



“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)

ANNUAL VESTRY – SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2019

Christ Church, Brampton

**Our Annual Report to Vestry tells the story of our parish ministries for the period of
July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**

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BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES, 2019

Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2019

to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

To our Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

Beloved in Christ, peace and grace be with you.

This will be the first time, in almost 30 years, that I am not chairing a vestry meeting. I am one of those people who actually enjoys vestry; poring over audited financial statements, ministry reports, marking important milestones in the parish, celebrating the incredible contributions of our lay leaders (without whom very little would happen). Deeper than that, a good meeting names the anxiety we have in trying to balance the needs of the parish while trusting deeply in the hope that God will guide, provide and inspire us to deepen our faith, try new ideas and be creative in our endeavour to serve the mission of God. The vestry meeting is one moment in the year when a parish has the opportunity to look back and then to look forward. I am joined by the Area Bishops in assuring you of our prayers as you gather for your annual meeting. We also extend our deepest gratitude for all who have served so faithfully as wardens, committee members, teachers, greeters and leaders who make known the love of Christ through their offering of time, talent and treasure. If you are taking on a new role this year, a particular word of encouragement to you.

Over the last several years it has been our practice to invite each parish to consider a vestry motion that addresses issues of poverty and social action. In view of the drastically rising economic inequity in our province, this year's vestry motion asks your parish to consider *Standing in Solidarity*, by making a commitment to protect all who are living in poverty, through direct local and parish outreach and through meaningful advocacy.

On January 13th, 2019 I was formally seated as the 12th Bishop of Toronto. The journey to that moment has been heart-warming, moving and humbling. I am heartened by your words of encouragement, humbled by your support, and moved by your desire to row and to pedal! I will be forever indebted to Archbishop Colin for his encouragement and support. I am invigorated by the passion and faithfulness of our Area Bishops Peter, Riscylla, Kevin and Jenny as we step in together to write a new chapter as the College of Bishops. I am impressed beyond words by the dedication of our staff in the Diocesan office, and by the creative ways that ministry is happening every day in our parishes and centers of ministry around the Diocese.

I am thrilled to be on the road Sunday by Sunday visiting parishes, celebrating worship and getting to know you. I am finding my bearings with each of the committees, councils and task forces of the Diocese. I will be spending time with the clergy in each Deanery to glean the wisdom of those who lead in each community. In the first week of May I would like to meet with the laity of the Diocese through 5 scheduled Town Hall meetings (details will be posted on the Diocesan website). Each gathering gives us time to listen to each other, articulate our hopes for ministry, and catch a glimpse of what might be. I hope that you will join me.

May God bless you as you meet for Vestry.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew J. Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

Released January 28, 2019

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AREA BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES, 2019

January 18, 2019

First Day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

My sisters and brothers,

Grace and peace to you, through the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing this letter as I prepare to fly off to India, at the invitation of the Diocese of Madhya Kerala, to strengthen our relationship with the Church of South India. As you know, York-Credit Valley is incredibly diverse, and we have Christians, and those who are spiritually searching, worshipping in our churches from all over the globe - from Spain to Mongolia, Kenya to China, and everywhere in between.

As I visit parishes I have been freshly reminded of the palpable spiritual hunger in our neighbourhoods, and how our gracious Heavenly Father continues to draw people into Anglican churches throughout the week. Are we ready to receive them? Have we ensured our website is engaging for a spiritual seeker? Is our Sunday morning worship beautiful and welcoming for someone who has never been before? What opportunities do we provide for people to intentionally investigate the claims of Jesus, and for children and teens to explore spiritually without feeling judged? Have we noticed that people from other immigrant groups are beginning to visit our churches and are we adding, for example, music in their languages/styles and an explicit welcome in our bulletins and on our signs/websites? All of this, of course, requires prayer and hard work as well as an intentional and sometimes sacrificial commitment of resources. It is a joy for me to see first-hand how many prayerful and hard-working people there are in our churches and how they are creatively and boldly using the resources that God has provided to draw people into closer relationship with Jesus. Thank you!

May I encourage you in 2019 to dedicate creative energy into strengthening the prayer ministry of your church. Historical research has shown that time and again, renewal and new life in churches consistently begin with a renewal in the prayer life of the local church. Are your Prayers of the People each week asking God for renewal, that more visitors would come to the church, and that you would be given more opportunities to serve the poor? Are your meetings beginning and ending with time for prayer? Do you have a dedicated group praying each day for the neighbourhood, and are you equipping people to pray at home and with their children and grandchildren? All parishes in York-Credit Valley are invited to participate in Thy Kingdom Come this year, an initiative of the Archbishop of Canterbury that has become a global phenomenon - 10 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost for our friends to come to know the love of Jesus.

I encourage you also to present to your Vestry this year's Social Justice Motion, which calls us to voice our support for those with first-hand knowledge of the impacts of poverty and, as the hands and feet of

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Christ, seek action on their behalf, either through direct outreach or through advocacy for policy changes or more accessible services.

I am so grateful for all the ministry - being the hands and feet of Christ - that you will be celebrating at your Annual Vestry Meeting. A deep thank you to those of you who are serving as Wardens and Treasurers, those who serve in children and youth ministry, caring for the property, making our worship of God beautiful, and those who serve in our social justice ministries.

It continues to be a joy to serve you as your Bishop, and please join me in continuing to uphold our new Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Andrew Asbil, in prayer as we move forward together following Christ.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:13-14

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Jennifer Andison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Right Reverend Jennifer Andison
Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley
Bishop Suffragan of Toronto

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INCUMBENT'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2019

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

This past year has been marked by planning, preparation and growth in new ventures in this, our corner of God's Kingdom. New people have joined our congregation, a new Curate has come on board, new programs have been initiated, new opportunities to grow in grace have blossomed as we have continued to serve one other and this community in the Love of Jesus.

WORSHIP

We sang, we prayed, we heard, and we went out to serve the Lord in our community transformed. We worshipped in the church, care facilities, the hospital and private homes, at campfires and in open fields. We celebrated baptisms, marriages, wedding anniversaries, thanksgivings, house blessings, last rites and significant events in the lives of our parish family. We had outdoor worship and a parish picnic at the Hutton farm. We had an Instructed Eucharist, and had a terrific blessing of animals. Our Bishop joined us Good Friday for both our family liturgy and the solemn observance of our Lord's Passion. Plans were launched to obtain a new hymn book (for fall of 2019) and new members were added to our Choir and Praise Team and Servers Guild. We had a terrific year in worship this year with an increase in our average Sunday attendance by 3% over the previous year.

PASTORAL CARE

We anointed the sick, accompanied the dying, comforted the bereaved and challenged the comfortable. We said goodbye to many of our own this past year as some were "promoted to glory" and others moved away. Our clergy and lay visitors were present to those who are sick and shut in; we carried communion to them, conducted worship for them, accompanied them and brought the fellowship of the church to them.

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

We ran our Christian basics course twice this past year, as initial preparation for newcomers, those seeking marriage and families seeking baptism. Following Christianity 101, specific baptism and marriage preparation programs were also offered. Our Lenten small group series, based on Philip Yancy's book *Prayer; Does It Make a difference*, ran in four different time slots and with four different leadership teams. Starting the 2018/2019 program year with the Diocese of Toronto Retreat in Muskoka, our Youth Group had a wonderful year of activities and events. In August 2018, we had the best week long Children's day camp ever and taught a whole bunch of kids about the Good News of Jesus. We welcomed our new Assistant Curate, the Rev. Michelle Jones. We look forward this year as we hone our skills to better *Invite, Welcome and Connect* new parishioners into the life of our congregation.

