



“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”
(Philippians 4:4)

ANNUAL VESTRY – OCTOBER 29TH, 2023

Christ Church, Brampton

Our Annual Report to Vestry tells the story of our parish ministries for the period of
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

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COLLEGE OF BISHOPS' PASTORAL LETTER TO VESTRIES

(Released February 2023)

To the clergy, churchwardens, and parishioners of the Diocese of Toronto:

Dear friends,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 1:2)

As we come to our Annual Vestry Meetings, it is a good time for us to reflect with thanksgiving on the past and look with a sense of hopefulness to the year ahead.

The past year was significant in many ways in the life of our Diocese. First, we have been returning to some sense of normalcy after two years of Covid lockdowns and restrictions. While we continue to urge parishes to exercise caution, many of our communities have returned to something that resembles our pre-pandemic life together. We thank God that the worst of the pandemic now seems behind us.

Of course, parishes are continuing to grapple with the effects of Covid. Many of our churches continue to experience a decrease in Sunday attendance, fewer volunteers to fill key parish roles, and a diminished number of regular financial givers. Clergy and lay leaders also continue to experience a deep sense of fatigue and anxiety about the future. In that light, we continue to encourage a gentleness with one another and a renewed commitment to self-care as we navigate post-pandemic realities. Over the past year, we have been pleased to offer a mini-Sabbatical opportunity for clergy. These ten days – taken together or broken up – are intended for rest and renewal. We have been delighted to hear that many clergy have already taken a mini-Sabbatical or have made plans to do so in 2023.

The past year also saw the launch of “Cast the Net”, a strategic visioning process for our Diocese. Aably led by the Very Reverend Peter Elliott, Canon Ian Alexander and Dr Anita Gittens, ODT, the Cast the Net team has surveyed the clergy in the Diocese in various consultations, and is now engaging lay people from every parish across the Diocese. Based on John 21, this Biblically-grounded initiative is seeking to help us chart of path forward as a Diocese. We eagerly anticipate a full report from the Cast the Net team at our Synod next November.

Our restructuring of episcopal leadership also continued through 2022. The Episcopal Leadership Implementation Team followed up the good work of the Episcopal Leadership Working Group and brought forward a model for raising up and deploying territorial archdeacons and canon administrators to assist the bishops in their work. Interviews took place in November, leading to the appointment of four new archdeacons and one new canon administrator. Many of you were present at the Cathedral

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on January 15 as Archdeacon John Anderson, Archdeacon Theadore Hunt, Archdeacon Steven Mackison and Archdeacon Cheryl Palmer and Canon Laura Walton were collated. They have now begun their work and are already helping to share ministry with the College of Bishops.

After twenty years of service, Canon Clare Burns also retired as our Chancellor and is now Chancellor Emeritus. We are grateful for Clare's ministry and are also delighted to welcome Marg Creal our new Chancellor. Those of you who were present at the New Year's Levee on January 1 will remember the joy of Chancellor Creal's installation.

Our work in the area of anti-bias and anti-racism (ABAR) also continued in 2022. The workshops for clergy concluded last year and we began to roll out the parish-based program. Clergy and lay facilitators are now trained to visit parishes and lead this important work. The ABAR Pod has also been formed to lead the ongoing work of dismantling bias and racism in our structures. May God continue to bless our efforts and encourage us in this vital work.

As we look ahead to a new year, we do so with a sense of great hope. Our beloved Church has changed dramatically over the past few years and will continue to change. But God is present and faithful, and our proclamation and sharing in the redemptive love of God in Christ continues to be the mission to which we are called.

Be assured of our prayers for each of you as you meet for your Annual Vestry Meeting. We want to express our profound thanks to all who exercise leadership in the Diocese of Toronto. Whether you are stepping down from a particular ministry, or continuing on, or taking up a new role this year, thank you for your commitment and faithfulness. You are a blessing to the Church in our Diocese.

We write this letter on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. As the Church celebrates the beginning of Paul's evangelistic ministry to the Gentiles, please join us in praying and working for the extension of the Gospel in every place, and for the renewal of the Church in our midst.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

The Right Rev. Andrew J. Asbil

Bishop of Toronto

The Right Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

The Right Rev. Kevin Robertson

Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

INCUMBENT'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2023

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:4-9

As I look back on our past year, my heart is filled with gratitude for all that we have been able to perceive, grasp, and do together as Christ Church Brampton. God has been so faithful in providing, guiding and calling us to be His people in our time and place. His mercy, love and grace have always produced more than we could ever ask for or imagine.

While we continued to welcome on-line worshippers, we saw a real shift toward in-person participation at worship. This past year our average in-person Sunday attendance increased by 115% over the previous year.

We provided bible studies, small group meetings, prayer and service opportunities, Sunday School and Cool church.

We welcomed the Rev. Nelson Charles on a part-time one year contract. We are grateful for all that he has done to build ministry to our care homes and in-home visitation to shut-ins as well as his leadership on Sunday mornings.

Our congregation is ever changing; families move away, elderly parishioners die and newcomers continue to join us.

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Through it all God has been faithful and has provided, through his people at Christ Church, all of what we have needed to execute our mission. Thank you to all who participated with us this past year; all who gave, all who prayed and all who worked for the advancement of God's purposes for and through Christ Church.

WORSHIP

Every Sunday, Holy Week and Christmas, worship continued both on-line and in-person. This past Advent, we especially thank Martha and Tina for *Advent in Narnia* that took place over four Sundays.

Sunday morning has become a time of great welcoming and new-person connection.

We have renewed our efforts to track and retain newcomers through the intentional use of our pew contact cards (yes we even approach people to fill them out) sending them greetings through the mail and by personal calls from the Rector.

More people have joined us, particularly among the twenty-somethings as Algoma University has continued its rapid growth in Brampton's downtown core.

We have seen steady increases in attendance and participation - what a wonderful challenge to have to incorporate these new people into our family and to use their gifts for the work of the kingdom.

We would not have been able to do all of this without the hard work of our clergy, staff and significant volunteers. A special thank-you to our tech volunteers who continue to ensure that we are able to have both in-person worship and services posted for 4:00 pm to YouTube on Sunday afternoon.

PASTORAL CARE

We visited, we celebrated, we connected, we attended, we prayed and we accompanied through personal seasons of grief, loss, change, renewal and new life. This past year these visits have been almost completely in-person but we also used technology to stay connected.

Special thank you to the Rev. Nelson Charles for his attention to home and institutional visitation.

