

## Celebrating God | Proclaiming Christ | Serving Others

Dear Friends:

February 2026

As your Wardens, it is our privilege and responsibility to share news of our parish family. Even with the winter weather still firmly in the forecast, we know that Spring is not too far off. It is in the month of February where we can visibly notice the lengthening of days ~ a sure sign that we are approaching Lent. While it might feel that we just celebrated Advent and Christmas, Lent is early this year, so we wanted to get this letter out to you in good time. Please do take time to read this letter and as always, we welcome your feedback.

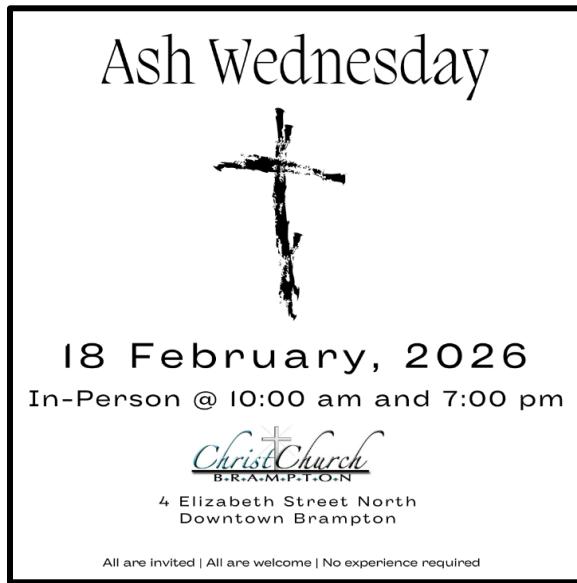
### Lent is Approaching

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, and preparation for Easter. Plan on joining us for our Annual Pancake Supper on the eve of Ash Wednesday and then for one of our services on Ash Wednesday as we start our journey to Easter.

#### Shrove Tuesday | Feb 17



#### Ash Wednesday | Feb 18



Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 17 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. This is not a ticketed event but rather free admission. A free will offering opportunity will be provided with proceeds being directed to a local Food Bank.

Our Ash Wednesday services are:

- **10:00 am In-Person** with Imposition of the Ashes & Holy Eucharist
- **7:00 pm In-Person** with Imposition of the Ashes & Holy Eucharist

### Photo Directory | Last Call 😊

During the last week of January, many of our parish households had their photos taken to be included in our Parish Photo Directory ~ a wonderful way to mark our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Some people were unable to participate for a variety of reasons (vacations, weather, unexpected conflicts, etc.) so we have a "make-up day" scheduled for Monday, April 27 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. We need to have a minimum of 12 sessions scheduled to firm the date up with the photo crew.

**Please do not delay** in contacting Peter Harvey at 647-986-8421 to make sure you are included.

## Resource Management | 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Results

Below are the financial results for the first two quarters of fiscal 2026 (from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025). This is very good news.

We have been spending more than we have been taking in for the last two years. At the end of the first quarter (ending September 1, 2025; results released on November 2, 2025) we had a big deficit and had spent most of our savings. We had faith that God was doing good things at Christ Church and there would be a solution to our problem. After prayer and planning, we launched the Generation-to-Generation Campaign.

The congregation has responded generously, and many have pledged to increase their giving. The church leadership is humbled by God's blessing to Christ Church and by the generosity of the parishioners.

We were able to make up for the deficit by the end of December. We will, however, continue to closely monitor spending in the months ahead. Thank you to those who helped to ensure that our financial situation in December is better when we last reported to you with September results. We are so grateful.

Christ Church Brampton		Actual Q1 & Q2 F2025	Actual Q1 & Q2 F2026	\$ Change	% Change
<b>F2026 Q2 Results (July 1 to December 31, 2025)</b>		July 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2024	July 1, 2025 - Dec 31, 2025		
<b>Revenue</b>					
Regular Givings	\$ 172,504	\$ 177,808	\$ 5,304	3.08%	
Grant Income	\$ -	31,634	31,634	100.0%	
Rental Income	\$ 18,738	21,843	3,105	16.57%	
Memorial and Special Gifts	\$ -	24,060	24,060	100.0%	
Other Income	\$ 15,753	15,925	171	1.09%	
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$ 206,995</b>	<b>\$ 271,270</b>	<b>\$ 64,274</b>	<b>31.05%</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries and benefits <small>(see Note 1)</small>	\$ 96,516	\$ 168,039	\$ (71,523)	74.11%	
Diocesan allotment	35,403	36,352	\$ (949)	2.68%	
Repairs, Utilities and Insurance	37,665	33,589	4,076	-10.82%	
Admin expenses	20,707	5,693	15,014	-72.51%	
Other Expenses	9,922	11,222	\$ (1,300)	13.1%	
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 200,213</b>	<b>\$ 254,895</b>	<b>\$ (54,682)</b>	<b>27.31%</b>	
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures before other items</b>	<b>\$ 6,782</b>	<b>\$ 16,375</b>	<b>\$ 9,593</b>		
<i>prepared by: Stan Szepesi</i>					

**Note 1:** The appointment of both a full-time Incumbent and Curate in F2026 vs. a part-time Interim Priest-in-Charge in F2025 resulted in an increase in salaries which we planned for and is partially off-set by a Diocesan Grant.

