



“GREATER THINGS HAVE YET TO COME”

ANNUAL VESTRY – SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Christ Church, Brampton

Our Annual Report to Vestry tells the story of our parish ministries for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

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ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES, 2016

Released January 15, 2016

To the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. As you gather today in the annual vestry meeting of your parish or congregation, I want to express my gratitude for your faithfulness in living out our diocesan mission to Worship God, Proclaim the Gospel and Embody in word and action the reconciling love of Jesus. The Area Bishops and I are especially thankful for the leadership of the clergy, churchwardens and officers of your parish. I am deeply mindful of the prayer, "grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil" and that is so true of our life together as members of the Church. Thank you!

This year we have witnessed an almost unprecedented humanitarian crisis as the world's refugee and near-refugee population has surpassed 50 million people. The generosity of responses from so many is heartening. More than 40% of our parishes are in the process of sponsoring a refugee family either directly or in joining with other parishes or faith groups in assisting in a sponsorship. The Diocese has made a grant of \$500,000 available through the Ministry Allocation Fund to support congregations in reaching out. Details of this grant will be circulated in the next few weeks.

I have asked Vestries to consider a motion about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report on Residential Schools. "Answering the Call for Reconciliation", a booklet prepared by our Social Justice working group, gives a concise background to the issues. This is an important matter for our Church. Many indigenous people are Anglican. The Anglican Church had a major role in residential schools. We have been given a mandate by our Lord to be agents of healing and reconciliation. However you decide to deal with the motion, I hope it leads to wide discussion and action in your parish. (*Special Vestry Motion passed at Christ Church, February 14, 2016*)

In my Charge to Synod, (see www.toronto.anglican.ca/2015/11/13/archbishops-charge-to-synod) I took as my theme "things old and new", a recognition that we need both to honour and use, to the best of our abilities, the excellent resources of our Anglican tradition. As well, we need to think and work outside the box, to find new and creative ways to respond to God's call to mission in our own neighbourhoods. Not one or the other; both are required today.

This requires us to be "encouraging and continually re-centering the community in which we know that both the resources of stability and the risks of change come from the Spirit." "Re-centering" is critical. It is remembering what is at the heart of it all: God's unquenchable love for the whole of Creation revealed in Jesus Christ.

I have a continuing concern that we deepen our own understanding of our faith in Jesus Christ and our ability to speak of that faith reasonably and confidently, and to give voice "to the hope that lies within us" as St. Paul

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writes. I hope that you will find ways in your parish (or even better, working with other congregations) and on your own, to pursue that this year. Bible studies, discussion groups, book clubs and prayer circles are opportunities to gather and practise articulating the joy of a life that is rooted and grounded in Christ.

May you have a productive Vestry Meeting today and may you find this to be truly a Year of Grace. Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

The Most Rev'd Colin R. Johnson

Archbishop of Toronto

SUFFRAGAN BISHOP PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES, 2016

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ;

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Incarnate Lord Jesus Christ as you gather to meet in Vestry. Vestry is both a time to look into the rear view mirror to reflect on the activity of God in the life of your parish in 2015 and a time to lay plans for the future and set sail into 2016.

A friend of mine from public school days knows that she is dying. She has determined to face her death and to live her life as fully as she can. She is travelling with her family to interesting parts of the world, celebrating the little joys of life, following her doctor's advice, communicating with her many correspondents, and asking for prayers in the context of the faith that sustains her. At the end of her emails she includes a quotation: "You can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails."

The prevailing headwinds of society seem to swirl around fear. The stock markets had a volatile year in 2015 and voices tell us the outlook for 2016 is not much better. The economy of the world seems to be sputtering and Canada is caught in the downdraft. Companies are laying people off work, thus creating enormous family and community challenges. The politics of fear mark elections on both sides of the 49th parallel. In many countries ordinary men and women live with the daily reality of exploding bombs, beheadings, oppressive governments, and corrupt leaders. I am told one in every 124 people on the planet is displaced from home. Add to that acts of inhuman violence, most recently in Paris, but also in Boston, Norway, Charleston, or London, and the seemingly ever-present security measures at major events and gatherings in the free world.

Fear, it seems to me, constantly blows its bitter wind, as it has done throughout history. The Great Depression of the late 1920s is remembered by very few today, more will remember the Second World War, the Bay of Pigs, the FLQ, Vietnam, 9/11, Syria—all these events are wrapped in fear. Indeed, I am deeply grateful to all those who in one way or another are bringing hope, new life, love, and shelter from the winds of fear to those presently coming to our shores from other lands.

Even the narratives of our sacred literature are filled with stories of fear. Ordinary people, people like you and I, encounter fear in their lives. Joshua and the Israelite people learn that Moses will no longer lead them to the Promised Land; the Israelites must face Goliath; a startled Mary

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receives the visitation of Gabriel; the shepherds in the field are greeted by angels whose first words urge them to fear not; Ananias is fearful in the presence of Saul as were the early Christians in the face of the oppressive Roman Empire—these are but a few of the hundreds of examples of human fear contained within those biblical pages.

Our generation has not invented fear. Fear is a real human condition. It must be faced one way or another, either head on or by adjusting one's sails, but it will not prevail.

On more than a hundred occasions, scripture simply says "Be not afraid." Why? Because God is there, God is present, God was with them then, God is with us now. Fear will not go away unless it is faced and dealt with. That is a key message of the Christmas season just celebrated, a season fading in our memory—Emmanuel, "God is with us".

Key messages about facing fear, delivered to me in my childhood, often involved courage and bravery. 'Be brave,' I was told as the doctor was readying to push a needle into my skin. 'Be courageous,' even though the bully once again had me in his sights. There is some truth to these rallying cries. As I have aged, however, I have found that it is in fact faith that trumps courage and bravery as an antidote to fear—faith that God is still in charge of God's universe despite the voices saying that is not so, and faith that God will work in and through me.

There is no doubt that you and I live in a society whose headwinds are dominated by fear. The church living in the context of such a society is not immune to that fear. Will we survive? Will we have enough money? Will someone take on that job? Perhaps those voices will be heard at Vestry. Our challenge is not to be beaten down by the prevailing winds of fear but to live as people of faith, confident that the God who has journeyed through life with us so far has not abandoned us but is, still, Emmanuel.

I find it helpful to be reminded that we are not a church that has a God, but rather it is God who has a church. It is God's church, through which God proclaims God's mission, to God's people, in God's world. In God's church we are not alone, but are in community with others who have chosen faith in Jesus Christ as their Way through life. In the community of the church we find acceptance, itself an antidote to fear. In being accepted we are reminded that no matter who we are, where we have been, what we have done, God loves us. In the church, God has given us a community in which we can find strength in times of trouble, by which we can face the storms of fear in our lives, and through which we can stand up to the evils of this world. Mathew 20:28, "Remember I am with you always."

So, as you meet in Vestry and address the necessary business and concerns of the parish, may the God who stilled the storms on the Sea of Galilee and calmed the fears of the disciples bring you the faith to move with confidence into the future.