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DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

This past year we offered the following Discipleship Development opportunities:

- † Baptism Preparation
- † Confirmation Preparation
- † Lenten Program - *Differences*
- † Marriage/Relational & Life Transition Counseling
- † Sunday School (*in person*)
- † Cool Church *returned in the summer.*
- † Youth Events

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

We stay connected through our parish website and social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram). Our social media verger Martha Whittaker did an outstanding job of keeping our profile readily before our community. We even used *old fashioned* media as well: bulletins, pastoral mailings, individualized cards and personal phone calls.

Thank you to Chris Bird, Jonathan Bickerstaffe, Steve Hughes and others (who form our *Property Committee*); they mowed, dug, schlepped, replaced and fixed all sorts of things to keep our physical home in good shape.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to every household in our parish family who have responded with such generosity and love in supporting our church's mission.

I am most deeply grateful for you, the members of Christ Church, who have generously and sacrificially supported our work this past year through your regular and reliable giving. Thank you to all who used the PAR (*Pre-Authorized Remittance*) system, E-Transfers, and CanadaHelps. Thank-you especially to those who have moved onto the PAR system which has been a tremendous help in our forward financial planning. Please consider this vehicle of giving if you have not already done so.

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PARISH LIFE

This past year we saw a real up-tick in gathered participation and activity.

Coffee hour and hospitality have really taken off. Thank you to all who have volunteered, but there are still opportunities for you to participate.

Newcomers continue to show up on Sunday. Particularly interesting is the growth in twenty somethings including students from Sheridan College and Algoma University (right here in our own neighbourhood).

Every month, a group of our ladies come together on a Saturday for a day of sewing quilts for cancer patients. What a terrific blessing for those who receive these gifts and what a wonderful time of togetherness for those who love to sew.

As we rebuilt our in-person gatherings we found ourselves in need of more volunteers. Thank you to those who have joined our new Greeter teams, our technology team, and our musical ministries this past year. Please consider joining these this coming year especially our audio visual team. This year we will look toward new communion assistants, coffee hour hosts and more servers as well. New again this year will bring a reintroduction of lay anointing at Christ Church.

OUTREACH

This past year we generously supported our community partners with money and volunteers ~ striving in partnership with them to serve our community.

1. **Regeneration Community Outreach**

Regeneration provides meals, outreach and medical assistance, housing advocacy, food recovery, and a thrift shop. Christ Church continues to support Regeneration with significant volunteers and financial support. This past year our *Coldest Night of the Year* Team raised over \$10,000.

2. **Ste. Louise Outreach**

Our local food bank through which we serve our neighbourhood is supported by our Sunday food collection along with volunteers and fund-raising efforts from our parish. This year's *Drive By Drop Off* food collection generated a truck load of food as well as significant financial support.

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3. JFJ Hope Centre

A significant effort this year was made through *Caring and Sharing at Christmas* to purchase Men's gifts and Children's pajamas, assisting local families.

I am blessed to serve on the Board of Directors of *JFJ Hope Centre*.

4. International Christian Voice

To aid and resettle refugees who have suffered religious persecution, particularly in Pakistan. This year we were able to give from our parish FaithWorks funds a grant as well as from individual parishioners, emergency support to help this ministry in resettling Christian refugees escaping religious persecution. A big thank you also goes to our own Jim Bakhsh who provides significant leadership in this ministry.

5. Caring and Sharing at Christmas

Thank you to all those who supported this wonderful outreach in providing some of the means for families in need to celebrate Christmas. Thank you to Jean Jameison for her leadership of this wonderful ministry.

My participation in the “wider” Church.

I have been blessed to be part of a wider community of Christian leaders here in Brampton North Peel and in the Diocese of Toronto. I am a participant in our local Brampton Ministerial. I take my place in the Clericus of the North Peel as well as the Police Records Check Review Committee and the Compliance & Governance Committee of the Diocese of Toronto.

My participation in the Community

I am a member of the Board of Directors for the JFJ Hope Centre, an adoption agency and ministry to new parents. I am also on the Board of Directors of the Brampton Living Room, a group of local leaders looking at possibilities for the establishment of supportive housing in Brampton.

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FOR THE COMING YEAR:

These are the three intentional areas where we seek to build more ministry capacity.

*Strengthening our **Liturgy** (Worship)*

This year we will continue to build our volunteer worship ministry: reintroducing lay anointing, adding more lay communion administrators and readers, re-building our Servers' Guild and increasing participation in our music ministries. A particular need continues to be people to join our audio visual production team. Look also for a reintroduction of lay anointing this coming year.

*Strengthening our **Parish Life** (Fellowship)*

Focusing on intergenerational events which can appeal to both families and singles. Emphasizing participation in events that are both catechetical (have a learning component) and fellowship (interpersonal connection) oriented.

*Strengthening our **Relationships***

Participating in our Anglican efforts to improve relations with our indigenous brothers and sisters. Continuing our efforts in Inviting, Welcoming and Connecting visitors and new-comers, with a special regard for building relationships with our ever-growing student population of young adults.

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Blessing of Backpacks (September 2022)



A Surprise Thank You (May 2023)



Welcoming Reunions



1st Sunday in Advent

Follow Christ Church, Brampton on Facebook and Instagram ~ that's where the photos are! Liking, commenting and sharing our posts is an easy way to share with others about Christ Church. **And** probably one of the easiest ways to invite family, friends and neighbours. Check out our website for all current information: www.christchurchbrampton.ca



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ASSOCIATE'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2023

First of all, I am grateful to God, The Board and Rev. Byron Gilmore for this opportunity to serve under your kind supervision.

During these months, I have learned a lot and have improved as a person and servant of God. As you know my appointment at Christ Church Brampton began on November 27th 2022 and I can proudly say what a rewarding time it has been even though we had to go through ups and downs (especially in the midst of Global Pandemic) and the challenges that came with it.

I have seen that this Parish is very accommodating and has a willing-to-help attitude that makes you feel wanted and special. It has been a very exciting and stimulating time in many ways and I give humble thanks to God for his ever-present love which is in the heart of the people as they host many activities for kids, seniors and the community.

It was my first ever experience visiting long-term care centers and offering Home Holy Communion. Attending the Clericus meetings, sharing and learning the word of God with other pastors was one of the memorable moments during my tenure. Rev. Byron also introduced me to the group of Brampton Ministerial where I made new friends and came to know about various activities organized by them.

WOW!! What a blessing I received from God as mentioned in the Book of John 1:16, "From the fullness Of His Grace, we have all received one blessing after another". I would also like to thank Martha and Luigi who were very helpful and supportive during my journey here.

