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# CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH CHURCH) ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25. 2024 11:30am

# **AGENDA**

| 1.  | Opening Prayer   |
|-----|--|
| 2.  | Silence in remembrance of our faithful departed  |
| 3.  | Appointment of Vestry Clerk  |
| 4.  | Approval of Agenda   |
| 5.  | Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 26, 2023   |
| 6.  | Business arising from the Minutes  |
| 7.  | Presentation and adoption of the 2023 Financial Report and 2024 Parish Budget                                |
| 8.  | Appointment of Parish Accountants  |
| 9.  | Motion to determine number on Vestry   |
| 10. | Nominations for Wardens  |
| 11. | Report of the Nominating Committee - Election of Vestry Members - Election of Synod Delegates and Alternates |
| 12. | The Rector's Report  |
| 13. | Report from St. Anne's Lodge Inc.  |
| 14. | Reports of Committees of Vestry and Church Organizations   |
| 15. | New Business   |
| 16. | Results of Vestry and/or Synod Delegates and Alternates elections.   |
| 17. | Closing comments   |
| 18. | Motion for adjournment   |

19.

**Closing Prayer** 

# Christ Church (Parish Church)

# Minutes of Annual Meeting

# February 26, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Christ Church (Parish Church) was held on Sunday, February 26, 2023. The Rt. Rev. Bill Hockin presiding. Twenty-nine (29) were present.

# Opening:

The Rt. Rev. Bill Hockin called the meeting to order at 11:50 am with a warm welcome to all in attendance. Bishop Bill explained he is chairing the meeting today as our Rector, The Rev. Canon Wandlyn Snelgrove is currently with her family due to the passing of her Father, Archdeacon Thomas Crowther.

Bishop Bill read the opening prayer and observed a minute of silence followed by the reading of the names of those known to the Parish who were called to higher service since the last annual meeting.

The Chair appointed Carol Blacklock as Vestry Clerk for the meeting.

# **Approval of Agenda:**

Found on Page 2 of the Annual Report 2022.

*Moved by* Craig Williamson, *seconded by* Mike Blizzard to approve the agenda as written.

Motion carried.

## Minutes of last Annual Meeting, February 20, 2022:

Time given for errors, omissions, comments, questions. None received.

*Moved by*, Fred McWilliam, **seconded** *by* Bonny Vaughan that the minutes be adopted as printed. Motion carried.

#### **Business arising from the minutes:**

None

# Presentation and adoption of:

#### 2022 Financial Report

#### 2023 Parish Budget

# Auditor's Report

Presenter: Josh McDorman - Bookkeeper.

# 2022 Financial Report

The finance report is detailed on pages 35 to 41 of the Annual Report 2022. It was a busy year financially. A few highlights of our overall financial picture.

Overall offerings of funds from the congregation came in at \$330k.

This was supplemented by \$109k in revenue from other sources (interest, parking, use of facilities etc.)

\$19K was spent on charitable purposes helping our community and those in need all over the world. The \$19k can be found on pg. 41 of the Annual Report 2022

An additional \$102k was either spent or collected for future use for our internal special purpose funds (music, concerts, flowers, restoration fund, the roof fund). These funds can be found on pg. 41 of the Annual Report 2022. As an example the Roof Fund received \$69,632 in 2022 and ended the year with a balance of \$12,016.

Additionally, \$235k in funding was received to complete the construction of our Housing First Units. The \$235K can be found on pg. 41 of the Annual Report 2022.

We had two unbudgeted major repairs this year – we had caulking done on the gym which had a cost associated with it of \$9k. We also had repairs done to our breezeway and slanted roofs which came in at \$27K. The \$9K and \$27K can be found on pg. 39 of the Annual Report 2022

After adjustments from other funds, the Operating Fund posted an overall deficit of \$29k. (The \$29K can be found on pg. 40 of the Annual Report 2022 (Adjusted Net -\$29,007).

This is a large deficit, but the positive note is that had we not incurred those two unbudgeted but necessary repairs, we would have ended the year with a small surplus. This is on track with the trend of the last few years where we have either broken even or posted small surpluses.

Thank you all for your generosity and for all that you do above and beyond donations for our Church family and those beyond. Thank you also to the counters who graciously volunteer their time each week to ensure our offerings are handled safely and securely. Also, thanks to Carol Blacklock who keeps our tax receipts in good order. You are all very much appreciated.

*Moved by* Josh McDorman, *seconded by* Mike Blizzard that the 2022 Financial Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

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# **<u>2023 Parish Budget</u>**: See pg. 36 & pg. 39 to 41 of the Annual Report 2022.

The operating budget overview on pg. 36 indicates:

| projected revenue of       | \$314,300  |
|----------------------------|------------|
| projected expenses of      | \$379,900  |
| projected deficit for 2023 | -\$ 65,600 |

In 2023 we have budgeted for major repairs exceeding \$20,000 and an additional cost in general repairs of \$5,000. The major focus at this time is extending the life of our building. As it ages so do the costs incurred for its upkeep.

Warden Craig Williamson noted that this year we saw an increase in the number of parishioners (Pg. 32 Report of Envelope Secretary). He too thanked everyone for their generous donations throughout the year.

# No question re the 2023 Budget.

*Moved by* Craig Williamson *seconded by* Mike Blizzard that the proposed operating budget for 2023 presented and printed on pages 36 & 39 to 41 of the Annual Report be adopted as the operating budget of the Parish for 2023. Motion carried.

# Auditor's Report - Financial Statements of Shannon & Buffett:

This report is found attached to the back of the Annual Report. It is numbered 1-14. To continue as part of the Annual Report the page numbers are actually 42-56. This year's review was completed by our accountants Shannon & Buffett.

Their report concludes that nothing leads them to believe our financial statements do not present fairly in all material respects the financial position of our church.

# No questions re the Financial Statement of Shannon & Buffett.

**Moved by** Josh McDorman **seconded** by Justine Blizzard that the Review Engagement and Financial Statements prepared by Shannon & Buffett for the fiscal year ending Dec 31, 2022, be adopted as presented and published. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Parish Accounting Firm for 2023: Moved by** Craig Williamson, **seconded by** Suzanne Mason to appoint the accounting firm of Shannon & Buffett to review our 2023 Financials. Motion carried.

**Motion to determine Number on Vestry for 2023: Moved by** Bonny Vaughan **seconded by** Fred McWilliam that the number on Vestry for 2023 (not including 2 Wardens) be up to 12. Motion carried.

**Nomination For Wardens**: There are 2 nominations for Wardens.

Martha Jo Hoyt for a 2-year term.

Craig Williamson for year 2 of his 2 year term.

3 calls for further nominations. None received.

Martha Jo Hoyt and Craig Williamson declared as Wardens for 2023.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Michael Blizzard reported the following have been nominated and have agreed to be Vestry members for 2023. Pat

Stephens, Linda O'Brien, Maureen Firth, Rob Coburn, Debra Gall, Judith MacAusland, Bill Wilson and Mike Blizzard.

3 calls for further nominations. None received.

Pat Stephens, Linda O'Brien, Maureen Firth, Rob Coburn, Debra Gall, Judith MacAusland, Bill Wilson and Mike Blizzard declared as Vestry members for 2023.

**Election of Synod Delegates and Alternates:** The following are prepared to have their names stand as Synod Delegates:

Josh McDorman and Suzanne Mason as Synod Delegates.

Rochelle Young as the Youth Synod Delegate.

Dave Blacklock and Sel Perry as Synod Alternates.

3 calls for further nominations. None received.

The Chair declared: Josh McDorman and Suzanne Mason the Synod Delegates.

Rochelle Young the Youth Synod Delegate.

Dave Blacklock and Sel Perry the Synod Alternates.

**Rector's Report:** Commences on page 7 of the Annual Report. The Chair commended our Rector for her outstanding work for our parish over the past year.

Moved by Mike Blizzard, seconded by Maureen Firth to accept the Rector's Report as printed in the Annual Report for 2022. Motion carried.

**Report from St. Anne's Lodge Inc:** Printed on page 15 of the Annual Report. Dave Blacklock noted that the mortgages on 169 George and 240 George will be fully paid off by the year 2024.

**Moved by** Dave Blacklock **seconded by** Fred McWilliam to accept the report from St. Anne's Lodge as printed in the Annual Report. Motion carried.

**Reports of Committees of Vestry and Church Organizations: Moved by** Elaine Crawford, **seconded by** Linda O'Brien that the following reports be accepted as a block as printed in the Annual Report on pages 15 and 18 -32. Warden, Missions Within, Prayer Ministry, Altar Guild, Lay Readers & Eucharistic Assistants, Youth, Music Director, 3rd & 7th Fredericton, Wednesday Noon Prayer, PAC, Chapel Summer Tour Guide, Book Club, PWRDF, Outreach, White Gift, Coffee on Charlotte, Buildings and Grounds, Hebblewhite and Envelope Secretary. Motion carried.

*Housing First Report:* Pages 17-18. Submitted by Co-chairs Perry Kendall and Lawra Hanscomb.

**Floor opened to questions**. When will tenants move in?

Since the last report in 2022 we now have a completed complex with 4 units ready for occupancy.

We expect the units to be rented in the very near future.

**Moved by** Isabelle Hockin, **seconded by** Pat Stephens to accept the report of the Housing First Committee. Motion carried.

New Business: None.

**Closing Comments**: Craig Williamson thanked our Rector, Canon Wandlyn Snelgrove for each and every effort to make our Church warm and welcoming. He also commented on the success of the online services.

Mike Blizzard thanked Bishop Bill for chairing our Annual Meeting.

