

Dear Friends:

November 2018

Over the years Corporation has strived to report on the temporal affairs of Christ Church ~ that is to say “the business” of the church. Now with a small break between the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year and the beginning of Advent, it seems like a perfect opportunity to provide you with an update. While reporting on the financial aspects of our parish community may seem somewhat dry and uninteresting, it is an important part of what we do together at Christ Church. Please indulge us and take a few minutes to read this letter.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

On September 30, 2018 we held our Annual Meeting of Vestry to accept reports, elect officers, acknowledge appointments, approve the previous year’s Financial Statements and approve the current’s Annual Budget. For the first time in recent memory, we finish F2018 with a small operating surplus of \$3,294 and passed a balanced budget for F2019. *This is extraordinarily good news for which we are most grateful to all of you!* You may recall that in F2018, we passed a deficit budget of \$22,000 with a very real possibility of making cuts to programs and staff this past January. The results over the past year were closely monitored and a significant turnaround was realized. While we live in hope that these financial results will be sustained, we continue to closely monitor both our income and expenses.

Vestry minutes will be posted on-line by the end of this month and hard copies will be made available at the church for those who do not have access to read on-line.

STEWARDSHIP

Results

In the spring of this year, we had our annual stewardship focus. The results of which are an important input when preparing the next year’s budget ~ we simply cannot plan expenses when we don’t have an idea of the expected income. Of the households that pledged, we saw an increase in \$18,500 ~ again awesome news. Armed with this information provided by our Envelope Secretary, we planned the budget with an overall increase in offering of 7% ~ we all have a part to play in achieving this! The good news is that we are already seeing lift in our income as a result of people’s pledges. For instance, our Pre-Authorized Remittance (“PAR”) increased by 10% in July (*the beginning of the Fiscal Year and pledging cycle*) and we now receive \$12,750 on a monthly basis from PAR directed toward Parish Operations.

To be clear, we do not know individual donor and/or pledging information but we do wonder why people give but are hesitant to make a pledge. Why is that? If something is holding you back, can we help?

Interim Receipts & Pledge Tracking

As you review your enclosed **Interim 2018 Tax Receipt (Jan 1st, 2018 to Sept 30th, 2018)**, prayerfully consider your offerings to Christ Church. Does it reflect your Christian faith? We are blessed that many of our Envelope Subscribers are disciplined and generous in their offerings. Conversely, 40% of parishioners take advantage of our convenient monthly PAR program ~ they know that their contributions to Christ Church continue even while they are away! Contact our Envelope Secretary, Carolynne Atkinson at 905-453-8323 or email at: carolynneat@yahoo.ca should you require more information. (*Forms are available in the Parish Office*)



From time to time, Carolynne is asked by individual parishioners to provide an update as to what is the status of their pledge commitment. For those households who did make a pledge for Fiscal 2019, this information now shows your interim tax receipt. The “Pledge Summary” details your total pledge commitment for F2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019), what has been applied to it in the 1st quarter (July 1 to September 30, 2018) and balance remaining to June 2019.

Collectively, Carolynne has reported to us that pledge commitments for the first quarter is sitting right at 25% ~ thank you to all those who are fulfilling your F2019 pledge to Christ Church.

2019 Envelope Distribution & 2018 Tax Receipts

As we approach the calendar year-end, Carolynne will be busily reviewing and organizing the various tasks associated with her role as Envelope Secretary (*have we mentioned how hard she works and how grateful we are?*). The 2019 Envelopes have arrived and will be available for pick-up starting the first Sunday in Advent and the 2018 Tax Receipts will be made available in early February. Providing an interim receipt at this point provides an opportunity for you to confirm its accuracy from January 1st to September 30th, 2018.

F2019 FINANCIAL RESULTS – QUARTER 1 (September 30, 2018)

As you will know our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. It can be a challenge getting your head around this when we use the calendar and/or church year for other aspects of our lives. Below are our results for the first quarter of our fiscal year (*July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018*).

