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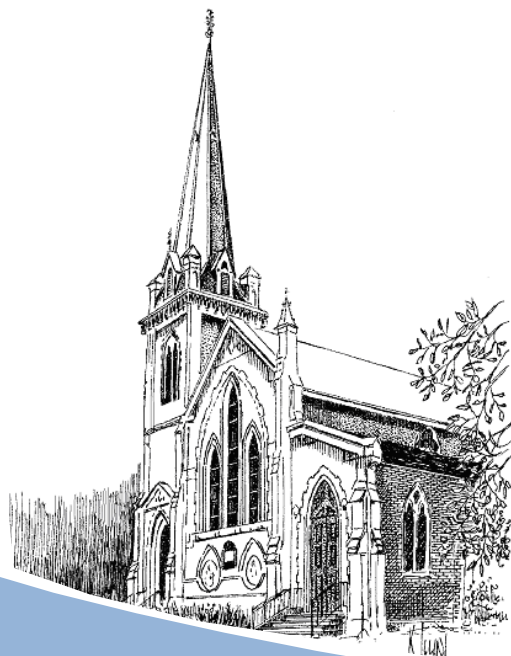
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ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, LINDSAY

ANNUAL VESTRY REPORTS

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Report to Vestry for the Interim Priest-in-Charge

March 7, 2021

Rev. Canon Gloria Master, Interim Priest-in-Charge

According to the Canons of the Diocese of Toronto, Incumbents and priests-in-Charge are required to report to Vestry "upon the condition, progress and needs of the parish" for the year 2020. Given my very few months experience of the parish of St. Paul's, Lindsay (with a large chunk of that time in shut-down), it will be a short report! Still, it provides an opportunity to express gratitude to each of you for the way you express your faith by working as individuals and as partners in shared ministry to foster the well-being of others, some of these people complete strangers and others neighbours, friends and family here at St. Paul's.

It is important to let you know that I understand the anxiety and the concern for the future that your long-serving Incumbent's decision to move into a different expression of his service to God's Church has caused, as much as you support Warren's decision to take a new and different path on his personal spiritual journey. Just as you do, I wish Warren and his family well in their new ventures.

I also want to thank each of you for the time and energy you have invested in making sure that active ministry both within the walls of your church and out in the wider community continues to happen in the interim period, a pandemic notwithstanding. It is not easy to be intentionally introspective about this community's core values and how they may be expressed in the future, while continuing to invest your energy and generosity in expressing those same values out in the community. Ministries as diverse as supporting the food bank and its clients; hand knitting and crocheting warm hats and mittens; providing meals for children and working with their schools to meet whatever needs arise all have a big impact on how so many people in Lindsay manage to get through their day.

You make sure this church building is well maintained and you keep the kitchen in constant use as you offer hospitality to parishioners and the wider community alike. This year has tested your ability to think creatively about how to meet needs and provide comfort while adding concepts like social distancing and "shop and drop" to your repertoire of skills needed to overcome obstacles to outreach ministry. More than that, you accept the challenge with humour – not easy some days!

Musicians, intercessors, chalice bearers and all who contribute to making each Sunday's liturgy the work of all the people, you are deeply appreciated. My personal thanks to Marg Brohm and to those who work to ensure that the sanctuary and the altar is always beautifully appointed.

Thank you to the members of a large number of committees, groups and individuals who keep us all focused and productive in ministry to each other, to the Lindsay community and to the world beyond. It does not go unnoticed and is never taken for granted. Thank you for all of your commitment to St. Paul's. I appreciate the smiles and the greetings when we meet electronically and, more rarely these days, in person. Thank you to the Churchwardens in 2020, for the number of hours they put in every week on all sorts of tasks many of them not reflected in their position descriptions. I am sure your new Incumbent will be glad for your generous support.

Thank you to everyone who has let their name stand in nomination or who have accepted appointment in the year ahead for your commitment to meeting the needs of St. Paul's parishioners and those of the wider community as this year unfolds. You will be an immense support to your new Incumbent as together you look to the future.

Thank you to Valerie for your patience, your smile and for being a very welcoming first contact people have with St. Paul's with this church community. Last, but certainly never least, my thanks and appreciation to the Rev. Canon Greg Physick for your guidance and support as together we share liturgy and minister in God's name to the people of St. Paul's, Lindsay.

Peace and blessings

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Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2021



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

To our Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

Beloved in Christ, peace and grace be with you.

Grow! You may remember that in my letter to you last year, I invited each community to embrace the essence of our diocesan strategic plan, *Growing in Christ*. The invitation was simple...grow! Well, none of us could have imagined the scope with which we would have to adjust, change, turn, accommodate, and innovate in 2020. Almost every aspect of how we do Church would need to be transformed: from worship to administration, from pastoral care to sacramental ministry, from finance to stewarding buildings and property. On Sunday, March 15th we closed the doors of our buildings and we were jettisoned into another way of gathering and being the Church.

Parishes small and large, rural and urban turned to online worship, telephone ministry, driveway conversations, pre-recording and livestreaming. We thought we would be back in our buildings by Easter. My, how we were wrong about that. Maybe by Pentecost things would be normal again, we thought. Summer turned into fall. A partial opening under strict guidelines would give way to a second wave that would carry us through Advent and Christmas, Epiphany and now into Lent. Through it all we have learned to live outside our comfort zone and grow. Like being tossed into the deep end of the pool we are learning to swim.

The Jubilee offered by the Diocese in 2020 helped to shore up a faltering financial confidence. Many parishes report that online worship and programming is reaching a wider audience. Some parishes tell us that financial support and donations are holding steady. Clergy tell me that there is a growing trust, cooperation, and companionship with colleagues. Many parishes speak of collaborating with neighbouring communities. We have also been wrestling with how to serve those who are falling through the cracks of our social structures and safety nets, particularly those who live in precarious housing, grapple with food insecurity, mental health issues and domestic violence.

The murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 thrust us into the depths of confronting anti- black and systemic racism. Each year at vestry we ask you to consider supporting a social justice initiative. In 2021, we invite you to support the motion on [*Committing Ourselves to Anti-Racism*](#). The initiatives that are outlined give all of us the opportunity to be agents of dismantling racism in all of its forms. We are called to change. Throughout this time of pandemic, we are doing more than just treading water... we are growing. I believe we are growing in trust of one another, and deeper still, in trust that God has this whole situation in hand. And trust calls us to be faithful and to be prepared.

As you gather for your vestry meeting, likely online, I want to say two things. The first is to express my profound gratitude for your faithfulness, hard work, creativity, and innovative ways thus far in this pandemic. I am thankful for the tireless leadership of our clergy; bishops, priests, and deacons. I am moved beyond words by the ministry of our lay leaders who move mountains to keep the church moving. Thank you.