*Adjournment: Moved by* Craig Williamson. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Closing Prayer: By The Rt. Rev. Bill Hockin.

The Rt. Rev. Bill Hockin (Chair) Carol Blacklock (Vestry Clerk)

Potential Dates for 2024 AGM: Sunday - 18 Feb 2024. Storm Date: Sunday - 25 Feb 2024.

Greetings: On Saturday February 25th Bishop Bill received greetings from our old friends Mary Moffitt and Reed Smith. Mary and Reed have purchased a condo in Victoria. They are thinking of us currently as we approach our AGM.

#### **RECTOR'S REPORT**

As we look back on 2023, we remember those whom we have loved, but see no longer, with fondness and thanksgiving; good friends and faithful members of our Parish.

Maraaret Ann True Iim Scott

Maxine M Wheeler Rev. Deacon Margaret Joyce Perry **Betty Florence Preston Wilson** Lois Florence Colpitts

Rev. John Eldon Cooper *Joan Yvonne Moore* Lorna Lutze-Wallace Gilbert Adrian Oldham Carol Ann Crowther Radomir Petrovich Lindsay Sloat Georgina Audrey Poulin Francis Adele Demerchant Donna Wilmot Cameron

Elizabeth (Betty) Eleanor Scovil Patricia May Miles

> These are they who have joined that great cloud of witnesses; whose faith, example and spirit remain in our hearts and shape our walk with God.

# **Growing from Within**

## **Our Worship**

Sunday Services this year continue to be a time of joy, food for the spirit and a weekly respite for our congregation. We were, thankfully, able to worship without any Covid interruptions this year and

perhaps the special care we take to keep us all safe has contributed to this freedom. We have been blessed with many new members to our church family and are the richer for their presence and their contributions.

Our weekly Online Services continue on our YouTube Channel and although it is difficult to gage how many viewers we have, there are generally 30 or more who watch on Sundays and many more views as the week(s) go by. This service is able to continue because of the volunteers who give of their time and talent – Cameraman (Dave Blacklock), Choir Members, Readers and Honourary Assistants.

Our Sunday worship is followed by a time of fellowship. This year we have begun a Coffee Time in the Lounge after the 8:30 am Service which, along with our 10:30 gathering in the Church Hall, has greatly enhanced our Sunday mornings together.

A number of Special Services were held this year to reflect the Christian Year and to incorporate the joys and sorrows of world events in 2023.

- \*\* An Epiphany Service in Solidarity with the Christians in Ukraine
- \*\* Daily Holy Week Services culminating in the Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Liturgy and Easter Celebrations:
- \*\* Baden Powell Sunday
- \*\* A Service of Resurrection Readings and Easter Music
- \*\* An Ascension Day Service with Confirmation & Reception and Archbishop Edwards
- \*\* All Saints & All Souls Day Service in remembrance of loved ones whom we see no longer
- \*\* Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, and weekday, worship is our way to gather and renew our strength to follow in the way of Christ upheld by each other as a community of believers. The Parish Church is a place where the Spirit of God dwells and renews her people. All who lead the worship are honoured to do so.

#### **Our Activities**

A series of Five Lenten Talks entitled *Reflections on the Passion of Christ: From the Gospel of Matthew* was offered this year – This series was presented by our Honourary Assistant, Canon Albert Snelgrove.

- \*\*During our *All Saints Day Service*, we were visited by four (young) Saints of the Past who gave us their story of faith and witness to the world.
- \*\*On *Christmas Eve*, our Young People, presented us with a skit which was well-rehearsed and well-received.
- \*\*We continue to send out our weekly newsletter *The Epistle to the Scattered Sheep,* which keeps us up-to-date on the events in the Parish and our fellow Parishioners.
- \*\*Our *Sunday School* was reinitiated in the fall under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of Joann Mihan. Bishop Bill Hockin begins the sessions with a song or two accompanied by his ukelele; Karen Balloch-Tremblay assists with the Craft component; Rev. Albert Snelgrove is our second teacher and we have several teaching assistants in Jenna Vaughan, Bernadette Coburn and Debra Gall. There are 4-9 students each Sunday who are always eager and ready to learn.
- \*\*A *Bible Study Grou*p convenes weekly to delve into the Gospel for the coming Sunday. This group has grown steadily and has become a place where warm fellowship is ignited and a deepening of the faith is experienced.
- \*\*We have two *Prayer Groups* in our Parish. One group meets every Wednesday and the other keeps in touch via email. We are grateful for their prayers for all who are in need.
- \*\*Our *Book Club* continues to meet to discuss novels and how we respond to life's dramas given our Christian perspective.

- \*\*Meetings of *Vestry, Wardens, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Mission Within and Mission Beyond* continue behind the scenes to keep the business of the Parish running smoothly. We were thankful to have Michael Blizzard step in as Warden when Craig Williamson was forced to resign due to his unsustainable demands at work and school. We were also disappointed to lose Linda O'Brien as a Vestry Member this fall due to health concerns.
- \*\*Our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, an Easter Breakfast, and our Take-Out Christmas Turkey Dinner were all well attended and organized by our ever-busy Parish Action Committee. They provide not only good food, but good fellowship as well. An Advent Ladies Tea was hosted by the Mission Within Committee another event which was enjoyed by everyone.
- \*\*A weekly *Craft Group* began last winter and were the main instigators in reinstating our Christmas Bazaar. Everyone pitched in and we were pleased with its success and glad to be able to make a substantial donation to our Christmas Outreach Project.
- \*\*This Summer we hosted yet another Summer Concert Series possible the most popular yet.
- \*\*In May, we welcomed *Alan Hall*, a Postulant for Ordination in our Diocese, who joined us for several months. He carried out pastoral visits, assisted in services, visited the sick and led a study group on Tuesday Mornings. He and his family continue to worship with us and Alan continues his contributions to our Parish life.

# **Opening our Doors**

- --- One of the joys of the Parish Church is the ability to open our rather large facility to the community. Here is a list of groups whom we hosted in 2023:
  - o Central Valley Adult Learning Class
  - o Opal Family Services After-School Program & Summer Camps for children with Special Needs
  - o Scouting Groups: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers,
  - Scouting Alumni
  - o Ball Hockey Group
  - o The Golden Club
  - o Bel Canto Singers
  - Music Teachers' Association Meetings, Concerts & Recitals
  - o Music Exams
  - o Kiwanis Fredericton Youth Choir
  - Cecilian Singers
  - o Birthright
  - o TTF for Kids
  - Toastmasters
  - o 12 Steps
  - o AA Area Conference
  - o Portage Atlantic
  - o Study Group & Prayer Group
  - Cadets
  - o Knitting Clinics
  - o Community gatherings and suppers
  - Romanian Orthodox Church Services
  - o Canadian Federation of University Women
  - The Multicultural Association of Fredericton's Food Distribution Program

<sup>\*\*</sup>Friday Morning's *Coffee on Charlotte* and our *Friday Food Pantry* continues to meet the needs of a good many of our neighbourhood friends. The Coffee on Charlotte meets early in the morning and is flush with coffee, egg sandwiches and melt-in-your-mouth muffins, among other treats and

necessities. It is a true reflection of our Christians outreach that both the Food Pantry and the Coffee Time continue to be a reliable source for both basic food supplies and a much-needed ring of friendship – thanks to weekly donations from Parishioners and our successful "De-Can-Ber Drive in December, when all groups who use our facilities are invited to contribute.

- -\*\*Our Summer Student Tour Guide for St. Anne's Chapel (Taliah) did a fine job in the Chapel as well as in her other appointed tasks, all under the tutelage of our Chapel Tour Guide Coordinator Carol Blacklock.
- \*\*Instead of a Rummage Sale this year, we opened our year-round *Church Closet* which has become a source of clothing for many of our neighbours and our friends from far and wide. All proceeds go to our Outreach Projects.
- \*\*Our *Summer Concert Series* in the Main Church was once again organized by our Organist, Alice Boyd, and was a great success.

# **Going into Our Community**

- \*\**St. Anne's Lodge* continues to offer subsidized housing on behalf of the Parish Church. The Board, consisting of members of the Parish, assures its smooth operation.
- \*\*Our *Housing First Initiative* finally saw all four apartments house new tenants in March. Our transition as landlords and friendly neighbours has gone exceptionally well thanks to the support of Vestry and the Parish, the hard work of our Housing First (now Cornerstone) Committee, our Administrative Assistant, Hazel, our Bookkeeper, Josh, and our Jack-of-all-trades, Gene Anderson. We are blessed to have the good neighbours we now have and they have gone out of their way to show us their appreciation. This project is financially self-sustaining.
- \*\*Monthly *Communion Services* in our senior's residences take place at: St. Anne's Court, Pine Grove Nursing Home, Shannex (Governors Hall).
- \*\*The Little Library on Charlotte Street continues to provide free books for anyone who drops by and our Parishioners continue to donate an endless supply of books.
- \*\*Contributions to *Primates World Relief and Development Fund*, our *White Gift Christmas Project* and our year-round *Community Outreach Fund* continued to address many needs or neighbours and friends this year. Our *Third Annual PWRDF Fundraising Walk* around Killarney Lake was a great success as we raised funds to build wells in Kenya, and our Christmas Campaign raised money to buy Chicken incubators in for women farmers in Kenya. These two projects were in addition to our call for donations for the Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria.
- \*\*Our *Christmas Take-Out* was carried out by our PAC (Parish Action Committee) in December, providing turkey dinner, free of charge for neighbours and friends in need.

#### **Managing Our Finances**

Again – another year where the generous financial stewardship of our Parishioners allows us to meet our Budget.