Yours in Christ



The Right Reverend Philip Poole
Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley
Bishop Suffragan of Toronto

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INCUMBENT'S REPORT TO VESTRY

As I look back on this past year, I am filled with thankfulness for the grace our God has showered upon us! These past twelve months have been filled with 'welcoming the stranger, proclaiming the Kingdom of God, developing disciples, feeding the hungry, reaching out to the lost and liberating the oppressed'. We have seen children, youth and adults grow in the knowledge and love of God. We have journeyed with those navigating life-transitions through birth, sickness and loss, enveloped in the Christian hope. And, we have had our fair share of challenges which, through the grace of God, we have been able to meet and overcome.

We said "hello and goodbye" welcoming new parishioners and saying goodbye to old ones. We welcomed new staff - Ron Greidanus (Organist and Choirmaster), Jeff Nowers (Assistant Curate) and Elias Hanna (Youth and Family Ministry) and said goodbye to former organist Andre Rakus and youth pastor Robert Robinson and their families. And, through it all, God has been faithful.

WORSHIP

We had a significant transition in musical leadership this past year. In July, Andre Rakus submitted his resignation after accepting a position as Organist and Choirmaster of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Beaufort, South Carolina. We gathered to celebrate his ministry presenting him with gifts and bidding him God's speed in his new ministry. A search committee swung into high gear, received applications and short listed three highly qualified candidates when, after a thorough audition and interview phase, Ron Greidanus was offered the position. Ron has quickly become familiar with Christ Church and has proven to be a valuable member of our ministry team.

We had some volunteer changes as well within our choir and praise team. Both of our musical directors are to be commended for their recruitment of new volunteers. I am grateful for the welcoming people we have here at Christ Church who naturally come alongside Sunday visitors on Sunday morning and extend welcoming hands and helpful hearts. We appreciate and value our strong group of Sunday readers and ELA's as well as our servers, greeters and of course, our very excellent Altar Guild.

PASTORAL CARE

A large part of our ministry is spent in caring for the sick, the elderly and infirmed as well as those in life transitions. As always this occupies not only a significant portion of our clergy attention but also that of many of our volunteers. Our parish visitors who exercise a ministry of presence and carry communion to many of our shut-ins are indispensable. This spring, in order to help seniors and their families remain in their own homes, a Pastoral Care workshop was held with speakers from the public, private and volunteer social sectors. Much information was shared regarding resources and services available to seniors in the community. Plans are afoot for yet another workshop this spring.

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

It was a good year of programming for learning. We ran small groups for adults, vacation Bible school for children, seasonal Catechetical events, Baptism and Marriage preparation programs, and our thrice-yearly Christian basics course (Christianity 101). Confirmation preparation began in September and continued through Holy Week with learning about the nature of God, the story of Scripture, the effect of the Sacraments

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and the mission of the Church. We went on field trips, encountered each other, served the poor and marginalized, and grew in knowledge and love of God and others.

Our Lenten small group series the *Life and Ministry of the Messiah* ran in three different time slots and with three different leadership teams. Many thanks to Kevin Campbell and Heather Gregoire, Marjorie Taylor and Delia Guy and Martha Whittaker and Chris Bird for this terrific small group exercise!

We had a strong year of children, youth and family ministry under the direction of Pastor Robert with the blessing of a junior and senior youth group, as well as a best-ever full day/week-long Vacation Bible School – thank you Heather Robinson! And what a great summer of cool church - thank you Renee and Breanna.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Thank you to Ron Clifton for taking on the ministry of treasurer this year.

Special thanks to our property committee for the redecorating and carpeting of our main floor area. Thank you also to the Parish Fellowship Group and the Catering Group for their financial support of this project. We are so blessed to have a building that is so wonderfully cared for – bright, clean and in excellent repair thanks to our property committee. While we know the building is not the Church because *the people* are, our comfortable, attractive, well-designed and maintained physical plant is the place where God's family meets to worship, have fellowship and be equipped for the work of ministry.

As always, our people resources are our most precious. At Christ Church, we are blessed to have strong, competent and committed leaders without whom we would not have achieved many of our goals for the year. Our leadership team continues to strengthen the effectiveness of our mission. But, as always, the management and support of staff and volunteers and the need to keep current on Diocesan screening, training and supervision is a task that is never complete.

STEWARDSHIP

We are so grateful for the sacrificial offerings given to Christ Church that provide the resources necessary to do the work of ministry in this community and beyond. Thank you to all who faithfully return their stewardship pledge in order to help the Wardens budget for the coming year. Thank you to our Envelope Secretary Caroline Atkinson for her tireless work and immediate follow up of new people and for the manner in which she serves with great care, attention and confidentiality. Improved new-comer tracking and welcoming has also borne fruit. Most especially, I want to thank all those who took the time to prayerfully and proactively discern what they planned to give to Christ Church. Thank you to all who made a pledge.

PARISH LIFE

We are a congregation that loves to gather not only for worship, but for times of service, learning and fellowship. We gather for coffee hour, progressive dinners, breakfasts, funeral and special receptions, movies, concerts, field trips, youth, family and senior events. We gather to serve, nurture, support and encourage, to give and to receive, to listen and to pray, to serve and to worship. We take our place in our city, diocese and in the wider Christian community serving each other as well as the stranger.

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OUTREACH

We heed Christ's call to serve others, be they across the street or around the world. We collaborated with our partners here in Brampton (*Regeneration, Ste. Louise Outreach and Knight's Table*) jointly serving our city and neighborhood through gifts in kind, volunteers and financial support. We continue the work of the church across the Diocese and around the world through our parish allotment. Through clergy discretionary funds, individuals and families are given support for emergency food, transportation, employment-related costs, educational and medical assistance. I have the privilege of representing you in the wider Ecumenical and Anglican community through the Brampton Ministerial Association, the board of *Regeneration* and as a member of the York Credit-Valley Area Council.

CONCLUSION

Christ Church is a wonderful community with strong lay leadership and a dedicated staff. I want to recognize the many hours of dedicated and creative leadership provided by our Church Wardens Paul Wren, Peter Harvey, Jeff White and Janet Volkes. Thanks you to our Parish Administrator Martha Whittaker and our Honourary Assistants – the Reverends Robert Payton and Vic Reigel.

Thank you to our ministry captains and their many volunteers: Altar Guild, Property, Eucharistic Lay Assistants, Parish Visitors, Sunday Readers, small group leaders, catering committee, junior and senior Youth Groups, Sunday School, food and personal care ministry, the list goes on..... Thank you to all who assisted in caring for others, ministering to the poor, supporting the weak, teaching our children, youth and adults, maintaining our physical assets and doing the myriad of ministrations that serve to build up the body of Christ among us. Christ Church would not be able to accomplish half of that we do without your faithfulness.

God continues to do his work among us and through us! God has placed Christ Church Brampton right here in the strategic centre of this exciting and growing city and I am convinced that God has wonderful intentions for us both now and into the future. Greater things are yet to come. But we need to cooperate with God to realize our potential. God is not going to force us.

It is exciting to realize that in 1851, God planted a church right in the heart of what was then a little rural village. This parish has served the Lord and this community through fire, flood, war, disease and a host of other challenges. We have a strong and vital past having made a tremendous impact on Brampton right from our beginning until now. But, exciting things to ponder in our time of massive growth and expansion in Canada's fastest growing municipality is that the "golden era" of Christ Church Brampton is surely yet to come. The future does indeed look bright and full of potential as we seek to cooperate with God.