The second thing is, be prepared. We hear this summons often in scripture. *In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord*, cries the prophet. *I go to prepare a place for you*, Jesus says to his disciples. *Preach the word, be ready in season and out of season* writes Paul to Timothy. As circumstances begin to change, as the vaccine begins to take a hold for the better, I hope that you will take as much time planning for a return as you did when our doors closed in March of last year. Coming back will take a special kind of care and effort. It will take time to allay fears, it will take energy to coax the community to move forward in new ways. It will take a vision steeped in the Gospel of Jesus Christ to lift the eyes and hearts of a weary people.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6.9-10

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Asbil Toronto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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Riscylla Shaw**

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Bishop Riscylla's Letter to Vestry 2021

February 1, 2021 ~ St Brigid of Kildare

Dearly Beloved Friends in Christ ~ grace to you and peace on this important day as you gather in the name of Jesus.

In this Covid-19 global Pandemic, we are experiencing Virtual Vestry. This is tremendously courageous, a very different experience, and sure to have some flaws ~ we certainly would prefer to gather face to face. However, be assured of my heartfelt prayers as you gather ~ you will pull through this in good and faithful ways that bear witness to our enduring commitment to building up the Reign of God, even while 'out of our comfort zones.'

I am deeply grateful for the vision and ministry of Bishop Peter Fenty, who retired as Bishop of York Simcoe at the end of 2020. One of his legacies will be the prayer refrain, assuring us of our preciousness in the sight of 'our Loving, Liberating and Life-giving God.' He inspired many with his wit, his wisdom, and his infectious readiness to freely serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Please know of my deep gratitude also, for your vision and work in fulfilling the mission of Christ in your life together, in your communities and in your neighbourhoods. To the many people who serve as leadership in our parishes and on Diocesan boards and ~ Wardens, Treasurers, Administrators, Musicians, Volunteers ~ you keep us going. Thank You!

This is a time like no other, when it is vital to humbly reach out to our neighbours, to find new ways to serve, that the lonely and the lost might find hope. The posture of humility is both a gift and a discomfort for many of us, as it deepens our humanity and helps us to know ourselves as a sacred part of Creation. Building partnerships, thinking expansively and shining our lights by sharing our testimonies of faith will be a recipe for resilience.

Another fundamental ingredient in our recipe for resilience is kindness. Be good to one another, give your clergy a break (even if you are right). They are working overtime to blend traditional and innovative ways of doing ministry to meet pastoral and administrative needs, with a heart for Jesus and a heart for you. Thanks be to God!

Our priorities for 2021 are Ministry Development and Parish Partnerships /Regionalization innovations.

There is a continued emphasis on the work of Reconciliation, Recovery & Mental Health, and Radical Inclusion that we brought forward for 2019 and 2020, so if you are engaged in actively supporting and developing any of these areas as a congregation or small group, do continue in this direction.

Coming through Covid-19, however, everything is different.

The changes are in our homes, our neighbourhoods and our church communities. Loved ones have perished unaccompanied, celebrations of life and of passage (weddings, baptisms) have been delayed or cancelled, budgets (parish, personal) from last year were met, exceeded, or some were sorely under-met ... there are many ways that we can evaluate the changes that are present as part of our new reality. Embracing humility, recognizing that we are stronger together, and looking with hope and courage to the outcomes possible when we work collaboratively as church, we can create opportunities to share wisdom, learnings, staff, administration, and ministry ~ even space and resources.

We humans have the capacity to understand our discipleship to include ***responding*** to this time of radical change with faith-filled honesty and respect, recognizing that 'who we were' is not 'who we are.'

Lament is vital in healing ~ so as we move forward together, it is essential that we create the space to grieve what has been lost and destroyed ~ let us bless this loss, and give it to God.

We also need to create the space for new life to emerge and sprout up, that the Spirit of Life will prevail, that the mission of our ancestors in faith continues as we grow individually and as a community in discipleship and servanthood, and as we invite seekers to find new life in Christ.

In the spirit of new life, I strongly encourage you to pass the Social Justice and Advocacy Vestry Motion, Committing Ourselves to the work and education of Anti-Racism and Anti-Bias training and implementation in each of our communities of faith.

Be courageous: Take whatever vaccine is offered to you.

Be intentional: Build out into your community, including the 'other', with Jesus as your guide.

Be inclusive: consider the climate, the creatures, the future generations.

May God bless you and equip you richly with grace in 2021.

Yours faithfully,



to embody, in word & action, God's grace, reconciling love, justice, compassion & liberation

St Paul's Anglican Church, Lindsay
Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes
February 23rd, 2020

The Annual Vestry Meeting was called to order at 11:20 am with 57 members present. Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch opened the meeting with prayer. Marlene Wood was appointed Vestry Clerk. No scrutineers were appointed.

Welcome to the Vestry Meeting by Rev. Dr. Warren:

Rev. Warren thanked Ray Marshall for being Peoples Warden. His term has ended. Rev Warren read his Incumbents report.

The Bishop's letters were included in the Annual Vestry Report. Moved by Betty Drummond and Seconded by John Gundy that the Bishop's reports did not need to be read out loud.

Minutes of the 2019 Vestry Report:

Motion: Moved by Bob Coleman and seconded by Kerry Jolly-Welling that the minutes of the 2019 Vestry Meeting be accepted as written. **Carried.** No one opposed.

Incumbent, Wardens and Committee Reports:

Members were given some time to read through the reports. (Reports have been available for about 2 weeks).

Motion: Moved by John Gundy and seconded by Paul Davies that the committee reports be accepted as read. **Carried.** No one opposed.

Financial Report 2019: Tom Ross

Motion: Moved by Tom Ross and seconded by Paul Davies that the unaudited 2019 Financial Report be accepted as written. **Carried.**

Tom Ross presented the Unaudited/Amended Financial Report. See attached.

Rev. Warren noted that the Youth had done numerous fundraising throughout the year.

Motion: Moved by Tom Ross that we vote to accept the 2019 Financial Report as presented. **Carried.** No one opposed

Comment by Larry Todd. .. noted that envelope offerings are down and not keeping up with inflation. Quoted the (approximate) envelope offerings for 2013-2019 to highlight the decrease in givings. He encouraged everyone to consider increasing their weekly/monthly offering and pointed out that PAR (Pre Authorized Remittances) is available and an easy way to give.

Presentation of the 2020 Budget:

Tom Ross thanked Finance Committee, Wardens and Warren for their support. There will be no Market Day fundraiser in 2020. There is an expected \$17,000 bequest from the Estate of Lois Brennan in 2020. These funds will be used for organ repairs as well as the unexpected cost for 2019 organ repairs.

See attached Notes.

Motion: Moved by Tom Ross and seconded by Kerry Jolly-Welling to accept the 2020 Budget as presented. **Carried.** No one opposed.

Nominating Committee Report:

JoAnne Burrige will now be People's Warden, replacing Ray Marshall and Lorna Green was nominated as Deputy People's Warden. There were no other nominations. Voted and approved.

Peter Shennett was elected as our new Auditor. There were no other nominations. Voted and approved.