# Our Budget

As you will read in the Financial Report, our Congregational Offerings were almost \$9,000 over budget and our income revenue for 2023 was over \$9,000 more than our budgeted income. Contrary to our projections, we did not end up with a deficit by year-end thanks to higher-than-expected offerings and income and the transfer of monies from the following available funds: Unused Hebblewhite Interest (\$13,200), Chapel Restoration Fund Repayment (\$5,700), PAC Contribution (\$3,000) – for a total of \$22,000. We did have a surplus of over \$6,000 at year end and this has been designated to the Building Fund by the Vestry.

#### Our Under One Roof

Both the First and Third Phase of our Roofing Project have been completed and paid for. We currently have \$37,775 in the Under One Roof Fund to pay for our Second Phase (the Gym Roof) which is presently holding up well with the emergency repair work done a couple of years ago.

# Our Special Funds

We have a number of fundraising campaigns for which we do not budget. These funds are committed to various causes beyond our walls:

PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) \$8,022 Outreach Fund \$9,502 White Gift Project \$5,870

# A Few Words of Gratitude

\*\*A special note of thanks to our Wardens; to Craig Williamson for his support, enthusiasm and dedication for the first few months of this year; he continues to offer these gifts as a Vestry member but was unable to remain in the position of Warden due to excessive demands at work and school; to *Michael Blizzard* who so generously and seamlessly stepped in to replace Craig – always willing to share his knowledge and love for his Parish; to Martha Jo who brings with her a faith and an optimism that nothing will deter.

\*\*We continue to be blessed with an amazing staff and office volunteer. Our thanks to: *Alice Boyd*, who keeps the choir pleasantly challenged and the congregation spiritually fed through her gift of music.

*Hazel Surgenor* who carries out her ever-increasing office duties and responsibilities with grace and kindness, keeping it all together even when the Rector doesn't. And who has also taken on the duties of cleaning the church with great success and pride.

Josh McDorman, who makes our financial situation comprehendible to the Finance Committee, Wardens, Vestry and the Rector – all of which takes a considerable amount of patience and diplomacy.

*Steve Montgomery*, who carried out his Sexton duties with diligence and was always willing to share his endless knowledge and experience.

*Aaron Levesque,* who joined us as Sexton in the summer and is always willing and able to fulfill his duties and responsibilities – often in the wee hours of the morning or late at night – but always in a professional and friendly manner.

*Carol Blacklock*, who regularly, and enthusiastically, puts long hours into her volunteer duties as Envelope Secretary and Vestry Clerk (among other things).

- \*\*A vote of thanks to the *Vestry and Vestry Committees* the Parish's confidence in you is well placed and your eagerness, positivity and faithfulness is to be commended.
- ---Finally, this Parish owes a huge debt of gratitude, and my personal thanks to our Honourary Assistants for their support, encouragement and continued care Bishop Bill Hockin, Archdeacon John Sharpe, Canon Elaine Hamilton, Rev. Garth Maxwell (our honourary Honourary Assistant) and Canon Albert Snelgrove (our newest Honourary Assistant). We are all blessed by their various and numerous ministries among us but none more than their Rector who called on them with increasing frequency this year.

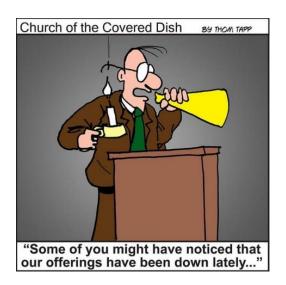
As you read through the many reports that are to follow, you will see how we have grown over the past year. Not only have we been able to maintain most of our programs and our learning experiences, we have also added to our mission – both within and beyond. This is a parish with a challenging building and a legacy which demands much of us – but we meet them both head on. We

fulfill our goals and expand our vision each year. May God's Spirit continue to challenge us, equip us comfort us and teach us to follow in the way of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted, Wandlyn Snelgrove

As always, honoured to be the Rector of the Scattered Sheep of the Parish Church

# For Making It Through the Rector's Report



## **STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

# **PASTORAL SERVICES**

| A) Visitations with Holy Communion                     |           | B) Parish Celebrations of Holy Communion |     |
|--|-----------|--|-----|
| Nursing Homes & Senior Residences                      | 37        | Sundays                                  | 105 |
| Private Homes<br>Hospital                              | 9<br>2    | Weekdays                                 | 13  |
| C) Sunday Morning Prayer                               | 0         | D) Good Friday Services                  | 2   |
| CHURCH ATTENDANCE                                      |           |  |     |
| Highest Sunday Attendance<br>Average Sunday Attendance | 127<br>83 | Lowest Sunday Attendance                 | 51  |
| Easter Day Communicants                                | 122       | Christmas Day Communicants               | 186 |

# FROM PARISH REGISTERS

# **FUNERALS**

Margaret Ann True Maxine M Wheeler Lois Florence Colpitts Joan Yvonne Moore Lorna Lutze-Wallace Carol Ann Crowther Lindsay Sloat

Rev. Deacon Margaret Joyce Perry Betty Florence Preston Wilson Rev. John Eldon Cooper Gilbert Adrian Oldham Radomir Petrovich Georgina Audrey Poulin

# Francis Adele Demerchant Elizabeth (Betty) Eleanor Scovil

# Donna Wilmot Cameron Patricia May Miles

# **BAPTISMS**

Tolu Robert John Oshati

# **MARRIAGES**

Maureen Firth & Graeme Jones

# **CONFIRMATIONS**

Susan (Dean) Oshati

Marie Kerton

# **CHURCH STATISTICS**

| A) Families        | 84  | E) Confirmed on Roll | ? |
|--------------------|-----|----------------------|---|
| B) Individuals     | 86  | F) Sunday School     | 1 |
| C) Members on Roll | 250 | G) Classes           | 1 |
| D) Children        | 29  | H) Students          | 9 |

# **CHURCH MINISTRY TEAMS**

|    | _                              | No. of Teams | M  | embers       |
|----|--------------------------------|--------------|----|--------------|
| 1  | Scouts                         | 4            | 89 | (Leaders 14) |
| 2  | Bible Study Groups             | 1            | 14 |              |
| 3  | White Gift Ministry Team       | 1            | 3  |              |
| 4  | PAC Planning Group             | 1            | 5  |              |
| 5  | Community Outreach Team        | 1            | 8  |              |
| 6  | Altar Guild                    | 1            | 6  |              |
| 7  | Choir                          | 1            | 15 |              |
| 8  | Sunday School Teachers         | 1            | 3  |              |
| 9  | Church Youth Group             | 0            | 0  |              |
| 10 | Counters Team                  | 5            | 9  |              |
| 11 | Greeters Team                  | 7            | 24 |              |
| 12 | Sound System Team              | 3            | 2  |              |
| 13 | Coffee Team                    | 3            | 11 |              |
| 14 | Layreaders                     | 1            | 6  |              |
| 15 | Servers                        | 0            | 0  |              |
| 16 | Altar Flowers                  | 1            | 1  |              |
| 17 | Finance Committee              | 1            | 6  |              |
| 18 | Craft Group                    | 1            | 8  |              |
| 19 | Vestry and Wardens             | 1            | 14 |              |
| 20 | Prayer Group                   | 1            | 5  |              |
| 21 | Mission Within                 | 1            | 6  |              |
| 22 | Book Club                      | 1            | 13 |              |
| 23 | <b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b> | 1            | 6  |              |
| 24 | Housing First                  | 1            | 6  |              |
| 25 | Mission Within Committee       | 1            | 6  |              |
| 26 | PWRDF Committee                | 1            | 2  |              |
| 27 | Church Closet Team             | 1            | 5  |              |
| 28 | Fundscrip Team                 | 1            | 2  |              |

#### WARDENS REPORT

The reports herein describe the life of a vibrant parish that, like seeds in God's Garden, continues to grow and flourish with loving care. This past year has seen growth - financially, numerically, and most importantly, spiritually, and there is an undeniable feeling of energy, of hope, and of peace that has been noted by many, and which can be nothing other than the Holy Spirit at work.

We have been blessed with an engaged Vestry who have been instrumental in shepherding us through this year. It is not always easy, but thoughtful discussion and listening helps us to make the best decisions. During the year, the Rector accepted with regret the resignation of Linda O'Brien as a member of Vestry, and Craig Williamson as Warden. A familiar face as Warden, Mike Blizzard, accepted the ask to step back into this capacity, and Craig was able to continue to share his wise counsel at the Vestry table. A huge thank you to all the Vestry members who felt called to contribute their time, talents and leadership this year; we are truly grateful.

As we have fully embraced "regular activities" during 2023, we have also been blessed with the return of familiar faces who have felt comfortable to share in person worship again, and we have welcomed new faces too. Throughout, Vestry continued to take cautious steps in our "return to normal" to respect the needs of all who worship with us.

It has truly been amazing to witness all that takes place in the life of this parish and in this facility. Whether it is our social housing ministries with St. Anne's Lodge and Cornerstone, the various parish led outreach ministries, or the fellowship of our shared faith together, the Parish Church, both structure and people, is truly an anchor in this community.

Our building, which includes the sanctuary, is used for so much more than our regular worship services and Vestry is well aware that it is an aging structure. With the roof repairs of the recent past, we are reminded that we must continuously monitor the health of our building so that all of the important ministries of the parish and activities of the community can continue. This will require capital expenditures which at times will be significant, but with careful planning we hope to be able to do repairs in an intentional way so that any impact in one fiscal year can be manageable.