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

We have a wonderfully current parish website, Facebook page and Instagram account. Our weekly sermons are posted to our YouTube channel. We use these platforms, bulletins and occasional pastoral mailings to keep everyone well informed.

This year our Property Committee had two significant unplanned capital expenses totaling over \$10,000.00 – the replacement of the Heating and Air-Conditioning unit on the parish hall roof and the replacement of bulbs for high efficiency lightening which will not only reduce our electrical expenses but increase the longevity

We explored and applied to have the ministry of a *Permanent Deacon* at Christ Church. Our discernment committee along with the Corporation and Advisory Board are delighted to support this initiative and to endorse Luigi Battista as a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. Stay tuned for further details about this new and exciting ministry.

STEWARDSHIP

Fiscal 2018 saw the best results ever from our annual stewardship campaign. We are so grateful to every household in our parish family who have responded with such generosity and love. Our general offerings increased 4.6% over last year. Our congregation showed wonderful generosity in support of special appeals. We had two special offerings, one in support of International Christian Voice (May 2019) and the other in support of our Day Camp (July 2018).

Thanks also to our envelope secretary Caroline Atkinson for her faithful attention to donor care.

PARISH LIFE

We are a congregation that loves to gather, not only for worship but for times of service, learning and fellowship. We gather during coffee hour, dinners, barbeques, breakfasts, funeral and special receptions, 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.

Ours was one of the strongest Churches in support of Coldest Night of the Year. *Bella Roma*, a wonderful new Banquet, gave a chance for our kids to highlight their talents and to serve a wonderful dinner all the while raising funds in support our youth ministry. Shrove Tuesday proved to be among the biggest “turn outs” ever and we had one of the larger contingents at the Annual Regeneration Golf Tournament. We had field trips for our youth and service projects in feeding and supporting the hungry right here in Brampton. We raised a new Cricket Team to compete in the *York Credit Valley Cricket tournament* – look out next year!

A special thank you to the Ladies of the Catering Committee for their generous gift of my new Canon Cassock and cincture.

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OUTREACH

Christ Church has a strong commitment to outreach and serving the poor. We contribute to the work of the church across the diocese and around the world through our diocesan allotment. Through clergy discretionary funds, individuals and families are given support for emergency food, transportation, employment-related costs, educational and medical assistance. Gifts in kind, as well as financial support are given right here in our neighbourhood to *Regeneration*, *Ste. Louise Outreach*, and *The Family Life Resource Centre* ministries. Around our Diocese, we give strong support to *Faith Works* which partners with a variety of ministries to those less fortunate. Across Canada, we supported the ministry of the church through the *Council of the North* and around the world we supported the *Primate's World Relief and Development Fund*.

We have a developing relationship with *International Christian Voice* in their effort to aid refugees who have suffered religious persecution in Pakistan. I am privileged to play an active role in our wider community through my participation on the board of *Regeneration Outreach Community* addressing the needs of homeless and near homeless persons with food, clothing and assistance in obtaining shelter as well as taking a leading role in food recovery in the Peel Region. New this year is a *Thrift Store* that will make available gently used clothing and household effects at low cost for anyone who can use them.

We support our local food bank through monetary and gift-in-kind donations of non-perishable food gathered every Sunday morning.

THIS COMING YEAR

We have identified three mission priorities for the upcoming year(s):

1. We plan to increase our effectiveness in *Inviting, Welcoming and Connecting* new parishioners into the life of our community.
2. We plan to strengthen our ministry partnerships (*Regeneration, International Christian Voice and others*) in order to more effectively play our role in serving our Lord in Brampton and beyond.
3. We plan to journey toward *introduction of the Permanent Diaconate* into the life of our community.

Byron +

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Christ Church (Brampton) Congregational Statistics

	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019
Average Sunday Attendance	236	224	207	213
Number of Easter Communions	636	463	548	425
Number of Baptisms	5	19	5	5
Number of Confirmations & Receptions <small>See Note Below</small>	12	0	13	0
Number of Burials	25	12	19	20
Number of Weddings	1	2	2	2

Note:

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 Cool Church Leaders Youth Groups Day Camp Volunteers Christianity 101 Course Baptism Preparation Course Marriage Preparation Course Confirmation Preparation Course Coffee & Conversation Lenten Study Study Groups Advent & Lent Family Events	Liturgy & Worship Altar Guild Audio Visual Technicians Choir Eucharistic Lay Assistants Hospitality Hosts Praise Team Servers Sidespersons 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 Fellowship Group Sunday Coffee Hour <i>"Eats" – Breakfasts, Luncheons, Suppers, Barbeques, Picnic</i> Sunday Nursery Leadership in the Anglican community Ecumenical Involvement Photographers & YouTube Producer
Pastoral Care Home Communion Administrants Institutional Sacramental Celebrations Lay Anointers Parish Visitors Pastoral Counseling Prayer Ministry Stephen Ministry Training & Guest Speakers	Resource Management Advisory Board Corporation Envelope Secretary Heritage Fund Committee Insurance Review Committee Property Committee Screening in Faith Coordinator Treasurer Website & Social Media Management

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ASSISTANT CURATE'S REPORT TO VESTRY

I began my service at Christ Church Brampton as a Postulant with the Toronto Diocese in January 2019. From January to May I helped out during the Sunday services at 7:45, 9:00 and 10:45, and engaged in some pastoral visiting. I also had the joy of developing and leading a well-attended Shrove Tuesday Family Liturgy wherein we sang and marched and prayed and set palms on fire!

Journeying up to Easter, I had the pleasure of getting to know a few members of the congregation as we explored our prayer lives together in a Lenten Study.

After my ordination to the Transitional Diaconate on May 5, 2019 I was appointed as part-time Assistant Curate. I am blessed to have the Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore as my supervisor. He has shown nothing but grace and care overseeing and teaching me in all aspects of ordained ministry.

Remembering that my position is part-time, as well as fulfilling my diocesan obligations for priestly formation, I have also been charged with the following tasks.

The first task is to lead the 2019-2020 Confirmation group. The program runs from October to April. While our numbers of eligible aged participants is smaller this year, we still have a solid number of participants. I will be using a wonderful curriculum called "Confirm Not Conform" ('CnC'). The program is extremely rich in content. I am anticipating that our young participants will come out the other end fully prepared to speak authentically about their faith. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

The second task I have been charged with is to aid key parish lay leaders in launching a "new" ministry of inviting, welcoming and connecting people at Christ Church. I have written *new* in parenthesis because inviting, welcoming and connecting is something all of you at Christ Church have been doing well for decades and it shows in the vibrancy of the community I see each Sunday and throughout the week. God, however, is always on the move; always creating, always eager to breath life and growth into the body of Christ. Planning is in the early stages. You will be hearing more of this exciting new way of being and how everyone can play a vital role in this ministry.

In conclusion, I want to thank all of you for how you have embraced me from the moment I set foot in the door. I am still getting to know all of you and your sacred stories. The next two years will surely take us all on a wonderful journey of discovery and growth. I look forward to walking with you.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Michelle Jones
Assistant Curate

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

DRAFT SUMMARY – RELEASED NOVEMBER 28, 2018

ANNUAL VESTRY – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Minutes of the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Sunday, September 30, 2018 in the morning following 10:00 am Holy Eucharist. The meeting was held in the church.