Tom Ross moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Bev Baxter. **Carried.**

Other Business:

Diane Stecher, Deputy Rector's Warden, on behalf of all the Wardens, thanked Ray Marshall for his dedication as People's Warden. His involvement in church events and fundraisers has been much appreciated.

There were two additions to the Parish Register for Burials. These were Douglas Copp and Douglas Banks.

Rev. Warren and Don Brohm addressed the parking lot repair. Quotes are being tendered and work to be done in the future.

Members were reminded that we have free parking at Canada Post and ValuMart on Sundays and that Community Care gives us \$2,200 per year for the use of our parking lot.

The "Taking Action on Climate Change" was discussed. Members voted on amending the Diocese motion to add the "Province of Ontario" to the motion.

Motion: Rev. Warren. **Seconded by:** Gail Payne.

All were in favour. No one opposed. **Carried Unanimously.**

Paul Carpentier advised that there is a new green initiative in Lindsay. Donations are gratefully accepted to the **Mission Thrift Store** located in the Whitney Mall.

Motion: Moved by Bob Coleman and seconded by John Gundy

That the 2020 Annual Vestry meeting be adjourned. **Carried.**

Marlene Wood, Vestry Clerk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO VESTRY

ELECTED POSITIONS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>
PEOPLE'S WARDEN	JoAnne Burrridge
DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN	Lorna Green
SYNOD DELEGATE # 1	Robert Coleman
SYNOD DELEGATE # 2	Marlene Wood
MEMBER AT LARGE	Gerald Armstrong
AUDITOR	Peter Shennett Professional Corporation

APPOINTED POSITIONS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>
RECTOR'S WARDEN	Don Chase
DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN	Diane Stecher
BOOK KEEPER	April Russell
FINANCE COMMITTEE Chair	Tom Ross
TREASURER	Tom Ross
ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR	Gerald Armstrong
ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY	
SHOPPING CARD CO-ORDINATOR	Linda Todd
PROPERTY MANAGER	Don Brohm
SIGNING AUTHORITIES	4 Wardens, Treasurer and Barb Truax
OUTREACH COMMITTEE	Gail Payne Advisory Board Rep.
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	Barb Truax
GRAPEVINE EDITOR	Diane Stecher/Communications Committee
PUBLICITY/ADVERTISING	Communications Committee
ST. PAUL'S WEB SITE CO-ORDINATOR	Mary Sullivan
EVENTS COORDINATION	
Fair Booth	Ray Marshall
Mystery Dinner Theatre	Barb Truax
Pancake Supper & Christmas Day Dinner	John & Liz Gundy
Spring Thaw	Linda Todd/Gina Coleman/Barb Truax
Strawberry Supper	Kerry Jolly
Fashion Show and Sock Hop	Donna Williams/ Pam Todhunter, Carol Hughes
Online Auction/Drive & Dine	Barb Truax/Lorna Green/Linda Todd/Jane Whitfield
CHOIR	Don Chase
CHANCEL GUILD	Marg Brohm
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	Shirley Williams
SIDESPERSIONS CHAIRPERSON	Harold Brown
LAY PASTORAL CARE	Cora Richards
MEMBER AT LARGE	Barbara Brown, Barb Truax, Trevor Hutchinson
SYNOD DELEGATE ALTERNATE	Barb Truax
ENVELOPE SECRETARY	Marlene Wood
NURSERY CO-ORDINATOR	Marg Brohm
LONG TERM CARE SERVICES/LUNCHEONS	Shirley Williams
VERGER	Gerald Armstrong
ARCHIVES	Ian Mckechnie
LIBRARY COMMITTEE	Gina Coleman / Phyllis Carpentier
FUNERAL RECEPTION CO-ORDINATOR	Shirley Williams
VESTRY CLERK	Marlene Wood
KITCHEN OPERATIONS CONVENER	John Gundy
COFFEE COORDINATOR	Barb Truax

PREPARED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Barb Truax/JoAnne Burrridge
Last Updated: February, 5th, 2021

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Our fiscal year 2020 is at an end and what a year it has been! With the Covid-19 pandemic changing so many things in our church lives, it was only an attempt for the Nominating Committee to begin reviewing and filling various church positions for the upcoming 2021 year. Fortunately, many people chose to remain in their current positions for the duration of the pandemic. Blessedly, a new warden has consented to join the Corporation but will not come on board until September but we are so thrilled about this addition. More on this later! With the church in another lockdown these decisions have proven blessed.

This committee welcomes suggestions from everyone and encourages new and present members of the congregation to assist with church services and activities. Anyone interested in joining is welcome. The **Nominating Committee Report to Vestry is listed** elsewhere in this Vestry Report. If you are interested, just ask any of the Wardens or simply put your name and contact number and position you are interested in and email to the church or drop in the Russell Street mailbox situated in the west courtyard door. You will be contacted.

The Nominating Committee this year consisted of Barb Truax and JoAnne Burridge.

St. Paul's Parish Register 2020

Statistics for 2020 reflect the impact of Covid 19 on St. Paul's and on the community as a whole with buildings being in "lockdown" for lengthy periods of time and with compliance to diocesan guidelines when open. When in "lockdown" Sunday worship was provided on-line only. Thank you to dedicated parishioners who volunteered to provide and participate in the videotaping of Sunday liturgies. Sacramental life in the form of funerals, marriages and baptisms also were restricted in compliance with provincial guidelines for the personal safety of all involved and to limit the potential for Covid-19 to spread. In times when "in-person" worship was allowed attendance was restricted to 30% of capacity to a maximum of 50 people. All service books were removed from the pews and only one "in person" liturgy was offered with social distancing strictly adhered and masks mandatory in order to provide minimum personal contact and a safe environment for attendees.

Baptisms

Weddings

Burials

Doreen May Wood
Joan Minter
Marjorie Inez Dawkins
Doreen Otterleen Allamby

Donald Hugh Johnstone
Janpeter Kaphammel
Doreen Betty Wakelin
Brenda Mary O'Keefe

WARDEN'S VESTRY REPORT

"SOMEDAY WE'LL LOOK BACK ON THIS MOMENT AND IT WILL FOREVER REMIND US TO NEVER TAKE THE LITTLE THINGS FOR GRANTED"

As we reflect on 2020 my mind thinks back to the first Sunday as a duty Warden for Lorna Green. What a strange way we welcomed her as our new Deputy People's Warden, Church doors have signs CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19 . Ray Marshall our outgoing Warden is there to help Lorna with the new duties. Wardens and Rev. Warren met to discuss what we would do next and how to inform all Parishioners about the closing. Letters were sent out as well as emails. It was then that we decided pre-recorded services would be a great help for everyone. Phone calls would be made to check-in with everyone to see if anyone needed help during LOCKDOWN. It wasn't long before Valerie came up with our new weekly bulletin called "THIS AND THAT"

We are very thankful to have Don Brohm who would keep a watchful eye on the church and rental property due to the closure. John and Liz Gundy came in to clean the freezer and distribute some of the food which was ready and waiting for us to purchase after Sunday morning coffee. Oh yes our Sunday morning coffee is so missed by everyone as we would have many laughs and social time.