We have much to be grateful for, including our financial challenges – they help us as we listen to God's call for us as a parish, to sharpen our focus on the right priorities, and to be good stewards of all that He has entrusted to us. We are grateful for all those who are part of this parish – you are a gift. We are also blessed with an incredible ministry team – ordained and lay – and led by our amazing and much loved Rector. Thank you Wandlyn for all you do, seen and unseen; you are truly a blessing.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Blizzard and Martha Jo Hoyt

#### ST. ANNE'S LODGE INC. REPORT

#### **History**

St. Anne's Lodge Inc. was established in 1987 by members of Christ Church (Parish) Church. Its purpose is to provide affordable housing in the downtown area. St. Anne's Lodge Inc. (SALI) is composed of three separate buildings; two, which provide subsidized housing while the third building, provides two apartments rented out at market rates. The subsidized buildings are: 240

George St., known as the Lodge, it consists of 20 one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom apartment for low income seniors; 169 George St. with 4 units intended for low income families and/or low income single-parent families. The non-subsidized, duplex at 250/252 George St. is rented out at below normal market rent, but is not subsidized. Formerly our government contact was with the Department of Social Development however it has now been changed to Housing/Habitat NB. Housing/Habitat NB provides the Lodge not only with financial support, but also with encouragement in our endeavours to make St. Anne's Lodge a preferred residence in downtown Fredericton. All potential residents must register with Housing/Habitat NB where they are vetted and referred to the SALI. Interested members of Christ Church (Parish) church and other churches who meet the qualifications are invited to apply.

# Board of St. Anne's Lodge Inc. and employees

The Board normally meets monthly except for July and August. Board minutes are available to be shared during regular Vestry meetings at Christ Church (Parish) Church. A full financial review occurs following completion of the financial year in March. This review is subsequently audited. The Lodge holds its annual meeting in June.

The Board may consist of nine voting members and has a full complement.

#### **Current members are:**

**President** - Geneva Anderson, **Past President** - Dave Blacklock, **Vice-President** - Fred McWilliam, **2nd Vice President** - Martha Jo Hoyt, **Secretary** - Pat Stephens and **Members**: Garth Maxwell, Sel Perry, John Sharpe, and Mark Hymers.

**The Lodge has 2 paid part-time positions: Office Administrator** – Doreen Smith, **Custodian** – Susan Montgomery and a **Contract Bookkeeper** – Barb Brown.

# **On-going Activities**

As the Lodge building continues to show its age, we continue to do necessary maintenance by replacing carpeted floors with laminate and tile; and by modernizing the kitchens and making improvements to plumbing and electrical. The halls and common areas were painted and new lighting was installed in the same areas. Emergency lighting on all floors has been replaced and upgraded. The hallways on the second and third floors were carpeted and laminate has replaced the worn carpet on the first floor. Book shelves were constructed in the library and new carpet installed. The tenants make good use of the library with a wide assortment of reading material and puzzles. Eaves roughing was installed.

**169 George** – After the 2020 fire and complete reconstruction of apartments A and B, those apartments are now occupied by 2 single mothers with a daughter. The back 2 apartments are occupied by new immigrants and each family has 4 children. Several trees had to be removed recently after some storm damage.

#### The Future

Our contract with government for continued assistance expired in September, 2023, and we subsequently signed a new contract for another 5 years. Our contract for 169 George St. expires in July, 2024 and we anticipate signing a new 5 year contract shortly. 250/252 George has 2 apartments and is not in great shape in terms of being a comfortable place to live, however our 2 tenants are excellent and tolerate without complaint. We redid the front porch last year and the city has improved the water connections. We have installed a ductless split heat pump at 250 George (the bottom apartment) to alleviate heating problems and we made minor repairs to the foundation.

These actions have helped to make the situation tenable for the time being. These 2 units are not subsidized by government.

In 2023, the government proposed a change to St. Anne's Lodge Inc. Letters Patent as it relates to dissolution. The reason for the proposal was to ensure that, should the Board of St. Anne's Lodge dissolve, for whatever reason, that it would be taken over by a not-for-profit organization with the same objectives as at present, and that it would be managed and owned by a New Brunswick organization. The Board of Directors, after many discussions and consultation with a government official and a lawyer, recommended it be approved by the membership. At the AGM and after some concern was expressed, a motion was made to take it back to a lawyer for further clarification as some of the membership felt that the church was forfeiting some of its powers of ownership. Further clarification by the lawyer who had worked on the original Letters Patent, advised us that the new wording of the dissolution clause gave the church the protection it was seeking and that, should dissolution occur, the Church and subsequently, the Diocese would have the first option of taking over the operation. With this information, the Board agreed with the document and had it registered with government. Respectfully submitted Geneva Anderson Board President St. Anne's Lodge Inc

# **HOUSING FIRST (CORNERSTONE) COMMITTEE REPORT**

Christ Church Parish Church (CCPC) is assisting with the Housing First initiative in partnership with the United Way, Fredericton Community Foundation, and the New Brunswick Department of Social Development. The four-unit development on the CCPC property facing Charlotte Street will provide safe and supportive housing for the target people of the Fredericton housing first program. The Housing First program goal: "supporting individuals in their housing so they can achieve stability, improve their quality of life, and eventually get to a point where they can successfully exit the program".

A parish committee structure has been designated specifically for this project, and it will answer to parish Rector, Vestry and the Bishop.

Co-Chairs Lawra Hanscomb and Perry Kendall, Treasurer Josh McDorman, Tenant support Pat Stephens, Karen Balloch-Tremblay, & Wandlyn Snelgrove.

Construction cost of the building was almost fully covered by the Housing First Fund and grants from the provincial government. There was a \$23,522 cost overrun that is being recovered from the rent payments between 2023 and 2024. To note, a large portion of this cost overrun (\$12,000) was to pay for a lawyer to review and update the agreement with United Way at the request of the Diocese. All annual expenses associated with the units are being funded through the subsidized rental income for each unit from Social Development.

Monthly / annual expenses are being recovered from the monthly rent payments (include insurance, property taxes, utilities, snow clearing, mowing, reimbursement for lost parking revenue, general maintenance, and repairs). There is also a capital reserve fund of 6-8% of rental income per year. Any excess income over annual expenses will be provided to the United Way to enhance the Housing First tenant support services in our community.

The Cornerstone committee have selected residents from a common intake model (referred to as the "by names list" which is managed by representatives from all organizations supporting the homeless population in Fredericton), and affirm that no discrimination based on age, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, race, ethnicity, or sex, in accordance with the Canadian Humans Rights Act, will be tolerated. If a unit becomes vacant, we will select a new resident based on the same criteria. The tenant support committee is intended to be a "good neighbor" offering friendly support and a helping hand when needed. Any issues that are beyond our scope of support will be reported to the professional team assigned to the tenant.

#### 2023 milestones:

Accounting procedures and reporting requirements have been confirmed. See 2023 year-end financial report.

Meetings with the other two churches hosting Housing First developments (Smyth Street Church and Wilmot Church) have taken place to confirm plans for a common approach to tenant support, lease documents, and tenant selection process. This group will continue to meet periodically to share best practices and discuss any issues that arise.

The Supportive Housing Network Committee (referred to as SUN) assisted tenants with furnishing apartments and providing "welcome baskets" that include essentials for apartment living. The Cornerstone committee also provided a welcome basket of household essentials which was very much appreciated by each tenant.

Tenants moved into their apartments in March of 2023.

Thanks to the "Cornerstone Horticultural Society" for your help in preparing the front of the building for grass and planting shrubs. We may call on you again to add some more greenery along the side and back of the building this spring/summer.

All tenants have been enjoying their new homes and we have had very few issues.

We were pleased to be featured in a NB Anglican story on the Cornerstone project including an interview with one of our tenants see link below to the story: <a href="https://nb.anglican.ca/news/they-re-giving-me-a-new-start">https://nb.anglican.ca/news/they-re-giving-me-a-new-start</a>

A special thank you to Hazel in our church office for being the primary "point person" for the tenants and taking care of many items over the past year. This has been a big part of our successful start to this project. Thanks as well to Josh for setting-up and managing the bookkeeping for this project. We are very happy to have 4 new neighbors living in the Cornerstone residences and enjoying their new home. This project has progressed on a similar timeline as the projects sponsored by Smyth St Church and Wilmot Church. This has resulted in a total of 12 new housing first units and 12 individuals having access to safe, secure, and supportive housing.

Respectfully submitted by co-chairs:

Perry Kendall & Lawra Hanscomb

Notes to accompany the attached financial report:

In 2023 we were able to reduce the initial startup costs fronted by the Church by 50%, from \$23.5k to \$11.8k remaining. Our funding was 100% of expected revenue from both Social Development and the Residents, as well as a one-time rebate from NB Power of \$175.

Our primary expenditures on the program were \$11.7k in Startup Cost Recovery (39%); \$7.8k on Admin/Parking Recovery (26%); \$3.2k on Power Costs (11%); \$2.5k on Insurance Costs (8%); and \$1.5k on Internal Reserve Funding (5%). The balance of costs associated with Rogers, Utilities, Snow Removal, Maintenance and Landscaping were small amounts totaling \$3.4k (11%).

Going into 2024 we can move the \$1,500.00 collected for the Internal Reserve over to a DCIF Fund to start accumulating interest. We can also expect to complete recovery of the initial startup costs towards the end of the year – currently projected as the end of October. Once the startup costs are recovered in full we will be able to start funneling any additional revenue back into the Housing First Program to maintain our revenue neutral stance.

#### MISSION WITHIN COMMITTEE REPORT

As the broad mandate of the "Mission Within" Committee, within Vestry, is to enhance the life of Parishioners within our parish Church, there is much overlap between the various groups and committees that are all faithfully at work, to enhance and support our Church family.