My time here at Christ Church Brampton has flown by and I am very hopeful to continue my service as an Associate Priest. Preaching, Presiding, and building the community in the Parish has been a source of vocational joy for me.

Let's continue to keep doing His work and give glory to His name as it is said in the book of Romans 8:28, " Knowing in all Things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His will."

Sincerely Yours in His service,

Rev. Nelson Charles

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2022

Minutes of the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church, Brampton, held on Sunday, October 16, 2022, in the morning following 10:00 am service of in-person Holy Eucharist. The Vestry Report, F2022 Financial Statements, F2023 Frequently Asked Questions and F2023 Budget were made available on our website the Sunday preceding Vestry. Paper copies were made available at the church.

These minutes are considered draft until approved by the next Annual Meeting of Vestry scheduled for October 29, 2023

Opening with prayer, The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore took the chair at 12:00 pm for the 173rd Annual Vestry. He gave thanks for all who participated in the various ministries that took place throughout Fiscal 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). Canon Gilmore acknowledged the additional work by clergy, staff and volunteers as we continued to navigate through the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. As of June 5, 2022 (The Feast of Pentecost), the Diocese of Toronto moved to the Green Stage of its protocols (a delay from the original April 27th date). Canon Gilmore expressed his specific gratitude to retiring Wardens, Stan Szepesi and Jonathan Tyner who provided us with continuing leadership and support throughout Covid. Christ Church, Brampton is well positioned for rebuilding and renewal as it emerges from the pandemic.

The pastoral letter from Toronto College of Bishops was received, specifically from The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto and The Right Reverend Riscylla Shaw and The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishops of Toronto.

MOTIONS:

The following motions were moved, seconded and carried.

1. That the Agenda for the Annual Vestry meeting of October 16, 2022 be accepted. The motion was moved by Paul Vanhanen and seconded by Sally Campbell.
2. That Martha Whittaker be elected as Vestry Clerk. The motion was moved by Sarala Golla and seconded by Chris Bird.
3. That the minutes, as presented, of the Annual Vestry of October 17, 2021 be accepted. The motion was moved by Ruth Wiggins and seconded by Paul Vanhanen.

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4. The following appointments were made:

Rector	The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Byron R. Gilmore
Rector's Warden	Shumaila Desrochers
People's Warden	Sarala Golla
Deputy Rector's Warden	Sean Joseph
Deputy People's Warden	Chris Bird
Treasurer	Kathy Newbert
Engagement Reviewer	Peter Volkes
Parish Administrator	Martha Whittaker
Envelope Secretary	Carolynne Atkinson

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 Sally Campbell and Samir Tikaram and seconded by Martha Whittaker and Barbara Westney, respectively.

5. That Chinweike Chike (moved by Chris Bird, seconded by Sarala Golla), Samir Tikaram (moved by Barbara Westney, seconded by Sarala Golla) and Barbara Westney (moved by Lisa Lipson, seconded by Shumaila Desrochers) be elected as Lay members of Synod with Lisa Lipson (moved by Chris Bird, seconded by Sean Jose) as an alternate. Nominations were sought from the floor with no response.

6. The following positions were appointed to serve on the Advisory Board:

- a. Rector
- b. Wardens
- c. Lay Reps (including Alternate) to Synod
- d. Member at Large
- e. Parish Administrator

7. Shiny Wilson 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 Sarala Golla and seconded by Chris Bird.

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8. Naysa Samuel was appointed to serve on the Advisory Board as a Member at Large.
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 Martha Whittaker and seconded by Paul Vanhanen.
10. That we approve the reports of the church groups and organizations as published. The motion was moved by Sally Campbell and seconded by Chris Bird.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Information Only)

Special mention was made of the continuing generosity of Christ Church Brampton with total outreach increasing 18% year over year for a total of \$48,000. In addition to our seasonal outreach drives, our parish responding generously to special appeals for wildfires in Lytton, British Columbia (summer 2021) and outbreak of war in Ukraine (spring 2023).

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT & STEWARDSHIP FOCUS (presented Carolynne Atkinson, Envelope Secretary)

We reviewed the Contribution Range and Contribution Summary reports. Key points covered included:

- Total Electronic Givings in F2022 was \$273,314 as many of our envelope subscribers moved to e-Transfer and/or CanadaHelps. This figure includes \$175,766 received via Pre-Authorized Remittance.
- Good news was shared in that total General Funds increased by 2% and total receipted for Outreach increased by 18%.

The motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report was moved by Sally Campbell and seconded by Paul Vanhanen. Motion was carried.

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STEWARDSHIP FOCUS (Information Only)

Throughout the Season of Easter, we had a stewardship focus period. This year's theme was "We've Come This Far By Faith". Components included release of a Parish Video (posted on our website), sermons, pledge invitations and a Drive-By/Drop-Off for Ste. Louise Outreach Community of Peel (a local foodbank). With Covid-19 protocols still in place, we celebrated the conclusion of the focus period with an outdoor coffee hour ~ our first coffee hour since March 2020.

FISCAL 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT (draft released October 9, 2022; presented by Shumaila Desrochers)

New this year and released one week prior to the Annual Meeting of Vestry was "Frequently Asked Questions" to help parishioners better understand both our Financial Report and Budgeting process. The FAQs remain posted on our website and help put our financial story into context.

Financial statements are presented in a format that combines 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 receives approximately \$6,000 per year in dividend income dependent on market conditions. Copies of the Financial Statement are a watermarked draft by MNP LLP, who prepared them, until they are approved by Vestry.

MOTIONS

1. To approve the Fiscal 2021 Financial Statements was moved Chris Bird and seconded by Samir Tikaram. Motion was carried.

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FISCAL 2023 BUDGET (draft released October 9, 2022; presented by Jonathan Tyner)

The following key budget assumptions were presented:

Income

- Offerings increase of 3% over previous year's actual
- Cannot predict with certainty memorial givings

Expenses

- Salaries and benefits include provision for part-time Associate (1 year contract) & Cost of Living Allowance ("COLA") in with Diocesan guidelines (January 2023)
- Difficult to predict inflationary pressure.
- Most increases at 3% except for repairs & maintenance at 10%
- Special Projects (\$15k)
- Investment from savings required as we emerge from the pandemic

Some discussion took place with regard to \$15k budgeted for Special Projects. It was explained that the intent of this expense was not to draw down from the Heritage Fund but to use accumulated savings. The motion to approve the F2023 Budget was moved by Lisa Lipson and seconded by Chris Bird. Motion was carried with one opposed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business a motion for adjournment was moved by Chinweike Chike at 1:30 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer.