Courtyard visits were established on Thursday mornings until the heat was too much for most of us. Zoom chat Wednesday mornings with Rev. Dr. Warren was also created.

Wardens decided to go ahead with repaving the east side parking lot as it was a good time and not too many cars in the parking lot.

Many thanks to David Golding for all the new to us furniture. Dave's workplace was changing furniture so he was able to bring these items to us. Just a few months after this gifting of furniture, we were saddened to learn of his passing. David was a lovely person and we miss his wonderful singing.

Many groups were formed such as Parish Selection Committee, Parish Profile, Parish Survey, Back to Church opening, Barb Truax then decided we needed to have something so HARVEST DRIVE AND DINE which proved to be a great day even if the weather didn't cooperate.

Rev. Warren then got the notice that he could leave for Arizona. October 25th would be his last Sunday with us at St Paul's. Not much time for us to plan a farewell and also we were at gathering limits of 50 people. Thanks to many we were able to televise the service to the main hall for the overflow. Visits with Rev. Warren and his family also took place in the courtyard.

Wardens would also like to thank John Gundy for organizing our Outreach Christmas Day Dinner and the Christmas Dinner for King Albert School.

We also have been very blessed by the Parishioners who have kept up their givings all through this COVID-19 which helped us immensely to keep St Paul's going.

The Wardens also approved LIVE STREAMING equipment and are very thankful for this as we headed back into an unexpected LOCKDOWN.

Your Wardens are all staying put for another year and are pleased to Canon Gloria Master with us during this very different time in our lives.

STAY SAFE
BLESSINGS
Jo-Anne Burrige
Peoples Warden

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Our last Sunday for Church School was on March 8th, 2020 due to Covid 19. Marg Brohm and I kept in touch by sending the young people letters and cards during the year.

We miss seeing the children and please let them know we are praying for them. Hope this pandemic will improve enough we will be able to re-open Church School later this year 2021

Submitted by Shirley Williams

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

As with most aspects of daily and church life, this year's youth program has undergone some major changes and a general rethinking of how to serve our youth.

While we have not seen an influx of new youth locally, we have been able to offer remote programming to some of our senior youth that have graduated to post-secondary and the workforce, as well as a few youth from other communities who saw their own programs shutdown.

We have been regularly streaming live youth nights every Thursday during the school year, providing live corporate worship, prayer, biblical teaching, discussions, and online social games and activities. The responses from our youth shared a common thread, that this has been highly valued and appreciated, providing a sense of normality. It is not a perfect substitute for in-person gatherings but our youth have been highly engaged and one of the benefits of setting up this online forum has been regular interactions between our youth and leadership throughout the week, not just on Thursdays. We enjoyed a couple of in-person events in the fall, while restrictions were less severe, including a full-costumed laser tag day this past Halloween at Ken Reid Park (observing full distancing/masking protocols of course).

We currently have regular weekly attendance of between 5 and 10 youth, with our most regular attendees being in the grade 8-10 age group. They have invited some of their friends on occasion but one barrier of entry for new youth, I believe, is that they already spend so much time in front of a screen that the appeal of another online meeting, even a fun one, without prior social engagement/attachment presents some challenges. We have attempted to overcome this with some social-only focussed evenings which have seen one time increases in attendance, but few regular returns.

One of the challenges moving forward, if in-person gathering cannot resume for some time, will be outreach into our local community. It is very difficult to engage new youth in our current situation.

Submitted by Dan Farmer

KING ALBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program ran twice per year at St. Paul's from about 1999 until 2019. Children from King Albert Public School came to St. Paul's on their lunch break for stories, songs and crafts about the true meaning of Christmas and Easter. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were not able to run the program in 2020. We hope to restart this important ministry to children when it is possible to safely do so.

Submitted by Janice Ross

CHANCEL GUILD REPORT

Year 2020 was an unpredictable one for everyone including the Chancel Guild.

The lockdown for Covid-19 changed the normal for us all. The priority is to keep everyone safe. God willing, we will return to normal in the year 2021.

Thank you to our current members. I am looking forward to when we can resume our team duties.

New members are welcome at any time.

Submitted by Marg Brohm

SIDE TEAMS, COUNTERS AND GREETERS REPORT

The year 2020 was a very different year for our church with the spread of Covid 19. We began the year with January and February somewhat normal. March through to September saw the church closed down. In August a committee was struck to prepare St. Paul's reopening in accordance with the strict Diocese guidelines. Happily, we reopened in September only to be closed down again after Christmas Eve. I commend the volunteer sidesperson teams for their contribution during this period as they adjusted to the new guidelines.

Looking ahead we are putting new teams in place anticipating a reopening – we will be ready. Thank you to all parishioners for your patience as we adjusted to the new realities Blessings.

Submitted by Harold Brown

CHOIR VESTRY REPORT

Due to the widespread outbreak of the Covid 19 Pandemic, and the resultant period of lockdown, the Choir of St Paul's sang together as a unit for the last time on Sunday, March 8th, 2020.

During the period of pre-recorded on-line services, throughout the springtime and summer, it became the duty of some individual choir members to assist with the music for this worship. With physical distancing and restrictions as to persons allowed to be present, it remained for Ursula, Suzanne, and Don and Paul to carry on as solo singers, or lay assistants. Betty, and then Warden, Diane Stecher provided the piano music.

From mid-March through to the end of August, Organist, Gordon, returned to Northern Ontario to reside with his Mother. She was to undergo heart surgical procedures in the Autumn. He was grateful to have much time to wear the 'composer's cap', and to be able to revise and finish several music compositions. The Lord's Prayer, the Humboldt Elegy, the aria, "Kings Shall See", and the ending of the Summer's Day Waltz were re-worked and completed.

Gordon returned to St Paul's on September 27, as the Church had re-opened, with limitations on the number of congregation-members allowed to be present. Singing was also restricted to only one voice; and in this capacity Suzanne and Don carried on. Gordon continued part-time residency in Northern Ontario, and he was assisted by Myrna Sloboda when another accompanist was needed. He played and sang the funeral service of Brenda O'Keefe; as well as the Christmas Eve Service, when Don also served as Cantor.

Some maintenance work and repairs to the organ were accomplished by Andrew Mead during 2020. This mostly involved structural improvements or the re-building of the wind reservoirs. Much 'musical' work remains to be done, as the 'reed' stops are problematic throughout the instrument. The Oboe stop has been removed for servicing; however, the Clarinet, and three Trumpet Stops still have silent notes, unevenness, or notes very out of tune.

One is grateful to report that Barbara and Suzanne made successful recoveries from surgery during 2020.

We extend our very best wishes to Rev. Warren in his new life and new church in Arizona. We welcome Canon Gloria to St Paul's.

With deep sadness, I conclude by mentioning that long-time and charismatic choir member, David Golding, entered palliative care at the Ross Memorial Hospital on Sunday, December 20th. He would pass away on January 8th of the new year. In life, we were blessed by his presence, and we will remember him always!