Our Reverend, in her report, will highlight much of the work done throughout the year by so many people, as will the individual reports, submitted by the various groups.

I'll mention those activities that may (or may not) have escaped the above.

The **little library** on Charlotte, which was set up by Rev. Joyce Perry, continues to supply books to passerby's and church folk. Thank you to all who have donated books, they are always welcome. Excess books are stored in the white cupboards in the Family Room. Librarians: Masie Hoben & Debra Gall.

We also have a **Jigsaw Puzzle exchange** set up in the Family room.

There is a weekly **Craft Group** that has been gathering on Friday mornings in the Family Room, and it was from this group that the successful Bazaar (Nov 2023) grew legs.

In June 2023, our Postulant, Alan Hall, began hosting "Tolstoy Tuesday's" which then became "Poetry with the Postulant". The group which meets in the Family\_Room at noon, has now moved onto Shakespeare, and is tackling King Lear.

On 4 May 2023, a **baby Shower** was held for Susan and Sam Oshati, in expectation of the arrival of their baby. We have now met their gorgeous boy, Tolu, with his beautiful smile.

A **Coronation Tea**, held after the 10:30 service on 7 May 2023, was enjoyed by everyone. We had an impressive array of eats and the hall looked very festive decked out in red, white and blue.

On 21 May, 2023, Bishop David Edwards visited us to conduct a **Confirmation and Reception service**, followed by a reception in the hall after the 10:30 service. (thanks to PAC) It was a memorable day for all involved.

On 9 Deb 2023, our Reverend spearheaded a group of ladies in organising an intimate **Advent Tea** for the ladies. We were elegantly served tea or coffee at our tables as well as treated to delicious eats and entertainment led by Rev. Garth Maxwell on his guitar.

A group of ladies met informally in 2023, to discuss ideas on forming a **lady's\_group**, what times it would suit to meet, and what a possible mandate would look like. More to follow.

In the last few weeks, there has been the beginnings of a **Bridge Club** taking shape. Anyone with an interest would be very welcome to join and members are needed and would be welcomed.

We have an ongoing **Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Lay Reader training and\_Bible Study** taking place in the Parish.

A new addition to our worship is a **Taizé** prayer and song gathering, Wednesdays at 6pm in the church. All are very welcome to attend this 30/40-minute time of prayer and reflection.

Thanks to our Reverend Canon Wandlyn, for her gentle, wise and committed leadership in guiding us along our path forward as a church community, in times that are often difficult to navigate, in circumstances that may challenge, but also for all the times we experience joy, peace and acceptance within a loving community.

Submitted Deb Gall

#### PRAYER MINISTRY REPORT

Our dedicated six member prayer team continue our ministry of praying for all who request confidential prayers

We receive requests from parishioners, friends and family. It is a pleasure to pray for you all, bringing your requests to the Lord. Respectfully submitted Maureen Firth

#### **ALTAR GUILD REPORT**

The duty of the Altar Guild is to prepare for the celebration of the Eucharist and any of the other sacraments and offices of the Church. Since the onset of COVID-19, we continue to meet the challenge to keep everyone safe as we prepare for each service. We thank Lela Singh for her years of service on the Altar Guild. Currently, the Altar Guild members are Gladys Lacey-House, Jo-Ann Mihan, Pat Stephens and we welcome new members Susan White and Judith MacAusland. Anyone interested in joining the Altar Guild, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted by: Pat Stephens

#### LAYREADERS REPORT

A layreader is a layperson authorized by the bishop in the Diocese of Fredericton to officiate at services of worship or take a leadership role in certain parts of a service. Anglican layreaders are licensed by the bishop to a particular parish (parochial) or the diocese at large (diocesan) for a one-year term. Layreaders require annual renewal of licenses following review and recommendation by incumbent clergy.

To begin with, we must sincerely thank Lolita Smith for her years of service as a layreader as she has retired from her position this year. It seems that it has taken 4 people to replace her! The remaining layreaders contingent of Diocesan layreader, Michael Blizzard and Parochial layreaders, Isabelle Hockin and Justine Blizzard has expanded in numbers. By the fall we had added Debra Gall, Susan Dean and Nwachuwu Odukwe. This means that we have a total of six! Two Layreaders are able to assist at each of the Sunday Services every week .

The Layreaders meet regularily to support each other, to share, learn and discuss what their roles are. Some of us have been able to attend Diocesan Layreaders events that are held a few times each year. This year's topics were on Preaching and Leading Worship.

Submitted by Justine Blizzard

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

We are using 'all-in-one Sunday School' lessons for children 4-12 by Lois Keffer in our Sunday School. This program provides lessons and crafts. Many thanks to Bishop Bill for providing songs, prayers and guidance each week. Also a thank you to Rev. Albert Snelgrove for his assistance. We have 4 to 6 children participating each week. Submitted by Jo-Ann Mihan

# A Little Humour to Keep you Going



#### **MUSIC DIRECTORS REPORT**

# Greetings,

2023 was a wonderful year of great music at Christ Church Parish Church (CCPC.) The church was regularly filled with the melodious strains of choir, piano, and organ music. I feel extremely blessed to be part of a church community with such rich musical resources. CCPC has an excellent digital/pipe organ, the use of a five-year old Yamaha concert grand piano, an extensive choral music collection, and the most dedicated and faithful Adult Choir.

# **Choir**

The CCPC Adult Choir held rehearsals every Thursday evening from 7:15pm-9:15pm except during the summer months of July and August. I must express my heartfelt thanks to the choir for their unfailing support and dedication to the choir. They devoted several hours of their weeks to rehearsing and leading the singing in our Sunday services. Choir members in 2023 were:

| <u>Sopranos</u>    | <u>Altos</u> | <u>Basses</u>    |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Justine Blizzard   | Karon Croll  | Mike Blizzard    |
| Holly Currie       | Lolita Smith | Lorne House      |
| Gladys Lacey-House |              | Mark Hymers      |
| Kate Mammen        |              | Albert Snelgrove |
| Wandlyn Snelgrove  |              | Bill Wilson      |
| Rochelle Young     |              |                  |

# <u>Tenors</u> Roger Smith

Peter Spinney

We were thrilled to welcome a new choir member, Holly Currie, in the fall. She's been a lifelong member of CCPC and decided to join the choir. We were very happy to have Rochelle Young sing with us from May-September and during the Christmas season. Rochelle is busy with her university studies but enjoys singing with us when time permits.

In September we sadly lost one of our long-time choir members, Georgina Poulin. Georgina sang in the CCPC choirs (both Junior and Adult) from the time she was a little girl up until two years ago. She is greatly missed and will never be forgotten.

Enrolment in the Adult Choir as of December 31 2023 was 15. In 2023 the Adult Choir participated in every Sunday 10:30am service leading the hymns as well as singing an anthem. The choir also participated in two special services last year. The first was a service honouring former CCPC choir member, Mabel Doak. The June 5 service was held at Christ Church Cathedral where Mabel has been a congregant in recent years. It was a touching tribute to Mabel's decades of teaching voice and her love of singing. The CCPC choir joined the Cathedral choir to close the tribute with a rousing rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus. We were very pleased that the St. Paul's United Advent Carol Festival was back on this December after three years of not being held due to the covid-19 virus. We rejoiced greatly that we could gather with many other church and community choirs to share anthems and hymns of the Advent season. Another event that made a comeback after three years of being cancelled was the Christmas Party at St. Anne's Lodge on December 12. Three choir members - Gladys and Lorne House and Mark Hymers - joined me for a time of Christmas carolling with the lodge residents. We sang many familiar tunes and then were treated to a feast of savoury and sweet goodies.

New choir members are always welcome; the only two requirements are that you can carry a tune and are able to attend Thursday evening rehearsals.

#### Hilda Shorten Choir Music Fund

The CCPC choir is the recipient of a huge blessing from the late Hilda Shorten. Hilda was a well-loved choir director and organist at CCPC who, upon her death, left a donation to the church. The donation was a generous blessing in itself, but it's a gift that keeps on giving as she stipulated that the yearly interest gained on her donation be used to purchase new choral music. The CCPC choir is now in a unique position (not afforded to many church choirs) to have the funds available to purchase 10-12 new anthems every year! We are so appreciative to the late Hilda Shorten for her legacy.

#### **Funeral Choir**

This group meets when there is a funeral for which the family would like a choir to be present. The Funeral Choir does not rehearse on a regular basis but unites prior to a funeral to practice the hymns and special music requested by the family. Thank you very much to the Funeral Choir members who helped provide choral leadership at funerals in 2023. New Funeral Choir members are always welcome.

#### **Choir Potluck**

On July  $11^{\rm th}$  the choir gathered for a potluck at the home of Karon and Jim Croll. Thank you to Jim and Karon for kindly welcoming us into their home for the second year in a row. Choir members and their partners shared a most lovely time together talking, laughing, eating, and then rounding off the evening with a hymn sing. Thank you, Karon and Jim for being such generous and gracious hosts!

# **Music for Youtube Services**

A huge thank you goes out to our choir members who helped lead the singing of hymns for the prerecorded weekly services for Youtube. Thank you for taking the time out of your days to meet and share your talents with our online viewers. We are very grateful, and offer our sincere appreciation, to Dave Blacklock who does the recording for the Youtube services.

## **Seniors' Residences - Monthly Services**

I have enjoyed another year of attending monthly services of Holy Communion at St. Anne's Court (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month) and Pine Grove Nursing Home (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.) I attend these services to play the hymns which we all enjoy singing!

