envelope so these donations can be added to your regular monthly donation.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

A WORD ABOUT OTHER METHODS OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

1. **E-Transfers** allow for parishioners to make donations via the Interac system by:
 - a. Setting up Christ Church Brampton as a payee on your internet banking account.
 - b. Email address required: christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca
 - c. No password is required
 - d. Upon making an offering you will receive an email notification as will Christ Church.
 - e. Your offering is allocated to your current Envelope Number and is included your annual tax receipt issued by Christ Church.
 - f. If you are new to Christ Church or you believe we do not have a correct mailing address, please include your full name & address in the notes so that we can provide a tax receipt.
2. **CanadaHelps** allows you to make donations to Christ Church using your credit through its website. A small administration and processing fee is taken. In this case, CanadaHelps provides you with a tax receipt in the full amount. As a result of our 2022 Stewardship Focus, some parish families made a monthly commitment via the CanadaHelps platform. .

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/christ-church-brampton/#donate-now-pane>
3. **Electronic Giving** continues to be a solid method of supporting the ministry of Christ Church. Many of our Envelope & PAR subscribers easily and faithfully made E-Transfers allocated for different funds including General, Special Offerings, Caring & Sharing, Ste. Louise, Regeneration, etc. Our total F2022 offerings made electronically is detailed below:

F2022 Electronic Givings

Cdn Helps	E-Transfer	PAR	Total
\$ 5,527	\$ 92,021	\$ 175,766	\$ 273,314

F2021 Electronic Givings

Cdn Helps	E-Transfer	PAR	Total
\$ 5,400	\$ 93,453	\$ 171,568	\$ 270,421

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Table 1 – Contribution Range Report (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

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

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

F2022 Envelope Secretary Stats

Funds 1 - 3 only

Contribution Range	F2022 Total Records		F2022 Envelope		F2022 PAR		F2022 400s		F2022 Other	
	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given
\$ 15 to \$ 100	858	\$ 1,950	23	\$ 380			119	\$ 1,270	716	\$ 300
\$ 101 to \$ 200	16	\$ 2,475	6	\$ 920	1	\$ 120	7	\$ 1,110	2	\$ 325
\$ 201 to \$ 300	13	\$ 3,362	6	\$ 1,427	4	\$ 1,140	2	\$ 495	1	\$ 300
\$ 301 to \$ 400	8	\$ 2,927	3	\$ 1,090	1	\$ 400	2	\$ 687	2	\$ 750
\$ 401 to \$ 500	11	\$ 5,287	5	\$ 2,385	4	\$ 1,952	0	\$ -	2	\$ 950
\$ 501 to \$ 750	23	\$ 14,485	10	\$ 6,250	10	\$ 6,169	2	\$ 1,496	1	\$ 570
\$ 751 to \$1,000	25	\$ 22,779	10	\$ 8,925	13	\$ 12,102	2	\$ 1,751	0	\$ 0
\$1,001 to \$1,500	25	\$ 31,232	15	\$ 18,450	10	\$ 12,782	0	\$ 6,500	0	-\$ 6,500
\$1,501 to \$2,500	34	\$ 65,921	16	\$ 31,617	15	\$ 27,804	3	\$ 11,763	0	-\$ 5,263
\$2,501 to \$5,000	34	\$ 121,495	14	\$ 51,145	17	\$ 58,587	3	\$ -	0	\$ 11,763
Over \$5001	9	\$ 95,058	3	\$ 40,348	6	\$ 54,710	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
	1056	\$ 366,970	111	\$ 162,937	81	\$ 175,766	140	\$ 25,072	724	\$ 3,195
Average Per Contributor		\$ 348		\$ 1,468		\$ 2,170		\$ 179		\$ 4

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

We have included for comparison the Average Gift/Contributor for both F2021 and F2022. Like Table 1 this data only includes church operations and does not include donations to various outreach initiatives throughout the year.