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Easter Crafts (April 2023)



All Saints (October 2022)



National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
(September 2022)



Prepping for Christmas Pageant
(December 2022)



Bowling
(February 2023)

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY 2023

As the days of Summer are coming quickly to an end and we embrace Fall with its cooler nights, colours and the season of Thanksgiving (a time when family and friends come together to give thanks for the abundance that God has provided) it seems the right time for us at Christ Church to come together as a non- DNA family to reflect on the blessings of the past year and plan for the future.

This past year was full of changes – we returned back to a new normal after being away from each other due to Covid. Many of our senior youth went out into the world (College, University, and for many to their first jobs) each of them took with them our love, blessings, and prayers.

We also saw an increase in Sunday School attendance – the Canon Allen Room has not seen so much energy and holy chaos in a long while.

We had a great time this past year gathering together and sharing GOD’s love and guidance with a Pumpkin Party – riding off on adventures to find the Great Book and become Knights of the North Castle, we gathered past and present youth with a game of bowling, and then to keep our winter theme going we celebrated Advent in Narnia. We then ended the calendar year with a Christmas Pageant where the whole congregation became animals, angels, and townsfolk to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

This year also saw Moe and Bo taking a break and the kids and the church welcoming and adopting Solomon Seal to help with the Children’s focus.

I want to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” for all your prayers, support, and volunteering your time and talents to make all the events possible – there is no way I could have done it without you.

We have already started planning for the year to come and I for one am looking forward to seeing what God has instore for us.

Blessings

Tina

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT



Taking a Break (Winter 2023)



Blessing of the Back Packs (September 2022)



Knights of the North Castle (Summer/Fall 2022)



Greeters (Summer 2022)



Getting Ready for Pumpkin Party
(October 2022)



Making Friends (November 2022)

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

CONFIRMATION 2023

As with many things, the global pandemic played havoc with our practice of celebrating Confirmation on a bi-annual basis but with restrictions being lifted, we once again offered Confirmation Preparation. Throughout the Seasons of Lent and Easter, Canon Gilmore prepared our youth for the Celebration of Confirmation at the Feast of Pentecost. It has been a joy journeying with these young people at Christ Church.



Confirmation Classes
(Launched Ash Wednesday)



Celebration of Confirmation on the Feast of Pentecost | May 28, 2023

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

ADULT PROGRAMS 2023

Advent in Narnia

Over the 4 Sundays of Advent, Martha and Tina led us through a study based on C.S. Lewis' classic *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* where we explored the themes of light and darkness, meals and gifts, forgiveness and hope. Thank you to Ron Greidanus and Sally Campbell who graciously provided their musical talents that did much to create an atmosphere of travelling to Narnia ~ a land where it is always winter and never Christmas.



Ron Greidanus & Tina Clarke
(December 2022)



Sally Campbell & Martha Whittaker
(December 2022)



Advent in Narnia

Reflections for the Season

Join us as we explore C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and get to know God better by journeying through Narnia.

Sundays @ 4:00 pm | Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11 & Dec 18

Enjoy the beauty of Christ Church by candlelight | Light refreshments to follow

All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required



DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

The *Difference* Course | Lent 2023

We all know we live in a world that is divided, conflicted and hurting. And though many of us long for our faith to make a difference, it can be very difficult to know where to start. (Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury)

During Lent, several of us gathered on Saturday mornings for the *Difference* Course that, under the leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was developed to help Christians across the world to explore what it means to follow Jesus in our complex and divided world. Drawing on Jesus' encounters in the Gospels and the wisdom of expert peace-makers, over the 5 sessions we explored three habits: Be Curious | Be Present | Reimagine. The sessions covered the following subject areas:

1. God's Call
2. Crossing Divides
3. Navigating Disagreement
4. Practicing Forgiveness
5. Risking Hope



ALTAR GUILD VESTRY REPORT 2023

The Altar Guild prepares the bread and wine, vessels, linens, candles, and flowers necessary for our services. We currently have 5 teams of 4 members and are on duty once every 5th week. The team meets on Saturday morning for an hour or so to get everything ready for Sunday morning. We also meet again after the service to clean up before heading downstairs for coffee hour. We also set up weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Members attend meetings twice a year to get ready for the Christmas and Easter seasons. 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 Cheryl Maloney to the Altar Guild this year and thank you to Jean Jamieson for her service with us. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please speak to one of our members or give me a call, 647-393-1909.

Respectfully submitted,

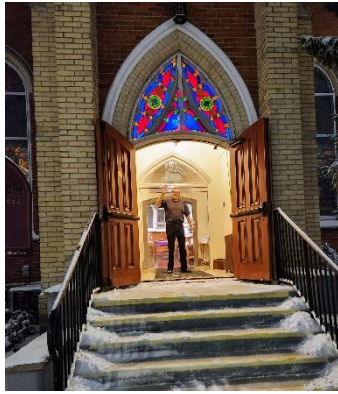
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Coordinator



Making Plans for Holy Week 2023

LITURGY & WORSHIP



A Snowy Ash Wednesday Evening



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday

LITURGY & WORSHIP



Good Friday Prayer Walk



Easter Sunday



Gathering for Worship

CHOIR REPORT 2023

The departure of the pandemic saw the return of traditions and normal practices once again, and this was a good thing. In September of 2022, the adult traditional choir resumed weekly rehearsals from September to May, offering 3-part choral singing at services, gospel acclamations, monthly anthems and special music for high feast days such as Christmas and Easter. It was great to get our teeth back into this repertoire. Although the size of the choir is ever changing, new members join and even our younger generation are becoming part of such a wonderful tradition, Christ Church is very blessed.