# **Substitute Organists**

When I was on vacation in 2023 Virginia Leiter and Brenda Smith filled in for me at the 10:30am Sunday services. Christian Vanicek filled in for me at the 11am Christmas morning service.

## Piano and Organ Maintenance

The pipe portion of the organ received its yearly tuning by Maritime Pipe Organ Builders in November at a cost of \$483.75. For the third year in a row, the digital portion of the organ did not receive its yearly maintenance and tune-up as there is no longer a technician in the area who is able to offer this service.

One of the church's upright pianos was tuned in January 2023 by Jamie Galbraith. The grand piano is tuned several times a year and these tunings are paid for by the Fredericton Music Teachers' Association.

#### **Noon Hour Concert Series**

CCPC held its 10<sup>th</sup> noon hour concert series in July. The series consisted of four noon hour concerts which took place on Wednesdays from 12:10pm-12:50pm. Performers included:

Wednesday July 5: Adèle LeBlanc, piano. Featuring works by Bach, Mozart, Louie, and Saint-Saëns.

<u>Wednesday July 12</u>: Debut performance of Trio Con Brio (Jane Bowden, piano; Kate Perry, violin; Douglas Vipond, clarinet). Favourites from Gershwin, Ellington, and Bernstein, as well as original music by the trio.

<u>Wednesday July 19</u>: Steven Peacock and Gerry Van Wart: New Works for Two Guitars. <u>Wednesday July 26</u>: High Tide Quintet presents a varied mix of music from the last three centuries, with some full quintets and some smaller combinations. Composers include Leo Delibes, Sebastina de Yvradier, Maurice Dela, and more. Performers include Julie Grant, flute, David Nielsen, cello, Fran Robinson, oboe, Margaret Isaacs, clarinet, Charles MacKinnon, horn, and special guests.

Admission for the concerts was by free will offering. The proceeds from all four concerts totalled \$2262.35. Total expenses were \$1248.19.

#### **Christ Church Parish Church Adult Choir Bank Account**

The CCPC Adult Choir has held a bank account at the Bank of Montreal for many years. In recent years the main deposits going into this account have been donations to the choir in appreciation for leading the singing at funerals.

Below is a summary of Revenue and Expenses for 2023:

# Christ Church Parish Church Adult Choir Bank Account Opening balance January 2023: \$1429.61 Total Deposits:

• \$875 - Donations to the choir for singing at funerals.

#### **Total Withdrawals:**

- \$30 (\$2.50 monthly fee x 12 months)
- \$174.56

Closing Balance December 2022: \$2100.05

## **Guest Musicians**

Doug Vipond, saxophone, was a guest musician for the service of Lessons and Carols on December 17. He accompanied one anthem and played along with some of the carols. At the 6pm Christmas Eve service Aida Tisler, violin, Precious Nwogu, voice, and I (piano and organ) provided the music.

In 2023 I was blessed to work with wonderful choir members, staff, clergy, and congregation members at CCPC. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my love for music with each and every one of you. May the music we create in the upcoming year of 2024 continue to uplift and inspire us all.

Respectfully submitted, Alice Boyd

# 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> FREDERICTON – BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS, VENTURES.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton Scouting Group, sponsored by Christ Church (Parish) Church, has had a great year!



It starts with Scouts.

Tout commence avec les Scouts.

#### **GROUP DETAILS:**

The group comprises a Beaver Colony (for youth aged 5 to 7; approximately 21 youth), a Cub Pack (ages 8 to 10; approximately 30 youth), a Scout Troop (ages 11 to 14; approximately 18 youth) and a Venturer Company (age 14-18; approximately 20 youth). The Venturer Company is run jointly between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton and the 1<sup>st</sup> St. Margarets Scouting Group. Cubs and Scouts meet on Tuesdays, Beavers on Wednesdays and Venturers on Thursdays. We had several All-Section events across the year, which help to foster our community and provide older youth with the

opportunity to mentor the younger youth. Four of our senior youth (Venturers) now regularly volunteer with the younger sections.

#### **GENERAL GROUP UPDATE FOR THE PAST YEAR:**

Our Church Sunday celebration of Scouting was moved from the traditional February date (which now coincides with Family Day) to the Sunday after Easter. This proved to be an excellent move, as we had one of our largest turnouts for several years. In November, All sections participated in the ever-popular Fall Cleanup on the Church grounds and the Remembrance Day parade. Our final night of the year was dedicated to caroling in the Church neighbourhood and to our food drive, dedicated to filling the Church pantry for "Decander".

All sections have made good use of Fredericton's outdoor recreation facilities, including Odell Park, Killarney Lake, Botanical Gardens, Currie Mountain, Kings Landing.

We hosted two all Section camps at Yoho Lake Scout Reserve, one in February and a second in November. The Scouts and Venturers have had several weekend camps at Yoho and Holderville (Kingston Peninsula), one at Greer Creek (Nackawic-Meductic) and a cross-border trip to Cobscooke (Maine) for an international camp. The Scouts took a two day hike along part of the Fundy Footpath in pouring rain in August ... and asked to do more this year! The Venturers took a trip up Mount Carleton to do some much needed repairs to the hut at the summit. One of our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> youth also went to South Korea for the World Jamboree – which was quite the adventure for them!

Individual sections also had very full schedules, with activities including sledding, swimming, hiking, archery, Clay Café, Rifle practice (Scouts only), games nights. The gym has been heavily utilized this year too by every section.

#### **UPDATES FROM THE LAST YEAR:**

**QUARTER MASTER:** We have a new QuarterMaster (Scouter Jim Pound, recently moved from BC). In the Fall, he cleaned up the Scouting equipment stored in the basement under St Annes. We emptied out the Beaver lockers at the back of the hall, compressing all our supplies for Cubs and Beavers into the area under the stairs. Jim is working on reducing and organizing under the stairs and the blue Scout lockers in the equipment room off the gym. Jim is in the process of ensuring existing larger equipment (tents, backpacks etc) is inventoried, valued, stored centrally with a sign out procedure in place and that it is operational through repair and replacement where needed. We are also at the beginning of budgeting for replacement where needed and new equipment purchases to support our expanding group as to provide a 4 season scouting year.

**GROUP MERGER:** Over the summer, it was decided to officially merge the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fredericton and the 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton (which had been sponsored by St. Paul's United Church) to become one larger group. This had no effect on our week to week running as we already ran all meetings together at CCPC but makes it easier for youth and parents to find us and navigate the Scouts Canada website. To celebrate this merger, we have ordered a new necker which will be distributed to all youth and Scouters in March (March 19<sup>th</sup>).

**ICELAND JAMBOREE, JULY 2024:** In September 2023, we became aware of a Jamboree in Iceland in July 2024. Only one of our youth has ever had the opportunity to attend a Jamboree, as Covid resulted in the cancelation of all planned large events. Jamborees are such an important part of Scouting and this "IceJam" is open to Venturer aged youth (most are not) so we decided to scramble to raise money and go to this. 21 of our youth are attending this Jamboree. The cost is coming to about \$3000 each, so we continue to fundraise to help reduce this cost.

**CHIEF SCOUT RECEIPIENT:** One of our Scout Troop received the Chief Scout award in November at the Legislature – the highest award attainable for that Section, before advancing to the Venturer Company. This youth now volunteers with the Scout Troop.

We have a great group of section Scouters who share their time, skills and talents, and personal resources to offer a good Scouting program to youth. We do still have (limited!) room in our sections for additional youth, and we are actively seeking more volunteers to help as section Scouters (helping with youth) or as members of the Group Committee which oversees the administrative items.

Our thanks to the Parish Church for your continued support through the provision of facilities and of our fundraising activities; and to Robert Coburn, our church liaison.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Fredericton, Catherine O'Connell-Cooper (Group Commissioner)

#### WEDNESDAY NOON PRAYER GROUP REPORT

Our Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays at noon in the family room. We meet for about an hour. We usually begin with an informal sharing time.

We have an opening prayer and then an extended prayer time. This is followed by a time of biblical refection. For this, we are using the book of proverbs in the Old Testament and a contemporary book entitled, Following the Call (a reflection on the Sermon on the Mount and what it might look like to put Jesus' teachings into practice today.) We close with a short prayer. All are welcome. Garth Maxwell

#### **PAC REPORT**

Where to begin and where did 2023 go?

The year of 2023 was a year of reawakening. We came out from behind our masks and started to feel more comfortable sitting together with friends and family, relaxing, eating, talking, laughing and working together.

For all of 2023 we shared coffee hour together each Sunday. A big thank you to the teams who prepared the goodies each week. Thanks to Martha Jo and Sel, starting in mid year there was also coffee time following the 8:30 service.

On 21 February we had a "Pancake Supper". This long-awaited event was an overwhelming success. Special thanks to chefs Lorne and Bill who cooked up hundreds of pancakes and sausages.

In early April we readied the gym for Easter Breakfast. This was again another first since 2019. The children enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt and everyone enjoyed a hearty breakfast.

On 07 May we coordinated with Mission Within in celebrating the coronation of King Charles 111. The fine china cups came out and Charles was toasted in style.

A month later, 04 June, we braved the elements and held a BBQ at Killarney Lake to feed the hungry, wet, cold walkers who came out to raise money for PWRDF. Thank you, Rob, for your expert "BBQing skills." The BBQ also served as a heater.

By July, the weather had warmed up in time for our Strawberry Fest. Our strawberry pickers (Sel, Cathy, Dave, Carol) then needed protection from the sun as they picked eighteen quarts of berries. On Sunday the 9<sup>th of</sup> July we all feasted on strawberries, cream and scones.

