

HOLY TRINITY ST. STEPHEN'S MEMORIAL



VESTRY REPORT 2020



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AGENDA
VESTRY MEETING HOLY TRINITY ST. STEPHEN'S MEMORIAL
JANUARY 26, 2020

- 1. Welcome and Video Presentation and Opening Prayer**
- 2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk**
- 3. Acceptance of Agenda**
- 4. Adoption of Minutes from 2019 Vestry**
- 5. Moving and Acceptance of Parish Reports**
- 6. Presentation of Capital Campaign Proposal**

Motion- "That the Vestry Holy Trinity St. Stephen's move forward with proposed plan to secure funds from the Diocese of Huron Grants and Loans Committee, Holy Trinity St. Stephen's trust funds and engage the parish in fundraising activities."

Moved by: Dave Keegan

Seconded by:

- 7. Appointment and Election of 2019 Wardens and Parish Council**
- 8. Financial Report and Adoption of 2020 Parish Budget- Mr. Bill Yeomans-Parish Treasurer/Paymaster**
- 9. Motion to Adjourn**
- 10. Grace**

*****Thank you to Leslie Savard and her team for setting up food and beverages for our meeting today*****

**HOLY TRINITY ST. STEPHEN'S MEMORIAL
VESTRY MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2019**

- 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Rev Rob Henderson

- 2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk:** As noted in Office Coordinator Contract, Jeanette Maloney will be Vestry Clerk. All in Favor. None Opposed. CARRIED.

- 3. Acceptance of Agenda:** Rev. Rob Henderson had advised that since Christ Church Glanworth was now a Chapel of Ease, their Chapel Report for 2018 was being handed out to become part of our Vestry. Rob Hewitt moved this request and Seconded by Dave Pirrie. CARRIED.

- 4. Adoption of Minutes from 2018 Vestry:** Lynda Sheils moved for the adoption which was Seconded by Bill Yeomans. All in Favor. None Opposed. CARRIED

- 5. Moving and Acceptance of Parish Reports:** Rev. Rob Henderson advised he will request the reports to be moved in groups.
 - a. The Rector's, Wardens, Lay Delegates to Synod, Altar Guild, Memorial and Music/Choir Reports were moved by Rev. Rob and Seconded by Dan Lemanski. All in Favor. None Opposed. CARRIED.
 - b. The Christ Church Glanworth Chapel of Ease, BAC, Bread, Book Sale & Marketplace, Coffee Break, Coffee Hour and Crafts & Laughs Reports were moved by Chuck McKewan and Seconded by Anne Buchanan. All in Favor. None Opposed. CARRIED
 - c. The Dinner Church, Envelope Secretary, Evangelism Ministry Team, Evergreen Bazaar, Fundraising, Stinky Garbage and Honorary

- Assistant Reports were moved by Dan Lemanski and Seconded by Heather Gough. All in Favor. None Opposed. CARRIED
- d. The Messy Church, Multi-Media Coordinator, Newsletter, Property Management, P.W.R.D.F. & A.C.F., Screening in Faith, Social Care Committee, Veterans Memorial Garden and Yard Sale Reports were moved by Anne Buchanan and Seconded by Marnie McKewen. All in Favor. None Opposed. CARRIED

Rev. Rob thanked Anne Buchanan and the Memorial Garden Committee or all their work. He stated he was hoping to have 'Blessed' the Memorial Stones outside in the nice weather. He however did a 'Blessing and Prayer' today for the Stones and encouraged everyone to come by after the Vestry to see them.

6. Presentation of Mission and Ministry Plan: Rob gave thanks for the Visioning Group that met in November at Christ Church Glanworth. They looked at our accomplishments and did some brain storming. The 'First Revision' of our Mission and Ministry Plan was reviewed and discussed. The motion was presented "The Vestry of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial approve the First Revised Mission and Ministry Plan 2019-2020 as set out in this document subject to review and changes at annual or special Vestry meetings during the term of the plan". This was moved by Chuck McEwan and Seconded by Beth McKinlay. All in favor. None Opposed. CARRIED.

7. Appointment and Election of 2019 Wardens and Parish Council: Rick Pritchett was stepping away as Warden however will still be on Parish Council. Both Colin Shutt and Rick Pritchett stepped away as Synod Delegate. It was proposed that The Rector's Warden will now be Beth McKinlay, Bill Yeoman will remain as Treasurer and Pay Master and Harry Harris will now be The People's Warden. All in favor. CARRIED. Dave Keegan agreed to be Deputy Warden and Chuck McEwan accepted nomination for Deputy Warden. All in favor. CARRIED

Lynda Sheils and Pat Edgerton were proposed as the new Synod Delegates with Sandy Otte and Margie Henderson as Alternates. All in favor. CARRIED

Parish Council Secretary is a volunteer position in which Jeanette Maloney will continue. All in favor. CARRIED.

The four other members of Parish Council will be Vic Templar, Colin Shutt, Rick Pritchett and Bill Yeoman. All in favor. CARRIED.

Parishioners can attend the Parish Council Meetings which usually are on the fourth Thursday of every month.

8. Financial Report and Adoption of 2019 Parish Budget: Bill Yeomans presented the financials and inquired if any questions. He stated it was a good year financially. The Minister cost was a lower rate than normal, as Rev. Marian Haggerty was with us for the first six months. Rev. Carol Gross was then our Minister for the seventh month until Rev. Rob Henderson came to our parish. The financials for 2018 were moved by Bill Yeomans and Seconded by Rob Hewitt. All in favor. CARRIED.

There were some questions with respect to financials. Miriam Hewitt inquired as to the donations in 'memory of loved ones'. Bill advised it goes into General unless designated. Allison Gortzak inquired as to Fundraising. Rob stated there is no fundraising team and only ideas from one or two people have been presented. Any ideas should be brought to Parish Council.

Bill advised \$13,200 annually has been lost due to no longer having Tai Chi renting space. The Diocese can't have a budget that is not balanced. Income from Envelopes is shown for the 2019 Budget and Budget Apportionment is approximately down 10%. \$14,000 has been taken out of reserve to break even and balance our Budget. Bill moved the 2019 Proposed Budget. Pat seconded. All in favor. CARRIED.

Al Graystone stated he has been at this parish since 1971, which is over 40 years. He inquired as to financially what goes on in the Church. We the parishioners should be giving an idea as to what is going on and where we are financially. With the new board and Stewardship Committee he hopes more info will be given either weekly or monthly.

Chuck thanked Bill for all his work and affirmed he's doing the best he can with what we have available. He noted that \$3,775 is budgeted for Mission & Ministry and \$10,000 for Outreach. He recommended we look at the distribution of the funds for Outreach.

Pat stated that it was announced that Tai Chi was leaving, so financially we knew we would be short on income. Further discussion followed with respect to the Budget from Rev. Carol, Colin, Al and it was summed up by Rev. Rob.

9. Motion to Adjourn: by Joe.

10. The Grace: was said by all after motion for adjournment.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROPOSAL

HTSSM DECEMBER 2019

We've heard it said that the church is "the people" not "the building". Yet even Jesus knew the value of having a home. *Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head*" ([Matthew 8:19-20](#); [Luke 9:57-58](#)).

The building we know as Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial on the corner of Southdale and Wellington is our spiritual home. It is the place we gather to worship, support each other in celebrations as well as in times of sorrow, unite with friends, break bread together, learn about our faith as disciples of Jesus, and create community that is unique and cannot be found anywhere else. It is also a place where we connect with the community in which we live by offering space for family events, charity dinners, support groups and children's programs.

On top of this we have seen an increase in Sunday attendance over the past 18 months. We have welcomed back people who had drifted away during a time of uncertainty and we have welcomed new friends into the community as evidenced by the participation in coffee hour on Sundays. We take joy in our time of fellowship together which is truly a sign of life. The children's program JAM (Jesus and Me) at the end of each month was a great success and will continue in 2020 and who can't forget the success of Vacation Bible School. In response to that we have been blessed with a donation from Christ Church Glanworth to ensure that VBS 2020 will happen again in the summer of 2020.

It is vital to our calling as Jesus's disciples that we honor our spiritual home by ensuring it is maintained and kept safe for all who come here. We have reason to be enthusiastic about so much life and transformation that is taking place within these walls! Just think of the many ways being here has given you life.

One area of our spiritual home we must focus on in 2020 is the Fireside Lounge and the creation of a Capital Fund for future maintenance and projects.

1. The roof over the Fireside lounge is approximately 35 years old. While it has been maintained over the years it has come to end of its life and needs replacing. The cost to do this is approximately \$40,000.
2. A Capital Fund would allow us to undertake Capital projects from outside of daily operating costs.

Due to the generosity of past parishioners who have entrusted money to the church through their estates, we have funds in reserve from which we can draw to begin the work of having the roof replaced. While this is a great gift to us, we cannot get in the habit of relying on past members to take care of the needs of today. That is why the following Campaign Proposal is being put forward to the Vestry today. Upon approval, the Wardens and Parish Council will begin the process of securing the necessary funding for the roof and the creation of a Capital Fund.

Capital Campaign Proposal

Total Goal: \$50,000

Sources of Income:

\$10,000 from Trust Funds

\$30,000 in a Grant from Diocese of Huron (Grant and Loans Committee)

\$10,000 from Parish Fundraising

It is our hope that you will be a contributor in the Parish Fundraising effort through a direct donation (details to follow Vestry approval) and the planning and participation of fundraising events throughout the year. What gifts can you offer to help this along? One-way Parish Council would like to raise these funds is through selling advertising in our new Parish photo directory and we have already started the process. We know that with your commitment we will be able to reach our goals together!