"I can guarantee this truth: Those who believe in me will do the things that I am doing. They will do even greater things because I am going to the Father. *John 14:12*

Greater things are yet to come...

Byron+

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Christ Church (Brampton) Congregational Statistics			
	F2014	F2015	F2016
Average Sunday Attendance	236	248	236
Number of Easter Communions	694	488	636
Number of Baptisms	8	12	5
Number of Confirmations <small>See Note Below</small>	10	0	12
Number of Burials	18	26	25
Number of Weddings	5	1	1

Notes:

1. Confirmations take place at The Great Vigil of Easter on the even-numbered years with preparation starting the fall of the odd numbered years.

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CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES supporting a great commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment	
<i>Matt. 28:18ff</i> <i>Matt. 22:37b-40</i>	
Discipleship Development Church School Teachers Christianity 101 Course Baptism Preparation Course Marriage Preparation Course Confirmation Preparation Course Coffee & Conversation Lenten Study Bible Study Groups Young Disciples Advent & Lent Family Events	Liturgy & Worship Altar Guild Audio Visual Technicians Choir Eucharistic Lay Assistants Hospitality Host(s) (esses) Praise Team Servers Sidesmen Sunday Evening & Special Services Sunday Readers Visiting Preachers
Outreach Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Bazaar Clergy Discretionary Funds Diocesan Allotment Ecumenical Involvement FaithWorks Grants to local outreach ministries Primate's World Relief Special Offerings	Parish Life Parish Group Fellowship Group Sunday Coffee Hour "Eats" – <i>Breakfasts, Luncheons, Suppers, Barbeques, Picnic</i> Sunday Nursery Leadership in the Anglican community Ecumenical Involvement Photographer & YouTube Producer
Pastoral Care Home Communion Administrants Institutional Sacramental Celebrations Lay Anointers Parish Visitors Pastoral Counseling Prayer Chain Stephen Ministries Training & Guest Speakers	Resource Management Advisory Board Corporation Emergency Planning Committee Envelope Secretary Heritage Fund Committee Insurance Review Committee Property Committee Screening in Faith Coordinator Treasurer Website Management

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Minutes of the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Sunday, September 27th, 2015 in the morning following 10:00 am Holy Eucharist. The meeting was held in the church.

Following an opening hymn and prayer, The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore took the chair for the 165th Annual Vestry. He gave thanks for all who participated in the various ministries that took place throughout Fiscal 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015). Byron presented the rules of the road and followed by those present reciting the Collect for Purity.

The pastoral letters received from The Most Reverend Colin P. Johnson and the Right Reverend Philip Poole were published in the Annual Vestry Report for 2015.

An attendance sheet for all to sign was circulated. Martha Whittaker was appointed Vestry Clerk. A Year in Review provided highlights of our various ministries in the areas of Discipleship Development, Liturgy & Worship, Outreach, Parish Life, Pastoral Care and Resource Management.

MOTIONS:

The following motions were moved, seconded and carried.

1. That the Agenda for the Annual Vestry meeting of September 27, 2015 be accepted. The motion was moved by George Stephens and seconded by Jim Wyllie.
2. That the minutes of the Annual Vestry of October 6, 2014 be accepted. The motion was moved by Holly Adam and seconded by Bill Whittaker.
3. That we approve the reports of the church groups and organizations as published. The motion was moved by Phyllis Moffatt and seconded by Jim Mills.
4. The following appointments were made:

Rector	The Reverend Byron R. Gilmore
Rector's Warden	Peter Harvey
People's Warden	Paul Wren
Deputy Rector's Warden	Jeffrey White
Deputy People's Warden	Janet Volkes
Treasurer	Ron Clifton
Engagement Reviewer	Peter Volkes
Parish Administrator	Martha Whittaker
Envelope Secretary	Carolynne Atkinson
Heritage Committee	Stanley Sam, Sean Joseph and Jonhni Chan

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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 Jim Wyllie and Judith Reigel and seconded by Bill Whittaker and Florence Clifton, respectively.

5. That Chris Bird, Heather Grégoire and Sarah Kaulback be elected as Lay members of Synod (moved by Paul Wren, seconded by Jim Dalrymple) with Diamond Scott (moved by Nancy Taylor, seconded by Steve Hughes) 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. Parish Administrator
7. Donna Watson 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 Jim Wyllie.
8. That the signing officers of Christ Church be any two of the following positions: Rector's Warden, People's and Treasurer. The motion was moved by George Stephens and seconded Sonia Sobers.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT (presented by Carolynne Atkinson, Envelope Secretary)

We reviewed the Contribution Range and Contribution Summary Reports highlighting that over \$11,000 per month is provided by the way of Pre-Authorized Remittance.

Parishioners are asked to destroy expired envelopes, particularly if they move to PAR because their envelope number may be reassigned.

Carolynne took over the role in March of 2015 and spent much of the time familiarizing herself with the basic of the system in order to be better prepared for the tax receipting at the end of the year ~ that is the next big challenge

MOTION

The motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report was moved by France Bowen and seconded by Helen Lahie. Motion was carried.

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2015 FINANCIAL REPORT (presented by Peter Volkes,)

Financial statements were presented in a new format that combined the Heritage and General Funds as per accounting principles. While these funds are reported together, they are held separately. 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 can normally count on between \$4,500 and \$5,000 per year in dividend income.

Copies of the Financial Statement are a watermarked draft by MNP LLP, who prepared them, until they are approved by Vestry. Clarifying questions were encouraged and discussion ensued.

MOTIONS

1. To approve the Financial Statements was moved by Peter Volkes and seconded by Paul Wren. Motion was carried.
2. As per the Guidelines, the Fund Cap was proposed and voted on prior to 2016 operating budget and discussion. A motion was moved by Paul Wren, seconded by Janet Volkes and was carried to set the F2016 Fund Cap at \$200,000.

2016 BUDGET (Initially covered in greater detail at Pre-Vestry, Sunday, September 20th, 2015)

The following key budget assumptions were presented:

- ✓ Stewardship Pledge Results
 - cumulative increase of \$14,750
- ✓ General & Loose Offerings
 - Modest increase in actual offerings of 3%;
 - **F2015 General & Loose Offerings exceeded budget by 4%**
- ✓ Expenses
 - Budget F2015 vs F2016 decreases by 3% and will continued to be monitored for any opportunity
 - Budgeted salary increases of 3%
- ✓ *Our Faith, Our Hope* dropping off
 - expected income of \$5,700 (F2016) vs actual \$11,750 (F2015)

MOTION

Paul Wren moved to pass the F2016 Budget with George Stephens seconding it. The motion carried.

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HOT WATER BOILER REPLACEMENT

Vestry approved the Property Committee to spend up to \$80,000 from the Heritage Fund to replace the boiler/heating system when the need arises, thus removing the need for a Special Vestry should an emergency arise. Motion moved by Steve Hughes, seconded by Jim Mills. Carried.

18 ELIZABETH STREET PROCEEDS

Vestry approved providing \$63,000 for future ministry needs from the proceeds of selling 18 Elizabeth Street. Motion was moved by Frances Wyllie, seconded by Sonia Sobers. Carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned Paul Wren at 1:05 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer.