Respectfully submitted, Gordon Brown, Organist and Music Director.

LECTORS REPORT

Our Lectors, under the direction of the Incumbent, skillfully read the scripture lessons appointed for the 10am.church service.

During the present pandemic due to Covid19, I strive to keep the lines of communication open with any lector who may be questioning the rules of the quarantine within our church.

Our current members are:

Gina Coleman, Dawn Evans, Lorna Green, Liz. Grundy, Suzanne McAllister, Mike Perry, Tom Ross, Ursula Ruhbach, Judy Sedgley, Barb. Truax, Michal Wallen, Jane Whitfield and Beverly Baxter.

On behalf of myself and the people of St. Paul's, I wish to thank these men and women for their faithful dedication during this past year, in spite of all it's difficulties. May God bless and keep you safe.

Please speak to our Priest-in-Charge or myself if you feel called to be part of this important ministry.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Baxter

LAYREADERS and ANOINTERS REPORT

Layreaders work under the direction of the Incumbent providing assistance at the 8:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. worship services or any other service where assistance is required. Layreaders read lessons and/or the Holy Gospel, lead prayers and assist with the administration of the Chalice or Bread as indicated by the Priest.

Current Layreaders include Don Brohm, Ethel Morris, Gail Payne, Kathy LeGresley, Paul Carpentier, Mike Perry.

Anointers provide prayer and anointing assistance during worship services on the third Sunday of each month. They also provide these ministries, with the Incumbent's direction/guidance, during hospital/home visits.

Current licensed Anointers include Cora Richards and Gail Payne.

Respectfully submitted by Don Brohm

ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

St Paul's Lindsay has had an Advisory Board (or Parish Council) for many years. The Advisory Board's make-up, and duties are defined in Canon 17 of the Diocese of Toronto. Our Board has acted in accordance with this set of guidelines. It is mandated to meet at least quarterly. It's duties include:

- 1) meet at least quarterly with the Wardens and Treasurer to review a written financial statement and to make recommendations as appropriate
- 2) receive and review the budget prior to being presented at the Annual Vestry Meeting and make recommendations thereon.
- 3) to discuss and make recommendations as appropriate on any other matters that arise during the year

Bringing this back to earth for St Paul's -- In essence, our Advisory Board acts as a 'Board of Directors' for the Wardens and Incumbent of our parish. We generally meet 10 of the 12 months of the year. Members include: our Incumbent, the Wardens, the Treasurer, Chairs of the Finance Committee, Outreach, Communications, the St Paul's Sisterhood, Property Management, delegates to Synod, Youth, The Happy Cooks and others who are actively involved in some aspect of current church operations. The agenda for each month includes reports from the Incumbent, the Wardens, a Treasurer's financial summary and other members of the Board as appropriate as well as any new issues that may arise. The meetings are minuted

– thanks to Jo-Anne Burridge. Other members of St. Paul's have been invited to join the Board based on their background and interests.

The St. Paul's Advisory Board will review the 2020 Financial Results and the planned 2021 Budget on February 24, 2021 to be presented at the Vestry meeting on March 7, 2021.

Since March 2020, our meetings have been carried out on-line using ZOOM. Attendance at each session is about 14-17 members depending on personal schedules. This format is likely to continue well into 2021.

The Board believes it fulfills a necessary function at St. Paul's and plans to continue in this mode throughout 2021.

Chair of the Advisory Board – Gerald Armstrong

LAY PASTORAL VISITOR'S REPORT

The lay pastoral visitors had a very slow start last January due to "outbreaks" at the residences by March we had only been two or 3 times to each of the 6 places. March 13 was the beginning of "lockdown" caused by the Covid-19 virus pandemic, and we have not been back since then.

We really miss the patients, and the challenge of providing worship services on a regular basis. We all hope for an end to the restrictions so that we can do this important ministry. Stay safe.

Submitted by Betty Drummond

LONG TERM CARE SERVICE RECEPTION REPORT

Three times a year (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas) residents from Long Term Care Homes visit us for Holy Communion Service followed by a luncheon. This was not possible due to Covid 19. We missed seeing these dear folks and pray that we will be able to gather before the end of the year.

It is nice to have so many willing washers to help prepare the lunch. Thank you very much.

Submitted by Shirley Williams

RECEPTIONS REPORT

Our last event for 2020 was on March 9th, 2020 due to Covid 19.

It is a blessing to have so many willing parishioners to help make these events a success. Hopefully later this year we will be back in business of providing refreshments after events.

Submitted by Shirley Williams

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

This report summarizes committee activities and programs in 2020. Our work and our meetings were limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Outreach and Designated Givings were allocated as follows.

Quarterly Outreach Recipients

Local: Kawartha Haliburton Children's Fund, A Place Called Home, John Howard Society (local), Community Care Lindsay

National: Daily Bread Devotions, Giving With Grace, Arctic Diocese, Moorelands Children's Fund

International: Hope and Healing, FINCA, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Justice Mission Canada
Each of these Charities received a donation of \$150.

Designated Givings: A Place Called Home, Archbishop MacDonald's Ministry Fund, CKL Habitat for Humanity, Women's Resources, Foster Children (twice), Doctors Without Borders, Giving With Grace, War Child, local Alzheimer's Society, The Food Source, Yukon Diocese

Foster Children

One of our SOS children in El Salvador left the village to pursue a career as an electrical technician. He was replaced by a 15 year old girl in the same village. We support, through SOS, 2 other children in Central America – one in Honduras and one in Nicaragua.

We also support, through The Arms of Jesus, 3 children in Haiti.

Our support for all of these children is financial and by letters from committee members. Lately, there is a problem with the mail service in Honduras, perhaps due to severe damage from the recent hurricane.

Other Programs

During Lent we began a weekly series on World Religions. We were able to present sessions on Islam and Judaism but because of the pandemic, we had to cancel speakers on Indigenous Spirituality and the Baha'i Faith.

We also had to cancel an April Outreach service highlighting a speaker from the Trillium Gift of Life Foundation.

As requested, we sent an Easter and a Christmas donation to Rev. Abu Nasir for his ministry in a refugee camp in Bangkok Thailand. He also asked if we would sponsor himself and his family as immigrants to Canada. Because of the pandemic timing and our inability to raise the necessary funds, we regretfully declined.

In May we sent a donation to Rev. Augusto Nunez at St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Orono. This was in support of their ministry to local migrant farm workers from Mexico.

In November we delivered 2 large bundles of scarves and toques to The Mission to Seafarers in Oshawa. These items were generously provided by The Sisterhood and went into Christmas boxes for visiting seafarers, mostly from tropical and sub-tropical countries.

In December we collected and delivered an overflowing tote of mitts, scarves, toques, masks and water bottles to Queen Victoria School. These were for distribution to students in need. Thanks again to The Sisterhood who did a lot of knitting for the children.

