

# Vestry Report January 2019

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## **Agenda**

**Vestry Meeting Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial  
January 27, 2019**

- 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**
- 2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk**
- 3. Acceptance of Agenda**
- 4. Adoption of Minutes from 2018 Vestry**
- 5. Moving and Acceptance of Parish Reports**
- 6. Presentation of Mission and Ministry Plan**

**Motion- "That the Vestry Holy Trinity St. Stephen's accept the Updated Mission and Ministry Plan.**

**Moved by: Chuck McEwan**

**Seconded by: Beth McKinlay**

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

**MINUTES OF VESTRY  
HOLY TRINITY ST. STEPHEN'S MEMORIAL ANGLICAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

Our Interim Priest, Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty, called the meeting to order at 12:03, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The appointment of Vestry Clerk is the Rev. Carol Gross (as per her position as Multimedia Coordinator).

Agenda adopted as presented; Moved by Anne Buchanan, Seconded by Joe Cadue.

Bishop Linda's letter was read by Canon Marian in its entirety, with Canon Marian stressing its importance, and complimenting the parish on already implementing the 4 specific points the Bishop desires all parishes to accomplish in this next year.

Rectors Report was given by Rev. Canon Marian Haggerty thanking all those who gave assistance in the move from the HT campus to the SSM campus. Canon Marian also clarified that her position is Interim Priest, and thanked the Search Committee for their work, and for their openness around the process. She also thanked Chuck McEwan for the work of the committee in putting together the Mission in Ministry Report. The addition of the HT chapel was noted with the announcement that beginning Sunday, January 4, the Chapel would be used for the 8:30 service. When invited to comment, the Rev. Carol Gross thanked Canon Marian for the opportunity and stressed the sense of Team that is currently working for the Parish, which would not be possible without the sense of inclusion modeled by Marian: Dave McEwen (Music), Lorrie Dale (Outreach Coordinator), Jeanette Maloney (Office Coordinator), herself and the Wardens. Canon Marian introduced some of the people who mostly attend the 8:30 service, and who were not known to the people who mostly attend the 10:30 service. She also noted the former members of Christ Church Glanworth who are now worshipping with us.

The Warden's Report was read by Harry Harris. Harry agreed there is a sense of teamwork in the Parish.

The adoption of the Minutes of 2017 was moved by Marian Haggerty and seconded by Dave Pirrie. Carried

The adoption of the minutes of the Special Vestry June 4, 2017 (Chaired by Archdeacon Sam Thomas) was Moved by Canon Marian and Seconded by Pat Edgerton. Carried.

There was no business arising from the 2017 minutes.

Acceptance of the Financial Reports was moved by Bill Yeomans and Seconded by Rick . There were no questions after Bill mentioned that we are presenting a balanced budget. Canon Marian asked a couple of times if there were any questions and then called for the vote. Carried.

Canon Marian thanked Bill Yeomans for his work keeping the records throughout the year and for preparing the budget for Vestry.

The Report of Financial Review by Chuck McEwan/Dave Keegan was Received.

## **Slate of Officers for 2018**

Rector's Warden: *Harry Harris*  
Peoples' Warden : *Rick Pritchett*  
Deputy Rector's Warden: *Beth McKinlay*  
Deputy People's Warden: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coordinator of Financial Records: *Bill Yeomans*  
Coordinator of Financial Planning, Stewardship & Fund Raising: *CathyGarbutt*  
Lay Delegate: *Vic Templar*  
Lay Delegate: *Colin Shutt*  
Alternate Lay Delegate: *Sandra Otte*  
Alternate Lay Delegate: *Lorrie Dale*

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Envelope Secretary: *Jeanette Maloney (as per OC contract)*  
Screening in Faith: *Rev. Carol Gross (as per MMC contract)*  
Music Coordinator: *Dave McEwen*  
Messy Church: *Cathy Garbut*  
Altar Guild: *Anne Buchanan*  
PWRDF: *Lynda Sheils*  
ARP: *Kat DesJardines*  
Property Maintenance: *Colin Shutt*  
Financial Reviewers: *Chuck McEwan and Dave Keegan*  
BAC: *Harry Harris*  
Social Care Coordinator: *Heather Gough*

Harry Harris moved that the Slate of Officers be accepted as circulated. Seconded by Bill Yeomans.

Canon Marian opened the floor for nominations for position of Deputy People's Warden.

Jeanette Maloney nominated Paul Geraghty, (former Warden at Christ Church Glanworth) who declined the nomination.

John Biro suggested that Beth McKinlay could move from Deputy Rector's Warden to Deputy People's Warden to allow the new Rector to choose a Warden for himself. Beth agreed. The motion with the Amendment was moved by John Biro and seconded by Bill Yeomans. Carried. No dissensions.

Canon Marian thanked outgoing Warden Joe Cadue for all his work as Deputy People's Warden especially though the transition.

Written Reports were accepted as a whole moved by Beth McKinlay, Seconded by Lorrie Dale. Carried

Bill Yeomans presented the Budget and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Rick Pritchett. Carried.