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING – FEBRUARY 14, 2016

As encouraged in the Archbishop's January 15, 2016 Pastoral Letter to the Vestries, we held a Special Vestry to pass the following motion:

We, the vestry of Christ Church (Brampton) commit ourselves to work to implement the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. As part of this effort, we call on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to address the recommendations which the Commission's final report directs toward them. In particular, we affirm the Government of Canada's commitment to establish a public inquiry into the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and will continue to advocate for ongoing action on this issue. We also call on the Government of Ontario, in consultation with Aboriginal peoples, residential school survivors, and the churches, to develop an age-appropriate, mandatory curriculum on residential schools and the contributions of Aboriginal peoples to Canada for all grade levels.

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

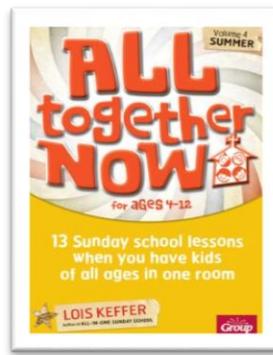
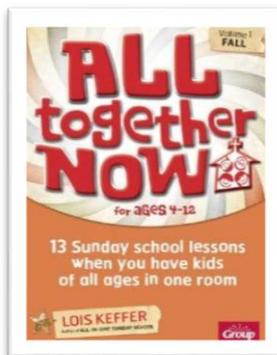
YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

The year of 2015 was filled with many exciting programs and events in the Youth and Family Ministries area. The review will highlight the collaborative effort of the all ministry volunteers including but not limited to:

- **Senior Youth Ministry Volunteers:** Martha Whittaker, Paul Wren, and Karen Woolley
- **Junior Youth Ministry Volunteers:** Kim Gilmore, Scott & Karen Engel and Jonathan & Jasmine Massey
- **Sunday School Volunteers:** Heather Robinson, Kim Gilmore, Judy Hughes, Kathy Newbert, Nadine Scott, Diamond Scott, Breanna Sobers-Barrett, Kayla Goodridge, Jeremy l'Anson Jookema
- **Cool Church Volunteers:** Renee Goodridge, Breanna Sobers-Barrett
- **Nursery Volunteers:** Charlene Bickerstaffe, Elizabeth Walker, Denise Smith, Sarah Kaulback, and Christine Rego

Programming Highlights:

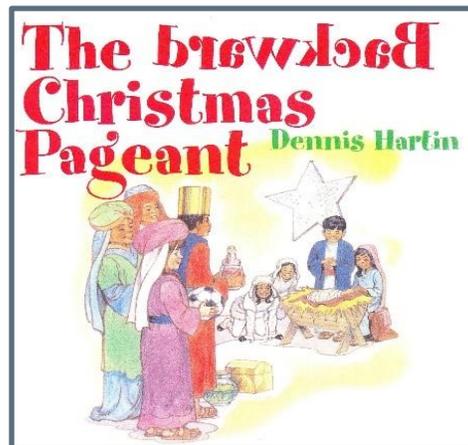
Sunday School: Led by Heather Robinson, the Sunday School program, both junior and senior classrooms, executed the *ALL TOGETHER NOW* – Volumes 1 and 2. The lessons taught the children about Moses' journey as recounted in the book of Exodus and the stories of Jesus Christ's time on earth. Classes were encouraged weekly to bring Bibles, offering, and to memorize scripture verses.



Cool Church: During the summer, Volume 4 of the *ALL TOGETHER NOW* curriculum was introduced showcasing HERO'S in the Bible. The returning team of Breanna and Renee transformed the Canon Allen room once again, this time into a Super Hero's home for the children to enjoy!!

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Christmas Pageant: As custom, the Children and Youth of Christ Church came together to present the amazing story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Graced by the talents of Nancy Kee, who worked with the cast weekly preparing, the pageant was delivered to the congregation at the 10:45am service. ***The Backward Christmas Pageant***, written by Dennis Hartin, was co-narrated by Spencer Gilmore and Kayla Goodridge. Also, a huge THANK YOU to all the other volunteers including Donna Watson, Wendy Goodridge, Jennie Felix, Jeff White and everyone else who worked behind the scenes to make it a success.



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Youth Group: The Youth Group saw a lot of new faces in 2015! With a full schedule of events including some favourites like Family Ice Skate, and Laser Tag, the group also visited our local community partners, Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel and Regeneration Outreach Community. Yes, and we have the pictures to prove it!! These events were carefully selected encourage inclusiveness and community.



The much anticipated Youth Retreat did not disappoint! A total of fifteen youth and youth volunteers attended the weekend event, themed *'Feed The Seed'*, and it was full of physical, mindful, and spiritual food indeed, for all!



DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

Confirmation – Class of 2016: This year we welcomed eleven confirmands into the Confirmation curriculum path. The twenty-six week journey was a significant part of the Youth and Family Ministry involvement.

On March 26th all eleven of the confirmands concluded their journey at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2016:

Chason Engel

Karen Engel

Gabrielle French

David Goberdan

Kayla Goodridge

Jack Purchase

Jeremy I'anson Joukema

Robert Jones

Nyashia Knights

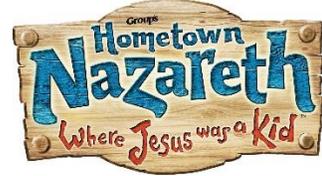
Miles La Foucade

Giselle La Foucade



DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

Vacation Bible School: In August 2015, Vacation Bible School (VBS) returned to Christ Church, led by Heather Robinson. The curriculum selected was a hit with the kids and volunteers, entitled *Hometown Nazareth – Where Jesus was a Kid*. The registration was completely full at 50 registrants offering a full week all day program, with extended care. Thank you to Heather, Holly, Martha and the amazing team of volunteers!



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ALTAR GUILD VESTRY REPORT

The Altar Guild prepares the bread and wine, vessels, linens, candles and flowers necessary for our services. We currently have 6 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. On November 28th, 18 members gathered at the church for breakfast and a workshop. Members attend meetings twice a year to get ready for the Christmas and Easter seasons. Every year, the Altar Guild coordinates Palm Cross making and this year with other parishioners, both male and female 27 volunteers made 625 crosses. 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 outside volunteers, who helped at these times of the year.

There have been some changes in the Altar Guild during the past year. Karen Harper has stepped down as Flower Coordinator, after many years of service. If anyone would like to take over this position, please contact me or Liz Charters. Holly Adam has moved to Bath and Annette Pejic to Orangeville. We thank them for their years of service and we wish them well. We also lost Sandy Taylor who passed away in November after a brief illness. Virginia Benson and George Kee have joined our teams, and we welcome them.

Great appreciation is extended to all the people of the Altar Guild for the dedication, commitment and support. I would like to especially thank Liz Charters (Secretary), Judy Hughes (Supplies), Kathy Newbert (Treasurer) and Marjorie March (Small Linens).