In December we donated financially to Rev. Mike Kleinhaus of Centre Community Church toward purchase of Christmas food items for local families in need.

Also in December, members bought, wrapped and delivered Christmas gifts to 4 local children and one in Northern Ontario. This was done through The Angel Tree Program in support of prisoners in Central East Correction Centre and their families.

In late December Area Council blessed us with a grant for local outreach. We therefore used this grant to continue to support A Place Called Home in their struggles to provide service to the homeless in face of this pandemic.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Payne
Chair of the Outreach Committee.

SISTERHOOD REPORT

St. Paul's Sisterhood group has valiantly tried to stay connected this year during the pandemic. We have met in the church when it was possible and during the warm months we met outside in back and front yards, always socially distancing. We did celebrate Mary's birthday with a delivered pizza however.

Throughout the year our purpose was to knit scarves and toques for the Mission To Seafarer, Dr. Gayle Payne then, delivered them to Toronto for us. We also were asked to knit hats and mittens for Queen Victoria School children. This was all accomplished just before Christmas. we filled 20 personal care bags again for Women's Resources. Many members of the parish helped with items for the children's bags. We are very grateful for the help with this project as our numbers are small. Thank you!

As we enter another year, we hope to be able to keep knitting and continue the same work as in 2020. We are thankful for our group, who continue to support each other during these trying times. We try to stay connected during the lock down, stay home protocol by having a random phone chain.

Submitted by Shirley Hanes

E.T.A REPORT (encouraging traveling alone)

ETA started eight years ago to provide fellowship and support, initially to parishioners recently bereaved, but it soon evolved. Any event is open to all. However, couples or friends who attend, are encouraged to mix with others so that nobody will feel alone.

This fellowship group has had numerous, varied activities over the last eight years. The purpose is simply to provide those who live alone, or those who are alone for activities, an opportunity to connect with others.

In 2020, the year of Covid 19, there was unfortunately no activity. We hope that we together can figure out how to do something this 2021 year. An email survey of those who have attended events will be going out in February. Because many of the 40 on our list do not use computers or smart phones, some person or persons are needed by me to personally call them. That is our challenge.

The following is a sample list of some activities done in 2019 and 2018: Backyard BBQ, meeting at restaurants, driving tour in CKL with lunch, plus attending memorial services together for mutual support. Other years, members have attended local live theatre. There is no limit to what we can do. The BBQ typically attracts 25 but we are successful if only one person joins us in an activity.

A group is the sum of its members and even some who have been too busy or ill to attend contribute to its success. We feel your prayers and feel connected to you even though we have not had group activities this year. The weekly "This and That" means we see some of you in photos and the church services in the fall did allow us to give virtual hugs.

Let's work together to re-emerge safely from our cocoons, to have fun, and to support one another through this St. Paul's fellowship group. And a special welcome, if you are new to our church. To find out more—just give me a call.

Submitted by Donna Gushue,

BOOK CLUB REPORT

The year 2020 will be remembered as the time when nothing was the same. The book club was fortunate enough to have three 'normal' meetings, that is meeting at a member's home, enjoying a pot luck dinner followed by a lively discussion of the book selection. Our last meeting in this manner was March 3, 2020. With the initial lockdown mid-March we were forced to change our form.

On April 9, 2020 we had our first Zoom meeting of the book club. Lockdown had only been in effect for three and a half weeks but it seemed like a lifetime since we had gathered. It was quite lovely to see each other and be able to talk and discuss books with each other. We met via Zoom four more times.

During that time we were able to choose books for our next season's book meetings. Suggestions were sent via email to me, then the full list was sent out to members. Votes were recorded and we needed a second vote as there had been ties for the last two spots. But finally, our book reading was set for 2020 – 2021.

The books we chose were as follows:

Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

The One-in-a-Million Boy by Monica Wood

Truth Be Told: My Journey Through Life and the Law by Beverly McLachlin

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

The Gown by Jennifer Robson

The Latecomers by Helen Klein Ross

Last Train to London by Meg W. Clayton

Then on August 13th we met in person in Lindsay Memorial Park. All distancing protocols were observed and it was a joy to see each other in person. Plans were made to meet in the courtyard of the church in September but, as luck would have it, it rained so we moved into the Parish Hall with masks and social distancing observed. In October and November we met in the Parish Hall again. At the November meeting we brought our own individual lunch(no sharing or serving of food and no access to the kitchen!). It was as close as possible to the 'old' way of meeting. After Christmas, the province was in lockdown again, so we have resumed our Zoom meetings.

We all hope and pray that next year our report will be one of a return to our in person meetings, pot luck dinners, and book discussions!

Submitted by Lorna Green

ORDINARY JOE'S AND JANE'S REPORT

This group is made up of people who volunteer their time and talent to work on the fabric of the Church. This year 2020 has been a challenge due to Covid 19 but we still managed to complete a number of small jobs and do them safely. Install air conditioning covers and storm window covers which come about each year and repair automatic door closers. In a normal year we perform between 30 and 40 small repairs. My sincere Thanks to all for their contributions.

Stay safe and God Bless
Respectfully submitted by Don Brohm

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, through our webmaster Mary Sullivan, continually try to update the website (www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca); Keep visiting **this site for upcoming events (we hope there will be a few later this year). Here you will find** past special services, sermons and now more importantly, all upcoming services streamed at 10:00 am each Sunday morning in conjunction with some wonderful photos of our events

Our search continues for a willing volunteer to act as liaison between the church and webmaster, Mary Sullivan. This would only involve sending upcoming events and activities when available to Mary via email. For further information please speak with any of the wardens or members of the Communication Committee (listed below)

New members are always welcome. This committee has a very diversified mandate and thus offers a place for everyone. It meets only quarterly. If you would like to know more about this committee, speak to any of the wardens or Barb Truax

THE GRAPEVINE (our quarterly newsletter to you)

This quarterly newsletter, "The GrapeVine" is one of the major sources of church communication for the congregation, particularly in these pandemic times. Due to the generosity of our sponsorships, this newsletter is completely self-sustaining. **We encourage you to patronize these sponsoring businesses and thank them for their support of St. Paul's.** As well, each edition of The Grapevine is sent to you via Canada Post. By us presorting by postal codes, these newsletters before they are delivered to the Post Office, allow us a much-reduced publication rate. **Diane Stecher** is our editor and has produced informative editions for our enjoyment.

Committee members who undertake their responsibilities with thoughtfulness and good humour on your behalf are Barbara Brown, Betty Tyndall, Beverly Baxter, Shirley Williams, Gina Coleman, Jane Whitfield, Pat and Ross Smyth, Linda Todd and Barb Truax.

Submitted by Communication Chair, Barb Truax

SHOPPING CARDS REPORT

As with most other fundraisers this past year with COVID-19, the shopping card sales have plummeted. However, I have been very impressed with the dedicated Parishioners who have continued to support the church and purchase Shopping Cards through the church office.

In 2020, the Church profited just under \$4,500 and I understand Shopping Cards were the top fundraising event this year!