Collaboration with me as organist and choir master and Sally Campbell as Contemporary Music leader continue to work well together, and it has been a wonderful thing to see both types of service and service music meet happily in the middle. Christ Church really offers musically something for everyone in terms of style and texture, definitely a wonderful reflection on the cultural mosaic that is very prevalent in this vibrant community of Brampton.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Greidanus

Organist and Choir Director



LITURGY & WORSHIP

PARISH REGISTRIES (JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023) *

BAPTISMS

October 30, 2022 – All Saints (Translated)

Zariah Ashani Earl born June 11, 2022

October 30, 2022 – All Saints (Translated)

Ilah Mellessa Sampson-Belfon born July 10, 2022

October 30, 2022 – All Saints (Translated)

Jax McKay Taylor born January 27, 2016

October 30, 2022 – All Saints (Translated)

Aaliyah Grace Rae Wreford born December 25, 2019

May 28, 2023 – Pentecost

Arian Brar born May 1, 2009

June 4, 2023 – Trinity Sunday

Aniyah Rita George born January 31, 2023

June 4, 2023 – Trinity Sunday

Jack Samson Harvey born February 9, 2023

CONFIRMATIONS

May 28, 2023 – Pentecost

Arian Brar

Sheriya T. Campbell Charles

Noah Ishaq Desrochers

James Francis Purchase

Naysa Samuel

Eric Nicholas White

MARRIAGES

December 3, 2022

Geraldine Bernardine DeCruze and Jay Graham Bach

May 20, 2023 | Blessing of a Civil Marriage

Ruth Onyekachi Igbokwe and Chinweike Samuel Chike

LITURGY & WORSHIP

FUNERALS

July 7, 2022

Robert Leonard Luck born November 3, 1941 died June 24, 2022

July 11, 2022

Margaret Preston born May 3, 1941 died July 7, 2022

July 15, 2022

Eleah Christina Ryan born December 29, 1939 died Jul6, 2022

July 22, 2022

Nancy Jane Crawford born July 10, 1938 died July 16, 2022

July 27, 2022

Evelyn Appleton born June1, 1939 died July 23, 2022

July 28, 2022

Kelly Renee Morgan born February 29, 1971 died July 23, 2022

August 22, 2022

Zlata Delic born December 23, 1930 died August 14, 2022

September 12, 2022

Dora Eva Mercer born May 26, 1928 died August 5, 2022

September 23, 2022

William Robert Pesant born January 24, 1957 died September 16, 2022

September 26, 2022

Judith Ann Stinson born May 20, 1945 died September 22, 2022

October 14, 2022

Margaret Collins born November 3, 1934 died October 7, 2022

October 27, 2022

Sylvia Robinson born May 17, 1939 died October 19, 2022

November 14, 2022

Cayden DeCruze born November 10, 2022 died November 10, 2022

November 19, 2022

Muriel Dorothy Bennett born April 10, 1926 died November 14, 2022

November 25, 2022

Mary Elaine Davis born March 3, 1944 died Nvoemer 14, 2022

LITURGY & WORSHIP

FUNERALS & MEMORIALS (Continued)

December 7, 2022

Simon George Heck born June 24, 1940 died December 2, 2022

December 9, 2022

Heather Winnifred Kenyon born January 22, 1939 died November 18, 2022

January 20, 2023

Margaret Robson born July 10, 1923 died January 9, 2023

February 17, 2023

Agnus Lees Watson born November 20, 1935 died February 11, 2023

February 24, 2023

Werner Max Mueller born October 29, 1933 died February 20, 2023

March 6, 2023

Doris Davenport born November 26, 1933 died February 26, 2023

April 29, 2023

Olive Sauve born June 6, 1925 died January 4, 2023

May 16, 2023

Diana Mazy Plant born February 20, 1920 died May 10, 2023

May 19, 2023

Felicia Wynter born September 6, 1938 died May 1, 2023

May 25, 2023

Katrina Marie Slater born February 16, 1994 died May 11, 2023

May 26, 2023

Zelda Vivian born October 3, 1942 died May 22, 2023

May 27, 2023

Earl Franklin Andrews born December 29, 1932 died May 18, 2023

June 25, 2023

Toshiye Collyer born May 13, 1938 died June 11, 2023

* Global Covid-19 pandemic declared March 2020. Throughout the course of this reporting period public health restrictions gradually lifted.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

PRODUCTION TEAM 2023

Our Audio-Visual Team formed in March 2020 as a direct result of the global pandemic Covid-19. This dedicated team provided online services each and every week. In June 2022, we moved to a format of recording the Sunday morning service and releasing it later that day at 4:00 pm on YouTube. We are working towards a solution to be able to live-stream on Sunday mornings but it is a more complicated process than originally anticipated and hindered by some technological issues. We do, however, remain hopeful that a solution will be found. Due to heavy use and age, we will be looking to replace our soundboard and speakers in the year ahead. Check out our YouTube channel for all our worship services and special productions:

www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchBrampton



We are always willing to train new team members | Consider Volunteering

LITURGY & WORSHIP

WORSHIP COLLECTIVE 2023

The Worship Collective was busy this past year, with Sunday joint services, as well as supports to Sunday School programs and added Sunday afternoon worship programming for special occasions.

Our production team has been a great support in providing good sound so everyone can hear, no matter where you are seated in the church. The sound system has served us well for many years but is aging. The Production team is working on a solution to that. I am grateful for their skill and expertise in this area.

As always, I am excited to hear from anyone that is interested in joining the Worship Collective. We are always looking for singers, those that can sing harmony, as well as instrumentalists and percussionists. If you are interested in joining the music team, please feel free to connect with me.

The coming season will see the return of an Advenio Meditation. Stay tuned for more information. We hope to see you there. We look forward to the coming season and developing the contemporary component of our worship.

Sally Campbell

Worship Collective Director



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ENVELOPE SECRETARY 2023

Virtually all public health restrictions put in place for the pandemic had been lifted for this reporting period. Each year, we see some changes to our giving patterns and this year was no different. We continue to see people returning to in-person worship as evidenced by the Sunday count but also many new people too! Tracking newcomers, whether they give electronically (PAR, E-transfer or CanadaHelps), by cash or by cheque, has become a regular occurrence. Conversely, for the first time since I have held this position, there has been a drop in Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) as a direct result of parishioners either dying or moving.

We use coding within our receipting program that allows us to see changes in donor patterns whether offerings are received by E-transfer, Pre-Authorized Remittances or “On the Plate”. We aim to keep an eye on these emerging changes in donor patterns. There are some parishioners that donate to Christ Church via CanadaHelps platform. We are grateful for this support to our ministry. As CanadaHelps issues tax receipts directly, detailed donation information is not included here but rather included in our Financial Statements.

Receipting at Christ Church

- Offertory envelope information is inputted into our database on a regular basis thus providing current individual contribution information.
- Pre-Authorized Remittances (“PAR”) are 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.)
- Christ Church also accepts E-transfers and has an account with CanadaHelps
- Reports are reviewed monthly to ensure that any discrepancies or inaccuracies are captured and corrected in a timely fashion.
- Interim tax receipts for the 9 months ending October 31st are included in a November mailing providing parishioners an opportunity to review their current offerings for the taxation year and to check for accuracy. As a result of this exercise, Annual Tax receipting goes very smoothly.
- Fund Descriptions continued to be updated to better reflect various ministries where your offerings may be placed. Of course, General Offerings was and remains of prime importance.
- Keeping the Parish List updated is a continuous work in progress. **It would be extremely helpful to be notified of personal information changes as soon as possible to keep our records up to date.**
- With a solid understanding of the PowerChurch system, I can assist the Corporation by providing them with cumulative results regarding changes in donor patterns.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Maintenance and Contact Information

Our computerized database (PowerChurch) is important and very helpful for the recording of contact information and donations.