Your time and your financial and commitment is essential in order to meet these needs in 2020.

Submitted by:

Parish Wardens, Property and Rector

RECTOR'S REPORT

A new year has dawned in the life of Holy Trinity St Stephen's Memorial and that gives an opportunity to reflect on the year that was and to vision for the year ahead. My report will be in 2 parts. Part one will be a look back on what 2019 meant for us and for our community. Part 2 will be look ahead with a few thoughts about where we are going.

Part 1 -Re-Member

“ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ *1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

In this passage of scripture, St. Paul passes on to the church in Corinth, Jesus' command to *remember* him in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. This is not a remembering in order to illicit a feeling of nostalgia, like when we remember an old song or a trip to the beach with our family. This is a holy remembering that acknowledges all the aspects of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. When the church holds together all the examples of what Jesus said, what he did and what he accomplished, we are a wide vision of wholeness. We see the big picture. It's like putting together a puzzle. One piece may look appealing or even unpleasant to our eye and we know it is a necessary part of the puzzle, but only when all the pieces are put together we see the creation of a clear and beautiful picture. Jesus command to remember him, was an invitation to see the big picture of who he was; God incarnate and alive in human form.

We can do the same type of holy remembering when we look back on our year together as a parish. While it's nice to reminisce about the many moments or events that we shared together, a bigger picture is painted when we gather everything together and see a full vision of who we are as a Christian community in South London. What we see in our year together is Jesus together with us! We see God at work in our parish. We see the Holy Spirit being active in the lives of each other and in the lives of the community around us. We see God incarnate and alive in our parish community.

This type of holy remembering is a gift to us because we so often lose sight of the big picture of God's presence. We get so focused on one or two pieces and forget that there's a bigger picture to be seen. For example, we celebrated one baptism in 2019. It's easy to just see one event like this and recall how nice it was and then move on. There may even be a temptation to focus on the fact that there was *only* one baptism all year! But remembering that baptism as Jesus commanded us to see the big picture. The Holy Spirit descended upon a beloved child of God and new life was given to the church. Those that witnessed it that day talked about outside the doors of the church building. The community was renewed with a vision on new life. Family members and guests, we would otherwise have never met were connected to us in the love of Jesus through the passing of peace and the sharing of the Eucharist. This one event became a new chapter in the story of the parish. I could go on, but I hope you see the bigger picture in this one example.

I'd like to invite you to reflect on 2019. Think about some (or all) of the pieces that happened here in 2019 and take part in holy remembering. Reflect on these pieces; music taken to nursing homes and shut ins, mittens collected on a tree, shoes shared with children in need, vacation bible school, team jersey Sunday, music concerts in the sanctuary, card games in the lounge, bible studies, prayer groups, welcome back BBQ, dedication of memorial plaques, Sunday worship services, bus tour, Messy Christmas, potlucks, weddings, funerals. These and many pieces on their own may spark a memory, but put all together, they are a picture of the Spirit infused Body of Jesus disciples who God is guiding to transform lives and show glimpses of the kingdom of God!

The big picture is that we see God incarnate and alive in our parish community and beyond.

There is one more aspect of the holy remembering Jesus calls us to; which is to see that when we see the big picture together as a community, we see that whatever personal grievances or grudges or hurts or opinions we have been focused on get set aside. Our little pieces pale in comparison to the big picture work God is doing. Holy remembering causes the community to *“re-member”*; to put back together that which was fragmented or broken. We see the parish as one, just as Jesus envisioned his church to be when he prayed;

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me. (John 17:21)

Let us be made new again, by looking back in holy remembrance and giving thanks for God in our midst.

Part 2- Abundance

At my first parish one of the altar guild members pulled me aside after my first few Sundays and said.

“I’m concerned about how you are using the wine.”

“What’s your concern?”

“Well, you tend to fill the chalice near to the top and there’s always extra after communion is over, so we end up not using it. It’s a waste and we only have so much wine”.

When the church has its eyes fixed on “not enough”, we miss something critical to who we are as God’s people. While I commend this persons desire to be practical, I also wondered if she was missing the symbolism of a full chalice of wine at the Eucharist. Jesus gave everything so that all may have eternal life.

The full cup is a symbol of that. When it is full to the brim and then offered to the community it is a reminder of God's abundance within the community as well as Jesus selfless offering of himself so that we could be fed with his life and go out into the world to care for others in his name. The full chalice is a symbolic gift of all God wants to give to us. When we are focused on scarcity or the things that are not here or not done, we will miss the abundance of God's grace in our lives.

Jesus said, "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

As we look ahead to our life as a parish community in 2020, will we focus on scarcity or abundance? Don't get me wrong. This is not to say we throw caution to the wind and not spend time in prayer and discernment about our needs and what we are doing and how we will do it. It means we will be mindful of the rabbit holes we can go down when we only focus on what we don't have.

In her book "Daring Greatly", Brene Brown says that the opposite of scarcity is enough, or as she calls it "Wholeheartedness". Focusing on our abundance in community means recognizing that we have enough to do the work God is calling us to do right here. It means there are enough spiritual gifts, enough human resources, enough money, enough energy, enough ideas so that we may live out our Mission and Ministry at Holy Trinity St. Stephen's. We begin to drift from living as a vibrant community when we start focusing on what we don't have! As soon as we start worrying about controlling how much wine we should use, it means we have become fearful people. Focusing on our abundance means we are a people of hope.

There will no doubt be challenges and difficult moments throughout the year. We are, after all, a group of flawed humans, gathered together with different opinions and ideas and even baggage that we carry around. Seeing ourselves as we are, we can choose to offer ourselves with the understanding that each of us are as St. Paul describes, one part of the Body. (1 Corinthians 12) We

understand that individually we are essential to the whole, but as an individual I am not the most important piece of it.

One of our goals this year will be to be financially sustainable as a parish. The 2020 budget proposed by your Wardens is an attempt to move toward that goal. I am thankful for their time and willingness to address this because it's not an easy ask of a community; however it is imperative that we are transparent and honest as to where we are financially. Over the past couple of years, we have been relying on our reserve funds to pay the bills. This means that people who are not with us anymore are keeping us open. Realistically this is not a sustainable way to live. To be financially sustainable is to be able to pay our bills through parishioners' weekly offerings to the church. We would like to get to a place where bazaars, book sales and other parish events, currently relied on to sustain us, are no longer required for the daily operations of the parish. One of the main budget item that has been reduced is the Outreach budget. This does not mean we are stepping away from our vibrant outreach ministries. It means that we are challenging ourselves to find creative ways to raise money for outreach outside of our operating budget. Wouldn't it be wonderful to host bazaars, book sales and more in order to invest in outreach ministry instead of worrying if we make enough money to meet our daily costs? Focusing on our abundance means that we have enough to move into a position of financial sustainability where what we give as our weekly offerings meet our daily needs while our call to reach out to our community comes from the work we do together as disciples in this parish. The 2020 budget reflects this desire and I hope you will prayerfully consider your role in both the finances and outreach of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial.

Another immediate goal for us as a parish will be to address a Capitol project that needs attention. As you will see in your Vestry booklet, the Wardens and Property Team are encouraging a Capitol Campaign to restore the roof on the Fireside Lounge. This roof is over 35 years old and needs replacing at an estimated cost of \$40,000. There will be a motion at Vestry to move forward with a plan to secure these funds through a combination of money from our

reserve funds, a grant from the Diocese of Huron and parish fundraising. The main point I want to make about this project is that this is more than a roof project. The ministry that takes place in the Fireside Lounge and subsequently below in the small hall is paramount to the Mission and Ministry of our parish. I hope you will consider this when we discuss it at our Vestry meeting and focus on the abundance of transformative and holy moments that will continue to be a part of what happens in our lounge. (See Capitol Campaign Proposal for more)

On the theme of Mission and Ministry, we continue to be conscious of our Mission and Ministry Plan passed at our Vestry Meeting last year. We celebrate the many goals we have already achieved like organizing a parish video series exploring Christian invitation (February 2019); offering a vacation bible School to children in our parish and the wider community (August 2019), forging relationships with our local community (Southdale Chaplaincy, Dearness home, Westminster Park food cupboard); Creation of Service Directory to highlight Outreach initiatives, creation of Outreach Team, offering children's and family programming and faith formation (1st Communion classes, monthly JAM (Jesus and me) Sunday's, Messy Christmas. We will continue to strive toward our goals of creating a Justice Team, Green Team, narrative budget for the parish as well as finding new and creative ways to engage with the community outside our doors. Is there a way you can offer your gifts to the mission and ministry of HTSSM?

Finally, I would like to offer a word of sincere thanks to the leadership of Holy Trinity St Stephen's. Wardens, Parish Council, Ministry leaders, office staff, servers, Sunday worship teams, prayer groups, music leaders and anyone who has given of themselves to the life of our parish. I have a unique perspective of who we are as a community of faith because every week I face the parish when leading worship. I have the privilege of seeing the big picture which is a vision the Body of Christ gathered as one. I see the potential of a vibrant and life-giving community participating in the Jesus movement. I see the abundance of gifts and resources God has called into this place. I foresee an exciting time as we move forward as a parish community and I am thankful you have invited

me to travel this road with you. May we celebrate the abundance given to us by God!

May God bless us in 2020 so that we may be a blessing to our community and to God's good creation!