These minutes are considered draft until approved by the next Annual Meeting of Vestry scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2019.

Opening with prayer, The Rev. Dr. Byron Gilmore took the chair at 11:40 am for the 168th Annual Vestry. He gave thanks for all who participated in the various ministries that took place throughout Fiscal 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).

The pastoral letters received from The Most Reverend Colin P. Johnson and the Right Reverend Jenny Andison were published in the Annual Vestry Report for 2018 and as an Appendix, respectively.

An attendance sheet for all to sign was circulated. Fifty-one parishioners were in attendance. Martha Whittaker was appointed Vestry Clerk.

MOTIONS:

The following motions were moved, seconded and carried.

1. That the Agenda for the Annual Vestry meeting of September 30, 2018 be accepted. The motion was moved by Catherine Archdekin and seconded by Chris Bird.
2. That the minutes of the Annual Vestry of October 1, 2017 be accepted. The motion was moved by Gloria Watts and seconded by Ken Egbuna.
3. That the minutes of the Special Vestry of May 27, 2018 be accepted. The motion was moved by Jim Wyllie and seconded by Sally Campbell.
4. That we approve the reports of the church groups and organizations as published. The motion was moved by Ruth Wiggins and seconded by Joanne Brear.

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5. The following appointments were made:

Rector	The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Byron R. Gilmore
Rector's Warden	Jonathan Tyner
People's Warden	Sonia Sobers
Deputy Rector's Warden	Shumaila Desrochers
Deputy People's Warden	Stephen Nilam
Treasurer	Paul Wren
Engagement Reviewer	Peter Volkes
Parish Administrator	Martha Whittaker
Envelope Secretary	Carolynne Atkinson
Heritage Committee	Paul Vanhanen
	John Joukema
	Sean Joseph

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 Charlene Bickerstaff and Sally Campbell and seconded by Corinne Andrews and Don Joshua, respectively.

6. That Charlene Bickerstaffe (moved by Judith Reigel, seconded by Keith Osmond), Samir Tikaram (moved by Martha Whittaker, seconded by Sally Campbell) and Barbara Westney (moved by Peter Harvey, seconded by Gloria Watts) be elected as Lay members of Synod with Peter Harvey (moved by Chris Bird, seconded by Jeff Smith) as an alternate. Nominations were sought from the floor with no response.
7. The following positions were appointed to serve on the Advisory Board:
- Rector
 - Wardens
 - Lay Reps (including Alternate) to Synod
 - Member at Large (Jeremy I'Anson-Joukema)
 - Parish Administrator
8. Chris Bird 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 Sonia Sobers and seconded by Stephen Nilam.
9. 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 Peter Harvey and seconded Phyllis.

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

We reviewed the Contribution Range and Contribution Summary Reports highlighting that over \$11,800 per month is provided by the way of Pre-Authorized Remittance ("PAR").

Parishioners are asked to destroy expired envelopes, particularly if they move to PAR because their envelope number may be reassigned. Parishioners are asked to provide updates should they be relocating ~ often the only way we find out is when a mailing is returned by Canada Post.

The following table was presented that illustrates the average annual gift per contributor over the last 4 years. The circled area indicates a significant recovery in our offerings. Last year, we reported that our 2 year trend had dropped 9% putting Christ Church under tremendous financial pressure. The average annual gift per subscriber increased over 20% year over year is a measure of congregational health. The decline in Envelope Subscribers is a result of further refining and understanding our donor base. It represents a more accurate picture of our contributors.

	F2015	F2016	F2017	F2018	Year over Year Change	
# ENV. SUBSCRIBERS	158	162	167	144	-23	-15%
Total Offerings	\$ 191,315	\$ 174,702	\$ 159,550	\$ 165,852	\$ 6,302	3%
Average Gift	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,078	\$ 955	\$ 1,152	\$ 196	16%
# PAR SUBSCRIBERS	91	92	86	90	4	4%
Total Offerings	\$ 154,690	\$ 150,882	\$ 153,851	\$ 192,274	\$38,423	25%
Average Gift	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,789	\$ 2,136	\$ 347	20%
# COMBINED	249	254	253	234	-19	-8%
Total Offerings	\$ 346,005	\$ 325,584	\$ 313,401	\$ 358,126	\$44,725	13%
Average Gift	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,282	\$ 1,239	\$ 1,530	\$ 292	21%

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The Envelope Secretary further analyzed some of our donor patterns and the following was presented:

Funds included: Parish Operations & Seasonal Givings
For Period: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

	Total Contribution			Total Parish Operations & Seasonal of Top 100 Donors
	7:45	9:00	10:45	
Top 50 Donors	\$ 39,368	\$ 97,264	\$ 64,483	\$ 273,199
Top 51 - 100 Donors	\$ 13,454	\$ 24,532	\$ 34,097	
	\$ 52,822	\$ 121,796	\$ 98,580	
% of total	19%	45%	36%	

	Donor Split by Service Attendance & Average Annual Contribution			
	7:45	9:00	10:45	
Top 50 Donors	10	27	25	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 3,937	\$ 3,602	\$ 2,579	
Top 51 - 100 Donors	15	21	28	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 897	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,218	
Top 100 Donors Combined	25	48	53	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 2,113	\$ 2,537	\$ 1,860	

Note: *These numbers will not add to 50 and/or 100 as a result of donors contributions being distributed across a variety of services.*

Further, we heard that almost 80% donations to Parish Operations are received by the top 100 donors.

The motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report was moved by Jim Wyllie and seconded by Don Joshua. Motion was carried.

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2018 STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

On an annual basis we have a stewardship focus period and this year was no exception. Stewardship is conducted prior to the formulation of the budget for the following year. The Envelope Secretary provides compiled results to the Corporation as what can be expected in the way of offerings. As illustrated below, our focus period resulted in an \$18,500 commitment in increased offerings as compared to the previous year's actual. Of note, is that the PAR increased by 10% as a July 1.

		Returned - Pledges Responses					
	Invited	Total	% of Invited	F2018 Actual	F2019 Pledge	Year over Year Change	%
PAR Subscribers Pledged	89	45	51%	\$ 97,584	\$ 107,700	\$ 10,116	10%
PAR Data Added; No Pledge		44	49%		\$ 48,300		
Envelope Holders Pledged	128	38	30%	\$ 74,868	\$ 83,296	\$ 8,428	11%
	217	127	38%	\$ 172,452	\$ 239,296	\$ 18,544	11%
				Total PAR Commitment	\$ 156,000		
				Less Designated (F/W & Clergy Discretion)	-\$ 3,100.00		
				Total to Operating	\$ 152,900		

FISCAL 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT (draft released September 23, 2018 presented by Sonia Sobers)

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 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.

As at Year-End Fiscal 2018, Christ Church realized an operating surplus of \$3,294. This is an extraordinary turnaround as compared to the Fiscal 2018 Budget where we expected to be in a deficit position of -\$22,000. We are extremely grateful and encouraged that offerings will be sustained throughout the year.

MOTION

1. To approve the Financial Statements was moved by Don Joshua and seconded by Joanne. Motion was carried.

The setting of a Heritage Cap was not required because a balanced Fiscal 2019 Budget was presented. This is the first year since the Heritage Guidelines were introduced in 2009 that this has occurred.