- Keeping our contact information current is an ongoing task. **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 to comply with Canada Revenue Agency's requirements for the issuance of tax receipts and other documents.

Donations/Envelope Numbers

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

- i. Envelope set holder (numbered 1-150)
- 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+)

I continue to work closely with the Parish Administrator to identify individuals that may be attending on a "new" and "regular" basis. This 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 can obtain information quickly and efficiently.

Your current envelope number can be found on your tax receipt or you may contact the Envelope Secretary or the Church Office to confirm. When in doubt as to your number, please use your name. This goes a long way to ensure accurate receipting.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Envelope Sets

We currently have a standing order for 150 envelope sets. This has been reduced over the years as people converted to PAR or other forms of electronic giving. We are committed to keeping this method of giving.

- Please do not use previous year's envelopes. **2024 envelopes will be distributed during the first week of Advent 2023**. This is critical for accurate tax receipting purposes.
- This also applies to donors who have converted 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)

PAR is a convenient monthly offering that is automatically withdrawn on the 20th of the month from your bank account. As mentioned earlier, for the first time in my tenure we have seen a drop in PAR. Pre-pandemic, we promoted this method of giving so that if you were away, your donations could still be made. This remains true.

Should you ever wish to convert to this system, please know that you can do this at any time and that forms are available at the Parish Office and on our website at:

www.christchurchbrampton.ca/commitment-2022-2023

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.). Please ensure that your name and/or your correct envelope number is clearly written on the envelope so these donations can be added to your regular monthly donation.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

A Word About Other Methods of Electronic Giving

In March 2020, we introduced both CanadaHelps and E-transfers as ways to make contributions to the parish.

1. **E-Transfers** allow for parishioners to make donations via the Interac system by:
 - a. Setting up Christ Church Brampton as a payee on your internet banking account.
 - b. Email address required: christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca
 - c. No password is required
 - d. Upon making an offering you will receive an email notification as will Christ Church.
 - e. Your offering is allocated to your current Envelope Number and is included your annual tax receipt issued by Christ Church.
 - f. If you are new to Christ Church or you believe we do not have a correct mailing address, please include your full name & address in the notes so that we can provide a tax receipt.
2. **CanadaHelps** allows you to make donations to Christ Church using your credit card through its website. A small administration and processing fee is paid. In this case, CanadaHelps provides you with a tax receipt in the full amount. As a result of our Stewardship Focus, some parish families made a monthly commitment via the CanadaHelps platform.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/christ-church-brampton/#donate-now-pane>

3. **Electronic Giving** continues to be a solid method of supporting the ministry of Christ Church. Many of our Envelope & PAR subscribers easily and faithfully made E-Transfers allocated for different funds including General, Special Offerings, Caring & Sharing, Ste. Louise, Regeneration, etc. Our total F2023 offerings made electronically is detailed below:

F2023 Electronic Givings			
Cdn Helps	E-Transfer	PAR	Total
\$ 70,500	\$ 73,868	\$ 149,833	\$ 294,201

F2022 Electronic Givings			
Cdn Helps	E-Transfer	PAR	Total
\$ 5,527	\$ 92,021	\$ 175,766	\$ 273,314

F2021 Electronic Givings			
Cdn Helps	E-Transfer	PAR	Total
\$ 5,400	\$ 93,453	\$ 171,568	\$ 270,421

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Table 1 – Contribution Range Report (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

The table below highlights our regular subscribers. The 400s series continues to be reviewed for more accurate reporting, specifically at the lower range. In extracting (Table 2), only the Envelope and PAR subscribers, we get a more accurate view of the average gift per regular contributor.

For these tables, we have only included data from Funds 1 – 3 (general, initial offering and seasonal) as those funds go directly to supporting Church Operations.

F2023 Envelope Secretary Stats

Funds 1 - 3 only

Contribution Range	F2023 Total Records		F2023 Envelope		F2023 PAR		F2024 400s		F2023 Other	
	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given	# of Donors	Total Given
\$ 15 to \$ 100	882	\$ 1,660	27	\$ 390.00			138	\$ 1,045	717	\$ 225
\$ 101 to \$ 200	19	\$ 3,085	11	\$ 1,790.00	1	\$ 120	4	\$ 625	3	\$ 550
\$ 201 to \$ 300	16	\$ 4,305	7	\$ 1,835.00	6	\$ 1,700	2	\$ 520	1	\$ 250
\$ 301 to \$ 400	12	\$ 4,482	5	\$ 1,880.00	2	\$ 677	4	\$ 1,600	1	\$ 325
\$ 401 to \$ 500	14	\$ 6,502	8	\$ 3,635.00	5	\$ 2,407	1	\$ 460	0	\$ -
\$ 501 to \$ 750	20	\$ 12,446	6	\$ 4,154.00	10	\$ 6,169	3	\$ 1,603	1	\$ 520
\$ 751 to \$1,000	25	\$ 22,747	9	\$ 8,050.00	12	\$ 11,161	3	\$ 2,736	1	\$ 800
\$1,001 to \$1,500	21	\$ 25,935	11	\$ 13,530.00	8	\$ 9,960	2	\$ 2,445	0	\$ -
\$1,501 to \$2,500	34	\$ 64,740	17	\$ 32,155.76	15	\$ 28,884	1	\$ 2,000	1	\$ 1,700
\$2,501 to \$5,000	30	\$ 105,017	13	\$ 47,542.00	16	\$ 53,440	1	\$ 4,035	0	\$ -
Over \$5001	11	\$ 105,547	7	\$ 70,232.00	4	\$ 35,315	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
	1084	\$ 356,466	121	\$ 185,194	79	\$ 149,833	159	\$ 17,069	725	\$ 4,370

Average Per Contributor	\$ 329	\$ 1,531	\$ 1,897	\$ 107	\$ 6
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Our parish continues to be generous in several outreach initiatives. Those results are reflected in the Funds Report (Table 3)

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Table 2 – Fiscal 2023 Average Given Per Contributor (Envelope & PAR Only)

We have included for comparison the Average Gift/Contributor for the past number of years. This table best illustrates the change in giving patterns with Envelope subscribers exceeding PAR subscribers ~ a first in several years. This will be an area of attention this coming year.