Rev. Rob+

SACRAMENTS REPORT: 2019

Baptisms 1

Funerals 5

Weddings 1 (Christ Church Chapel)

Confirmations 0

MISSION AND MINISTRY REPORT
HOLY TRINITY ST. STEPHEN'S MEMORIAL
UPDATED JANUARY 2020

As we move into 2020, the following report updates the goals we have achieved and highlights the goals we continue to strive toward or that are ongoing. Thank you to the many dedicated parishioners who have offered their gifts to Mission and Ministry of HTSSM!

Evangelism

“To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom” is to share the news that in Christ God is reconciling the world to himself (2 Cor. 5:19), in words.

- In 2018 an Evangelism Ministry was established to study and engage the Parish in ways to “Proclaim the Good News.”
- **A parish training event will be hosted in February 2019 featuring a the video and discussion series “Invited.” It is a series of short films that seek to explore what it means to engage in genuine, Christian invitation. ACHIEVED**
- **Identify those in our mission field (South London) who we may reach out to. Some examples: the Southdale Chaplaincy Network, Dearness Home, area schools and neighbors. ACHIEVED and ONGOING**
- **Undertake evangelism activities designed to reach the identified group(s). Possible models include: Enhancing Messy Church Program for children and families; offering a Vacation Bible School (VBS) in summer; reaching out to Youth; hosting a family event at the Southdale Chaplaincy’s housing complex. . ACHIEVED and ONGOING**
- We will continue to encourage all members and parish groups to invite people to HTSSM at every opportunity, either verbally or in writing.
- We will continue to publicize worship services, programs, social events and fundraisers beyond parish
- We will always strive to live as a warm welcoming parish and build relationships with newcomers.

Discipleship

“To teach, baptize and nurture new believers” and, indeed, all believers, is the work of discipleship.

- HTSSM hosted the Lenten formation series “The Five Marks of Love” in 2018. . **ACHIEVED 2018**
- HTSSM also hosted an Advent study series with both daytime and evening sessions in 2018. . **ACHIEVED 2018**
- **Going forward HTSSM will continue to offer opportunities for small groups to meet regularly for prayer and bible study. Lent and Advent formation series with Rev. Rob will be offered. . ACHIEVED and ONGOING**
- **In 2019 and 2020, parishioners will engage in understanding their own baptismal covenant including a clear explanation and understanding of baptismal meanings and promises (BAS p. 159) . ONGOING**
- **In 2019 and 2020 the Parish will support educational opportunities for children and young people to engage in learning about discipleship through programs like Life in the Eucharist and Confirmation preparation. . ACHIEVED and ONGOING- Life in Eucharist February 2019**
- In 2019 and 2020, continue to support the Cursillo and EFM Programs which some of our parishioners are involved with now.

Service and Outreach

“To respond to human need by loving service to those in need in our community and beyond.”

- Continue to have an outreach budget within the Parish budget with the purpose of financially supporting ministries.
- **Create an Outreach Ministry Team whose roll will be to liaison with current leaders of the various Parish ministries. To bring recommendations to Parish Council on a quarterly basis (March,**

June, September and *December*) to determine allocations of money to programs from the outreach budget. . ACHIEVED and ONGOING

- Increase awareness and encourage parishioner participation in service to others.
 - **In 2019 create a service directory and make available to both newcomers and parishioners. To include: the name of the recipient, a description of the service provided, define the need(s), the name of the Ministry coordinator and their contact information. . ACHIEVED and ONGOING**
 - **Host informative Ministry Fairs in connection with coffee hours. ONGOING**

Transforming Society

“To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

- HTSSM hosted a “Blanket Exercise” workshop on behalf of the Deanery in *2017*.
- HTSSM has appointed a contact person for the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund and the Anglican Foundation.
- **Create a Justice Ministry Team** whose purpose will be to make contacts with community leaders and invite them to speak at the Parish as a sermon or information night. Some examples: Indigenous elders, Women’s rights, Child abuse, LGBTQ+, Mental health advocates. . **ONGOING**
- Encourage members to support initiatives by external organizations addressing social issues.

Safeguarding and Renewing the Earth

“Safeguard the integrity of creation”

- **Establish a “Green Team” in 2019. ONGOING**
- **Conduct a green assessment of the parish building** using the “Greening Resources” available from the Diocese.

- Continuing the current pop can recycling program
- **Contact Upper Thames Conservation Authority/Westminster Ponds to explore ways to involve the Parish in education and environmental initiatives. . ONGOING**
- Inviting environmental speakers

Ministry and Leadership

- Both wardens and council will meet monthly (goal achieved).
- Every Parish Council meeting will include prayers and scripture readings (goal achieved).
- A Nomination Committee will be named at the November Parish Council to nominate Parish leadership from parishioners as opposed to Rector and Wardens.
- HTSSM will participate in life of the Deanery and Diocese (goal achieved).
- HTSSM will participate in Warden and Treasurer training when offered in the Deanery.
- Create a communications strategy to communicate both internally and externally

Congregational Health

- Comply with safe church practices (goal achieved).
- Ensure policies and procedures on bullying and harassment are normal aspects of parish life (goal achieved).
- Ensure broadly based decision making (goal achieved).
- Ensure regular opportunities for fellowship and community building (goal achieved).

Finance and Stewardship

- Set a balanced annual budget and review on an ongoing basis. **ACHIEVED and ONGOING**
- Ensure apportionment and Clergy costs are paid monthly. **ACHIEVED and ONGOING**
- Publish quarterly financial updates highlighting giving and expenses in the bulletin/newsletter . **ACHIEVED and ONGOING**
- Annually prepare a five year projection of income and expenses

- **Develop a narrative budget by the fall of 2019 for distribution to the congregation. A narrative budget is a communications tool to help the congregation understand the significance of their financial gifts, and the ways in which God is changing lives through the missions of our parish. A narrative budget does not replace the traditional line budget but rather supplements it. . ONGOING**
- **In 2020 conduct a Parish conversation and awareness campaign utilizing resources such as “Giving Our Thanks and Praise” and/or other stewardship resources available from the Diocese. . ONGOING**

Rob+

NOMINATIONS REPORT- WARDENS/RECTOR

Report on Nominations and Appointments for 2020

We are thankful for the offering of leadership by those parishioners whom faithfully serve Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial. A few folks will be stepping away from their positions. We would like to thank Rick Pritchett and Colin Shutt for their leadership on parish council.

The following appointments & nominations are submitted for 2020:

1. **Rector's Warden** – Beth McKinlay (Appointed)
2. **Treasurer/Paymaster**-Bill Yeomans (Appointed by Wardens)
3. **People's Warden**- Harry Harris (Nominated)
4. **Deputy Wardens**-Dave Keegan, Chuck McEwan (Nominated)
5. **Lay Representative to Diocesan Synod**-Lynda Sheils, Pat Edgerton (Nominated)
6. **Alternate Delegates to Synod**-Sandra Otte, Kathy Belshaw (Nominated)
7. **Vestry Council Secretary's** -Jeanette Maloney/ Allison Gortzak (as per contracts)
8. **Parish council Members**-Vic Templar, Bill Yeomans, Jessica Cunningham, Marcus Hahn (Nominated)

Staff:

Music and Choir Director-Dave McEwen

Office Administrator/Envelope Secretary-Jeanette Maloney

Multi Media/Safe Church Coordinator-Allison Gortzak

Ministry Leaders:

The Rector and Wardens give thanks to the following for their leadership in the following ministries;

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer-Kat Desjardines

Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC)-Lynda Sheils

Book Sale & Market Place-Pat Edgerton

Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen-Harry Harris, Vic Templar

Chancel Guild/Flowers-Anne Buchanan

Coffee Break-Sharron Pirrie

Coffee Hour Convener-Leslie Savard

Convener Servers-Jessica Cunningham, Sara Anne Gillan, and we welcome our newest servers, Sam, Wes, and Callie Beemer along with Abbey McKinlay

Cursillo Leaders-Colin Shutt, Carol Shutt

Euchre-Jessica Cunningham, Barb Procure

Evangelism Committee-Chuck McEwan

Evergreen Bazaar -Pat Edgerton

Financial Review -Cathy Garbutt

London Community Chaplaincy (LLC)-Lynda Sheils

Outreach Committee-Heather Gough, Bill Yeomans

Property-Vic Templar

PWRDF Contact-Lynda Sheils

Social Care Committee-Heather Gough

Yard Sale-Jeanette Maloney

WARDENS' REPORT 2019

As we look back on prior Wardens reports many begin with similar thoughts. That being, we have had many and changes and challenges over the past year. However, this year we can all sense that the New Beginning continues to evolve at Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial.

New families have joined the Parish family and the excitement of new found friendships and communion in the fellowship of our Lord, is certainly a gift to us all. Sadly, we have also lost members of our Parish Family and our prayers are with their families and we will remember them.

We have secured an ongoing rental contracts with Yamaha Music Studio, the Asian Christian Fellowship and AA groups. The rental income is going to cover obligatory operating costs. as our receipts through envelopes offerings continue to decrease at approximately \$5000 per year. Unfortunately this trend results in less money being available for the work of the church ministry and outreach programs. We will be discussing income and spending priorities at Vestry as we do have a difficulty. Hopefully we can come up with a solution to this dilemma. We understand how difficult this conversation will be, but feel it is needed to discuss our church family finances just like you would your family finances.

During last year's vestry meeting council was advised that we were not communicating effectively with the congregation. Steps have been taken to improve communications through social media, face book, weekly bulletins, monthly newsletter and personal contact with wardens and council members. We welcome you as always to any of the council meetings which are held on the last Tuesday of the Month at 7pm in the Lounge. Council minutes are also posted on the bulletin board in the lounge.