Table 2 – Fiscal 2022 Average Given Per Contributor (Envelope & PAR Only)

	F2017	F2018	F2019	F2020	F2021	F2022	Year over Year Change		5 year average F2017 F2021 Comparison to F2022
# ENV. SUBSCRIBERS	167	144	167	129	117	111	-6	-4%	
Total Offerings	\$ 159,550	\$ 165,852	\$ 192,862	\$ 167,712	\$ 174,994	\$ 162,937	-\$ 12,057	-6%	\$ 172,194 - \$ 9,257
Average Gift	\$ 955	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,155	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,496	\$ 1,468	-\$ 28	-2%	-5%
# PAR SUBSCRIBERS	86	90	92	90	85	81	-4	-4%	
Total Offerings	\$ 153,851	\$ 192,274	\$ 175,145	\$ 179,933	\$ 180,568	\$ 175,766	-\$ 4,802	-3%	\$ 176,354 - \$ 588
Average Gift	\$ 1,789	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,999	\$ 2,124	\$ 2,170	\$ 46	2%	0%
# COMBINED	253	234	259	219	202	192	-10	-4%	
Total Offerings	\$ 313,401	\$ 358,126	\$ 368,006	\$ 347,645	\$ 355,562	\$ 338,703	-\$ 16,859	-5%	\$ 348,548 - \$ 9,845
Average Gift	\$ 1,239	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,764	\$ 4	0%	-3%

Table 3– Fiscal 2021 Average Given Per Contributor (Envelope & PAR Only)

	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019	F2020	F2021	Year over Year Change		5 year average F2016 F2020 Comparison to F2021
# ENV. SUBSCRIBERS	162	167	144	167	129	117	-12	-7%	
Total Offerings	\$ 174,702	\$ 159,550	\$ 165,852	\$ 192,862	\$ 167,712	\$ 174,994	\$ 7,282	4%	\$ 172,136 \$ 2,858
Average Gift	\$ 1,078	\$ 955	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,155	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,496	\$ 196	17%	
# PAR SUBSCRIBERS	92	86	90	92	90	85	-5	-5%	
Total Offerings	\$ 150,882	\$ 153,851	\$ 192,274	\$ 175,145	\$ 179,933	\$ 180,568	\$ 635	0%	\$ 170,417 \$ 10,151
Average Gift	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,789	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,999	\$ 2,124	\$ 125	7%	
# COMBINED	254	253	234	259	219	202	-17	-7%	
Total Offerings	\$ 325,584	\$ 313,401	\$ 358,126	\$ 368,006	\$ 347,645	\$ 355,562	\$ 7,917	2%	\$ 342,553 \$ 13,009
Average Gift	\$ 1,282	\$ 1,239	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,760	\$ 173	12%	

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Table 4 – Funds Report

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

Of special note is that our funds directly supporting **parish operations** (General, Seasonal & Initial Offerings) **increased by 2%** year over year and our **total outreach increased significantly (18%)** mostly as a result of special offerings for PWRDF.

F2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)		F2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)	
In Support of Parish Operations		In Support of Parish Operations	Amount
General	\$ 349,809	General	\$ 347,382
Seasonal	\$ 16,781	Seasonal	\$ 11,024
Initial Offerings	\$ 380	Initial Offerings	\$ 360
Future Ministry Fund	\$ -	Future Ministry Fund	\$ 22,122
Altar Guild	\$ 150	Altar Guild	\$ 407
Heritage	\$ 100	Name Tags	\$ -
Memorials	\$ 2,315	Memorials	\$ 3,770
Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000	Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000
Children & Youth	\$ 240	Church School	\$ 140
	\$ 370,775		\$ 386,205
In Support of Outreach		In Support of Outreach	
Refugee Support	\$ 600	Day Camp	\$ -
Clergy Discretion	\$ 3,718	Clergy Discretion	\$ 9,120
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 7,860	Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 10,678
Ste. Louise	\$ 685	Ste. Louise	\$ 2,938
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 2,240	Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 1,666
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 280	Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 240
Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 200	Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 110
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 14,385	Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 130
Regeneration/Coldest Night of Yr	\$ 1,170	Regeneration/Coldest Night of Yr	\$ 1,300
Designated Miscellaneous	\$ -	Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 130
	\$ 31,138		\$ 26,312
TOTAL	\$ 401,913	TOTAL	\$ 412,517

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TAX RECEIPTS AND INTERIM REPORTS

A statement of your contributions is available upon request at any time during the year. These statements are useful for reviewing your donations and for advising of corrections or omissions which need to be made prior to the issue of tax receipts. However, if your issued tax receipts show errors or omissions please notify us immediately.