In late August we had a request from Connaught Street School asking if we could cater a breakfast. Never a group to back down from a challenge we served breakfast to thirty teachers. They had not seen each other all summer so it was a very lively affair. It is rumored they may ask us again next year.

Throughout 2023 there were many celebratory cakes served during Sunday coffee hour. We celebrated special anniversaries, birthdays, new baby, confirmation and clergy appreciation. Rumor has it there is still one cake in the freezer.

Our biggest event of the year was the turkey take out. To say it went well is an understatement. It went "really, really well." We served 170 meals. It was made possible by the overwhelming support of each one of you. Special thanks to our local stores and businesses (McAdams, Trius, Victory, Happy Baker, Superstore and Costco) who helped us financially. We are already planning for next year. Sadly in 2023 there were nine funeral receptions. We said goodbye to so many of our church family and friends. Maxine Wheeler, Rev. Joyce Perry, Lois Colpitts, Betty Wilson, Rev. John Cooper, two sisters of Gwen McMullin, Georginia Poulin, Fran DeMerchant and Betty Scovil.

Lastly, on Christmas Eve we served cider and cake. Being a last-minute decision, compounded by the inexperience of the planners (no names) there was lots of cake and cider left over. We promise better for next year.

As we enter 2024, we look forward to another fun filled year of activity. Thank you, thank you, thank you to each volunteer who never says "no" but always says "I'm here to help, just tell me what to do." That is music to the ears of your small but mighty Parish Activities Planning Committee of Sel, Carol, Ann, Pat and Cathy as we know we can always count on your support. Together we will have a truly wonderful 2024.

Submitted by Carol. Blacklock

#### ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL OF EASE TOUR GUIDE REPORT

St. Anne's Chapel of Ease was open for tours from July 4th to August 25th 2023.

Thanks to funding made available by the Canada Summer Jobs program we were able to hire Talia Rodgerson as our tour guide. Talia is a visual arts student at NBCCD and is now in her second year of studies. Talia learned the necessary history to carry out the role of guide. Very early on it was evident Talia was a history lover and was most enthusiastic in knowing all she could about the Chapel's past. She loved coming to work and was always pleasant and ready to guide our guests informing them of our long and rich history. There were 139 visitors to the Chapel during the hours from 10 am to 3pm Tuesday to Friday.

Talia was tasked with other duties around the Church. She and her mentor could be found attending to projects that had been long awaiting care and attention. The volume of shedding has been reduced and a few more closets have been cleaned. She was also a big help with the cleaning and tended to the gardens. Talia was also responsible for preparing the food bags given out at our Friday Mornings on Charlotte gatherings.

Each summer we do a few field trips to show the guides the rich history of Fredericton. This helps the guides understand the significance of our Chapel. This year we visited the Old Burial Grounds at 500 Brunswick St. – searching for resting places of our early Rectors and others that make up the early history of Fredericton. We found tombstones for Samuel Cooke and his family members as well as memorials to our soldiers and grave sites of some of those honored by plaques on display in our Chapel. We took a guided walking tour of Fredericton learning all about its early beginnings. We also had a very detailed tour of Christ Church Cathedral, a trip to the NB Archives and an afternoon at the NB Museum.

Looking ahead to the summer 2024, the funding application has already been submitted to Canada Summer Jobs. In anticipation of a positive response to our application, we invite interested youth (between ages 15 and 30) to submit their resume to the Church Office. Additionally, if anyone has free time and would like to get involved as a Chapel volunteer your help would be greatly welcomed.

Submitted by Carol Blacklock

#### THE BOOK CLUB REPORT

Learning to read allows us to read to learn.



The Book Club met via zoom and in-person this year. We have a reading list and discussion times prepared for the entire year.

Love books and reading? Join us for a rousing discussion of (perhaps) your favorite book! Engaging, lively and intellectually stimulating discussions occur after each book is read.

Members suggest books for reading based on their interests. Most books can be obtained through the Fredericton Public Library or at a very minimal cost from a used bookstore.

The group meets approximately every five weeks with the exclusion of the months of July and August. Conversations and exchange of ideas give way to a more developed and broader view of understanding on a topic.

The reading group consists of 13 members (plus some honorary guests) – new members are always welcome!

Looking forward to the next book discussion,

Gladys Lacey-House

#### **CRAFTING GROUP REPORT**

The Craft Group 2023 saw the return of The Craft Group, which met Friday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon, beginning in March. This small, but dedicated group, worked on various craft projects: knitting, crocheting, card-making, etc. As well, the Craft Group provided an excellent opportunity for parishioners to come together and just chat. One need not have a craft project. To give the group a purpose, we also restored the annual Christmas Bazaar, where craft group members and other parishioners could exhibit their crafting creations. The Bazaar was held on Saturday, November 18th and, in addition to crafts, also featured were Christmas cooking, a silent auction, the Church Closet and a café. The Bazaar was an overwhelming success and \$3,000 was raised for the church's White Gift initiative. The Craft Group, and resulting Bazaar, are wonderful occasions for church fellowship and it is hoped that the group will continue to grow and flourish and the bazaar will continue to be an annual event.

Patricia Johnston & Debra Gall

#### **THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP REPORT**

The Thursday Bible Study Group meets at 10am for half an hour of social fellowship followed by an hour bible study. The bible study is beautifully led by our Rev. Canon Wandlyn.

By submitting this, I feel free to say how much we appreciate her gentle and informed guidance and leadership.

I think I am also correct in saying how much we all look forward to Bible Study and how important its become for us as a time of learning, and also sharing, of listening and of being heard, and feeling encouraged to grow in our faith and knowledge of scriptures.

Our numbers have grown over the past year, and we have even had the pleasure of baby Tolu's joyful company...he smiles his was through all discussions, warming our hearts as we learn.

The time of fellowship is also a special time to connect with friends and share special time together. If you're able to join us on Thursday morning, we would be very happy to see you and would make you very welcome.

Submitted by Debra Gall

#### **DIOCESAN/NATIONAL/GLOBAL OUTREACH REPORT**

Mission Beyond (Diocesan/National/Global) Annual Report 2023 The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund or PWRDF is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. Through donations and volunteer efforts, PWRDF works with its many trusted partners around the world to provide programs to improve health, food security, and livelihoods where the needs are greatest. PWRDF is a part of our parish outreach ministry. Our committee is made up of three people - Maureen Firth, Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove and Maisie Hoben. We started the year with an Earthquake Relief Appeal to help support relief efforts to those impacted by the major earthquake of Feb 6th near the Turkish/Syrian Border. ACT Alliance members were working in the area and responding to humanitarian needs. \$1565 was donated to this cause. We celebrated a PWRDF Sunday on May 28th by including informational pamphlets in our service bulletins and providing reminders/envelopes for our upcoming fundraiser. On June 3rd, we held our third annual walk fundraiser. This year we walked to Build a Well to help improve access to clean, safe water for rural communities in Kenya. Despite it being a cool, wet day, 28 people showed up for the 2 km walk around Killarney Lake. Many people actually walked the route twice. Thanks again to the Parish Activity Committee for providing a delicious BBO lunch. We raised \$2515; and using the PWRDF World of Gifts Guide, we were able to purchase an entire shallow well with a solar-powered pump at \$2500 and donate the remaining \$15 to the General Programs Fund. Then on November 4th, we launched our Christmas fundraiser Buy an Incubator, a parish gift to help support poultry farmers in Kenya. A solar-powered incubator provides access to quality, fast growing and disease-resistant chicks and provides a safety net for food security and income for women and families. The campaign was run for almost 6 weeks and we received \$1540 in donations. Using the PWRDF Word of Gifts Guide, we had enough to purchase one whole incubator at a cost of \$940 and partially fund a second one with the remaining \$600. And a very generous donor to the national fund has agreed to match every gift up to a maximum of \$110,000. So, our gift will be doubled - Wow! Count those chickens! The total amount fundraised for PWRDF was \$5620 and the total amount received in the regular offering envelopes was \$2402. The combined total forwarded to PWRDF on behalf of our parish for the year 2023 was \$8022. Thank you everyone for your very generous donations and amazing support for PWRDF and helping our vulnerable neighbours all over the world! Respectfully submitted, Maisie Hoben

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH - COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Outreach Project consists of an outreach committee of 7 members. We deliver food boxes in the middle of each month to clients in rooming houses. Our client list for food delivery consisted of 10 clients each month throughout the year 2023. The group has solely relied on discussions via email for those residents and parishioners in need of the basics (i.e., food, clothing, shelter, medical issues) within the local area and congregation of Christ Church (Parish Church).

**Outreach Financials:** 

• 2023 balance as of Dec. 31 = \$1,063.91

The activities of the committee are as follows:

# **Daily Outreach:**

- Provide drives for medical and other necessary appointments for the rooming house residents.
- Support for some residents is by phone, personal contact and/or email for special needs and emergencies. Residents also have access to the outreach group through the church office and my cell phone number.
- Fulfill requests/needs for individuals as identified by the Church.
- > Provide financial support through gift cards for those with specific needs.
- ➤ Offer advocacy for our "neighbours" with Social Development and Social Services.

# **Monthly Outreach:**

- ➤ Provide notification to all residents for delivery of food boxes (approx. 2-3 days prior to food delivery).
- Mid-month, we pick-up and deliver large food boxes from Greener Village Food Bank, to residents in rooming houses in the downtown area of Fredericton.
- ➤ There is a small stock of food in a cupboard at the church for drop-in needs on Fridays.