	F2018	F2019	F2020	F2021	F2022	F2023	Year over Year Change		5 year average F2018-F2022 Comparison to F2023	
# ENV. SUBSCRIBERS	144	167	129	117	111	121	10	6%		
Total Offerings	\$ 165,852	\$ 192,862	\$ 167,712	\$ 174,994	\$ 162,937	\$ 185,194	\$ 22,257	12%	\$ 172,871	\$ 12,322
Average Gift	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,155	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,496	\$ 1,468	\$ 1,531	\$ 63	5%		7%
# PAR SUBSCRIBERS	90	92	90	85	81	79	-2	-2%		
Total Offerings	\$ 192,274	\$ 175,145	\$ 179,933	\$ 180,568	\$ 175,766	\$ 149,833	-\$ 25,933	-15%	\$ 180,737	-\$ 30,904
Average Gift	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,999	\$ 2,124	\$ 2,170	\$ 1,897	-\$ 273	-14%		-17%
# COMBINED	234	259	219	202	192	200	8	3%		
Total Offerings	\$ 358,126	\$ 368,006	\$ 347,645	\$ 355,562	\$ 338,703	\$ 335,027	-\$ 3,676	-1%	\$ 353,609	-\$ 18,582
Average Gift	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,760	\$ 1,764	\$ 1,675	-\$ 89	-6%		-5%

Like Table 1 above, this data only includes church operations and does not include donations to various outreach initiatives throughout the year. See Table 3.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Table 3 – Funds Report

The table below provides details about the distribution of funds received. For comparison, we have included last year's report.

F2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)		F2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	
In Support of Parish Operations		In Support of Parish Operations	
General	\$ 329,984	General	\$ 349,809
Seasonal	\$ 25,435	Seasonal	\$ 16,781
Initial Offerings	\$ 1,047	Initial Offerings	\$ 380
Future Ministry Fund	\$ -	Future Ministry Fund	\$ -
Altar Guild	\$ 750	Altar Guild	\$ 150
Heritage	\$ -	Heritage	\$ 100
Memorials	\$ 54,003	Memorials	\$ 2,315
Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 110	Designated Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000
Children & Youth	\$ 270	Children & Youth	\$ 240
	\$ 411,598		\$ 370,775
In Support of Outreach		In Support of Outreach	
Refugee Support	\$ 2,875	Refugee Support	\$ 600
Clergy Discretion	\$ 3,555	Clergy Discretion	\$ 3,718
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 7,845	Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$ 7,860
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 3,420	Ste. Louise	\$ 685
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 165	Faithworks - Undesignated	\$ 2,240
Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 120	Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$ 280
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 5,035	Faithworks - LOFT	\$ 200
Regeneration/CNOY	\$ 1,691	Faithworks - PWRDF	\$ 14,385
Foodbank	\$ 684	Regeneration/Coldest Night of Yr	\$ 1,170
	\$ 25,390	Designated Miscellaneous	\$ -
			\$ 31,138
TOTAL	\$ 436,988	TOTAL	\$ 401,913

The funds reflected here include only those receipted by Christ Church and do not include funds receipted by CanadaHelps. In Fiscal 2023, a total of \$70,500 was received from those who use CanadaHelps to donate to Christ Church. In Fiscal 2024, we are working to include CanadaHelps donations in our reporting to reflect our overall generosity more clearly.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Tax Receipts and Interim reports

A statement of your contributions is available upon request at any time during the year. These statements are useful for reviewing your donations and for advising of corrections or omissions which need to be made prior to the issue of tax receipts. However, if your issued tax receipts show errors or omissions please notify us immediately.

Information presented above reflects a year-end of June 30th, however tax receipts are in accordance to the Canada Revenue Agency and reflect donations based on the calendar year. Tax receipts for calendar year of 2023 will be released in February 2024.

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



Easter 2023

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

2024 NOMINATIONS TO ADVISORY BOARD

Draft: October 22, 2023

+ Appointment by the Incumbent

* Nominated for election by Vestry

Corporation

Rector's Warden: Shumaila Desrochers+

People's Warden: Sean Joseph*

Deputy Rector's Warden: Catherine Laing+

Deputy People's Warden: John Joukema*

Lay Representatives to Synod

Samir Tikaram*

Barb Westney*

Chinweike Chike *

Alternative Lay Representative to Synod

Lisa Lipson*

Members at Large

Sarala Golla*

Naysa Samuel+ (youth member)

Treasurer

Kathy Newbert+

Engagement Reviewer

Peter Volkes+

Envelope Secretary – *Not a member of the Advisory Board*

Carolynne Atkinson+

Ex Officio

Incumbent: The Rev. Canon Byron Gilmore

Associate: The Rev. Nelson Charles

Deacon: The Rev. Luigi Battista

Administrator: Martha Whittaker

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2022

The Property Committee is given the task of maintaining our building to provide a safe and efficient place of worship for our parishioners. As good stewards, we welcome our building being used, particularly for worship and outreach initiatives. This past year, we had a few unplanned expenses of which a significant repair to the lift (elevator) was one. Among other ongoing repairs and maintenance, the alarm system panel was updated, and the sliding glass doors required a new locking mechanism. Over the next year, we look to repair some outstanding items that we did not complete this past year.

As reported last year, in the summer of 2022 Rowntree Montessori completed leasehold improvements of approximately \$100,000. This summer (2023), Rowntree further invested in our premises with the renovation of the downstairs bathrooms and hallway. Christ Church worked with Rowntree and undertook the replacement of the water fountain.



Rowntree Montessori Schools classrooms and resurfaced east laneway (Summer 2022)

As usual, we are blessed with a dedicated Property Committee who works on behalf of Christ Church and we thank them for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

Chris Bird

Chair of the Property Committee

OUTREACH

CARING AND SHARING 2023 (December 2022)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

How awesome is our God and you, our parish family, being the hands and feet of God as we go about the ministry of caring for others. It is such a blessing to work with our local ministry partners and help provide a joyous Christmas for those less fortunate.