Information presented above reflects a year-end of June 30th, however tax receipts are in accordance to the Canada Revenue Agency and reflect donations based on the calendar year. Tax receipts for calendar year of 2022 will be released in February 2023.

Each year, I have a better understanding of our data base and look forward to further refining our processes for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolynne Atkinson

Envelope Secretary

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

F2023 NOMINATIONS TO ADVISORY BOARD

Draft: October 11, 2022

+ Appointment by the Incumbent

* Nominated for election by Vestry

Corporation

Rector's Warden: Shumaila Desrochers+

People's Warden: Sarala Golla*

Deputy Rector's Warden: Sean Joseph+

Deputy People's Warden: Christ Bird*

Lay Representatives to Synod

Samir Tikaram*

Barb Westney*

Chinweike Chike *

Alternative Lay Representative to Synod

Lisa Lipson*

Members at Large

Shiny Wilson*

Naysa Samuel+

Treasurer

Kathy Newbert+

Engagement Reviewer

Peter Volkes+

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

Carolynne Atkinson+

Ex-Officio to Corporation

Byron Gilmore, Incumbent

Martha Whittaker, Parish Administrator

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2022

The Property Committee is given the task of maintaining our building to provide a safe and efficient place of worship for our parishioners. It was good to put our building back to use! This past year, we had a few unplanned expenses that are inevitable with a building our size and as we re-opened. These included repairs to our boiler and lift (elevator) among other things. These extra-ordinary expenses were offset by the generosity of our neighbours who undertook major improvements at their own cost. Over the course of the past year, we have had our parking lot paved courtesy of Alectro (formerly Brampton Hydro) and our leased space with Rowntree Montessori has been completely transformed inside and out. Together these leasehold improvements are easily over \$100,000.



Parking lot completely resurfaced (October 2021)



Rowntree Montessori Schools classrooms and resurfaced east laneway (Summer 2022)

As usual, we are blessed with dedicated Property Committee who works on behalf of Christ Church and we thank them for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

Peter Volkes

Chair of the Property Committee

STEWARDSHIP 2022 | *We've Come This Far by faith*



2022
Stewardship Focus

Blessing of the Pledges
The Day of Pentecost | June 5

Coffee Hour following the 10:00 am service

Christ Church
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Since 2006, Christ Church has designated a number of weeks as a Stewardship Focus Period. Quite intentionally the focus period proceeds the budget planning process. Like running your own household budget, it is difficult to plan when you don't have a sense of what financial resources you have at hand. A delicate balance exists between prudent fiscal management and knowing that God is working through us at Christ Church.

Stewardship is a time to consider what God is doing in our lives and examine our personal relationship with the Holy Trinity and Christ Church ~ for many this relationship has deepened during the pandemic. We really have come this far by faith! Pledges were received via the mail, dropped off, called in and emailed ~ how wonderful is that! Pledges received were blessed on The Day of Pentecost. Components of this year's focus period included:

- Release of our Annual Video. If you have not seen it, you can view it here: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/commitment-2022-2023>
- Holding a Drive-By/Drop-Off for our local ministry partner, Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel
- Sermons by our clergy, a parish mailing and stewardship invitation/pledge card
- An outdoor Coffee Hour on the Day of Pentecost



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Stewardship pledges were tabulated by our Envelope Secretary, Carolynne Atkinson, and the following was reported to Corporation to be used in the F2023 budget planning exercise.

