

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Merry Christmas! We continue to marvel at what God is doing in us and through us at Christ Church and beyond. That said, there are a couple of things we want to bring to your attention:

Christ Church (Brampton) Statement of Operations	31-Oct-16		31-Oct-15
	General Fund	Future Ministries	General Fund
<i>For the period ended Oct 31, 2016</i>			
Donations (Offerings)	\$ 94,200		\$ 103,904
Rental income	11,000		8,800
Other income	7,355	3,333	4,091
Investment income	1,480		1,429
HST rebates	3,525		6,145
Our Faith Our Hope	1,144		3,159
Grant income		7,500	
Total revenue	\$118,704	\$ 10,833	\$ 127,528
Expenditures			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 67,902	\$ 16,532	\$ 66,100
Diocesan allotment	20,224		19,566
Repairs and maintenance	14,526		22,387
Music	450		2,023
Utilities	6,319		6,697
Harmonized sales tax expense	4,965		4,582
Insurance	4,721		6,990
Office supplies	5,686		6,708
Special projects	2,335		
Program education	2,407		3,279
Professional fees	2,000		2,000
Telephone	2,033		1,611
Outreach	1,100		100
Total expenditures	\$134,668	\$ 16,532	\$ 142,043
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures before other items	\$ (15,964)	\$ (5,699)	\$ (14,515)

Financial Results & Vestry – At our Annual Meeting of Vestry held late September, a number of Vestry motions passed. We passed a deficit budget of -\$13,200. This includes a modest increase of 3% offerings. It also included the partial funding of our Assistant Curate from a Diocesan Curacy Grant and a withdrawal from our own Ministry Development Fund.

It is important to note that our General Offerings are down substantially from last year. We remain confident that together we have the financial ability to give in order to fulfill the mission that God has for us. But, we each need to avoid the temptation of assuming that someone else will do our part.

Our website is rich with information as to how we operate at Christ Church. More importantly, it is rich with all that we do as the hands and feet of God.

Also, our 2016 Advent Courier (also available on-line) has useful information “Frequently Asked Questions” section.

Stewardship – The good news is that we have the resources collectively to fulfill the mission God has for us. However, some have not taken the time to review their financial commitment to Christ Church. In this season of giving, let’s remember to give back to God from the abundance that He has entrusted to us. While support to other organizations (such as the orchestra, the local hospital, Cancer Society etc.) are indeed tax deductible and honourable, they would not be avenues of Christian stewardship. Please consider what God is calling you to do this Christmas.

Property – As approved, a new fire panel has been installed. Members of the Property Committee are ever faithful in keeping our premises in tiptop condition ~ for this we are most grateful.

Envelope Secretary – 2017 Envelope sets are available for pick-up in the Narthex. At any point, if you wish to convert to Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), please contact the Church Office or our Envelope Secretary, Carolynne Atkinson. Tax receipts for 2016 will be available in February.

Staff Transition – In November, Corporation accepted the resignation of Elias Hanna. We are delighted to inform you that Tina Clarke has been appointed Interim Director of Family Ministries starting on January 1st. This is very good news for Christ Church. Tina brings to us enthusiasm to deliver an exciting program and a love for Christ Church, the Anglican tradition and most importantly God. Welcome Tina!

Youth Ministries – *There is something for everyone!* Enclosed with this mailing, you will find a 2017 Winter/Spring Youth schedule. This is an area of intentional focus at Christ Church and are excited about all the possibilities of growth in this area. Please take time to review the schedule as there are **planned events for folks of all ages**. This information will be posted on our website and Facebook page ~ **our ask of you** is to support this ministry through prayer, attendance and invitation.

The Holy Season of Advent beckons us to focus on the gifts of hope, love, joy and peace that we receive through the coming of our Lord. We wish you and your family a peaceful Advent and a joyous Christmas.

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