Shopping cards are still available at the church office (705-324-4666). A call ahead to the office is required as long as the lockdown persists.

As well, Shopping Card delivery is available to those of our Parish who may not be able to come to the church to purchase their cards.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support of this fundraiser in difficult times.

Submitted by Shopping Card convenor Linda Todd

PROPERTIES REPORT

Once again and as in the past years, we have finished 2020 with all our properties rented and may I point out; not one rent payment has been missed by our Tenants during this challenging year (2020).

The year (2020) itself brought with it many problems, not only Covid 19 but building repairs. Loose slate on Church roof; broken sump pumps in the basement of the Church and boiler repairs (gas valves/ignition modules) due to sump pumps. Rectory needed kitchen floor tiles replaced and front door weather stripping replaced and we repaved the east side of the parking lot.

Our rental houses (32/34/36/38 Glenelg St West) required some repairs as well. New roof for 32 as well as new hot water tank and sump pump. 34 had some wall repairs and kitchen sink repairs and 38 required a new support post in the basement. We had some brick repaired around the chimney of the Church and discovered a long crack down the brick of the chimney which had to be repaired or we would lose the use of the chimney.

Looking ahead into 2021 we will have some eavestrough to repair on the Church and Glenelg houses and some foundation work as well.

I want to say Thank You to the Warden's and to all of St. Paul's for their never ending support. God Bless

Respectfully submitted by Don Brohm

SPECIAL EVENT AND FUNDRAISING REPORT

Many of our cherished events, unfortunately, could not be held in 2020. This not only pinched our church social experiences but also our financial position in a major way.

Fashion Show 2020

The delightful Fashion Show was held in February courtesy of Cathy Allan's Ladieswear, Nisbett's Menswear and Brittany N Bros. There was an excellent capacity attendance that enjoyed delicious refreshments and fashions.. Parishioners acted as models and did a fantastic job. Conveners were Donna Williams, Pam Todhunter and Carol Hughes. Many thanks to all who happily assisted with food prep and serving!

Pancake Lunch and Supper

In February, we were able to hold another successful Pancake Lunch and Supper with capacity crowds. Many thanks to John Gundy and Rev. Warren for the delicious pancakes and sausages as well as to everyone who donated desserts or acted as our cheery hostesses.

We missed our Lenten series and had our Spring Thaw delayed many times. It finally appeared in two parts, - one being the Harvest Drive and Dine in October and the other as the Online Auction in December.

Harvest Drive and Dine

On October 4, we held this outdoor event. Using the parking lot of Canada Post for car parking and St. Paul's parking lot, as our hay wagon stage, entertainment was provided to those in the parked cars while they enjoyed their hot lunch. Food was catered by Edna Smith, our chef, and John Gundy. Entertainment was provided by The Verandah Society, a professional duo from Peterborough as well as our own Mackey trio of Sophia, Joseph and Natasha who sang several numbers.

While the rainy weather didn't really co-operate, the entertainment and refreshments were wonderful. This outdoor event had many volunteers – parking, food packers and runners

Sincere thanks to Lorna Green and Mile Perry, emcees, Ray Marshall, audio and Tom Ross, parking.

We appreciated the wonderful support of our sponsors, - Kennedy Electric, Marlene and Greg Wood and Mike Perry

Thanks to Canada Post for parking, Linda and Larry Todd for the use of their haywagon, and JoAnne Burrige for the bag decorations.

Most importantly, we thank the parishioners who donated pumpkins, gourds, hay stalks that were later used to decorate the church for Thanksgiving.

Committee members were Don Brohm, Linda Todd, Ray Marshall, Lorna Green, Barb Truax

Festive Online Auction, December 11, 12 and 13th

This new event was held online during these three days with winners picking up their 'prizes' from the church. All the offered articles had been donated by parishioners and merchants for the Spring Thaw Auction that was to have been held in March but, was delayed because of Covid-19 lockdown.

We are indebted to Mary Sullivan, webmaster, for setting up the entire online program and assisting us to monitor the auction.

Committee was Jane Whitfield, Lorna Green, Gina Coleman, Linda Todd and Barb Truax

Submitted by Barb Truax

LIVE STREAMING AT ST. PAUL'S

The year 2020 has called for some changes in the world and St. Paul's has not been exempt. When we realized that we would not be able to worship in person and, even when that was allowed our numbers would be restricted, it was decided to update our audio-visual equipment. A motion was passed at November's advisory board authorizing pursuit of a grant from the diocese and the purchase of equipment and installation.

A proposal was offered to the diocese by Barb Truax and we were granted the maximum amount available. This covered two thirds of the cost of the equipment and installation. Barb contacted Dan Farmer, our youth coordinator, regarding companies who could provide this service for us. From there, three companies were contacted to provide quotes for cost. Two of the three bid on the project and it was settled, after talking to a diocesan representative, that we would accept a quote from Michael Enterprise Audio and Visual in Barrie.

On January 13, 2021 the equipment was installed. On January 16, 2021 the first official recording was made of two church services. On January 30th, two more were recorded and uploaded to You Tube. We hope that we can return soon to a live Sunday service and live stream it to all.

There are many people to thank for the work in bringing this project to completion: Barb Truax for pursuing the grant and her encouragement to all, Dan Farmer for his advice, presentation of quotes, and allowing us to observe the equipment in People's Full Gospel Church, Diane Stecher and her daughter, Kylie, for continuing to record services and their valuable input as to the mechanics of the system, and my husband, Mike Green, for participating in the filming and operating the camera on recording days. And a big thank you to those who were there on installation day: Tom Ross, Barb Truax, Linda Todd, and Mike Green.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Green
Deputy People's Warden

CHRISTMAS DINNER REPORT

2020 provided some interesting challenges with our discussions around whether or not we could provide a Christmas Dinner, what the meal would look like, how best to prepare and deliver it and how to do it all within the ever changing guidelines around Covid-19 restrictions and protocols provided both by various levels of government and the Diocese of Toronto. In the end a committee was put together to discuss the issues and come up with a conclusion we could all live with. The committee consisted of Lorna Green, Gail Payne, Barb Truax and John Gundy. The committee also sought the advice of Edna Smith.

It was agreed that we would provide a cold fully cooked meal consisting of turkey, mash potato, mixed veg, stuffing, gravy cranberry, a roll and dessert. We would deliver the meals through the East Courtyard door. Meals would be available from 2-4 pm. on Christmas Day and no pre-order or sign-up would be necessary.

Committee members agreed to contact all the area Church's and agencies charged with helping the disadvantaged to advise them of our plan and to determine an approximate number of meals we might need to prepare. After reviewing the results of our surveys (including a request from A Place Called Home for 50 meals to be delivered to their temporary shelter at the Knights Inn) we decided that 200 meals, while an ambitious number, would be consistent with the numbers served in the past. Valu Mart again this year agreed to provide the main groceries and a list was prepared for Mark.