## Resource Management |



Our Generation-to-Generation campaign formally concluded on the Reign of Christ (November 23, 2025) and we are now pleased to provide the results:

	The bottom line is that our campaign was incredibly successful. Thanks be to God. With 57 pledges submitted, a group of people <b>increased their total donations by \$43,000!</b>
	While we hoped to have more people respond to making a pledge to our parish family (currently our response rate is 25%), we are encouraged that some parishioners responded with one-time gifts that are not included in the \$43,000.
	Several pledges included an increase in Pre-Authorized Givings resulting in our monthly PAR increasing by \$1,000/month.
	We provide several ways to have pledges fulfilled including Envelopes, PAR, CanadaHelps and E-transfers. Please do take advantage of one of these methods. <i>See below for further details.</i>
	Thank you to our Envelope Secretary, Ruth Wiggins, for gathering the pledge information and providing it to us in an aggregate manner.
	Thank you notes from Fr. Theodore acknowledging your pledge will be forth coming.

## How to Give

(Registered Charity 130648892 RR 0001)

Whether you made a pledge or not, we know that the life and vitality of our Church is important to each of us. We are each called to make a financial commitment to ensure that the ministry of our church continues to flourish now and for the years to come. We are so grateful for the intentional, purposeful, and sacrificial gifts that enable us to invite, welcome and connect all of us together with Him who abides with us in all times and circumstances. We offer several ways to give:

1. Envelope Sets are available by contacting the parish office.
2. Pre-Authorized Remittance ("PAR") is a monthly amount withdrawn from your bank account.
3. E-Transfers via the Interac system. Email address is: [christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca](mailto:christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca) *If you are new to us please include your name and address in the notes section for receipting purposes.*
4. You can donate electronically via CanadaHelps using your credit card through the Christ Church Brampton website or here: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/christ-church-brampton/>
5. More information is available at: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give>

Either our Parish Administrator (Martha Whittaker) or Envelope Secretary (Ruth Wiggins) would be happy to assist you or answer any further questions.

## Outreach | Coldest Night of the Year (Feb 28/25)



"Our Walking Family" | 2025 Team

Join "Our Walking Family"  
Saturday, February 28

**coldest** \*night  
OF THE YEAR

In Support of

Regeneration

*Christ Church*

Christ Church's 2026 CNOY Team, *Our Walking Family*, is in play! Can you imagine being homeless or under-housed? How about not having friends or community? Not knowing where to turn when you want to turn your life around? For several years, Christ Church has participated in CNOY in support of Regeneration Outreach Community which serves the homeless and marginalized right in our neighbourhood. Christ Church is a long-standing community partner of Regen and you can read more about their ministry here: [www.regenbrampton.com](http://www.regenbrampton.com)

At the time of writing, Regen was at 45% of their goal of \$200,000 and our Christ Church Team was at 57% of our goal of \$9,000. With your help we can meet or ideally exceed our goal. Everything you need to know is on our website at: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/coldest-night-of-the-year> or you can use the QR code below the takes you directed to Christ Church donation page. There you may join the team or sponsor either the team or an individual member ~ it's that easy!



All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required

### Our Thanks

As you review your enclosed 2025 Tax Receipt (*confidentially prepared by our Envelope Secretary*), prayerfully consider your offerings to Christ Church. Does it reflect your Christian faith? All that we give and all that we do are part of God's mission in our own time and place.

Should you have any questions about your Tax Receipt and/or our methods of giving, please contact our Envelope Secretary, Ruth Wiggins at 416-706-8471 or email at: [ruth.wiggins@sympatico.ca](mailto:ruth.wiggins@sympatico.ca).

In closing, we offer our deepest thanks to all those who join us in partnering with God and His mission in Brampton and beyond. We look forward to seeing over the seasons of Lent and into Easter.

*Stan Szepesi*  
Rector's Warden

*Sean Joseph*  
People's Warden

*Natacha Pennycooke* *Elizabeth Charters*  
Deputy Rector's Warden Deputy People's Warden