2022 Returned - Pledge Responses						
	Total	% of Invited	F2022 Actual	F2023 Pledged	Year over Year	%
PAR Subscribers Pledged *	26	33%	\$ 81,270	\$ 79,416	-\$ 1,854	-2%
PAR Data Added; No Pledge	53	67%		\$ 83,768		
Envelope Holders Pledged	22	21%	\$ 61,494	\$ 69,215	\$ 7,721	13%
* includes pledges via CanadaHelps & combined donor sources	48	26%	\$ 142,764	\$ 232,399		
	Total PAR Commitment		\$ 163,184 (General Fund Only)			

N.B. an additional \$53,400 pledged via CanadaHelps for Future Ministry Fund

The mission and ministry of Christ Church cannot be fulfilled without the resources provided to the parish. Thank you to those who support Christ Church in the many methods that are available.

Outdoor Coffee Hour | The Day of Pentecost (June 5, 2022)



OUTREACH

CARING AND SHARING 2022 (December 2021)

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

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Jamieson

<p>Contactless</p> <h2>2021 Caring & Sharing</h2> <p>In partnership with local ministry charities</p> <hr/> <h3>JFJ Hope Centre</h3> <h3>Boys & Girls Club of Peel</h3> <hr/> <h3>Knights Table</h3> <hr/> <p>Worship Fully Spend Less Give More Love All</p>	<p>2021 Caring & Sharing</p> <h2>Drive-By/Drop-Off</h2> <p>Saturday, December 11</p> <p>10:00 am - 12:00 noon @ Christ Church</p> <hr/> <p>Help us fill JFJ Hope Centre Care Cupboard with Baby Items & Adult Personal Hygiene Items</p> <hr/> <p>Worship Fully Spend Less Give More Love All</p>
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OUTREACH

2021 Caring & Sharing As at January 3, 2022

<u>Income</u>		
Carry Forward Balance	\$	3,210.47
Nov e-Transfers	\$	200.00
Nov 28 Deposit	\$	915.00
Canada Helps Nov 30	\$	50.00
e-transfer (Dec 1)	\$	100.00
e-transfer (Dec 2)	\$	50.00
e-transfer (Dec 2)	\$	100.00
e-transfer (Dec 4)	\$	150.00
e-transfer (Dec 5)	\$	60.00
Dec 05 Deposit	\$	2,050.00
Dec 14 Deposit	\$	1,030.00
e-transfer (Dec 6)	\$	100.00
e-transfer (Dec 6)	\$	100.00
e-transfer (Dec 7)	\$	20.00
e-transfer (Dec 12)	\$	100.00
e-transfer (Dec 14)	\$	100.00
e-transfer (Dec 16)	\$	100.00
e-transfer (Dec 18)	\$	500.00
e-transfer (Dec 18)	\$	50.00
Dec 21 Deposit	\$	685.00
e-transfer (Dec 19)	\$	100.00
Dec 29 Deposit	\$	400.00
Jan 05 Deposit	\$	550.00
Total Income	\$	<u>10,720.47</u>

<u>Expenses</u>		
Parishioner Shopping	\$	169.22
Parishioner Shopping	\$	188.77
Parishioner Shopping	\$	76.37
Parishioner Shopping	\$	198.87
Parishioner Shopping	\$	1,065.13
Parishioner Shopping	\$	675.08
Parishioner Shopping	\$	1,750.00
Parishioner Shopping	\$	1,540.52
Parishioner Shopping	\$	41.97
Parishioner Shopping	\$	1,052.61
Parishioner Shopping	\$	3,700.00
Total Cash Expenses	\$	<u>10,458.54</u>

<u>Gifts in Kind</u>		
Parishioner		\$25.00
Huttonville Lions		\$200.00
Total		<u>\$200.00</u>

Total Expenses **\$10,658.54**

Cash Balance \$ 261.93

OUTREACH

Caring & Sharing (December 2021)