A prep and cooking team was arranged consisting of Rick and Lauri Dancy, John and Liz Gundy, Marline Walsh & Denise Bannam (for peel and chop support) and Greg Physick (for dishwashing support as needed). In addition a Christmas Day crew was put together consisting of John & Liz Gundy, Barb Truax and son Tim, Gail Payne, Gerald Armstrong, Doug, Dianne Hall and Greg & Ian Physick.

Prep work began on the 21st and the team was in the kitchen up until the 24th.

Christmas day went very slowly as we did not have the long lines we were expecting but rather smaller gatherings of 5-10 at a time arrived at the window for pick-up. As the numbers died down we packed the 50 meals for APCH and Gail and Gerald delivered them. The balance of the food was packed in fridges and the kitchen was cleaned with everyone heading home for their own Christmas meals. We were back in the kitchen on the 27th to put all the leftover meals (42 plus the sides) in the freezer, the kitchen was cleaned and sanitized and shut down for the remainder of the Covid lockdown. On the 29th Food Source indicated they would take the leftover meals.

Overall we delivered 158 meals on Christmas Day which we considered a success and the balance of the meals found their way into the community where they were needed.

A detailed report has been provided to the church files.

Submitted by John Gundy

KING ALBERT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH REPORT

In mid-November 2020 the Church was approached by representatives from King Albert School to determine the availability of the church kitchen to have parents prepare some of the food for an annual Christmas lunch for the children at the school. Apparently this is an annual tradition where the parent volunteers prepare a meal that is served at the school shortly before Christmas break. The parents have, in the past, used the facilities of Cambridge United Church; however, that church has completely closed down their kitchen for the Pandemic.

Initially the request was turned down as our direction was that no outside group could use our facilities, however, it was eventually agreed that some of the Happy Cooks would be able to cook and deliver the food under the exception to provide food for outreach purposes.

On November 27th we met with the principal Dean Burk at the school to discuss our plans and to review the logistics of food supply and food delivery. Originally the school was looking for us to cook potatoes and frozen vegetables and Mr. Burk would cook the turkeys at home and provide them to us to warm and pack with the rest of the meal. After some discussion it was agreed that we would provide the cooking for the whole meal including providing (by Edna Smith) small stuffing balls, one for each meal.

The School advised that there were 90 meals required and we assembled a team to prepare the food. The turkeys, potatoes and mixed veg. were provided by the school under a grant made to them by a company in town. The team consisted of Rick and Laurie Dancy, Liz Gundy, Edna Smith (operating remotely from Cannington), and myself. The small size of the team was necessary to ensure proper distancing as required by Provincial Regulation.

It was also determined that we would need a special permit from the Health Authorities for us to provide food that was to be “delivered” outside the Church property. Arrangements were made with Edna Smith to borrow hot boxes from the Hub in Cannington to transport the food to the school to ensure it would be hot when it arrived. The groceries arrived at the church on December 11th and after reviewing the supplies provided we determined the 4 small turkeys provided were not sufficient and purchased two more. The team also agreed to provide the 90 containers (the same as were to be used for the Church’s Christmas Dinner) for the meals.

On December 14th and 15th the food was prepared in the kitchen and the stuffing balls were delivered by Edna. On December 16th the meals were finished and the food was packed into the hot boxes. When all the meals were in the hot boxes the meal was delivered on time to the front door of the school where it was received by the teachers and helpers and delivered to the children in their class rooms.

Feedback from the school would suggest the meal was a success with the children being well fed and happy.

A detailed report was provided for the church records.

Submitted by John Gundy

SYNOD REPORT

Report to Vestry, March 4, 2021 on the Diocese of Toronto Synod

There was no Synod held in the Diocese of Toronto in 2020. The last Regular Session of Synod was held on Nov 8 & 9, 2019. If all goes well given our current situation (COVID-19) the Diocese may be able to hold a synod in the late fall (November) 2021.

There was one piece of unfinished business from the last synod that has been now resolved. Bishop Asbil stated that a new Policy on Marriage in the Diocese of Toronto would be ready and come into effect on Pentecost 2020. The new policy permits priests to use their judgment and conscience to marry any two persons who are permitted to marry pursuant to the secular laws of Ontario. This is the result of many years of debate and discussion at synod.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Coleman, Synod Delegate

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S VESTRY REPORT

St. Paul's Stewardship Stairway

There are approximately **311 families** that make up our community.

Weekly giving breakdown by number of families. Locate where you are on the stairway, and try to move up 1 step (i.e. 1 loonie a week) next year. If you are not one of the 150 families on the stairway, *please join our team.*



\$100 – 4 families

\$70 – 1 family

\$65 – 1 family

\$60 – 1 family

\$55 – 2 families

\$50 – 1 family

\$45 – 3 families

\$40 – 2 families

\$35 – 3 families

\$30 – 5 families

\$25 – 11 families

\$20 – 10 families

\$15 – 14 families

\$10 – 26 families

\$5 – 26 families

\$4 – 6 families

\$3 – 11 families

\$2 – 3 families

under \$2 – 20 families

RESULT:

If all 150 families moved up

\$1.00 the impact would be:

$150 \times 52 \text{ weeks} \times \$1.00 = \$7800.00$

Additional resources for ministry and education.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31ST 2020					
GOAL NO.		START	OUTREACH	INCOME	END
1	LIVING WATERS	0	0	0	0
5	OUTREACH CONTINGENCY	108	500	1000	608
8	ADOPTION OF FOSTER CHILDREN	469	2928	2962	503
40	KAWARTHA LAKES FOOD SOURCE	0	2015	2015	0
44	SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRIES	0	2575	2575	0
60	PWRDF	0	320	320	0
67	RENOVATIONS ***	0	5755	5755	0
95	ROOF RENOVATION	0	605	605	0
100	A PLACE CALLED HOME	0	625	635	10
101	MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0
102	SCHOLARSHIPS - THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS	0	0	0	0
138A	CHANCEL GUILD FLOWERS	0	515	515	0
146	CHOIR GOWNS, MUSIC	4353	0	0	4353
150	FAITHWORKS	0	1546	1546	0
200	LOCAL OUTREACH	1581	370	387	1598
215	SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECTS	0	4179	4179	0
250	SPECIAL (RECTOR)	0	125	125	0
	TOTAL	6511	22058	22619	7072
	*** \$5,000 for paving				

VESTRY MOTION TO VESTRY

2021 Social Justice Vestry Motion On Anti-Racism

In light of growing concerns about anti-Black and other forms of racism in our society, and the Diocese's commitment to rolling out anti-racism/anti-bias training for clergy, staff, and volunteer leaders in 2021, this year's motion calls parishes to acknowledge the sinfulness of racism and to take action to recognize and dismantle racism within our secular institutions, our Church, and our own hearts.

The text of the motion, with a backgrounder and some suggestions for parish action, can be found [here](https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-Social-Justice-Vestry-Motion-and-Backgrounder-Antiracism-1.pdf). or by copy and pasteng this link into your browser.

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