Parishioners are invited to contribute to the Altar Flowers throughout the year with some notable exceptions (Advent and Lent). This provides parishioners an opportunity to memorialize significant dates and to offer thanksgiving to God. Altar Flowers are distributed each week in accordance to the wishes of the clergy.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Altar Guild or delivering flowers to at home parishioners please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Moffatt

Coordinator

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CHOIR REPORT

It is hard to believe that a year has passed! After successfully passing the audition last September and getting the "good to go", it has been my great pleasure to help lead and coordinate the music for the 10:45 services at Christ Church Brampton.

As with any leadership position, it is crucial for the individual involved to assimilate his or her knowledge and massage it comfortably into the fresh new territory where one has been granted to direct.

Psalms and service music have been honed and perfected for weekly services. On a fairly regular basis, the choir sang anthems both for general worship and again on high feast days. Marcel van Helden was the paid tenor scholar who with his tremendous talent helped boost the confidence of the choir as well as blessed the congregation with solos. Marcel has gone on to pursue an Artist Diploma at the University of Western Ontario, his footsteps will be hard to fill.

A new Kawi keyboard was also purchased this past June and has already been enjoyed by its listeners and players during the summer.

During the summer months, a good sense of team work was developed between myself and Sally Campbell. Sally is a wonderful colleague and musician to work with, I really appreciated her guidance and ability to work together.

What do I see for the future? A working together of both the contemporary service and traditional service through use of anthems etc. to help magnify the glory of God.

Thank you for a great year, and look forward to years to come!

Respectfully submitted

Ron Greidanus

Organist and Choir Director

LITURGY & WORSHIP

EUCCHARISTIC LAY ASSISTANT AND READERS

Another year is over and our small dedicated Eucharistic Lay Assistants (ELAs) have continued to faithfully serve at our various services. Because we are small in number, our members are called upon more often to serve and assist the Incumbent at our services. I believe that it is their love for this ministry that our ELAs give of their time so generously and for this we are truly in their debt.

On the other hand the number of Readers, continues to grow. We were happy to have Erin Rosart-Rodill, Kimberly Smith and William Smith join our group of Readers at the 9:00 am service and John Hall as a reader at the 7:45 am service.

For those who have joined our church recently and are not familiar with the roles of the ELAs and Readers, let me take this opportunity to explain the differences to you.

A Reader is one who reads either the Old Testament Lesson and/or the New Testament lesson, sometimes referred to as the "Epistle." The position of a Reader is in part symbolic, acting to remind the congregation of their identity as the Body of Christ, and as such, the lay reader should not be set apart in such a way as to create an unnecessary distinction between themselves and other members of the parish.

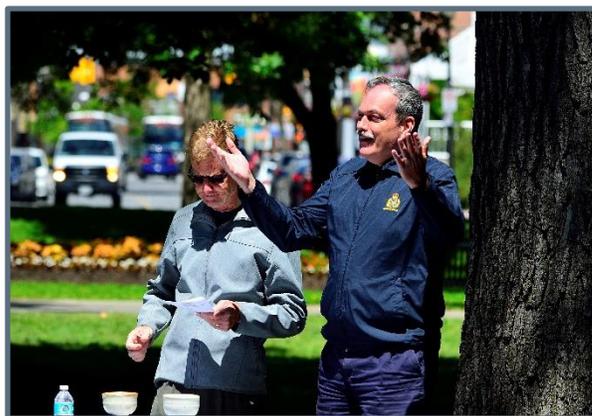
The ELA is there to assist the priest during the service. S/he is there to prepare the altar for communion. The main role of the ELA is to assist in the administration of the bread and/or chalice at Holy Communion. An ELA will also assist with the readings. All ELAs have been licensed by the Bishop of Toronto to assist clergy in the execution of many duties surrounding our worship. An ELA is also authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration.

From time to time we schedule training for our Eucharistic Lay Assistants and Readers. If you feel called to either of these ministries, please let Byron or me aware of your calling.

Respectfully submitted

Jeffrey Smith

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PARISH REGISTRIES (JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016)

BAPTISMS

July 19, 2015

Josep Earl Pelleja Sawaksky born July 31, 2014

October 18, 2015

Dylan Jonhni Luong born September 5, 2015

October 10, 2015

Christian Ryan Knight born June 9, 2015

October 25, 2015

Andrew Gordon Brett Myers born June 17, 2015

February 7, 2016

Scarlett Nova Teves born May 5, 2015

CONFIRMATIONS

October 25, 2015

Jennie Merlin Felix

The Great Vigil of Easter – March 2016

Gabrielle French

Chason Engel

Karen Engel

David Goberdham

Kayla Goodridge

Jeremy l'Anson-Joukema

Robert Jones

Nyashia Knight

Miles LaFoucade

Giselle LaFoucade

Jack Purchase

MARRIAGE

October 3, 2015

Ginette Marie DesLauriers and Mark Phillip Hunter

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FUNERALS & MEMORIALS

July 25, 2015

Maurice Phillip Henderson born July 1, 1928 died June 29, 2015

September 5, 2015

Hector Decarie born September 22, 1936 died September 1, 2015

September 11, 2015

Donald Ross Crawford born December 11, 1926 died September 6, 2015

September 11, 2015

Janet Adele Sterling born July 3, 1962 died September 4, 2015.

September 26, 2015

Norman Thomas Rees born June 26, 1945 died September 17, 2015

October 10, 2015

Robert Andrew Naismith born July 28, 1945 died October 2, 2015

October 16, 2015

John Alexander Hutton born January 11, 1941 died October 11, 2015

October 31, 2015

Merinda "Mindy" Flora Talbot born May 27, 1939 died March 6, 2015

November 12, 2015

Robert Richard Reeves born May 15, 1935 died November 9, 2015.

December 4, 2015

Nancy Green born July 22, 1951 died November 22, 2015

December 12, 2015

Edward ("Ted") Thomas James Walter born May 4, 1944 died December 8, 2015

December 30, 2015

Mary Joan Whittaker born March 31, 1926 died December 27, 2015

December 30, 2015

Thomas Ryder born June 30, 1926 died December 25, 2015

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January 9, 2016

Donald Hill Fitzsimons born July 25, 1920 died December 19, 2015

January 16, 2016

Joseph Lonsouby Gallaher born December 5, 1932 died January 2, 2016

January 18, 2016

Jill Romaine Hopkins born April 5, 1935 died January 13, 2016

February 8, 2016

Patricia Carol York born December 12, 1950 died February 4, 2016

March 5, 2016

Evelyn Lily Stoddart born November 2, 1932 died February 29, 2016

March 5, 2016

Theresa Marie Divell born February 9, 1949 died February 26, 2016

April 23, 2016

Anne Pingyin born December 24, 1935 died March 24, 2016

April 28, 2016

William Ian Fraser born September 24, 1940 died April 23, 2016

April 29, 2016

Barry John Clarke born July 11, 1944 died April 23, 2016

June 6, 2016

Marion Louise Ahmed born March 29, 1940 died June 1, 2016

June 15, 2016

Gordon John Bailey born July 2, 1941 died June 8, 2016

June 15, 2016

Gwendolyn Adair born May 24, 1940 died June 13, 2016

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PRAISE TEAM

The Praise Team ministry experienced steady growth over the past years. Our initial songbook began with 19 pages in 2009. We now have 94 pages and growing. This means that the congregation has learned many new songs over this time. The team remains fluid, having members come and go, as well as take time off. Our current members for 2015-2016 include; Cathy Clark, Heather Gregoire, Nievel Regis-Kankam, Kayla Goodridge, Avery Gilmore, Trevor Lee and Debbie Smith. We have also had help from Katie Clark, Renee Goodridge, Alex Smith, and Dilyn Azzopardi. With their participation we achieved a number of things this year;