This past year showed us all how involved we can get in the work of the church through events like the video series "Invited.", The Vacation Bible School with an excellent BBQ at the end. Rev Rob's book series was so rewarding and fulfilling. We look forward to many more of these events and encourage you to become part of these extra activities in the Church. You will

not only be empowered but your walk with our Lord will be truly enhanced with the AHHH moments!

After reviewing our Mission and Ministry Statement we are well ahead of our projected goals and with your help and vision will keep this ongoing Ministry in the for front of our everyday lives. This year, and going forward we will have some difficult decisions to make. Not only financially. We have a commitment towards our Green program and Hazardous Waste time lines which will be needed to be met and are being worked on. Climate change is on everyone's mind and this is also true for our church family, a simple gesture of picking up garbage on the lawn, tending to the memorial garden, cutting the grass, shutting of a light, turning off a tap and less paper used all go towards our carbon impact. It's not just for the outside world but our world at Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial

We would be remiss not to mention those who put their heart and soul into events that sustain our parish financially. We thank the teams who work diligently throughout the year; such hard workers and faithful servants. Just to mention a few, Bazaar, Yard and Book Sales, the Mitten Tree, Shoes, St. Paul's, Bread Program, Snack Program at CC Carruthers, London Chaplaincy, El Sistema, Food Cards and LTC tickets. Truly the Holy Spirit is alive and well!

Finally but not least, thank you to our Spiritual leader Rev. Rob who has not only been a God send but with his guidance and wisdom and spirit will be steering us into this new decade. We will all be on this wonderful ride called life, with its ups and downs, valleys and hills. With one another s love, support, prayers and at times "Take the Wheel Jesus" we will make it as we all have the Spirit with us. Thanks Be to God!

Blessings

Beth McKinlay, Harry Harris, Dave Keegan, Chuck McEwan

**Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial
Balance Sheet
As of 31 December 2019**

	<u>31 Dec 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Libro Credit Union	27,825.44
Libro Profit Shares	500.00
Libro Membership Shares	50.00
Total Chequing/Savings	28,375.44
Other Current Assets	
Investments with Diocese	
Diocesan Fund L205 (Shann...	1,303.52
Diocesan Fund L223 (Town)	6,189.22
Diocesan Fund L233 (Sullivan)	56,224.03
Diocesan Fund L269 (Coulson)	<u>27,266.82</u>
Total Investments with Diocese	90,983.59
Fed. Sales Tax Recoverable	507.60
Prov. Sales Tax Recoverable	<u>1,359.68</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>92,850.87</u>
Total Current Assets	121,226.31
Other Assets	
Prepaid Expense - Koodo	<u>31.08</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>31.08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>121,257.39</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	150.00
Reserved Funds	
General Expenses	42,088.54
Outreach - General	8,977.44
Grant, Bridge, Loan Fund	3,497.23
Rectory Repairs	2,448.95
Outreach - PWRDF	745.00
Vacation Bible School	<u>750.00</u>
Total Reserved Funds	58,507.16
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>58,657.16</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>58,657.16</u>
Total Liabilities	58,657.16

**Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial
Balance Sheet
As of 31 December 2019**

	<u>31 Dec 19</u>
EQUITY	
Opening Balance Equity	<u>62,600.23</u>
Total Equity	<u>62,600.23</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>121,257.39</u>

**Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial
Income & Expense Budget Performance - December 2019**

	Dec 19	Budget	Jan –Dec...	YTD Bud...	Annual B...
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Offerings					
Direct Deposits	4,721.13	4,650.00	59,136.71	55,800.00	55,800.00
Envelopes	12,905.00	11,390.00	67,616.56	65,000.00	65,000.00
Open Offerings	395.35	200.00	2,097.65	2,400.00	2,400.00
Total Offerings	<u>18,021.48</u>	<u>15,980.00</u>	<u>128,850.92</u>	<u>123,200.00</u>	<u>123,200.00</u>
Interest					
Bank	2.34	55.00	335.34	605.00	605.00
Diocese	3,512.85	4,900.00	3,512.85	4,900.00	4,900.00
Total Interest	<u>3,515.19</u>	<u>4,955.00</u>	<u>3,848.19</u>	<u>5,505.00</u>	<u>5,505.00</u>
Other Income					
Fund Raising	765.00		18,717.84	16,000.00	16,000.00
Rental of Church Rooms	1,277.30	560.00	7,035.27	7,770.00	7,770.00
Donations	100.00		1,275.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfer From Reserve	<u>9,923.98</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>9,923.98</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>12,066.28</u>	<u>4,560.00</u>	<u>36,952.09</u>	<u>28,770.00</u>	<u>28,770.00</u>
Total Income	<u>33,602.95</u>	<u>25,495.00</u>	<u>169,651.20</u>	<u>157,475.00</u>	<u>157,475.00</u>
Expense					
Ministry					
Stipend	4,631.25	4,498.00	56,473.68	56,428.00	56,428.00
Housing	1,852.50	1,800.00	22,589.50	22,572.00	22,572.00
Travel	46.80	91.00	631.55	1,000.00	1,000.00
Book Allowance	61.58		353.74		
Church&Communion/AltarGuild	435.79	50.00	1,322.49	600.00	600.00
Mission & Ministry	122.41	2,735.00	2,051.41	3,775.00	3,775.00
Deanery Dues	0.00		336.00	336.00	336.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	300.00	250.00	500.00	500.00
Professional Development	0.00	50.00	351.48	600.00	600.00
Replacement Clergy	<u>115.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>635.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
Total Ministry	<u>7,265.33</u>	<u>9,624.00</u>	<u>84,994.85</u>	<u>86,411.00</u>	<u>86,411.00</u>
Music					
Musicians	500.00	500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Copyright Music	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>244.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>
Total Music	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>6,244.00</u>	<u>6,220.00</u>	<u>6,220.00</u>
Office					
Wages	954.20	946.00	11,715.01	11,352.00	11,352.00
Bank Charges	25.00	25.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Communication	47.75	200.00	2,239.67	2,400.00	2,400.00
Photocopier	170.95	220.00	2,093.69	2,640.00	2,640.00
Office Supplies	<u>(71.39)</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>1,290.07</u>	<u>1,320.00</u>	<u>1,320.00</u>
Total Office	<u>1,126.52</u>	<u>1,511.00</u>	<u>17,638.44</u>	<u>18,012.00</u>	<u>18,012.00</u>

**Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial
Income & Expense Budget Performance - December 2019**

	Dec 19	Budget	Jan – Dec	YTD Bud...	Annual B...
Buildings & Grounds					
Custodian	500.00	500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Custodial Supplies	118.84	125.00	1,520.92	1,500.00	1,500.00
Grass Cutting	0.00		380.31	200.00	200.00
Snow Plowing	649.62	480.00	2,739.24	2,400.00	2,400.00
Maintenance & Repairs	490.77		17,240.80	4,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance	0.00		3,329.02	3,400.00	3,400.00
Security / Fire	0.00		566.47	500.00	500.00
Gas	371.80	420.00	4,699.08	4,920.00	4,920.00
Hydro & Water	304.71	330.00	3,697.336	4,260.00	4,260.00
Equipment Rental	0.00		221.76	240.00	240.00
Grounds Maintenance	0.00		339.88		
HVAC Maintenance	0.00		4,353.84	2,280.00	2,280.00
Total Buildings & Grounds	<u>2,435.74</u>	<u>1,855.00</u>	<u>45,588.65</u>	<u>30,200.00</u>	<u>30,200.00</u>
Other Expenses					
Budget Apportionment	2,798.17	2,798.13	33,578.00	33,578.00	33,578.00
Budget Apportionment Rebate	(332.01)		(1,328.04)		
Youth Ministry	0.00	600.00	16.62	600.00	600.00
Synod Fee	0.00		450.00	450.00	450.00
Police Checks	0.00		162.72		
Miscellaneous	42.91		300.01	284.00	284.00
Total Other Expenses	<u>2,509.07</u>	<u>3,398.13</u>	<u>33,179.35</u>	<u>34,912.00</u>	<u>34,912.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>13,836.66</u>	<u>16,888.13</u>	<u>187,645.29</u>	<u>175,755.00</u>	<u>175,755.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	19,766.29	8,606.87	(17,994.09)	(18,280.00)	(18,280.00)
Other Income / Expense					
Other Income					
Transfer from Outreach Reserve	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Designated Offerings					
55 Hours of Hope	0.00		680.00		
Altar Flowers	555.00		2,230.00		
HTSSM Weekly Bread Program	185.00		1,410.00		
HVAC	0.00		500.00		
P W R D F	265.00		1,520.00		
Shoes, Shoes, Shoes	<u>0.00</u>		<u>680.00</u>		
Total Designated Offerings	1,005.00		7,020.00		
Fund Raising Revenue					
Book Sale / Marketplace	0.00		3,091.75		
Coffee Hour	350.00		1,639.65		
Euchre	0.00		257.00		
Evergreen Bazaar	397.00		7,403.99		
Meat Pies	18.00		562.44		
Pancake Supper	0.00		647.33		
Pop Tins	0.00		75.60		
Sweet Sounds of Soul	0.00		1,000.00		
Yard Sale	0.00		4,040.08		
Total Fund Raising Revenue	<u>765.00</u>		<u>18,717.84</u>		

**Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial
Income & Expense Budget Performance - December 2019**

	Dec 19	Budget	Jan – Dec	YTD Bud...	Annual B...
Rectory					
Rental	1,725.00	1,725.00	20,700.00	20,700.00	20,700.00
Expenses	0.00		(1,195.48)	(1,220.00)	(1,220.00)
Maintenance Reserve	(100.00)	(100.00)	(1,200.00)	(1,200.00)	(1,200.00)
Total Rectory	<u>1,625.00</u>	<u>1,625.00</u>	<u>18,304.52</u>	<u>18,280.00</u>	<u>18,280.00</u>
Total Other Income	13,395.00	11,625.00	54,042.36	28,280.00	28,280.00
Other Expense					
Designated Expenditures					
55 Hours of Hope	0.00		680.00		
Altar Flowers to Church & Comm	555.00		2,230.00		
HTSSM Weekly Bread Program	185.00		1,410.00		
HVAC	0.00		500.00		
PWRDS – Hurricane Damian	0.00		145.00		
Shoes, Shoes, Shoes	0.00		680.00		
To P W R D F Accrual	265.00		1,375.00		
Total Designated Expenditures	<u>1,005.00</u>		<u>7,020.00</u>		
Spent on / Reserved for Outreach					
Anglican Foundation of Canada	0.00		150.00		
Daily Bread Food Bank Program	0.00		1,000.00	500.00	500.00
Diocese of Huron Golf Tourney	0.00		200.00		
EI Sistema South London	0.00		500.00	500.00	500.00
Gift Cards	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
HTSSM Bread Program	300.00	300.00	3,000.00	3,250.00	3,250.00
Huron Church Camp	0.00		2,230.09	3,000.00	3,000.00
L T C Tickets	0.00		199.50	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	0.00		30.84		
P W R D F	0.00		2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Care Program – Shut-ins	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Southdale Chaplaincy	<u>0.00</u>		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Spent on/Reserved for Outre.	300.00	850.00	10,310.43	10,000.00	10,000.00
Transfer to Fund Raising					
Book Sale/ Marketplace	0.00		3,091.75		
Coffee Fund	350.00		1,639.65		
Euchre	0.00		257.00		
Evergreen Bazaar	397.00		7,403.99		
Meat Pies	18.00		562.44		
Pop Tins	0.00		75.60		
Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper	0.00		647.33		
Sweet Sounds of Soul	0.00		1,000.00		
Yard Sale	<u>0.00</u>		<u>4,040.08</u>		
Total Transfer to Fund Raising	<u>765.00</u>		<u>18,717.84</u>		
Total Other Expense	<u>2,070.00</u>	<u>850.00</u>	<u>36,048.27</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>11,325.00</u>	<u>10,775.00</u>	<u>7,994.09</u>	<u>18,280.00</u>	<u>18,280.00</u>
Net Income	<u>31,091.29</u>	<u>19,381.87</u>	<u>.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

**PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY ST STEPHENS MEMORIAL
PROPOSED INCOME & EXPENSE BUDGET
2020**

<u>INCOME</u>		
OFFERINGS		
	ENVELOPES	65,000
	DIRECT DEPOSITS	61,200
	OPEN OFFERINGS	2,000
		128,200
	FUND RAISING	17,000
DONATIONS		
	DESIGNATED	0
	MEMORIAL	0
		0
RENTALS		
	RECTORY	21,321
	CHURCH ROOMS	6,400
		27,721
INTEREST		
	BANK	0
	DIOCESE	4,900
		4,900
OTHER		
	GRANT FROM DIOCESE	30,000
	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	10,000
	TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	10,000
		50,000
	TOTAL INCOME	227,821
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
MINISTRY		
	STIPEND	57,556
	HOUSING	23,024
	TRAVEL	500
	CHURCH & COMMUNION / ALTAR GUILD	600

	BOOK ALLOWANCE	250	
	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	360	
	DEANERY DUES	336	
	MISSION & MINISTRY	1,475	
	DISCRETIONARY FUND	250	
	REPLACEMENT CLERGY	600	
			84,951
MUSIC			
	MUSICIANS	6,000	
	COPYRIGHT MUSIC	250	
			6,250
OFFICE			
	WAGES	11,680	
	BANK CHARGES	300	
	COMMUNICATION	2,400	
	PHOTOCOPIER	2,100	
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,320	
			17,800
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS			
	CUSTODIAN	8,008	
	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	1,600	
	GRASS CUTTING & GROUNDS MTCE	300	
	SNOW PLOWING	4,000	
	MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	2,800	
	INSURANCE	3,500	
	SECURITY / FIRE	500	
	GAS	4,800	
	HYDRO & WATER	3,700	
	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	240	
	HVAC SYSTEM	2,400	
	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT	1,500	
			33,348
RECTORY EXPENSES			
	EXPENSES	1,200	
	MAINTENANCE RESERVE	1,200	
			2,400
OUTREACH			3,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS			50,000
OTHER			

BUDGET APPORTIONMENT	29,151	
SYNOD FEE	450	
MISCELLANEOUS	471	
		30,072

TOTAL EXPENSES 227,821

NET INCOME (LOSS) 0

LAY DELEGATES TO SYNOD – VESTRY REPORT

Members of the 178th Synod of the Diocese of Huron gathered together late Sunday afternoon, May 26th, 2019 in London at the invitation of The Right Reverend Linda Nicholls, to come and consider the needs of our whole diocese and to reflect on the theme of “sent into the world”. We began with the traditional BBQ on the St. Paul’s Cathedral lawn, and honoured the environment with biodegradable utensils and dishes and used refillable water bottles. During Synod, the Justice League brought a motion forward to encourage parishes to reduce single-use plastic products, with 2023 as the target date to eliminate their purchase; and the motion was passed.

Our special Guest was The Right Reverend Marinez Rosa Bassotto, Bishop of our companion Diocese of Amazonia and the first female Bishop in Brazil. She endures long and dangerous journeys away from her family, to do the hard work of planting new parishes, where no other churches want to go. Archdeacon Graham Bland acted as a translator for Bishop Marinez during Synod, enabling us to hear her story of mission and ministry and her passionate words of faith. She was our guest preacher at the Sunday evening service - on the Gospel of Luke 10:1-12, 16-20. Like Jesus’ disciples, Bishop Marinez said, she is called and we are all called to God’s mission; “The faithful giving of our life to God impels us to work in his name, to seek his kingdom, to truly engage in his Church, to act in our communities; and then, in his name, we will also be involved in the growth of the Church, committed to the word of God”. Bishops Linda and Marinez together dedicated a 30 foot high Purple Beech tree in front of Cronyn Hall in celebration of the renewal of the Covenant and growing relationship between the Huron and Amazonia Dioceses.

On Monday, we witnessed Bishops Linda and Marinez signing the Covenant for another five years. The Regional Deans were given two black rings for their deaneries. They are only worn by Christians in Brazil and were a gift from the people of Amazonia. They cannot be purchased. The theme “sent into the world” was evident throughout Synod. In the words of one of the hymns, we are called to “sing a new song”. The presentations, reports and Faith witnesses all told of change and new beginnings; the past we know; the present still in process and the future of which we only have glimpses.

We were inspired by four people who shared their faith stories. They spoke from the heart about their journey in faith, how Christ worked, changing their lives and using them and their gifts to bring change to others. The Synod celebrated ministries going back 50-60 years: The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC), Huron Church Camp, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), Anglican Church Women (ACW), Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen (BAC), and Monica Place (originally St. Monica house). Bishop Linda thanked them, as they are the many "hands of Christ" committed to helping others in their ministries. The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) began as a cooperative initiative by many churches in Canada donating money to create a fund that parishes could apply for when they needed financial help for building repairs, etc. Today they also provide funds for clean drinking water, to feed the hungry and house the homeless. They also look to the future, funding new ideas and initiatives of parishes in mission and ministry in Canada; and they invite individuals, parishes and church organizations to make annual contributions. On Monday morning, a motion from the floor was put to Synod to encourage every parish in the diocese to add \$50.00 to their annual budgets in 2020 to be donated to the AFC. The motion was passed. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund announced the "Huron Hunger Fund", which has always been the PWRDF in Huron, will now be known as "PWRDF Huron Committee" with a new logo. A motion was brought to Synod and passed, raising the PWRDF Huron Committee target for 2019 to \$350,000. On behalf of HTSSM, as lay delegates to Synod, Pat & I presented a \$3,700 cheque to the Rev'd Canon Greg Smith for PWRDF Huron.

The Constitution and Canons put a motion to Synod updating language in the relative Canons; where the word "congregation" is replaced by "Parish"; and the words "Rector" and "Priest-in-Charge" replaced by "Incumbent". The motion was passed. "Newer groups" showed us what they are doing. The Bridge Builders, who led our two bible study sessions at Synod spoke about new ways of telling Indigenous history; from Blanket exercise, to using media technology, inviting communities to movies about Indigenous history followed by talking circles. To help all of us in our continuing journey to truth and understanding, the Bishop has appointed the Rev. Rosalyn Elm to the new position of Animator for Reconciliation and Justice, to begin anti-racism training in the diocese. A speaker for the Refugee Committee told us how he was sponsored as a refugee from Syria and is now completing his MA in social studies, in addition to working full time and helping other refugees. The

College of Deacons built a mountain of 24,300 diapers in the foyer of the London Convention Centre, for their outreach ministry with community partners and shelters - to help those with the most need. We took time during Synod to honour the work and service of the members of Synod who have passed away. We welcomed new clergy, new members to Synod and the two new Canons to the Cathedral Chapter of Canons. At Monday night's banquet, we celebrated the achievements of members and honoured new retirees.