Christ Church (Brampton) Statement of Operations

For the period ended Sept 30, 2018

Approved F2019 Budget
(Vestry September 30, 2018)

	Actual 2019 Qtr1 (Sep 30/18)			Budget 2019 Qtr1 (Sep 30/18)		
	General Fund	Future Ministries	Total	General Fund	Future Ministries	Total
Revenue						
Donations	\$ 85,537		\$ 85,537	\$ 84,538		\$ 84,538
Rental income	6,600		6,600	6,600		\$ 6,600
Other income	2,840		2,840	3,750		\$ 3,750
Investment income	1,652		1,652	1,875		\$ 1,875
Memorial income			-			
HST rebates	2,145		2,145	2,690		\$ 2,690
Program Offset	1,167		1,167	1,000		\$ 1,000
Grant income		5,000	\$ 5,000		5,000	\$ 5,000
Total revenue	\$ 99,941	\$ 5,000	\$ 104,941	\$ 100,452	\$ 5,000	\$ 105,452
Expenditures						
Salaries and benefits	\$ 49,486	\$ 12,224	\$ 61,710	\$ 53,024	\$ 11,913	\$ 64,936
Diocesan allotment	17,169		17,169	17,387		\$ 17,387
Repairs and maintenance	8,416		8,416	11,913		\$ 11,913
Utilities	4,701		4,701	5,220		\$ 5,220
Insurance	4,248		4,248	3,995		\$ 3,995
Harmonized sales tax expense	3,064		3,064	3,842		\$ 3,842
Special Projects			-			\$ -
Program education	2,031		2,031	2,136		\$ 2,136
Music	289		289	495		\$ 495
Outreach expenses			-	1,706		\$ 1,706
Professional fees	1,500		1,500	1,545		\$ 1,545
Admin expenses	3,269		3,269	6,176		\$ 6,176
Total expenditures	\$ 94,286	\$ 12,224	\$ 106,510	\$ 107,792	\$ 11,913	\$ 119,704
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures before other items	\$ 5,655	\$ (7,224)	\$ (1,569)	\$ (7,340)	\$ (6,913)	\$ (14,252)

Key Points:

- We have experienced a solid start to the fiscal year.
- As compared to the same period last year (July 1 to September 30), our donations to Parish Operations are up 13.6%.
- Last year the circled number above was \$75,329 ~ a difference of over \$10,000. This is encouraging news indeed!
- Our challenge in the months to come will be to maintain the same level of donations ~ which is really one specific area where we can all play a part and, of course, the ongoing management of expenses.

PARISH LIFE

Our fall has been in full swing since we last wrote and there is no better way than to tell a story through pictures so here is just a small selection from the last couple of months.



Rally Sunday with Archbishop Johnston



Blessing of the Backpacks

Fourteen of our youth attended the Diocese of Toronto Youth Retreat in September.



Youth Group Community Prayer walk setting them up for prepping & serving breakfast at Regeneration.



Did you know that you can now follow Christ Church on both Facebook and Instagram! Join today. And why not check out our sermons available on the website: www.christchurchbrampton.ca





Women's Breakfast

A big shout-out of thanks to our Lay Representatives to Synod – Charlene Bickerstaffe, Barbara Westney, Youth Delegate Jeremy l'Anson-Joukema & Samir Tickaram.



Remembrance Day 2018 - Laying a Wreath at the Cenotaph (left) and participating in the "Bell of Peace" (right)



And don't forget, the Georgetown Bach Chorale on Saturday, November 24th @ 8:00 pm will be performing Handel's Messiah. Adults \$40 / Student \$10 Tickets. Feel free to call the office and have Martha set aside some tickets for you (905-451-6649).

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS – A Christmas mailing will be released in December but we would be remiss not to bring to your attention the special Advent events already being prepared. Please mark your calendars and prepare to attend:

1. *Caring & Sharing* ~ our annual outreach program starts on Sunday, November 18th
2. *Family Advent Event* on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 @ 10:30 am
3. *Advenio – Reflections of the Season* on December 9th, 2018 @ 4:00 ~ Our Praise Team's seasonal offering
4. *Children's Pageant* on Sunday, December 16th, 2018 @ 10:45 am
5. *Lessons & Carols* on Sunday, December 16th, 2018 @ 4:00 pm ~ Our Choir's seasonal offering

OUR THANKS

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 looking forward to seeing over the season of Advent.

Jonathan Tyner
Rector's Warden

Sonia Sobers
People's Warden

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Deputy Rector's Warden

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