My continued thanks to those who faithfully support our Caring and Sharing Ministry by way of donations, shopping, sourcing, wrapping and deliveries. It really is serving others.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Jamieson

2022 Caring & Sharing

In partnership with
local ministry charities

JFJ Hope Centre
Boys & Girls Club of Peel
Knights Table

Worship Fully | Spend Less | Give More | Love All



OUTREACH

2022 Caring & Sharing February 23, 2023 - FINAL

Income

Carry Forward Balance	\$	261.93
CanadaHelps	\$	220.00
Deposits	\$	4,395.00
E-transfers	\$	3,190.00
Total Income	\$	8,066.93

Expenses

Parishioner reimbursement	\$	766.75
Parishioner reimbursement	\$	479.56
Parishioner reimbursement	\$	2,783.83
Parishioner reimbursement	\$	1,970.86
Parishioner reimbursement	\$	464.69
Parishioner reimbursement	\$	900.00
Parishioner reimbursement	\$	239.99
Total Cash Expenses	\$	7,605.68

Total Expenses **\$7,605.68**

Cash Balance \$ 461.25

OUTREACH

Caring & Sharing (December 2022)



JFJ Golf Tournament (September 2022)



OUTREACH

coldest
*night
OF THE YEAR

FEBRUARY
25
SATURDAY

Join or Sponsor the
CHRIST CHURCH TEAM
"MARCHING IN THE LIGHT"
in support of



Coldest Night of Year is Regeneration Outreach Community's biggest fundraiser. This year walkers from across Brampton raised \$165,165 to help the homeless and near homeless right in our own neighbourhood. Our team this year, "Marching in the Light" captained by Spencer Gilmore raised \$10,665. (February 25, 2023)



OUTREACH

International Christian Voice



Shahbaz Bhatti Park Dedication
(July 2022)



ICV Gala
(March 2023)



Gill Family arriving in Toronto as
refugees (June 2023)



Gill Family worshipping at Christ
Church (July 2023)

OUTREACH

OUTREACH SUMMARY 2023

The Christ Church family continues to be so very generous to our outreach ministries ~ ministries in Brampton, throughout Canada and around the world. Outreach is in our DNA at Christ Church. Whenever a need is presented, our church family responds in abundance. The support takes many forms including volunteer effort, food donations, fund raising and more. Many times, we raise funds that go directly to those organizations and they are reflected below.

Unique in Fiscal 2023, was an additional gift Christ Church made to International Christian Voice in an emergency appeal to help sponsor Tebeeta Gill and family in June 2023.

True to our mission of serving others, Christ Church continues to contribute to ministries in Brampton and beyond. When we are more interested in others than ourselves, time and time again we have found that you simply cannot outgive God.

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Christ Church (Brampton)

Fiscal 2023 - Community Outreach

Outreach - Received by Christ Church

Refugee Support	\$	2,875
Clergy Discretion	\$	3,555
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$	7,845
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$	3,420
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$	165
Faithworks - LOFT	\$	120
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$	5,035
Regeneration/CNOY	\$	1,691
Designated Miscellaneous	\$	684
	\$	25,390

Outreach - Other

Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year ^{See Note 1}	\$	8,974
International Christian Voice ^{See Note 2}	\$	7,790
Caring & Sharing ^{See Note 3}	\$	2,000
Seasonal Food Drives ^{Note 3}	\$	1,500
	\$	20,264

TOTAL \$ 45,654

Christ Church (Brampton)

Fiscal 2022- Community Outreach

Outreach - Received by Christ Church

Refugee Support	\$	600
Clergy Discretion	\$	3,718
Caring & Sharing (Christmas)	\$	7,860
Ste. Louise	\$	685
Faithworks - Undesignated	\$	2,240
Faithworks - Anglican Appeal	\$	280
Faithworks - LOFT	\$	200
Faithworks - PWRDF	\$	14,385
Regeneration/Coldest Night of Year	\$	1,170
	\$	31,138

Outreach - Other

Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year ^{See Note 1}	\$	13,100
International Christian Voice ^{See Note 2}	\$	1,102
JFJ Hope Centre Drive-By/Drop Off ^{See Note 3}	\$	1,500
Ste. Louise Drive-By/Drop-Off ^{See Note 3}	\$	1,500
	\$	17,202

TOTAL \$ 48,340

Notes:

1. Christ Church Team total for CNOY was \$10,665 (Feb 2023)
2. Includes \$6k for Emergency Appeal (June 2023)
3. Gift in kind estimates

Notes:

1. Christ Church Team total for CNOY was \$14,270 (Feb 2022)
2. YE Adjustment
3. Gift in kind estimates

OUTREACH

SACRED SEWERS 2023

Prior to the pandemic, a few parishioners and some friends got together at church on Saturdays to do some sewing. We spend our days making Fidget quilts, a small quilt for people with dementia. These quilts have items attached that they can play with to keep them occupied and calm. If you know of anyone who can benefit from a fidget quilt, please let us know.

After making enough fidget quilts we decided to start making lap quilts for cancer patients. This past year we had 4 quilting days at church and made more than 50 quilts that have been delivered to the local cancer centers. Our quilters range from age 8 to 80s. We enjoy a time of food, fellowship and sewing, or helping with other duties required. The sewers are very thankful for the non-sewers who spend all their time with us ironing and preparing our meal. It has been wonderful to help people, especially the young learn to sew and are making new friends along the way. During the summer, the younger members of our group had the honor of taking 15 lap quilts to Brampton Civic Hospital Oncology Department, where a group of nurses gratefully accepted them and offered a round of applause for the work of these young parishioners.

If you are a sewer or want to be, please watch for the announcement of our next sewing day.

Respectfully submitted.

Phyllis Moffat



HOSPITALITY

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

What a delight it was to re-introduce Coffee Hour in November 2022 ~ a welcome tradition that was greatly missed during the pandemic. It is always a surprise each Sunday to see what "goodies" will be available. Sometimes it may be simply cookies and refreshments provided by Christ Church or on other Sundays there can be a feast with parishioners adding to the table! Whatever happens, the focus is on fellowship and welcoming of returning parishioners and the visitors among us. We are very grateful for those that volunteer for Coffee Hour as "many hands, make light work". If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Blessings,

Charlene Bickerstaffe



Prepping the Kitchen (November 2022)



Welcoming Newcomers (February 2023)



Non-DNA Family (June 2023)

PARISH LIFE

Parish Potluck (May 2022)



PASTORAL CARE

PARISH VISITORS 2023

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.

We continue regular contacts with each other and those with the parish.

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 clergy or Joan Powell at 905-451-4694.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Powell

Coordinator, Parish Visitors' Group



Home Communion (Easter 2023)

PRAYER MINISTRY 2023

"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.

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

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

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

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.

The format that we use for listing all who have requested prayers will give us a "snapshot" 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 peace and 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



“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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