Bishop Nicholls' charge to Synod on Tuesday morning was for us to celebrate the work already being done in both dioceses by faithful people, and to look forward using "as our guide, the Five Marks of Mission". We are to live them out she said, "with love, joy and action." Bishop Linda reinforced Bishop Marinez' scripture message from Luke 10, where Jesus sends the disciples out with nothing but "their willingness, their faith, their courage, in all their frailty, to be those who transmit love and the Good News of the Kingdom". The purpose of the Church, she said, is "not for self-preservation". The people of God, like the disciples, are to go where God calls us and not fear or worry about having all the answers, or to have an end goal, but to see ourselves as "continuing apprentices" in God's work - a life long journey. She concluded by quoting from a prayer by Oscar Romero that encourages us to keep in mind that "we cannot do everything, but we can do something", that we can "plant the seeds" and we can allow "an opportunity for God's Grace to enter".

Bishop Linda summed up the work of this Synod, as recognizing that the world will always be changing and the church will always be "sent into the world", "whether we're ready or not to go as God calls us". She thanked Bishop Marinez for being with us, and inspiring us with her passion and joy. Bishop Marinez was given two "hope bears" from the Anglican Foundation, as gifts to her two young daughters back at home.

The 178th Diocese of Huron Synod adjourned until May 24-26, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Sheils and Pat Edgerton
2019 Lay Delegates to Synod

BOOK SALE / MARKETPLACE 2019

Our annual Book Sale/ Marketplace was held on April 13th this year, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This was an opportunity to provide books to our parishioners and visitors, but also, because it was held before both Easter and Mother's Day, we were able to offer gift items suitable for those two occasions.

Unlike other years, we decided not to invite outside vendors to participate in our Marketplace, as we felt we had enough of our own goods to offer our guests.

Each year we wonder if we will have enough new books to offer...but that definitely was not a problem again this year! Janis and I often wonder where all the books come from!

Thanks to the many people who donated books over the course of the past year.

Our visitors often comment on how well the books are sorted, by both author and genre. Many people helped with this task, especially Janis Kirby, who spent many hours sorting books, John Biro, who organized the DVDs, BBQ lunch, provided by Dave Pirrie and his helpers as well.

Also, thank you to the set- up crew, the tear- down crew, the cashiers, the float and money counters, the crafters, bakers, and the BBQ cooks and servers. This very successful endeavor added just over \$3,000 to our church fundraising.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Edgerton

BROTHERHOOD OF ANGLICAN CHURCHMEN (B.A.C.) REPORT - 2019

Our membership remains at 5 – Harry, Vic, Joe, Colin and Richard. We continue to maintain our annual registration with the Diocesan B.A.C., to assist with the Huron College Bursary and Scholarship Funds, Monica Place and Huron Church Camp.

The Diocesan Annual General Meeting this past year was held at St. James the Apostle, Wallaceburg on April 27. Vic, Harry and Colin attended. This year's theme was "Respecting Indigenous Culture" in which the relationship between Indigenous Communities and the Anglican Church of Canada was examined. The guest speakers included Rev'd. Canon Laverne Jacobs, Rev'd. Mark Loyal and Bryan Loucks.

In the past, the B.A.C. hosted the Pancake Supper. Since 2015, this annual event now includes members from the congregation to assist us. This is a community event and admission is a free will offering. The proceeds go towards our Fundraising Account to assist where need be within the Parish.

Our members continue to take an active part within the Parish as follows;

- Sing in the choir and assist Music Director Dave with guitar accompaniment
- Lay Assistants at the main Eucharist on Sundays
- Assist where need be at the annual Book Sale, Yard Sale, and Evergreen Bazaar
- Assist with maintenance in and around the church

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Harris

BREAD MINISTRY

We are pleased to be able to continue the Bread Ministry at the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre (GCCRC). We are still there on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

It is surprising the number of people who greatly appreciate that we provide them weekly with bread. Most weeks now we hand out approximately 80 loaves of bread. On December 19th we handed out 199 loaves to enable the community to have bread for the two weeks that GCCRC was closed during Christmas.

Although we were again fortunate to receive monies from the Diocese of Huron Golf Tournament for our Bread Ministry, we still appreciate the parishioners contributing to the program either via bringing in bread or designating funds with their offering envelopes.

As the need for bread steadily increases, we will be having Fund Raising Events to help support this much needed ministry. Our first event 'Souper Bowl Sunday' will be followed by many more over the year.

Lastly, I would like to thank Liz Stanley and Evelyn & Tony Gale who have been assisting in our Bread Ministry. We also have Bruce and Robert whom receive bread also help out in our Ministry. Should you like to assist, even once every month or two, please let me know.

If you are in the neighbourhood of GCCRC on a Thursday morning, drop in to see HTSSM Ministry in action.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Maloney

CHANCEL GUILD

We have had a very good year with not too much change.

We do have openings for 1 or 2 more people and if you are interested in learning more please feel free to speak to me about it anytime.

We were able to purchase NEW blue altar frontal, lectern hanging and burse and veil all thanks to Kelly Kirkpatrick's family in memory of their mom Edith Rudnicki.

We also provided luncheons for a few funerals and a few diocesan groups. Thanks to those who helped me with these.

2020 sounds like a great year!!!!

Respectfully
Anne Buchanan
Coordinator

COFFEE HOUR

Attendance continues to be strong and steady at each coffee hour, with everyone enjoying coffee/tea, treats and most importantly social time after the service. This year we have been able to provide special treats for various celebrations throughout the year such as Vestry, the Steel Drum Band, Welcome Back Sunday, Denise Pelley with Marque Smith and more. We have realized a profit of **\$1,639.65**, which has been directed to the operating fund of HTSSM and the end of year balance is \$85.82.

This has been the biggest year yet for our little ministry!!!!

As always, I am thankful for the many volunteers who make coffee hour possible from those who put the coffee on, to the many who wash the dishes. This year, I am especially thankful for those parishioners who continually support us by dropping off supplies, and bringing in treats especially those lovely chocolate cookies Susan. 😊

We truly are a family that supports one another in all of our endeavors.

We continue to have a great group of people willing to host each week and I truly appreciate each and every one of them. We have a few new additions to our teams this year for which I am so very thankful, but we always have room for more, so if you're interested in having some fun, let us know. 😊

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Savard

CHRIST CHURCH CHAPEL

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

FOR CHRIST CHURCH CHAPEL

3424 GLANWORTH DRIVE, LONDON, N6N 1J6

INCOME

Meat Pies (money earned and sold in 2018)	\$ 855.40
Diocese of Huron (Shore Endowment)	2,513.88
Rentals - IOOF Lodge	2,000.00
Senior Men's Euchre	1,200.00
August Wedding	100.00
Birthday and Christmas events	775.00
Election Day Oct. 19, 2019	310.75
Investment Interest	365.50
Insurance for single events in Parish Hall	216.00
Funeral luncheon for Marian White	1,250.00
Donations in Memory of M. White	305.00
H.S.T.	460.13
Memorial Sunday June (with receipts)	345.00
(open)	270.00
Christmas Eve Dec. (with receipts)	270.00
(open)	465.00
Bank Interest	11.06
	\$11,712.72
Bank balance as of Jan. 1, 2019	14,790.40

	\$26,503.12

EXPENSES

Union Gas	\$ 2,142.12
London Hydro	1,143.64
Forest City Bus. Machines	142.38
Cleaning and bookkeeping	1,700.00
Supplies – cleaning, paper products etc.	136.66
M. White Funeral	435.25
Insurance	540.00
Repairs to Church	889.20
Donations – Huron Church Camp, Holy Trinity St. Stephen’s Mem. Vacation Bible Study and Diocese Of Huron – Primate World Relief	1,250.00
Wages – Clergy and Music	230.00
Gardening	300.00
Gratuity Gifts at Christmas Rev. Rob, Rev. Carol, John, Dave and Joe	334.00
Rental return	125.00
Bank Service Fee	86.25
Purchased Term deposit in February 2019	8,000.00

	\$17,454.50

Total Income \$26,503.12

Total Expenses 17,454.50

\$ 9,048.62

Bank Bal. Dec. 31,2019 \$ 8,793.62

A difference of \$255.00 for outstanding
cheques in January 2019

Respectively Submitted,
Shirley Shore and Paul Geraghty

EVANGELISM MINISTRY TEAM

The past year was an eventful one for the evangelism team as we took on the many goals we had set for 2019.

We began the year with the study book “Unbinding the Gospel” by Martha Grace Reese. A study in real life evangelism. A particularly inspirational segment of the book was the 40 day journal which we followed throughout Lent. The exercise is an individual and personal undertaking to spend one on one time with God on a daily basis in your own home. A truly Christian growth experience.

In February the team hosted the Video/Discussion series “Invited.” We were inspired by the level of participation as well as receiving positive feedback on the program. An invitational card was distributed to parishioners to give should they have the opportunity to invite someone to worship or other events at the church.

Vacation Bible School was by far our most significant undertaking of the year. The support and participation by the members of the Parish is truly indicative of our collective faith and commitment to sharing the “Good News.” Easily 30-40% of our church family participated in some way. We are also blessed with such an array of talent and skills we are likely up to most challenges. The individual stories and experiences from the 5 day event are so numerous there is simply not room in this report. Amazing! You have to experience it! Join us for VBS 2020.



The VBS was attended by 20 children. A mix of parish family and neighbourhood kids grades K-6. All appeared to enjoy the experience. John 4:37 for here the saying holds true. 'One sows and another reaps.' We have sown the seeds.