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FISCAL 2019 BUDGET (draft released September 23, 2018 presented by Sonia Sobers)

The following key budget assumptions were presented:

- All expenses will be reviewed for potential savings; however historically it has never been about expenses which are prudently managed
- Modest salary increase of 3% (salary increases did not occur in Fiscal 2018)
- Continued monitoring and communication with regard to financial position and stewardship information
- Overall offering increases in were budgeted at 7% ~ a realistic number based on F2018 actual and stewardship results
- PAR increased by 10% as at July 1st as result of F2019 commitments being activated

For the first time in many years, a balanced budget was presented to Vestry. The motion to approve the F2019 Budget was moved by Corrine Andrews and seconded by Jim Wyllie. Motion was carried.

CONCLUSION

Byron voiced his thanks to those that we stepping down from their positions within Corporation and Advisory Board. Specifically these included Peter Harvey as Rector's Warden and Heather Grégoire, Sean Joseph and Donna Watson as members of Advisory Board. Catherine Archdekin voiced thanks on behalf of the Parish for Byron and the same by Don Joshua for Martha Whittaker.

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was made at 12:40 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer.

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SUMMARY OF SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING – 2019 SOCIAL JUSTICE MOTION

The following motion was passed at a Special Vestry held on March 3, 2019:

We, the Vestry of the Parish of Christ Church (Brampton) commit to standing in solidarity with those living in poverty by taking the following actions:

1. Further deepen our existing relationships with our local ministry partners (*Regeneration and Ste. Louise*) by promoting opportunities for volunteerism and engagement.
2. Increase our advocacy by engaging with those seeking to provide affordable housing for the homeless in downtown Brampton.

2019 Lenten Food Drive



DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY 2019

Sitting down to craft this report I am reminded of how God has blessed me by giving me another year with the Christ Church family. Often on a Sunday morning right before the start of church (while doing a final check that I have whatever, sometimes strange, item I will be using during the children's focus) I find myself not focusing on the stress and worry of what is happening in the world around me but on God's blessings, that we are all His beloved and His promise to always be with us and to watch for His presence.

One of the things that we learn each year in Day Camp is to watch for God sightings! Reflecting on the past year some of those sightings were found in the extinguishing of candles on Good Friday, worshiping God with glow sticks, sleeping teens at the youth retreat, the silence of 40 plus kids in the presence of a hawk, the clatter of plates and glasses at an evening hosted, served and entertained by the youth and yes even in some of the grumbles of having to get up early to serve breakfast at Regeneration.

One of the God sightings that I am particularly thankful for can be found in the volunteers, many who work in the background with driving, baking, setting up and tearing down events, teaching, and providing a Christian presence in the lives of our kids...to all of you **thank you** ~ there is no way I could have done it without your support and prayers

Blessings

Tina



Youth Group BBQ June 2019

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



2018 Day Camp

Monday, August 13 - Friday, August 17

Join us as we step back in time to ancient Babylon and explore Daniel's adventures as a captive in a foreign land

Early Bird Registration for Christ Church Families Closes April 30



DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



Prayer Walk – September 2018



Diocesan Youth Retreat – September 2018



Sunday morning service at Regeneration & then at Choral Eucharist – October 2018



Pumpkin Party.- October 2018



DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



Remembrance Day 2018



Advent 2018



DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



Games Night
(left) & Snow
Tubing (right)



Baking for our
Christ Church
Family –
February 2019

Building relationships with each other and God
– June 2019



LITURGY & WORSHIP

ALTAR GUILD VESTRY REPORT 2019

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. 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 26 volunteers made 600 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 volunteers, who helped.

We welcomed Pauline Johnson to the Altar Guild this year. Andrea Shiwcharan, a member of the Altar Guild, was married this past year and has moved on. We wish her well. On a sad note, Phyllis Eastman, a long-time member of the Altar Guild passed away this year. George Kee, who was a member of the Altar Guild for several years also passed away. Nancy Kee has retired from the Altar Guild and we wish her well.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Moffatt

Coordinator



LITURGY & WORSHIP

CHOIR REPORT 2019

Its hard to believe I have been going on year five, where had time gone?

It has been another joyful and rewarding year of wonderful music making and offering of musical gifts from both the choir and I in service to Christ Church Brampton. Following hard work on Thursday evenings at choir practice, the choir continues to prepare service music and special anthems diligently from week to week.

This year has seen the addition of three new tenors which has added to the fullness of sound during service on Sunday mornings, a big thank you too Samir, Chike and Isaac for joining the forces.

One of the new endeavours of the choir this year has been the facilitation of new hymn books for the church which will be in use this coming autumn, a wonderful new addition indeed. The new hymn books include some new treasures for the congregation to enjoy as well as many of the old chest nuts that everyone knows and loves.

The blower for the organ had some issues for a period of time, but thankfully this too was consciously addressed and now the instrument is working as good as new.

Over the past years I have diligently worked on choral blend, diction and vocal technique with the choir which I do believe is playing out in weekly services. The commitment to excellence from the choir is very evident and I will continue to foster this aspect as we work together in the coming years.

Thank once again for the support of our musical endeavours.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Greidanus

Organist and Choir Director



Preparing for Worship June 2, 2019

EUCHARISTIC LAY ASSISTANTS AND READERS 2019

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, hence the "Reader" comes from the congregation.

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.

The sacrament of Christ's body and blood is offered in both the bread and the wine. You are welcome to receive both or either depending on your religious background. Please DO NOT intinct (dip) the host (bread)

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 various services.

We were pleased to have Sonia Sobers, Maria Olivari and Noel Kokhar join our team of readers. They read at the 7:45, 9:00 and 10:45 respectively. We were also pleased to have Luigi Battista join our team as a Eucharistic Lay Assistant at our 10:45 am service.

I believe that it is their love for their ministry whether it is as an ELA or as a Reader that our members give of their time so generously and for this we are truly in their debt.

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

LITURGY & WORSHIP



Michelle Jones' Ordination to the Diaconate – May 5, 2019



Chrim Mass 2019 recognizing The Rev. Vic Reigel 60 years of ordained ministry.



Good Friday 2019 with The Rev. Canon Gilmore, The Right Rev. Jenny Andison and The Rev. Michelle Jones.

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PARISH REGISTRIES (JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019)

BAPTISMS

November 4, 2018 (All Saints Translated)

Karter Caden-Max John

Caleb William Zachary Roach

December 9, 2018

Braelyn Elizabeth Martin

June 16, 2019 (Trinity Sunday)

Eri-Ifeoluwanimi "Nathan" Olurotimi

Rome Anthony Sampson-Belfon



MARRIAGES

July 9, 2018

Andrea Nadine Shiwcharan and Avinesh Keshan Sundar

May 11, 2019

Reema Naseen and Mojib Shukla

FUNERALS & MEMORIALS

August 23, 2018

Paul Michael DePledge born September 10, 1978 died August 13, 2018.