- Our fifth installment of Advenio was the Praise Team's Advent/Christmas concert offered as our gift to you. Thank you for your support in attending and participating. We also joined the Choir, at the Great Vigil, in welcoming the newly confirmed.
- In April, I was privileged to present a Worship workshop for youth. Participants were given opportunity to strengthen their understanding of the discipline of worship.
- The recent summer schedule saw full collaboration between the Contemporary and Traditional music programs. The team had opportunity to broaden their horizons with regards to learning traditional pieces and our Choir director, Ron Greidanus lent his voice in harmony on the contemporary songs. It was a true display of unity.
- The courier series, "What's In a Song" continued, providing interpretation of the songs we sing in the Contemporary service. It was hoped that the congregation enjoyed enhanced worship as a result of these short summaries.
- Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the Hall family, the Praise Team was able to improve on the percussion section with the purchase of a set of Conga drums, a large Djembe drum and a new drum seat. We were also able to purchase a keyboard, new microphones and music stands. We are most grateful.

We still have some logistical needs, regarding the sound board and praying for someone to step up to the challenge. Specifically, we need someone willing to rehearse with the Praise Team and manage the intricate workings of the sound system. If anyone has a gift they are willing to use in this regard, please let me know.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry. Keep on singing.

Sally Campbell

Contemporary Worship Director

OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS TREE BAZAAR 2016

As the summer comes to an end, and we start to settle into a routine for the fall, the conveners of the Christmas Tree Bazaar will meet and prepare for the 2016 Bazaar. But before we start to focus on the 2016 Bazaar, I would like to provide the final report for the 2015 Bazaar.

The conveners met at the end of March to disperse the monies from the 2015 Bazaar. Our proceeds from the 2015 Bazaar were as follows: on the day of the Bazaar, the revenue was \$9,837.00 and at the mini-bazaar, we collected another \$1,080, totaling \$10,917. After expenses and a holdback for 2016, we had \$10,000.00 to disperse.

The monies was divided as follows:

1. Cool Church (Sunday School for the summer)	\$1,500.00
2. Vacation Bible School	\$3,000.00
3. Clergy Discretion	\$2,000.00
4. 2 nd Brampton Scouts	\$500.00
5. Church Project (replacing the carpet)	\$1,000.00
6. Altar Guild <small>See Note</small>	\$2,000.00

Note:

The Altar Guild derives its monies from weddings, but there has not been a wedding at the Church for the last couple of years, and some of the larger linens, for example, need some repair, also some of the Christmas decorations are being updated.

The bazaar has a main steering committee made up of the conveners for each table. We will meet in the early fall to start the wheels in motion for the upcoming event. But in actual fact, many conveners have already started thinking about how to improve on their table, what new wares will interest people, is there new volunteers to be recruited?

As usual, we are always looking for volunteers. It is good for the bazaar to have new faces and new ideas. Please take time and pray and consider being a part of the Church community, whether it is the Bazaar or any other of the many activities at the Church. "Many hands make light work!" Please consider join our team!

On November 12th, we will open the doors to the 71st Annual Christmas Tree Bazaar.

I hope that we will see each of you at the Bazaar!

Kathy Newbert

Coordinator

OUTREACH

THE 70TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE BAZAAR

Christ Church Brampton's
70th Annual
Christmas Tree
Bazaar
Saturday November 14, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
4 Elizabeth St. N. (at Queen St. W.), Brampton
ChristChurchBrampton.ca 905.451.6649

Since 1945!!

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

The Shepherd's Crook Cafe
Serving Lunch From 10:30am to 1:00pm
We are Wheelchair Accessible

Better Homes



OUTREACH

COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2016

Throughout the year, Christ Church generously contributed to ministries in Brampton and beyond. A few highlights are:

- As is our practice, an opportunity for emergency response is made through Special Offerings. On All Saints, a Sunday morning Special Offering was designated for Refugee Relief and the evening's Jazz Vespers offerings were also designated to the same. This resulted in a gift of \$3,700 to AURA (*Anglican United Refugee Alliance*) ~ a Diocese of Toronto Faithworks ministry that works in the refugee settlement field.
- Our Christmas outreach program ~ Caring and Sharing ~ received cash donations of \$5,135 to help purchase groceries for our adopted families. This is over and above, the stockings and gifts provided by parishioners as we "denuded" the Christmas Tree.
- In keeping with the Lenten tradition of alms-giving, proceeds of our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (superbly organized and hosted by the Sides Persons), resulting in a gift of \$800 to Ste. Louise Outreach Centre of Peel. Ste. Louise operates a food bank within walking distance of Christ Church.
- Christ Church parishioners provided financial assistance of \$2,600 to a mission trip to Cuba where new water systems were being installed. A Spaghetti Dinner, organized by Spencer Gilmore (the mission trip participant) was held in January that provided in additional funds for the entire mission team.
- In February, Christ Church fielded a team to participate in the Coldest Night of the Year raising funds for Regeneration Outreach Community that serves the homeless and near homeless in Brampton. Fortunately, it was not too cold for out walk! The Christ Church team raised \$7,808.
- Another special offering was held in the spring in response to the wildfires in Fort McMurray. Christ Church was able to forward \$2,900 to PWRDF (*Primate World Relief and Development Fund*) designated for the parishes of northern Alberta.



Working Together to Help Refugees



PARISH LIFE

PARISH FELLOWSHIP GROUP 2016

Our ladies group presently consists of 30 active members. We have 10 past members on an honorary list.

The goal of our group continues to foster fellowship among women of Christ Church while raising funds through our fundraisers in support of individuals and organizations in our community and church projects.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Canon Allan Room at 1:30 pm. The group gathers for a time of sharing with good food and friends twice a year in September and January for a potluck lunch prior to our business meeting. Often after our business meeting at these potlucks, we hold a Penny Auction which is always a lot of fun.

Highlights from Oct. Nov. and Dec. 2015's meetings up to June 2016:

- October 2015 - Speaker Ted Brown, Executive Director of Regeneration.
- November 2015 - Remembrance Day memories of 2nd World War shared by group.
- December 2015 - Executive hosted A Christmas Get Together.
- February 2016 - Speaker Rev, Byron Gilmore spoke on the origin and history of Ash Wednesday.
- March 2016 had us viewing a Carol Burnett sitcom,
- May 2016 - Speaker Rev. Mark Stephen from the Bridge Prison Ministry.
- June 2016 - a celebration to honor Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday and a film was shown of her Coronation 63 years ago.

Throughout the year we have supported the church by contributing funds toward the laying of the new carpet and towards Reverend Byron Gilmore's discretionary fund. Cheshire Homes, Bridge Prison Ministry, Knight's Table were also recipients of donations for their organizations.