Thanks to Beth who took on the Shoes program in response to a need identified at the London Community Chaplaincy. As well a HUGE "Thank You" to all those who contributed shoes to this most successful program. Also to all the team who worked the BBQ, pot luck and games on welcome back Sunday.

Thank you everyone for support and participation in 2019! Stay tuned we are setting our plans in motion for 2020.

Respectfully submitted by the E Team;

Rev. Rob Henderson, Allison Gortzak, Dave Keegan, Beth McKinlay, Sandra Otte, Dave Pirrie, Wendy Parisian and Chuck McEwan

ENVELOPE SECRETARY

Still on occasion we receive an envelope without a name or envelope number. Please remember to ensure the envelope identifies you, to enable you to receive an accurate Income Tax Receipt at the end of the year.

Once again, should you like to change your from weekly envelopes to automatic monthly givings, which helps the Church for budgeting, please contact me direct for further details.

You can increase you automatic monthly donations. Once again contact me direct for the required information.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Maloney

EVERGREEN BAZAAR

Our Evergreen Bazaar was held on Saturday, November 16th this year. The bazaar was well attended and according to many of our visitors, a highly anticipated event at our church each year. The bazaar included baked goods, frozen meat pies and quiches, crafts, jewelry, purses and scarves, a children's area, draws, lots of new and used Christmas decorations, "Gifts to Go", and of course, our very popular tea room.

This was our best bazaar to date...for many reasons! We had helpers from each of our three "former" parishes, Glanworth, Holy Trinity, and St. Stephens....now all combined into Holy Trinity St. Stephens Memorial.

Many, many people contributed to making the bazaar so successful....crafters, sewers, bakers, wrappers, those who set up or took down, traffic supervisors, servers, clean-up crew, decorators, money counters....and of course, our contributors.

A true feeling of camaraderie was felt by all! And to top it off, we made just over \$7300 for the work of the church.

Thank you so much to all who took part!

Respectfully submitted
Pat Edgerton

LICENSED LAY READER

In the past year I have assisted at the 8:30 service as needed.

One Sunday a month I have prepared and delivered a homily at the 8:30 service, as well as delivering several homilies at the 10:30 service during the year. In conjunction with these homilies I have used the Biblical Storytelling method to present the Gospel.

During the year I assisted at several events and services at Christ Church Glanworth.

I also prepared and led the Advent study series, which was well received.

I continue to take courses through Renison University College in Waterloo for interest and to support my work as a homilist, most recently beginning a course titled New Testament as Story.

Respectfully submitted,
John Biro
Licensed Lay Reader

LONDON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY (LCC)

2019 has been a very busy & rewarding year for HTSSM & families in the Southdale housing complex of the LCC:

Sunday April 28th.

Reverend Pam Cullen, Chaplain of LCC was the guest preacher at our 10:30 AM service, one week after Easter Sunday. Pam's inspiring sermon was based on Luke 5: 17-26, when "Jesus heals a man lowered down through the roof". She spoke of the group of men led by faith, who went to extreme lengths enabling a sick, bed-ridden fellow to meet with Jesus - to be healed in the midst of a huge crowd of people inside a house. Pam compared these events to the work of LCC & our own goals as people of faith @ HTSSM striving to spread friendship, hope & love to those who are marginalized, feeling alone & facing daily personal struggles. She thanked us for supporting & being present in the active life of the Chaplaincy, "building community, serving community, in the heart of the community." At our coffee & social hour after the service, we presented Pam with a \$1,000 cheque for use in her ministry!

Tuesday June 25th.

The LCC Raffle Draw raises money for the "Summer to Thrive" Campaign

(Child & Youth Work). Three prizes are: Wheelbarrow of wine; Day in Toronto for Two (ROM, CNE, dinner out, Second City Improv, gas card); \$250 Heeman's gift card. Thanks to all of you who purchased the \$5.00 tickets to support this fundraiser!

Aug 26 - 30th.

Six children from the Southdale complex (among others) enrolled & participated in our first ever Vacation Bible School (VBS), from 9 am to 12 noon.

Sunday Sept 8th.

The Shoe, Shoe, Shoe Campaign was very successful, as 71 pairs of new shoes & 4 pairs of gently used shoes were donated by HTSSM folks. After Reverend Rob blessed the shoes during our Welcome Back Sunday service, we shared a delicious parish BBQ & potluck lunch outside in the sunny Veterans Garden. Reverend Pam joined us for the meal & she picked up all 75 pairs of shoes to distribute to Southdale children heading back to school!

Sunday Nov 3rd.

The LCC Walkathon was attended by members of the Board of Directors, who took a cold & windy solidarity walk from the Southdale complex to the No Frills grocery store near Southdale & Montgomery Rds. We each purchased grocery items for the food cupboard & carried them back to the office, which is a 45 minute walk each way. Thank you to everyone @ HTSSM who sponsored me - for a total of \$375.00. The grand total amount raised by all the walkers was \$5,500 which is being used for Winter Child & Youth Programs!

Wednesday Dec 18th.

The Mitten Tree was also very successful, as it produced 244 items this year. After the Salvation Army baby items were set aside, the rest was divided evenly between the Southdale complex & C.C. Carrothers Public School. These winter items were delivered just before the Christmas holidays began!

A big thank you to the big hearted HTSSM parishioners. We couldn't do all this without you!

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Sheils
Member, LCC Board of Directors

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Memorial flowers are donated each week throughout the year. I check each month to confirm the people still wish to donate. On some occasions they wish to drop out and I look or advertise for someone else to fill that spot. I always have people looking for a weekend and I fill them in an opening that fits with their specific needs.

Anyone who is interested in knowing more info please contact me at 519-872-2997 or speak to me directly at church. I'm always willing to accommodate your needs as best I can .

Respectfully

Anne Buchanan
Coordinator

MULTI-MEDIA COORDINATOR

I was hired as successor to Carol Gross in March 2019, and training was completed by April 2nd, 2019. I report to both the Wardens and Rev. Rob Henderson regarding all job related concerns, including but not restricted to: any personnel issues, approval for vacation time, submitting for additional hours worked, and any requests for change in office hours, etc.

Contractual hours of work are seven hours per week allocated as follows: five are completed at the church office every Thursday from 9-2pm, and the remaining two hours are flexible between home or office in order to finish the weekly tasks as required.

Additional hours required to complete any Safe Church duties are to be submitted separately for review and approval.

Please note to all Parishioners that any notifications or announcement requests, including updates to the Health & Healing List are to be submitted via email or in writing prior to Thursday mornings at 9am in order to be included in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin.

Priority tasks include, but not restricted to:

1) Weekly preparation of each Sunday's PowerPoint (PPT) Worship service, which involves substantial input and direct consultation from both Rev. Rob Henderson and Music Director, Dave McEwen, in addition to other clergy and musical guests when required.

2) Weekly preparation and printing of each Sunday's Bible Readings, Psalms, and Intercessions.

3) Creating, printing, and folding each Sunday's paper bulletins for distribution to Parishioners upon arrival at church every week. Average bulletins printed: 80-90/week

(Exception for July & August, as monthly bulletins are prepared for distribution.)

4) Creating and publishing the weekly PPT bulletin for presentation between morning services.

5) Updating and monitoring Social Media, including but not restricted to: a) maintaining weekly events on the Parish Website, such as the weekly bulletin, weekly worship schedule, and current events; and b) monitoring and uploading current events, and posting relevant material to Parish Facebook page.

6) Weekly distribution via email of: a) the Worship schedule reminders to each service team, coffee hosts, and respective Clergy, no later than the Thursday prior to each service; and b) each week's completed PPT worship service to the respective Clergy and Music Director for review, revisions, and approval prior to each Sunday service.

7) Monitoring and maintaining all current records and requirements for the Parish as governed by and stated within Safe Church policies.

8) Updating and maintaining all current records for MMC documents, including all music slides, worship services, and relevant procedure checklists.

9) Any pertinent additional Media tasks or requests received by Wardens, Rector, or Parishioners not included above.

At this time, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Wardens for their involvement in selecting myself for this position at HTSSM.

This part-time job has become a Labour of Love to the fullest extent as I am often inspired with the work I do, and thoroughly enjoy the learning curve that comes from being personally involved with the weekly liturgy and logistics of every service. I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to both Rev. Rob Henderson and Dave McEwen for all their patience and consideration with me throughout my months of learning. I greatly value my working partnership with both individuals and consider the three of us a remarkable team. Lastly, I thank God for bringing me to this place in my life that I can truly offer my service to both his Glory and the beloved Parishioners within this church family.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Allison Gortzak
MMC

MUSIC GROUP - 2019

As we reported in last year's Vestry report, we have evolved over the years into a "blended" music group. In our wrap-up discussion for 2019's music, we defined three distinct characteristics of our music program: V-I-P!

V – Variety of music we present.

I – Inclusiveness – both our congregation and outreach programs

P – People – we welcomed more guests to add to our worship services.

V – Variety of music we present

- Upbeat music starts and ends our services. We draw on several sources to organize support for the liturgy of the week.
- We strive to balance the music in a typical service between Contemporary and Traditional – a "Hymn sandwich" so to speak.
 - We respect the Eucharist music since it is personal to our worshippers.
 - We lead hymns and songs which support the key message of the service (Psalm and Gospel readings).
 - We are constantly adding new contemporary music to our repertoire.

We aim for simple, familiar songs so our congregation can easily sing along.