August 25, 2018

Dorothy Jean "Billie" Conover born January 31, 1926 died August 17, 2018

October 1, 2018

Margaret "Rose" Green born April 17, 1947 died September 22, 2018

October 24, 2018

Joan Constance Hunt born May 7, 1928 died October 19, 2018

October 27, 2018

Benjamin Spurrell born October 1, 1928 died October 20, 2018

November 1, 2018

Frances Selina Bowen born May 8, 1922 died October 27, 2018

November 5, 2018

Dorothy "Dot" Merrifield Shaw born August 14, 1924 died October 31, 2018

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November 10, 2018

Georgina Winnie Hillier born June 2, 1924 died November 7, 2018

November 15, 2018

Sylvia Aneatha Headley born May 2, 1932 died November 6, 2018

December 5, 2018

Carol Susan Hay born May 18, 1952 died November 25, 2018

December 8, 2018

Mitchell Robert Brown born May 4, 1993 died November 30, 2018

January 5, 2019

Kathleen "Kathy" Bell born September 6, 1941 died January 1, 2019

January 14, 2019

Richard Harold Mills born February 21, 1948 died January 7, 2019

January 25, 2019

Ava Theresa Knowles born January 8, 2019 died January 8, 2019

February 1, 2019

Kathleen Evans Kirkpatrick born July 11, 1942 died January 16, 2019

February 28, 2019

Phyllis Elizabeth Eastman born January 27, 1928 died February 22, 2019

March 2, 2019

Nora Louise MacKay born February 16, 1941 died February 24, 2019

March 23, 2019

George Maurice Kee born January 8, 1927 died March 17, 2019

March 30, 2019

Annie Olive Fisher born October 2, 1921 died March 22, 2019

June 21, 2019

Grace Angela Blackett born May 29, 1926 died June 14, 2019

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PRAISE TEAM 2019

The 2018-2019 year was one of change for the Praise Team. We put on our 8th Annual Advenio concert and drew a rather large audience from within Christ Church, as well as the larger community. It was once again a joy to present our Advent offering of talent. A Family Worship service was offered in February, as a chance for the Christ Church family to prepare for the Lenten/Easter season. It is truly a pleasure to witness the entire congregation singing with us during Sunday services and especially coming up for communion. When we see you rejoicing freely, some of you not even looking at the slides, the team feels that we are accomplishing our mission. Thank you for your participation. It is our hope that the songs mean as much to you in your personal faith journey, as it does to us.

This year has come with expected changes. Both Avery Gilmore and Dilyn Azzopardi have returned/left for university. Both of them had amazing talent that served to enhance our corporate worship. They will now join our "Members at Large" roster and hopefully join us again. We have also had to say goodbye to Cathy Clark, who has retired from the team. Cathy has served the Praise Team consistently since 2011 and has been an incredible asset to the musical growth of the teams over the years. I am grateful for her talent and reliability through this time and wish her well as she finds a new journey. She will be missed. Praise team members over this past year have included; Cathy Clark, Heather Gregoire, Avery Gilmore, Dilyn Azzopardi, Katie Clark, Natasha Gregoire, Chun Shin, Jeff White and Maurice Salkey.

This year we were able to form a Sound Board technical team, under the leadership of Andrea White. This has certainly allowed for the proper maintenance of our sound equipment and a talented ear to mix our levels so the music sounds "just right". Andrea is looking for two or three individual with basic sound understanding that would like to help out one Sunday a month. Please contact her if you are interested.

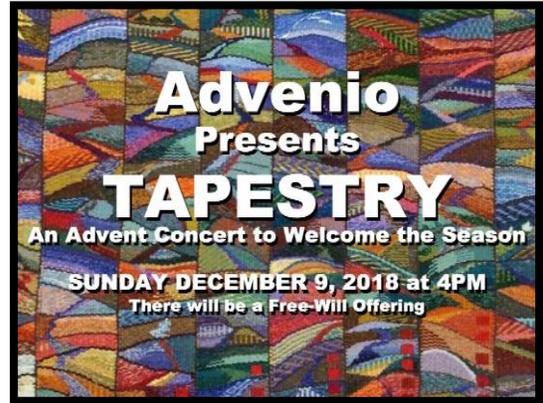
The team is responsible for contemporary worship at the 9 am service. They may make it look easy, but it comes with a level of commitment which involves a weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals, as well as early Sunday mornings to warm up. Some of you have musical ability and may be thinking about offering your talents at Christ Church. We are currently in need of a guitarist, (back-up) keyboard player, percussionist/drummer and vocalist to join our team and help lighten the load. You can commit to every Sunday or a few Sundays a month. If you can carry a tune, love contemporary worship music and have a willing heart to serve your Lord, please contact me after service on any given Sunday. We are also looking for individuals helping with the sound board for the 9 am service.

Whether you join the team and serve, or participate on a Sunday, your ongoing support of the Praise Team is most appreciated and encouraging to us. Thank you.

Sally Campbell

Contemporary Worship Director

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SERVERS 2019

Our Servers' Guild continues to thrive with young people. What a joy and a privilege it is for me to work with these dedicated young people.

It is always a delight when we have a full team on deck for special occasions and each member plays a unique role ~ they do it so well and it wonderful to see the participation of our youth in worship.

When our older servers return from school during the holidays, it is wonderful to watch them mentor the younger members of the group ~ they gladly and willingly "show them the ropes".

Don Perrault

Servers' Guild

SIDEPERSONS 2019

Sidepersons provide two important roles within Christ Church; the first being a friendly welcoming face to those arriving to church and the second is providing assistance to the Wardens. In the first role, sidepersons are often the first person someone sees when arriving to church; this is particularly important for any folks that might be visiting. Making people of all ages and backgrounds welcome is providing the ministry of hospitality. The second ~ and equally important ~ role is assisting the Wardens by collecting and counting the offertory and reporting numbers for Vestry and Diocesan reporting.

With the Sunday offering count moved from Sunday to a weekday, we have more opportunity to worship together with our parish family and be more available to provide that welcoming face to Christ Church. All these activities, many that happen silently and graciously, are extremely important and each Sunday a vestryperson is on hand to assist and direct those various responsibilities. As the group is scheduled in different combinations each week, we get to enjoy each other's fellowship as well as that of the parishioners.

In addition, our group is active in other events within the parish: namely, The Pancake Supper, and The Welcome-Back B.B.Q. in the fall ~ all about our ministry of hospitality. Some of our members are available to assist at funerals, which are usually mid-week and others are involved with various maintenance and repair functions around the property.

Our group is always looking to expand ~ whether it be on a count team or a Sunday morning sides team, speak to me or anyone one of us about this rewarding ministry.

Yours in Christ,

John Hall

Chairperson

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MARCH 25, 2019



Maundy Thursday 2019

Wedding – May 2019

OUTREACH

CARING AND SHARING 2019 (December 2018)

As always, it's a privilege to be the bearer of the good news to parents and grandparents whom so desperately worrying for their families. Christmas received with Gods' Love brings Hope and Thankfulness, confirmed. Yes, we will be doing it again in 2019!

Christ Church's "Caring and Sharing" outreach ministry was able to replace worry with joy for 9 families this year. I cut the number of people down in anticipation of less giving available, but God provided more for less! These families were referred to us by The Knights Table, The Boys and Girls Club of Peel and Ste. Louise Outreach.

Beginning in mid-November; parishioners began to contribute in all sorts of ways and encouraged others to do the same.

On Sunday, December 16th the gifts were brought to the church, were sorted and organized, and then each family's Christmas tote was packed. Each tote was wrapped to present with care; a stocking and substantial gift for each family member, and a generous amount of grocery vouchers and/or groceries to provide much more than enough for Christmas dinner.

Deliveries were made with complete success by our delivery team to locations in Brampton and a few extras leading to our Lords day.

We estimate \$12,000 of value was delivered! We raised over \$6,000 in cash and the rest in kind. For the third year in a row we find ourselves with a bit of a surplus in order to start 2019, due to a few who did not claim their expenses. Having a surplus allows us to commit early to the current need without running the risk of being short.

