

**Celebrating God | Proclaiming Christ | Serving Others**

Dear Friends:

February 2025

We believe that communication is one of our primary responsibilities. It is one of the tools that keeps our community at Christ Church connected. As the leaders of Christ Church, it is our privilege and responsibility to share how Christ Church is doing financially and to invite the entire Parish to participate in our ministry with their time, talents and treasures. It has been our practice for several years to provide financial updates. We appreciate that not everyone is interested in the finances of the church but like all communications it is an important part of our responsibility and a responsibility that we all share. Kindly take time to read this important update.



**Celebrating** | Christmas Eve attendance increased by 42%.



**Proclaiming** | A total of 19 are being prepared for Confirmation.



**Serving** | Caring & Sharing was an awesome success!



**Celebrating** | Our 2025 Confirmants are participating in Sunday worship.



**Proclaiming** | Fall for Jesus He Never Leaves. 😊



**Serving** | Saturday Sacred Sewing (and eating) continues to thrive, just yesterday we participated in CNOY in support of Regeneration Outreach Community.

It is difficult to select photos that tell the story of the life we share at Christ Church but do keep an eye out on our social media platforms where there are plenty! We look forward to a new photo album on our website covering the Season of Epiphany. In the meantime, take a peek at Advent & Christmas at:

[www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events](http://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/recent-events)

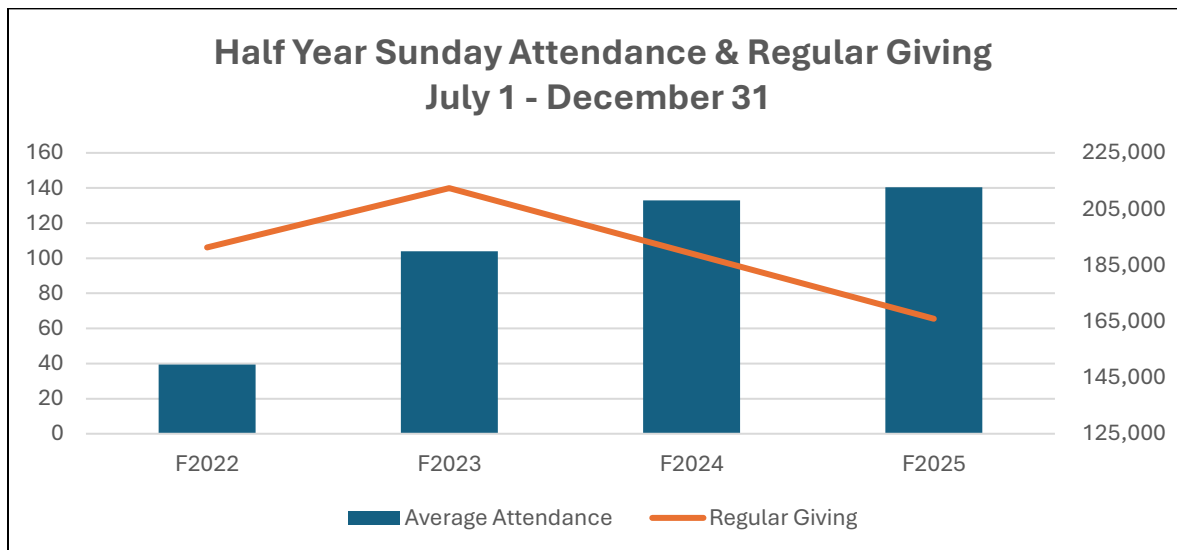


## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany PARISH UPDATE

Below is a financial summary for Christ Church from July 2024 to December 2024 (the first six months of fiscal 2025). You will see:

- Attendance is up 😊 and ministries at Christ Church are thriving!
- Giving is down for various reasons, not least of which is the passing and relocation of several long-time parishioners who were generous in their giving 😞
- Expenses are temporarily down – Rev. Arthur is not full-time, and we do not have part-time associate.
- Bottom Line – The money is going out faster than it is coming in, and we are using up our savings

We have savings thanks to the saints who have gone before us at Christ Church, which means we are still in a solid financial situation. Still, we need to increase giving if we are to have a sustainable future. It's no secret that we would like to see the attendance and the regular giving both trending in the same upwards direction.