OUTREACH

Coldest Night of Year is Regeneration Outreach Community's biggest fundraiser. This year walkers from across Brampton raised \$183,839 to help the homeless and near homeless right in our own neighbourhood. Our team this year, "Marching in the Light" captained by Spencer Gilmore raised a **whopping \$14,270** ~ that's 2nd in Brampton and 45th across Canada! (February 26, 2022)



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



OUTREACH

Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel was the recipient of our Drive-By/Drop-Off held in conjunction with our Stewardship Focus ~ *We've Come This Far by Faith* (June 2022)



OUTREACH

OUTREACH SUMMARY 2022

The Christ Church family continues to be so very generous to our outreach ministries. In December 2020 we had our first ever Drive-By/Drop-Off and with that success, we continued. This past year we had one in December in conjunction with our Caring & Sharing program and again in June for Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel ~ a foodbank located a short walk from the church. Outreach is in our DNA at Christ Church. Whenever a need is presented, our church family responds in abundance. Of particular note this past year were the **two Special Offerings we had for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund ("PWRDF")**. The first was in July 2021 in response to the fires in British Columbia that devastated the village of Lytton and Lytton First Nations and the second in March in response to the war in Ukraine. Another significant highlight this year was the effort of the **Christ Church team in Coldest Night of the Year** ~ Regeneration Outreach Community annual fundraiser. Over \$14,000 was raised!

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

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Christ Church (Brampton)

Fiscal 2022- Community Outreach

Outreach - Received by Christ Church

Refugee Support	\$ 600
Clergy Discretion	\$ 3,718
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 7,860
Ste. Louise	\$ 685
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 2,240
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 280
Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 200
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 14,385
Regeneration/Coldest Night of Year	\$ 1,170
	<u>\$ 31,138</u>

Outreach - Other

Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year ^{See Note 1}	\$ 13,100
International Christian Voice ^{See Note 2}	\$ 1,102
JFJ Hope Centre Drive-By/Drop Off ^{See Note 3}	\$ 1,500
Ste. Louise Drive-By/Drop-Off ^{See Note 3}	\$ 1,500
	<u>\$ 17,202</u>

TOTAL \$ 48,340

Christ Church (Brampton)

Fiscal 2021 - Community Outreach

Outreach - Received by Christ Church

Clergy Discretion	\$ 9,120
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 10,578
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 1,666
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 240
Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 110
Faithworks - PWRDF ^{See Note 1}	\$ 130
Regeneration/Coldest Night of Year ^{See Note 2}	\$ 1,300
Ste. Louise	\$ 2,938
Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 130
	<u>\$ 26,212</u>

Outreach - Other

Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year ^{See Note 2}	\$ 6,750
International Christian Voice ^{See Note 3}	\$ 2,175
JFJ Hope Centre Drive-By/Drop Off ^{See Note 4}	\$ 1,500
Ste. Louise Drive-By/Drop-Off ^{See Note 4}	\$ 4,500
	<u>\$ 14,925</u>

TOTAL \$ 41,137

Notes:

1. Christ Church Team total for CNOY was \$14,270 (Feb 2022)
2. YE Adjustment
3. Gift in kind estimates

Notes:

1. PWRDF Special Offering (summer 2021) totalled \$3,245
2. Christ Church Team total for CNOY was \$8,050
3. From Faithworks local holdback
4. Gift in kind estimates

CATERING & PARISH FELLOWSHIP GROUP

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6



Cheque Presentation (January 2022)



Chili Lunch (April 2018)



Reception (June 2017)

After many years of dedicated service, the Catering Committee is taking a well-earned rest from their ministry. We want to thank them for all that they have done to bind together our parish community. They have prepared and served at countless receptions over the years, all imbued with the gift of hospitality. The Parish Fellowship Group is also pausing its regular gatherings but we are gladdened to know that this group very much keeps in touch with one another. In January of this year, Lydia Bennett presented Christ Church a financial gift (totaling \$12,300) from these groups to be directed to the Future Ministry Fund for which we are very thankful ~ ladies you have set a high bar with your fine example of service, fellowship and generosity.