At Easter 2019, for the first time, we raised funds to top up both The Knights Table Breakfast Program and Ste. Louise Food Bank. We raised more than I anticipated, so we used the difference to top them up during their summer slowdown. All receipts have not yet been submitted and will not show on this Vestry Report. I can assure you the funds were and are being spent wisely.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this ministry in so many ways, your efforts, contributions and prayers were so heart fully received.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Jamieson

OUTREACH

2018 Caring & Sharing As at December 31, 2018		2019 Lenten Food Drive As at May 15, 2019	
<u>Income</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Carry Forward Balance	\$ 298.00	01-Apr-19	\$ 130.00
18-Nov-18	\$ 650.00	01-Apr-19	\$ 250.00
25-Nov-18	\$ 820.00	07-Apr-19	\$ 100.00
02-Dec-18	\$ 2,140.00	07-Apr-19	\$ 580.00
09-Dec-18	\$ 1,660.00	14-Apr-19	\$ 325.00
16-Dec-18	\$ 285.00	21-Apr-19	\$ 30.00
30-Dec-18	\$ 440.00		
Total Income	\$ 6,293.00	Total Income	\$ 1,415.00
		Gift in Kind	-\$ 230.00
<u>Expenses</u>		Available Cash	\$ 1,185.00
Loblaws	\$ 3,500.00	<u>Expenses</u>	
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 487.29	Church Credit Crd	\$ 23.76
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 24.96	Church Credit Crd	\$ 182.28
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 101.65	Parishioner Shopping	\$ 96.00
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 113.21	Parishioner Shopping	\$ 90.40
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 45.09	Parishioner Shopping	\$ 101.29
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 338.87	Parishioner Shopping	\$ 28.08
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 300.00	Parishioner Shopping	\$ 14.04
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 500.00	Total Expenses	\$ 535.85
Parishioner Shopping	\$ 203.81		
Total Expenses	\$ 5,614.88	Lenten Balance	\$ 649.15
Balance	\$ 678.12		

OUTREACH

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN VOICE

This year we strengthened our relationship with International Christian Voice ("ICV"). ICV advocates for persecuted Christians from Pakistan and is Canadian Refugee Sponsorship Agreement Holder. They tirelessly work to improve conditions for persecuted minorities in Pakistan and sponsor refugees into Canada.

- In January, we were pleased to host an information session to learn about the 4,000 Christians who have fled Pakistan and are now living in either detention or hiding in Thailand.
- In March, we had the pleasure to attend the ICV Annual Fundraising Dinner. ICV was raising funds to support the sponsorship of a family of five. The father was currently being held in detention in Thailand while the mother and three children were in hiding.



- Our own, Javaid (Jim) Bakhsh was a guest preacher in early April. In conjunction with Jim's preaching we had a Special Offering that resulted in \$4,800 being presented to ICV.



May 19, 2019 Javaid Bakhsh, Peter Bhatti with Byron

May 21, 2019

Dear Rev. Byron, on behalf of International Christian Voice my sincerest thank you to the congregation of Christ Church for their generous donation of \$4,800 towards helping the persecuted Christians from Pakistan suffering in Thailand detention centers.

Adding this to the funds raised at the March 1st fund raiser event, Christ Church donation puts us in a strong position to meet the private sponsorship financial obligation as stipulated by the Ministry of Refugees and citizenship.

Please convey our gratitude to your members at Christ Church Brampton and please continue to keep the suffering families in your prayers. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you all for your love and support for his people persecuted for his name's sake.

Regards

Peter Bhatti

Chair, International Christian Voice

OUTREACH

REGENERATION OUTREACH COMMUNITY 2019

Christ Church continues to support a variety local outreach ministries, one of which is Regeneration Outreach Community (“Regen”) which works with the homeless and near homeless right in our neighbourhood. Over the years, we developed a deep relationship with Regen through volunteering and fundraising. This past year was no exception. Of further note, our Rector, Byron Gilmore, takes an active role in the leadership at Regen. For the last 5 years he has served on the Board and this past June he was appointed Chair.



Several times throughout the year, crews of volunteers from Christ Church helped serve breakfast ~ often early on a Sunday morning and then attending **Worship after Service**



OUTREACH

In December, our Youth Group along with some very helpful friends & team-mates created Blessing Bags for the guests of Regeneration. The Blessing Bags were filled with personal care items that are always in need.



Coldest Night of Year is Regen's biggest fundraiser. This year walkers from across Brampton raised \$139,600. Christ Church was the 3rd largest team by donations and our final total raised was \$8,500!

Responding to a summer appeal from our local food bank partners, one of our families took action and solicited their soccer team to help!



OUTREACH

OUTREACH SUMMARY 2019

True to our mission of serving others, Christ Church continues to contribute to ministries in Brampton and beyond. We try to be more interested in others than ourselves and you simply cannot out give God. A few financial highlights are listed below:

Christ Church (Brampton) Fiscal 2019 - Community Outreach

Outreach - Receipted by Christ Church

Day Camp	\$	3,183
Clergy Discretion	\$	2,340
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$	6,525
Food Drive (Lent)	\$	1,517
Refugee Fund (ICV)	\$	5,570
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$	5,475
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$	455
Faithworks - LOFT	\$	101
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$	535
Regeneration/Coldest Night of Year	\$	975
Designated Miscellaneous	\$	355
		<u>\$ 27,031</u>

Outreach - Other

Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year	\$	7,510	Receipted by CNOY
Regeneration/Refrigerated Truck	\$	2,000	Faithworks Holdback
Regeneration/Personal Care Kits	\$	750	Gifts in Kind (est.)
Ste. Louise	\$	800	Proceeds from Pancake Supper
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$	6,000	Gifts in Kind (est.)
Food Drives (Lent & Summer)	\$	1,000	Gifts in Kind (est.)
		<u>\$ 18,060</u>	

TOTAL \$ 45,091

PARISH LIFE

BELLA ROMA



In June, we held a spring gala in support of the Future Ministries Fund. Following appetizers served upstairs, what a joy it was to walk into the fully decorated, candlelit auditorium to see our Youth Group all lined-up & ready to serve ~ in Rome, we were! Between the dinner and dessert, we were then entertained not only by Ron Greidanus and Sally Campbell but some of our youth also took the stage in piano performance and dance.

From donating silent auction items, to making appetizers and helping out in the kitchen, many people were involved in this effort to make the evening a true success and we are grateful for that. A thank you needs to be added for the Catering Committee's purchase of additional round tables.

We were delighted that \$4,300 was raised and transferred into the Future Ministries Fund.



CATERING 2019

Our group catered to 4 funeral receptions for the period from July 1st, 2018 through June 30th 2019

- 2 Funeral Receptions
- 60th Ordination to Priesthood Anniversary
- Diocesan Workshop

F2019 Catering

Income

Balance Forward	\$	10,698	as at June 30, 2018
Receptions	\$	2,850	
Total Income	\$	13,548	

Expenses

2 coffee urns	\$	147
Cassock	\$	886
6 round tables	\$	993
12 round tableclothes	\$	411
Essentials/Supplies	\$	566
Bank Fee	\$	38
Total Expenses	\$	3,041

Balance \$ 10,507 as at June 30, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Bennett

PARISH LIFE

CRICKET 2019

In June, Christ Church participated in the 4th Annual Anglican Church Cricket Festival ~ a first for us! Our fearless team members were meeting each other for the first time on the pitch while our 10+ teams in competition had been practicing. Undaunted, we were not only able to field other teams with our players but ended up in 3rd place!