### Christ Church Q2 (July 01/24 to December 31, 2024) Financial Update

Christ Church Brampton					
F2025 Q2 Results	Actual Q2 F2024	Actual Q2 F2025	\$ Change	% Change	
	July 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023	July 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2024			
<b>Revenue</b>					
Regular Givings	\$ 189,168	\$ 165,949	\$ (23,220)	-12.28%	
Rental Income	18,738	18,738	-	0.0%	
Other Income	16,956	14,853	\$ (2,103)	-12.4%	
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$ 224,863</b>	<b>\$ 199,540</b>	<b>\$ (25,322)</b>	<b>-11.26%</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries and benefits	\$ 155,513	\$ 97,266	\$ 58,247	-37.46%	
Diocesan allotment	33,101	35,403	\$ (2,303)	6.96%	
Repairs, Utilities and Insurance	38,543	38,096	448	-1.16%	
Admin expenses	31,651	21,052	10,599	-33.49%	
Other Expenses	10,593	9,970	623	-5.88%	
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 269,401</b>	<b>\$ 201,787</b>	<b>\$ 67,614</b>	<b>-25.1%</b>	
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue</b>	<b>\$ (44,538)</b>	<b>\$ (2,247)</b>	<b>\$ 42,291</b>	<b>94.96%</b>	



Please note that there is a separate document that provides the unaudited results for Fiscal 2024 and the F2025 Budget. We have also provided a set of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions). This latter document helps explain our financial information/terminology and where you can see the state of our savings. Both these documents are available in the church office. There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 2 following the 10:00 service to walk through the statements in detail and answer any questions people wish to ask in person.

We will also be offering a session in the Lenten season to give people practice suggestions on how to prayerfully plan their time and money.

## **Something to Consider**

To help you discern where God might be calling you to help, below is something for you to consider. That said, *before you read further*, please note we recognize that each person in the parish is unique, and we wish we could provide a customized update for each of you. We created 5 profiles, and a general message to them. It is likely that none of these personas exactly fits anyone's situation, but we hope they show our appreciation for varying circumstances.

### **Faithful Giver**

*Description:* You prayerfully considered how much to give the church and have been faithful with your giving. You give regularly either through pre-authorized giving or other regular methods. You are generous with your time and are involved in one or more ministries as part of Christ Church. You tell others about the blessing it is to be part of Christ Church.

*Message:* Thank You. Your generous support has been a blessing to so many over the years and we hope to continue to work together for many years into the future. We are not asking you to do more, but to continue. The financial update is provided to keep you informed.

### **Just Hanging On**

*Description:* You feel stretched to your limit. Maybe you have significant family demands (young children, aging parents, or both), illness (your own or someone you love) is demanding your time, energy, and money or you are currently living from pay-cheque to pay-cheque. Just thinking of adding something to your plate brings on a feeling of incredible weariness, even defeat.

*Message:* We want Christ Church to be an oasis for you. Let us pray for and minister to you while you are going through this season. Please come when you can and receive a blessing. Don't feel any obligation to do more.

### **No Time or Money**

*Description:* Life is incredibly busy, and your money is stretched. You're not sure how it happened but you can feel your heart beats faster just thinking about your all the things you need to do, and money just seems to melt away.

*Message:* We are not asking you to do anything more just now. But when you have the time and resources, we hope you will make room to do things that are life-giving for you and helpful to Christ Church. When that time comes, let us know, as we would love to help you discern whether it is best to give financial support to the general fund, get involved in a ministry here at Christ Church or support one financially, or both. The commitment can be small at first, with room to grow if that becomes possible at some point in the future.

### Ready to Go

*Description:* You like worshipping at Christ Church and seeing the various ministry updates and feel like you are missing out on some of the fun. You aren't sure how things work here and wish someone would invite you to get involved.

*Message:* Christ Church needs you and we are sorry that we haven't noticed that you would like to be more involved. Please let us know that you are ready to take your place, and we will be glad to talk and help you connect.

### New to CCB

*Description:* You are new to Christ Church and may not be a regular attender yet.

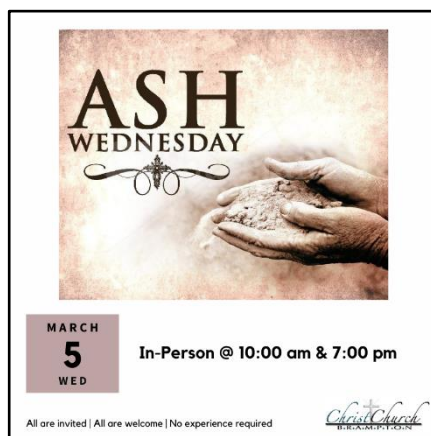
*Message:* This message is for regular attendees and established members of Christ Church. Even so, you are welcome to see this information and ask any questions you may have that might help you choose to continue attending CCB. We would love to have you join us as an ongoing member of the parish.

As you review your enclosed 2024 Tax Receipt, 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, Carolynne Atkinson at 905-453-8323 or email at: [cdatk26@gmail.com](mailto:cdatk26@gmail.com).

### **Our Thanks**

So with the financial information behind us, we want to make sure that you have a couple of things on your radar. We know that clergy, staff and countless volunteers are working to prepare for the upcoming holy seasons of Lent and Easter and want to say thank you.



✝ Consider inviting a friend or neighbour to our Pancake Supper. This year we are providing a Freewill Offering opportunity rather than tickets.

✝ Our 2025 Confirmation Class is taking "field trip" to the St. James Cathedral Ash Wednesday Discovery Day. They will be worshipping together with the Bishop.

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.

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Deputy Rector's Warden

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