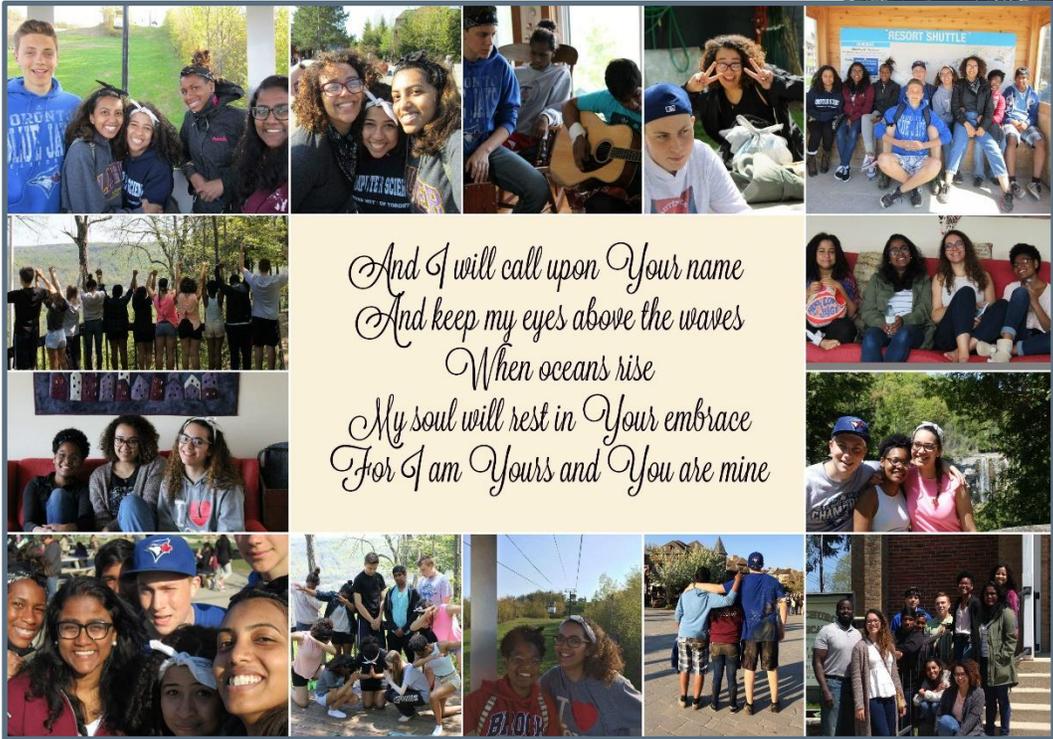
We welcome and encourage the ladies in our congregation to come visit with us and learn more about our group.

Respectfully submitted

Lydia Bennett

President

PARISH LIFE



PASTORAL CARE

PARISH VISITORS 2016

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 once every two months (on a Wednesday at noon) in the Canon Allen Room. We gather for food, fellowship, training, planning and also share appropriate information to meet pastoral needs. We enjoy guest speakers.

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.

In June, we hosted a workshop open to our parishioners and to the wider community, entitled "Home in our Senior Years ~ Are You Ready?". We had speakers from CCAC (Community Care Access Centre), from Greenway Retirement Community, from Southbrook Retirement Home and from Woodhall Retirement Home and Long Term Care. The speakers spoke of their services offered by their facilities and they brought an impressive selection of very helpful handout information. The purpose of this workshop was to help us learn about the various resources, and to help us plan ahead as our living arrangements may have to change from house, to apartment or condo, to retirement home to long-term care, etc.

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 Rev. Byron Gilmore at 905-451-6649 x22 or Joan Powell at 905-451-4694.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Powell

Coordinator, Parish Visitors' Group

PASTORAL CARE

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

The Stephen's Ministry sends bereavement support materials to parishioners who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The four booklets are sent out during the first year after the loss. This year four people received this support ministry.

Gloria Watty.

Coordinator



SPRING COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

"HOME" IN OUR SENIOR YEARS – ARE YOU READY?

TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST FROM 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM AT CHRIST CHURCH



We have arranged for speakers from Community Care Access Centre ("CCAC"), Greenway Retirement Home and Woodhall Retirement and Long-Term Care who will explain their role in providing senior accommodation, how we access them, waiting lists, costs and other relevant information. There will be light refreshments and a time of questions and answers.

This workshop would be of interest not only seniors but also to family members, friends and neighbours who are often involved in making decisions and providing care.

Everyone Welcome – Free Workshop

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ENVELOPE SECRETARY 2016

During 2016, although I've learned a lot about the Power Church program, there is still much to explore and I look forward to the challenge.

- Offertory envelope information is input into our database on a weekly or bi-weekly basis thus providing current individual contribution information.
- Reports are reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure that any discrepancies or inaccuracies are captured and corrected in a timely fashion.
- The clean-up with regard to the reduction in our envelope sets has been accomplished.
- Pre-Authorized Remittances ("PAR") are also 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.)
- Fund Descriptions have been updated to better reflect various ministries where your offerings may be placed.
- Keeping the Parish List updated is a continuous work in progress but I feel that great strides were made this year as I became more familiar with the program.
- We have been working directly with the Count Teams to make sure that they have accurate information as to current envelope subscriber numbers.
- With a better understanding of the PowerChurch system, I was able to assist the Corporation by providing them with cumulative results regarding Stewardship Pledging Focus.
- Reports were reviewed regularly to ensure as much accuracy as possible when issuing Tax Receipts. As a result the Annual Tax receipting exercise was very smooth. The few issues raised were handled easily and timely.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MAINTENANCE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Our computerized database 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

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

- i. Envelope set holder (numbered 1-180)
- 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 2,000 - 2,999)
- v. One-time receipts, or persons that are no longer members of the parish (moved, died, etc.) (8,000+)

This 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, a Warden 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 in use boxed sets of envelopes from 1 – to 180. Over time, parishioners converting to PAR will continue to reduce the number of envelopes required. All envelope subscribers now have been assigned to this range.

- Please do not use previous year's envelopes. **2017 envelopes will be distributed during the first week of Advent 2016.**
- This also applies to donors who have changed 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)

The PAR system is operated by the United Church of Canada and is a very convenient method of making a regular monthly donation to Christ Church. It currently provides the church with an average of **\$11,300** per month. This ongoing monthly income is very helpful for the operations of the parish in that it normalizes the income stream in the leaner summer months.

While the number of PAR donors fluctuates slightly throughout the year, on average **36%** of our regular donors take advantage of this method of donating ~ this is a very healthy average but we would love to see it raise above 40%. **Should you ever wish to convert to this system, please know that you can do this at any time and that forms are available to do so at the Parish Office.**

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.), however please ensure that your name and/or your correct envelope number is clearly written on the envelope.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Table 1 – Contribution Range Report (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015)

The above table highlights our regular subscribers, specifically envelope subscribers and PAR. There are, however, a number of regular contributors in the 400 series that neither have a set of envelopes nor utilize PAR. In F2016, the 400s series will be reviewed for more accurate reporting, specifically at the lower range. In extracting (Table 2), only the Envelope and PAR subscribers are selected to give a more accurate view of the average gift per regular contributor is revealed.