PARISH FELLOWSHIP GROUP 2019

The Parish Fellowship Group has thirteen active members, down from last years' membership of twenty.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month in the Canon Allan Room at 1:30pm, except for July and August. Potluck luncheons are held at our September and January meetings, followed by fun with a penny auction.

After each business meeting we provide a program which might include a speaker, a party/games afternoon, which is also popular, particularly around such days, as Valentines, St. Patrick's and Christmas.

As a reminder, the goal of our group is to foster fellowship among women of the church while raising funds in support of community outreach and church projects. We continue to support Regeneration, Family Resource Centre and Cheshire Homes.

New members are always welcome to join us for fun and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted

Lydia Bennett

President

PARISH LIFE



2019 Celebrity Chef Men Who Cook



Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown at Men Who Can Cook with Jonathan Massey and at Cricket Festival with Bishop Andison

Corporation Planning Day – January 2019



Altar Guild Preparation – February 2019



Groom, Parents & Groomsmen – May 2019



Mother's Day 2019



PARISH LIFE



Byron Gilmore enjoying Easter Morning



Tina Clarke & Michelle Jones planning for the Fall Youth & Confirmation Schedules – July 2019



Christmas Eve 2018

PARISH VISITORS 2019

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.

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

PRAYER MINISTRY 2019

"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.

Sometimes there is a desire by some to know all the technical or medical details of the situation or infirmity being prayed for. However, knowing details can fix our minds on the infirmity and prevent us from connecting with God. I firmly believe that it is, sufficient to know that someone is in distress and is in need of prayer.

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

The members of the Prayer Ministry MUST be able to keep what they pray for confidential and to themselves. While the knowledge of some of the situations and people they pray for will be widely known, many are confidential and must be kept confidential.

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

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

Once a month, the coordinator compiles and updates new lists for the members. During the month, new requests and updates are e-mailed to each member as soon as possible.

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.

PASTORAL CARE

I've taken the liberty to change the format of recording the names of those who have requested prayers into various groups.

The new format will give us a "snapshot" for all who have asked for our prayers

It is designed with the idea 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 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

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY REPORT 2019

Since last year's report, four sets of materials have been sent to the families in the parish who have been bereaved. These booklets, sent out at four intervals over the first year of a loved one's death provide support and give reassurance to those left behind.

Gloria Watts

Coordinator

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ENVELOPE SECRETARY 2019

While donation receipts reflect the calendar year for tax filing purposes, the report below reflects our F2019 fiscal year ~ July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Our Envelope System Program (PowerChurch), continues to intrigue and challenge me. Like any software program, the more you use it the more you become comfortable with how it works.

- 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.
- 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. We also have the immediate flexibility to add new fund. For example this past year we set-up a new fund to accommodate the Hymn Book Campaign.
- 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.** People may question the use of stamps in our periodic mailings but often this is the only way we are advised of someone’s move and then need to investigate to obtain current coordinates.
- 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.
- **NEW** Annual Pledge Commitments were inputted into donor profiles to allow for tracking throughout the year. This information was automatically added to individual tax receipts to provide parishioners as to the status of their commitment. The pledging information is based on the fiscal year starting July 1 whereas the tax receipt information is based on the calendar year starting January. It can be a little confusing ~ **for clarity**, your December year-end tax receipt issued in February should indicate 50% towards your pledge which started in July (representing 6 months).

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- **NEW** In November 2018, we provided interim tax receipts indicating parishioners' donations to October 31st. We plan to provide the same this year. Pledging information shown will be for the 1st Quarter in Fiscal 2020 (July 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019).
- Reports were reviewed regularly to ensure as much accuracy as possible when issuing Tax Receipts. The Annual Tax receipting in February again went very smoothly.

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 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 300 - 399)
- v. One-time receipts, or persons that are no longer members of the parish (moved, died, etc.) (8,000+)

Over the course of the year, I have been working with the Parish Administrator to identify individuals that may be attending on a "new" and "regular" basis. This endeavour 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.

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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.

ENVELOPE SETS

For many years, we have ordered 180 boxed sets of envelopes. With many parish families migrating to Pre-Authorized Remittances, we are reducing the 2020 order of boxed sets to 150. Parishioners currently holding sets numbered 151-180 will be notified and reassigned.

- Please do not use previous year's envelopes. **2020 envelopes will be distributed during the first week of Advent 2019.** This is critical for accurate tax receipting purposes.
- 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. In F2019, PAR provided the church with an average of **\$12,800** per month (up from \$11,600 per month in F2018). 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, a healthy percentage of our parish households take advantage of this method of donating. It greatly helps normalizing any seasonal fluctuations in offerings ~ your financial commitment to Christ Church is made even if you are unable to attend on any given Sunday. **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.

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Table 1 – Contribution Range Report (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

The 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. We continue to monitor, the 400s series continued to 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	F2019 Total Records		F2019 Envelope Subscribers		F2019 PAR		F2019 400s		F2019 Visitors		F2019 Other	
	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given
\$ - to \$ 100	716	\$ 3,635	34	\$ 900	0	\$ -	11	\$ 195	32	\$ 695	636	\$ 1,845
\$ 101 to \$ 200	23	\$ 3,660	12	\$ 1,985	4	\$ 590	2	\$ 305	0	\$ -	5	\$ 780
\$ 201 to \$ 300	23	\$ 5,930	12	\$ 2,980	5	\$ 1,400	2	\$ 525	0	\$ -	4	\$ 1,025
\$ 301 to \$ 400	19	\$ 6,836	14	\$ 5,097	3	\$ 1,082	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 657
\$ 401 to \$ 500	19	\$ 8,803	10	\$ 4,490	7	\$ 3,312	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 1,000
\$ 501 to \$ 750	34	\$ 20,455	20	\$ 11,981	11	\$ 6,704	1	\$ 580	2	\$ 1,190	0	\$ -
\$ 751 to \$1,000	23	\$ 21,299	8	\$ 7,282	9	\$ 8,142	1	\$ 875	1	\$ 1,000	4	\$ 4,000
\$1,001 to \$1,500	32	\$ 38,732	20	\$ 24,316	11	\$ 12,916	0	\$ -	1	\$ 1,500	0	\$ -
\$1,501 to \$2,500	39	\$ 74,377	17	\$ 31,683	20	\$ 38,845	2	\$ 3,850	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
\$2,501 to \$5,000	33	\$ 116,900	15	\$ 50,323	18	\$ 66,577	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Over \$5001	9	\$ 87,402	5	\$ 51,825	4	\$ 35,577	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
	970	\$ 388,027	167	\$ 192,861	92	\$ 175,145	19	\$ 6,330	36	\$ 4,385	653	\$ 9,307
Average Per Contributor		\$ 400		\$ 1,155		\$ 1,904		\$ 333		\$ 122		\$ 14

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

	F2015	F2016	F2017	F2018	F2019	Year over Year	
# ENV. SUBSCRIBERS	158	162	167	144	167	23	15%
Total Offerings	\$ 191,315	\$ 174,702	\$ 159,550	\$ 165,852	\$ 192,862	\$27,010	14%
Average Gift	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,078	\$ 955	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,155	\$ 3	0%
# PAR SUBSCRIBERS	91	92	86	90	92	2	2%
Total Offerings	\$ 154,690	\$ 150,882	\$ 153,851	\$ 192,274	\$ 175,145	-\$17,129	-11%
Average Gift	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,789	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,904	-\$ 233	-14%
# COMBINED	249	254	253	234	259	25	10%
Total Offerings	\$ 346,005	\$ 325,584	\$ 313,401	\$ 358,126	\$ 368,006	\$ 9,880	3%
Average Gift	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,282	\$ 1,239	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,421	-\$ 110	-8%