Parish Fellowship Group (Feb 2018)

PARISH CALLERS 2022

In response to the global pandemic being declared in March 2020, we assembled a group of parishioners to reach out and make telephone calls to our parishioners. From time to time, this group was provided with “key messages” to get out to our parish family. This was particularly important when we were responding Public Health restrictions or wanting promote various workshops or studies that were available. My goodness, who would have thought we would still be at all these months/years later. In June 2022, when many of the public health restrictions were lifted this group *formerly* disbanded. The emphasis is added to formerly because we know that after twelve communiques being provided and countless phone calls, we know that many relationships were made or rekindled. Our heartfelt thank you is extended to this wonderful group of parishioners. You were so very helpful in keeping our parish family connected and cared for.

PARISH VISITORS 2022

Parish Visitors work in partnership with our clergy in pastoral care of our congregation. They are a group of parishioners who visit, phone, deliver flowers, and assist in administering communion to those who are shut in at home, in nursing homes, retirement facilities, and at the Hospital. Often it can be our network of visitors who alert the clergy when a pastoral need arises. This can be extremely helpful in a busy parish setting.

Parish Visitors meet bi-monthly at the church. We gather for food, fellowship, training, planning and also share appropriate information to meet pastoral needs. Meetings were suspended in March 2020 as a result of the pandemic. However that did not stop us from fulfilling our vital role of staying in touch with each other and those within the parish. We look forward to this ministry being revitalized over the next coming months.

Pastoral care is an important part of our congregation’s ministry. Being a Parish Visitor is extremely fulfilling; often one feels as if one has benefited more from the experience than the one visited. Serving others in this way is a joyful and satisfying way of serving our Lord.

Who can be a Parish Visitor? Followers of Jesus who have the ability to: be present to others, listen and to exhibit concern. In short, Parish Visitors are people who love God and love God’s people. Perhaps you may be called to exercise this ministry? So, please pray about it and listen for an answer. If you would like further information, or desire to be a Pastoral Visitor, please contact either the clergy or Joan Powell at 905-451-4694.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Powell

Coordinator, Parish Visitors' Group

PRAYER MINISTRY 2022

"The power of the prayer does not depend on the one who makes the prayer, but on the one who hears it."

The Prayer Ministry consists of a group of people who have committed themselves to pray regularly for the people and concerns that are requested of them.

We pray for the physical, psychological, emotional and social ills of our congregation, their family, friends, friends of friends, etc. We also pray for what is happening within our church, the community and around the world.

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

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

Our ministry is affirmed by the feedback that we receive either from those whom we have prayed for or those who have made the original prayer request. It is a privilege to be invited into the intimacy of God's children and help them on their particular journeys.

The format that we use for listing all who have requested prayers will give us a "snapshot" to let us know the progress of the individual prayed for

1. **New Additions:** Those requesting prayers, sick and/or awaiting surgery and tests
2. **After Care:** Those who have undergone surgery and receiving treatment
3. **Observation:** Those who are still under observation/ checkups with some treatment after surgery
4. **Long Term:** Those with long term illness, those requiring palliative care and those in remission who have asked for our prayers for their continued peace and health.

It is important to remember that no group is of greater or lesser importance

If you feel called and are interested in becoming a member, please contact one of our clergy, or myself.

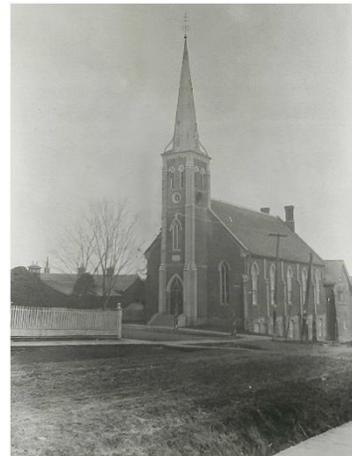
Jeffrey Smith

Prayer Ministry Coordinator



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11



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