Contribution Range	F2016 Total Records		F2016 Envelope Subscribers		F2016 PAR		F2016 400s		F2016 Other	
	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given
\$ - to \$ 100	599	\$ 5,451	28	\$ 768	3	\$ 55	39	\$ 805	529	\$ 3,823
\$ 101 to \$ 200	29	\$ 4,469	16	\$ 2,492	2	\$ 240	5	\$ 722	6	\$ 1,015
\$ 201 to \$ 300	27	\$ 7,140	13	\$ 3,396	7	\$ 1,874	2	\$ 540	5	\$ 1,330
\$ 301 to \$ 400	18	\$ 6,321	9	\$ 3,132	1	\$ 340	4	\$ 1,490	4	\$ 1,359
\$ 401 to \$ 500	12	\$ 5,676	5	\$ 2,295	4	\$ 1,882	0	\$ -	3	\$ 1,499
\$ 501 to \$ 750	35	\$ 21,533	19	\$ 11,839	13	\$ 7,784	3	\$ 1,910	0	\$ -
\$ 751 to \$ 1,000	27	\$ 23,210	14	\$ 12,142	12	\$ 10,268	1	\$ 800	0	\$ -
\$ 1,001 to \$ 1,500	38	\$ 46,987	25	\$ 29,885	12	\$ 15,702	0	\$ -	1	\$ 1,400
\$ 1,501 to \$ 2,500	41	\$ 76,002	19	\$ 36,088	19	\$ 34,695	1	\$ 1,700	2	\$ 3,519
\$ 2,501 to \$ 5,000	28	\$ 90,040	10	\$ 32,695	15	\$ 45,755	3	\$ 11,590	0	\$ -
Over \$5001	8	\$ 72,257	4	\$ 39,970	4	\$ 32,287	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
	862	\$ 359,086	162	\$ 174,702	92	\$ 150,882	58	\$ 19,557	550	\$ 13,945
Average Per Contributor		\$ 417		\$ 1,078		\$ 1,640		\$ 337		\$ 25

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

Envelope & PAR Subscribers		
	F2015	F2016
# of Donors	249	254
Total Given	\$ 346,005	\$ 325,584
Average Per Contributor	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,282
% Using Envelope Sets	63%	64%
% Using PAR	37%	36%

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Table 3 – Funds Report

The table below provides details with regard to the distribution of funds received.

General	\$	304,915
Seasonal	\$	23,732
Initial Offerings	\$	780
Altar Guild	\$	2,556
Name Tags	\$	25
Sreening in Fath	\$	20
Church School	\$	28
	\$	<u>332,056</u>
Community Ministries	\$	4,799
Ministry/Discipleship Development	\$	1,410
Clergy Discretion	\$	3,760
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$	3,220
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$	128
Faithworks - LOFT	\$	141
Faithworks - The Bridge	\$	180
Faithworks - PWRDF ^{See Note}	\$	3,532
Faithworks - AURA (Refugee Relief)	\$	3,316
Regeneration/Coldest Night of Year	\$	850
Cuba Mission	\$	1,628
Memorials - General	\$	3,920
Heritage	\$	150
	\$	<u>27,033</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u><u>359,089</u></u>

Note: This amounts included \$2,900 designated to the Fort McMurray Fire Relief.

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 2016 will be released in February 2017.

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

PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2016

The Property Committee is tasked with the responsibility of keeping our building in good shape and maintaining it for future generations of worship.

To that end we have continued to repair broken equipment and renew parts of the building that were showing signs of wear.

A major undertaking for this year was a review of our church building by a professional engineering company. Their suggestions and long term maintenance projections were documented and the Property Committee will use this document as a guide in caring for the Church and its property.

The boiler had gone well past its due date [1984 to 2016] and a company was hired to remove the old boiler and install a new one in the basement. This major expenditure (*as approved by Vestry in September 2015*) will last for many years.

The committee was responsible for new carpeting and painting on the main floor of the church this spring. Many rooms were painted and old carpeting was replaced to give the area a fresh and pleasing atmosphere. We are grateful to the Catering Committee and The Parish Fellowship Group for their generous donation towards the carpet. Additional thanks is extended those who have provided memorial gifts in the past.

The garden wall across the front corner of the church was repaired and rebuilt to halt some erosion.

As usual I would like to thank all the people who commit to and consistently complete small jobs that contribute to the overall function and longevity of our church.

Respectfully submitted by

Steve Hughes

Chair of the Property Committee

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

STEWARDSHIP 2016

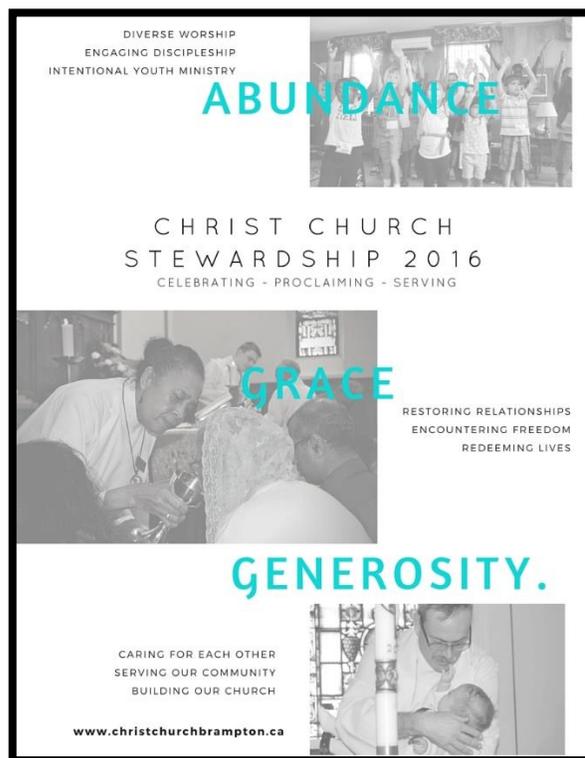
For the past several years, Christ Church has had an annual Stewardship Focus. With our change of yearend to June 30, our focus period is held during the season of Easter culminating at Pentecost. Easter provides us with time set aside to reflect on the practice of intentional giving, proportional to what God has given each of us ~ Alleluia. He is risen!

This elements of this year's Stewardship Focus included:

- Parish mailing
- Pledge Card
- Sermons
- Website and Facebook focus

The Parish Mailing was directed to those who are regular contributors to Christ Church. It included:

- A pastoral letter from Byron Gilmore, Incumbent
- Information about the importance of pledging from both a Christian and practical perspective ~ putting our thankfulness to God first and providing information to the planning and budgeting process.



The results of this year's focus period are summarized below:

<u>Invited</u>	<u>Invited</u>		<u>Returned - Pledges Responses</u>					
		<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% of Invited</u>	<u>F2016</u>	<u>F2017</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
PAR Subscribers	86	32%	32	37%	\$ 66,575	\$ 71,240	\$ 4,665	7%
Envelope Holders	157	59%	33	21%	\$ 57,313	\$ 60,672	\$ 3,359	6%
400's	24	9%	3	13%	\$ 3,165	\$ 7,200	\$ 4,035	127%
	267	100%	68	25%	\$ 127,053	\$ 139,112	\$ 12,059	9%

Recognizing that “*Stewardship is nothing less than a complete life-style, a total accountability and responsibility before God*”, our hearts and minds remain open as to how we can have more people respond to the invitation of giving.



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