I - Inclusiveness (within and beyond our doors)

- How can we engage more people from the congregation? In 2020, we would like to include more of the congregation by inviting people to join us at the front for the Postlude after worship is over. As the song says "All Are Welcome". It's a great way to send you off to coffee hour with a smile on your face. Join us !

- Colin Shutt and Dan Lemanski are now leading the Eucharist music as cantors, alternating each week. (The Lord's Prayer and Lamb of God).
- We continue to welcome newcomers interested in joining the choir. In case you are worried about commitment, we treat the music program as a bus : Jump on when you can, jump off when you have to. No charge and the compensation is heart-warming !!
- Many of our parishioners prefer to sing quietly in the pews, but we heard several good voices during the 2019 carolling tour to our shut-ins. Some “first timers” felt the incredible reward of seeing those faces light up in the nursing homes. We would like to put that talent to good use for HTSSM.

Beyond our doors, we did and will continue to do a lot of outreach ministry:

- Carolling to shut-ins at Christmas. Thanks to Heather Gough for organizing the tour of three nursing homes and the home of a 98 year old birthday girl!. The birthday girl remarked that this was a great birthday gift when 12 of us showed up to sing Christmas carols with her.
- One of our parishioners who has advanced dementia remarked that he felt "human" again for a while when we all sang Carols with him and the residents of his nursing home.

Dearness Home monthly - in addition to our regular service rotation on the 2nd Sunday of each month, we continue to lead sing-alongs on the last Tuesday of each month. Our enthusiasm brings joy to some very compromised people who need it.

Other activities where we provided music were the City lights Bus tour, Bar-B-Cue, Welcome Home service, Yard Sale, Bazaar, Messy Church, and special dinners or occasions, Fundraising for the Sparks. We have “Marvin the Monkey” on the piano who gladly collects loose change for our 100th Sparks group. We turned over about \$50 to these young ladies for special expenses during 2019. They like to come visit us at rehearsals and try playing the piano. You can see their thank you card on the piano.

P - People and Performers

As explained above, music is nothing without voices to sing it. The “bus door” is always open.

We enjoyed many guests in 2019 and are planning more for 2020.

- Winter Wheat (the Nikkel family), led 3 services for us.
- Carib-Cana Steel Band, (Fitzroy Martin and group), raised the roof !
- Julia Haggarty, our angel voiced guest, blessed us at Lessons and Carols
- El Sistema South London Chamber group, our official charity, led a June service for us.
- Our own Cam Hughesman, who played “The Last Post and Reveille” at Remembrance Day in honour of his family’s war veterans, transported us to Flanders Fields with his trumpet.

We have been blessed in the past by our guests preferring to direct donations to their favourite charities (e.g. PWRDF), or refusing to accept compensation, stating “we had so much joy worshipping with you, that is payment enough!” That speaks of a welcoming church. Thanks, HTSSM.

In 2019 we helped our young guest performers fund a trip to Europe with their own youth choir in 2020, and also helped them with gift certificates for their music supplies

Our music program is on an evolving journey adding to our services and outreach.

We thank you for letting us lead it.

Dave and Marnie McEwen

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

During 2019 funds were released to the following agencies and causes to further enrich the lives of those they advocate for:

Anglican Foundation of Canada,
St. Paul's Social Services Food Bank,
Diocese of Huron Golf Tourney,
El Sistema South London,
HTSSM Bread Program,
Huron Church Campers,
LTC Tickets,
PWRDF and
Southdale Chaplaincy

Every contribution was received with much gratitude!

Respectfully submitted by,
Heather Gough and Bill Yeomans

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

1. FOYER

The foyer was painted and re-carpeted and the lights replaced with LED lights.

2. ALTAR AREA

The carpeting in front of the altar was replaced with vinyl flooring.

3. PARKING AREA

The parking area was resealed with no cost to the church by Larry Kuchocki.

4. LIGHTS

We have been working to replace the lights in the building with LED lights. So far we have done:

The main hall (with assistance from London Hydro)

Foyer

Office

Fireside Lounge

Rev Rob's office

The Church itself was done some 2 or 3 years ago.

This exercise has seen a drop in our hydro bill. We will be replacing the remainder of the lights as and when finances permit.

5. The HVAC unit had to be replaced.

6. REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

The pergola has been finished and the plaques to date have now all been mounted.

7. Two Carbon monoxide units were fitted one near the boiler and one in the Fireside Lounge.

8. Cutting of the grass was done by Harry Harris and Dave Pirrie and trimming by Marcus Hahn and Tom Pratt.

9. The roof over the Fireside Lounge will probably require replacing.

Details will be given at Vestry.

Submitted by
Vic Templar

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (P W R D F) / ANGLICAN FOUNDATION OF CANADA (ACF)

In 2019, as part its 60th anniversary celebration, PWRDF chose a new name, a new logo and a new website (www.pwrdf.org). PWRDF Huron (formerly known as the Huron Hunger Fund) is the primary vehicle for Anglicans in Huron, to put their outreach resources to work in effective and transformative ways. The public name of "PWRDF Huron" was chosen to state more clearly that this work is the participation of the Diocese of Huron in partnership with all of the other Dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada, under the umbrella of the office of the Primate.

With the election of the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls at General Synod this past July 2019 (formerly our own Bishop of Huron) to the office of Primate, this becomes even more poignant. The new name is also a clear statement that, while there continues to be many projects that address the immediate need of "Hunger" (especially through partnership with Canada Foodgrains Bank), PWRDF is equally engaged in the work of the worldwide Anglican Communion. They strive to uphold sustainable development, relief, refugees, global justice and the dignity of every human being in some of the world's most vulnerable and impoverished places. Over the past year, we have witnessed: Sunday School groups "buying the farm" through the World of Gifts catalogue in support of food security (\$450 buys a cow, goat, 2 piglets, 40 chickens, bags of seed, farm supplies and tools, etc. These purchases receive a 6:1 match from Gov't of Canada); Congregations fundraising to support water and housing improvements for a Canadian indigenous community; and the provision of immediate basic needs of food, shelter, and clean water to those affected when Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas. Most recently, they are accepting donations to support the aid efforts in Australia, after the wildfires.

At our 178th Huron Synod this past May, a motion was brought forward (and passed) to raise the 2019 PWRDF Huron Committee fundraising target to \$350,000. During Synod, on behalf of HTSSM, as your elected lay delegates to Synod, Pat Edgerton & myself were very proud to present Rev. Canon Greg Smith with a cheque for \$3,700.

Last month, PWRDF received the honour and congratulations - of being chosen by Maclean's Magazine, as "one of the 100 best Canadian charities for 2020".

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Sheils
PWRDF representative

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Heartfelt thanks to Leslie, Chuck and Dan who weekly take out our messy, smelly garbage. Their dedication to this chore is greatly appreciated especially when we have overflowing bins.

Thank you
Beth

SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE

Presently thirteen parishioners form the Social Care Committee. These individuals visit sixteen parishioners who live in Nursing/Retirement Homes or their own homes and are unable to attend Church, primarily due to physical restrictions.

Weekly church bulletins, "A Little Good News", Our Daily Bread, books, photographs and a multitude of special interest items often accompany such visitations. Each visitor streamlines their interactions to suit the needs of the individual being visited.

A time of quiet prayer, conversation and a warm presence most certainly have their place during these times. Conveying the message "You are a part of the HTSSM faith community" is central to our purpose. For those who are capable of mobilizing with assistance outside of their home environment, shopping

and coffee outings are enjoyed as well as facilitating meeting with friends and special activities in the community.

The Christmas carolling gave opportunity for two ladies to be joined with another at a retirement home for a time of much appreciated friendship and singing! Direct communication with family members often happens but can also be through leaving a **Visitors Card** inclusive of a personalized message and office/clergy phone numbers.

It was with sadness that we said goodbye this year to Elsie Nickels, Marion White, Edith Rudnicki and June Freeman as they passed onto life eternal. New membership to this committee is always welcome as too is the addition of individuals who would benefit from visitations.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Gough

VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN

In 2018 we finally got our proper concrete walkway and at that time we also erected a pergola, flagpole and Canadian flag.

In 2019 we continued on and did some more upgrades to the gardens. We extended the garden further down along the fence and planted and transplanted new plants. We also added mulch to the gardens. They looked good this summer with very little maintenance. This was mostly due to the walkway which added 110 percent!!!

We also dedicated and hung 17 new memorial plaques in the pergola. Many thanks to all those who donated in memory of a loved one who was a veteran. This is an ongoing project with one time a year to donate at Remembrance Day services. Contact me if interested in knowing more or to donate.

Rev Carol Gross and I are in the process of putting together a memorial

booklet that includes info and pictures of every plaque and stone in the garden as well as the white cross on the back of the church.

The book also included how the garden started and the many, many hours my family and many more people have spent since its inception.

I would like to add my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped and supported me with this garden. There have been many, so as not to forget anyone I won't name names. But, I would like to say a special thanks to my two garden nombs Norma and Janice who have spent many hours on their knees in the garden. With the new walkway their time was cut in half!!

Thanks to all, much appreciated !!!

Respectfully submitted
Anne Buchanan
Garden Co-Ordinator

YARD SALE

Once again I would like to thank everyone who helped and as in the past I will not list names, as I'm sure I will miss someone. Without many hands this would not be as successful as it has and will continue to be as one of our major fundraisers.

I heard from our shoppers that our Yard Sale was very well organized, clean and friendly. Can you believe it will only be five months before our next Yard Sale.

It would be appreciated if you could start going through your attics, basements, garages, etc. for working and in good shape items for our 2020 Annual Yard Sale.

Submitted by
Jeanette Maloney