# **Yearly Outreach:**

- ➤ Christmas dinner for the rooming house residents was offered through a take-out option this year.
- ➤ White Gift Outreach Project at Christmas (supported by congregation and fund-raising activities)
  - Organized by Pat Stephens.
  - Supports the needs of parents and children at an elementary school close to Christ Church (Parish Church).
  - The school supplies a list of names with the contact information and 1 or 2 people make contact to identify the needs, all personal information is confidential.
  - Needs are also identified within our church family and rooming house residents.
  - There are occasional requests for support from St. Anne's Lodge Inc. (subsidized housing for seniors and single parent families).
  - o Immediate needs for winter clothing are purchased and delivered prior to Christmas. In the past few years, we have been fortunate to have the support of a local business, *Jumping Jacks Children's Boutique*, help us with the requests for clothing, either through consignment or new as well as many donated items.
  - All listed individuals are delivered gifts and/or gift cards (Sobeys, Superstore, WalMart, Dollarama) before Christmas.
- ➤ Collaborative efforts between church groups and services within the Fredericton area are maintained to assist those in need and to help reduce duplication. To that end, the IT sector of Fredericton has combined efforts toward the development of a web tool, currently in place in the church office. The tool is in the form of an online calendar that will help different faith-based and charitable organizations co-ordinate their efforts to help those in need.

Anyone wishing to offer their time and talent to the Outreach Project - please speak to one of the committee members.

The Outreach Project committee members: BettyAnne McDorman (by phone), Roger Smith, Pat Stephens, Debbie Cawker, Gladys Lacey-House, Maisie Hoben, Maureen Firth, Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove. We wish to thank all those who have so generously given of their time and talents in support of the CCPC Outreach Projects.

A special thanks to my annual Christmas shopping partner, Elaine Chaulk. Elaine and I shop for all the children's clothing requests then sort all the purchases by family while adding the gift receipts to each item and then delivering the items. We shopped for 28 children this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Lacey-House

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUND REPORT**

Every month we help eight members of our community with a guaranteed \$50 grocery card. We also help people with \$25.00 Esso gas cards for trips to receive medical treatment not available in Fredericton. Occasionally, we get requests from other churches to help a person and/or family pay their rent or NB Power bills. Note: I contact our Outreach team for approval to help these people/families with these requests. This is made possible because of the contributions members of our congregation make through the monthly blue envelopes.

We thank you for making this outreach possible.

Submitted by Pat Stephens

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH WHITE GIFT REPORT

Once again, we only bought winter clothing for the children, and gave every family a \$100 gift card, from a store of their choice, so they could buy items, such as school clothing, etc. for their children. We also gave each child a \$50 gift card from a store of their parents' choice so they could buy the perfect toy for each child. This year we had 16 families, six of which were families whose children attend Connaught Street School, for a total of 31 children.

As in previous years, we also gave a \$50 gift card from a store of their choice to each of the tenants in the two rooming houses across the street.

Thank you to Debbie Cawker for ordering the \$100 gift cards for the families and the \$50 gift cards for the children and the tenants through Fundscrip. It saved hours of time and effort.

Message from: Pat Stephens on behalf of the White Gift

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH - COFFEE ON CHARLOTTE STREET REPORT**

Friday Morning on Charlotte Street is one of the church's Mission Within ministries. The Church has always had a "food cupboard" providing a modest bag of food to anyone finding themselves in need of help. A few years ago, it was realized they needed more than a bag of food. They also needed to sit and talk. It started with a few people sitting around the kitchen table. It has grown to an average of 15 people meeting in the Lounge enjoying great conversation, laughter, muffins, sandwiches, coffee and tea. In 2023 the number of bags of food given out was 494. That's 50 more than in 2022. We are so grateful for the generous support of the congregation and friends of the congregation who continue to keep the food cupboard stocked. Our second annual December food drive was once again a success and since mid year we have been receiving monetary donations which are used to buy items when on sale and on an as needed basis. As of January 1st we have in excess of \$1,500.00 in

our pantry fund and were in a position to tell the congregation to take a break from sending in food and money.

The Friday morning team consists of Sel, Bernadette, Rob Y. and Carol. It is believed we look forward to Friday mornings as much as our clients.

Submitted by Carol Blacklock

#### THE CHURCH CLOSET REPORT

It was back in March 2023 that Vestry approved the idea of having some kind of thrift store operating in the church building.

My Mom (Nancy Kean) and I did the initial set-up, and by 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023, we were ready to go. Can't believe we've come so far, grown up, and expanded into the entire 'rummage' room!

The Church Closet has provided not only warm jackets, socks, gloves and blankets to those in need, but also microwaves, pots and pans, household items and that something special... even an elegant 'little black dress' or perhaps a fancy pair of shoes!

You can find it all at The Church Closet and this is thanks to all the very generous donations received. THANK YOU!

We appreciate you keeping us in mind when you're cleaning out or downsizing, and are very appreciative of all your support in donating to us AND shopping with us.

All proceeds, and we have raised \$1687 to date, are funnelled into Church Outreach Funds or, over the Christmas period, the White Gift Fund.

THANKS to faithful and enthusiastic Church Closet staff ladies who have covered shifts in The Closet and enabled us to extend our hours of operation: Friday 8.30-12 am and Saturday 10-12 am.

I think we could say we are also providing a support, a friendly space and ear to our customers, and we already have a happy band of regular faces popping in to 'check out the new stuff'! THANKS again to all who have supported The Church Closet in all ways and we hope to see you again very soon! submitted by Debra Gall

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT**

I have recently taken over the responsibility for the buildings and grounds so I have a lot to learn. All the major repair issues have been addressed and supervised by the past committee and the wardens. I and all the church thank them for all the time and effort they gave to keeping the buildings in good condition, allowing the church to be open for our congregation but also all the community groups who rely on our space to bring many benefits to the greater community. Recently the elevator has been repaired by adapting a modern valve to our older pump control. We are enjoying the fruits of our new Sexton Aaron, who has not been seen by many of the congregation due to flexible hours, but has diligently made many repairs and is keeping the church humming along.

Looking ahead we still have a few challenges and projects:

I would like to introduce the use of elevator keys on lanyards to help simplify peoples use of the elevator and create instruction signs.

The parking lot remains to be repaved, after the installation of the housing unit and simply the passage of time.

There remain 2 caulking joints of the concrete building panels to be recaulked.

There are windowsills and frames to be repainted.

At this point in time most of the major repairs (mainly the roof) have been completed. We have a lull in major repairs but must remember the gym roof has a patch that may last another year or 2 if lucky. A maintenance fund where we can save for the next major repair as we go forward will help relieve some of that sense of dread.

Respectfully submitted Bill Wilson

#### **HEBBLEWHITE COMMITTEE REPORT**

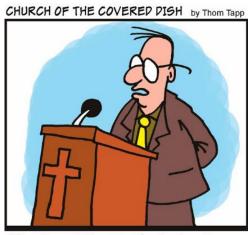
Committee members: Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove, Jo-ann Mihan, Karen Tremblay, Lawra Hanscomb. The Hebblewhite Fund was established so the interest of the Hebblewhite Trust Fund could be awarded to a Theological Student who is a member of Christ Church (Parish Church) or if there are no applicants from the Parish Church, for future clergy from the Diocese of Fredericton. Adjustments were made to the terms of the trust to expand the use of the monies should there be no applications for theological education. The terms now include the possibility of funding the cost of education and training programs when applications are submitted by current Diocesan Clergy or by lay people from the Parish Church. All unused funds at the end of the year are to be transferred to the church's General Operating Fund.

Hebblewhite Fund has a total of approximately \$467,000 in bequests including the significant additional bequest from the estate of Audrey Martin in 2019 of almost \$207,000.

There was one application made to the Hebblewhite Fund in 2023. \$2,000 was awarded to the Rev. MaryAnne Langmaid towards Tuition for her Course to become a Spiritual Director. In November, the balance (\$13,180) remaining in the Retained Interest Fund(earned in 2022) was reallocated to the General Operating Fund; this assisted in reducing the deficit this year.

The interest earned in 2023, approximately \$15,381, will be held over in 2024 in case applications are forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted, Hebblewhite Fund Committee



"Our stewardship campaign is almost over, but we are meeting pockets of resistance..."

#### **ENVELOPE SECRETARY REPORT**

For the purpose of this report **FAMILY UNITS** consist of one or more Parishioners

## **FOR THE YEAR 2023**

| • | # Of Family Units with     | Envelopes               | 76  |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| • | # of Family Units with     | E-offering              | 52  |
| • | # Of Family Units without  | Envelopes or E-offering | 30  |
| • | Total # Of Family Units as | of 31 December 2023     | 158 |

Summary of Donations of the 158 Family Units:

| From        | То         | #'s |
|-------------|------------|-----|
| \$0.00      | \$1.00     | 20  |
| \$1.00      | \$99.00    | 16  |
| \$100.00    | \$499.00   | 18  |
| \$500.00    | \$999.00   | 25  |
| \$1,000.00  | \$2,999.00 | 53  |
| \$3,000.00  | \$4,999.00 | 12  |
| \$5,000.00  | \$9,999.00 | 11  |
| \$10,000.00 | or more    | 03  |

There are a few 2024 offering boxes remaining to be picked up. If you need a home delivery, please contact the Church Office.

E-offering ensures your contributions are received on a weekly or monthly basis. If you would like an e offering application please contact the Church Office, the Rector, the Envelope Secretary or the Diocese of Fredericton website.

Tax receipts for 2023 will have been mailed by the date of publication of this Annual Report. If you have not received your tax receipt or have a question about it, please contact the Church Office.

It is important to keep the office informed of any address changes.

Submitted by Carol Blacklock