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Table 3 – Funds Report

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

In Support of Parish Operations	
General	\$ 334,819
Seasonal	\$ 19,528
Initial Offerings	\$ 565
Future Ministry Fund	\$ 1,490
Altar Guild	\$ 1,815
Name Tags	\$ 80
Hymn Book Campaign	\$ 2,340
Memorials	\$ 570
Program Offset	\$ 715
Church School	\$ 25
	\$ 361,947
In Support of Outreach	
Day Camp	\$ 3,183
Clergy Discretion	\$ 2,340
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 6,525
Food Drive (Lent)	\$ 1,517
Refugee Fund (ICV)	\$ 5,570
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 5,475
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 455
Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 101
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 535
Regeneration/Coldest Night of Year	\$ 975
Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 355
	\$ 27,031
TOTAL	\$ 388,978

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DONOR PATTERNS

We continue to develop a deeper understanding of our donor patterns. One practical outcome of this exercise is the reduction in the number of envelope sets being ordered for 2020.

Last year, we provided a simple analysis of our donors and church attendance pattern (*see 2017 Vestry Summary*). Again this year, analysis was completed on our top 100 donors and which service they most often attended. In cases where individuals attended more than one service, their donations were split between the services to get a more accurate/directional picture of our donor base. The dollar amounts were isolated to include only "Parish Operations" and "Seasonal Givings". Of the top 50 donors there is almost an even split between those holding Envelope Sets and those on Pre-Authorized Remittance.

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Funds included: Parish Operations & Seasonal Givings

For Period: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

	Total Contribution			Total Parish Operations & Seasonal of Top 100
	7:45	9:00	10:45	
Top 50 Donors	\$ 28,124	\$ 111,574	\$ 65,929	
Top 51 - 100 Donors	\$ 13,718	\$ 25,578	\$ 36,468	
	<u>\$ 41,842</u>	<u>\$ 137,152</u>	<u>\$ 102,397</u>	<u>\$ 281,392</u>
% of total	15%	49%	36%	

Donor Split by Service Attendance & Average Annual Contribution				
	7:45	9:00	10:45	
Top 50 Donors	9	32	24	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 3,125	\$ 3,487	\$ 2,747	
Top 51 - 100 Donors	11	18	27	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,351	
Top 100 Donors Combined	20	50	51	<i>See Note</i>
Average Annual Gift	\$ 2,092	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,008	

Note: *These numbers will not add to 50 and/or 100 as a result of donors contributions being distributed across a variety of services.*

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CHARITABLE TAX CREDITS

From time to time, I am asked to illustrate an example of the tax receipt benefits of making a charitable gift.

Weekly Donation	Monthly Donation	A	B	C
		Annual Donation	2018 Tax Credit	Actual Cost of Donation (A minus B)
Based on taxable income of \$50,000				
\$ 19	\$ 83	\$ 1,000	\$ 361	\$ 639
\$ 29	\$ 125	\$ 1,500	\$ 562	\$ 938
\$ 38	\$ 167	\$ 2,000	\$ 766	\$ 1,234
\$ 48	\$ 208	\$ 2,500	\$ 964	\$ 1,536
\$ 58	\$ 250	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,165	\$ 1,835
\$ 67	\$ 292	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,365	\$ 2,135
\$ 77	\$ 333	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,566	\$ 2,434
\$ 87	\$ 375	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,767	\$ 2,733
\$ 96	\$ 417	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,968	\$ 3,032
Based on taxable income of \$75,000				
\$ 144	\$ 625	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,972	\$ 4,528
Based on taxable income of \$100,000				
\$ 192	\$ 833	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,976	\$ 6,024

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/dnrs/svngs/clmng1b2-eng.html>

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 2019 will be released in February 2020.

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

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2019

The Property Committee is given the task of maintaining our building to provide a safe and efficient place of worship for our parishioners.

In May 2018, a Special Vestry approved the replacement of the flat roof and eavestroughs over the auditorium. This work was successfully completed over the summer months, early in the Fiscal 2019 year. As part of the project and under the advice of our Consulting Engineer, we also had all the roof top drains inspected and replaced as necessary. All this work was a great benefit when our insurance company, Ecclesiastical Insurance, conducted their risk management inspection in January 2019.

In January, the Property Committee received approval from Corporation to take advantage of a government grant program to change every light bulb in the church to an energy efficient long lasting bulb. While the upfront costs were shared, it is anticipated that an annual reduction in electrical costs will be considerable.

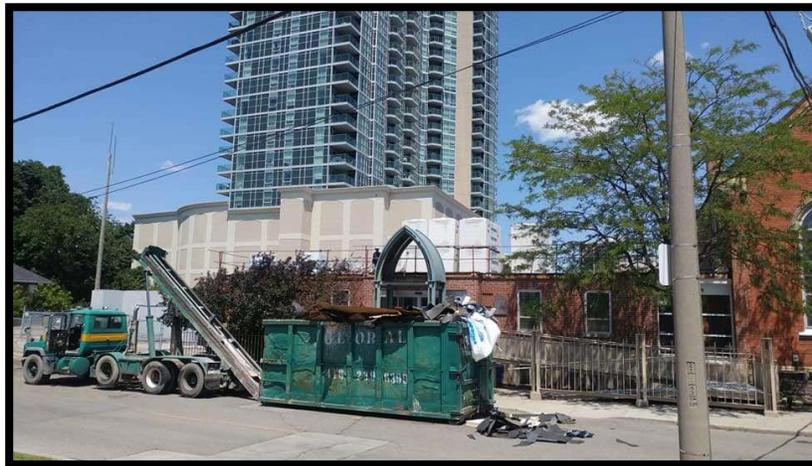
The committee continues to maintain our building in other ways. Repairs to the organ were concluded and the outside signs have been sent away for refurbishing.

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.

Steve Hughes

Chair of the Property Committee



Auditorium Roof Replacement Summer 2018

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STEWARDSHIP 2019 – “MAKE US ONE”



Since 2006, Christ Church has designated a number of weeks as a Stewardship Focus Period. Generally and intentionally, the focus period proceeds the budget planning process. This allows us to plan with the resources that are available rather than asking people to give to meet a budget. There always exists a delicate balance between prudent fiscal management and knowing that God is working through us at Christ Church.

We attempt to have this focus period in the Season of Easter, however this year we were delayed as a result of other priorities taking precedent. The 2019 Stewardship focus period ran from mid-August culminating with Commitment Sunday on September 8th. Our focus period this year included a parish mailing with an invitation to pledge for F2020, the release of our annual video and, of course sermons. Pledging results are still being tabulated and a more fulsome report will be provided in the weeks to come.

Do look forward to the Stewardship Focus Period returning in the Season of Easter 2020. We are extremely grateful for those households who make a pledge ~ and many of you do on an annual basis.

MAYBE GOD IS CALLING YOU TO RESPOND....

- **It is not** too late to make a pledge. Why not review our 2019 Stewardship materials, including the video, that are still available on our website at: <https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/commitment2019>
- How is God calling you to respond?



“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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