## **New Business**

### Mission in Ministry Report

15 – 17 minute presentation by Chuck McEwan

- Most have received and read report by now.
- Leave part 2 to new rector
- If we have to amend the Report ...let's do it now.
- Addition of groups: Social Care, El Sistema, Order of St. Luke
- Transforming Society should have LGBT with a +
- Sign ...Colin spoke to it – it will only have the Anglican Church symbol and our name on the Sign.
- Colin agreed to help us implement Green Church as per Diocese of Niagara
- Chuck mentioned Bill Yeoman's report – expenses rising
- As we are, we can survive for 5 more years, but we have the power to change that picture. It is up to us.

Harry Harris moved acceptance of the report with changes noted. Seconded by Rick Pritchett. Carried Unanimously and with enthusiasm.

Canon Marian thanked the Parish for the wonderful service preceding the Vestry: the choir and the lay team. She thanked Parish Council for the work they did in being prepared for the Vestry and for the members of the Parish asking for clarification before the day of Vestry. Canon Marian expressed thanks from all of the members of Vestry to those who helped prepare the lunch.

Joe Cadue moved Adjournment at 1:10.

Ray Masters thanked Rev. Canon Marian Haggerty for all the work she has done.

Vestry was closed with the Grace.

## **Letter from Bishop Linda Nicholls**

January 2019

Dear friends in Christ,

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

(Ephesians 1:15-16)

When you gather for your Annual Vestry meeting you gather as the Body of Christ, baptized followers of Jesus, to consider the life of your parish and how it reflects the light of Christ in your community. You will renew your Mission & Ministry Plan for 2019 - reflecting on how you will continue to fulfill each of the Five Marks of Mission - especially the first two, proclaiming God's Good News and making disciples. These Five Marks of Mission are guideposts for a healthy parish. Read them aloud together - post them in your parish - publish them in your bulletin - remind every parish group or meeting of them! Every activity - worship, social, learning or outreach - ought to reflect these Marks. We need to be intentional in our

commitment to them. The decisions you will be making about your budget, finances, leadership and property are critical to undergirding the Marks of Mission. They are more than 'housekeeping' - they reflect our values and set the foundation for all we do.

Our theme at Synod 2018 was Building Disciples - Abiding in the Word . We are all disciples of Jesus by virtue of our baptism. Discipleship is a lifelong school of learning and transformation, nurtured by scripture, worship, prayer, learning and life in community. At Synod we heard four lay members of our diocese share stories of their faith. I encourage you to take time at your Vestry meeting to share with one another what being a disciple means to you. How has God touched your life in the past year? Share an experience or learning that has made a difference in your life! You will be changed by the opportunity to tell your story - and encouraged by hearing the stories of others. God is at work around us and in our friends and neighbours! We need to tell the stories!!

We also need to know the biblical story of God's love and redemption. In my January Huron Church News article I invited all to join me in reading the bible over the next year. You may choose to read the whole of the Bible - or focus on the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament) or the New Testament with the Psalms. The reading schedule is posted on our website: [www.diohuron.org](http://www.diohuron.org)! Read as a parish - read with a friend - listen for God's word to you - start a study group - ask any and all questions that emerge - and abide in the Word.

Thank you for your part in our shared life as a diocese. We have seen a strong commitment through apportionment to meeting our diocesan needs. Through good stewardship most parishes have been able to meet their full apportionment commitment. A few, due to pastoral or other situations, have a formal covenant with me to meet annual benchmarks towards full apportionment. We are accountable to each other across the diocese and I am deeply grateful for the commitment all parishes are making to our shared life.

Over the past year we have had several changes in diocesan staff due to retirements. We used the opportunity to reconfigure some positions to keep our diocesan budget as lean as possible while providing parishes with the same level of support in key areas. The staff at Church House are committed to our parishes and I am grateful for their skills and dedication. If you need assistance they are here to serve.

As I travel across the diocese visiting parishes and deaneries I am delighted by the commitment of so many faithful Anglicans. Thank you for the dedication that continues to offer leadership and support in our parishes! Thank you to those who serve as Wardens, treasurers and Parish Council members in leadership and care for daily life. Thank you to the clergy who lead worship; offer pastoral care; teach the Gospel; and guide each congregation. My prayers are with you as you discern what God is calling you to do and be in 2019.

Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 6:23 - 24)

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls Bishop of Huron

## Mission and Ministry Report

DRAFT and Amended at December 2018 Parish Council

### HOLY TRINITY ST STEPHEN'S MEMORIAL

#### MISSION AND MINISTRY PLAN 2018 – 2022

(FIRST REVISION JANUARY 2019)

##### Overview of First Revision

To remain relevant and a guide forward for the Parish the Mission and Ministry Plan is a living document subject to review and change. To this end Rev. Rob and a small focus group (Harry Harris, Dave Keegan, Alison Gortzak, Heather Gough, Chuck McEwan, Dave Pirrie), undertook a review and re-visioning exercise on November 10, 2018. The following revised plan reflects the outcome of that exercise. As well the revision was vetted by the wardens and parish council. Changes reflect developments over the past year, new knowledge and prayerful consideration of how we can best fulfill our mission as the people of God at 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.**
- **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.**
- **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.**
- 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 (goal achieved).
  - HTSSM also hosted an Advent study series with both daytime and evening sessions in 2018 (goal achieved).
  - **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.**
  - **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)**
  - **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.**
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- 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.**
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- Current Ministries:

Southdale Chaplaincy  
PWRDF

St Paul’s daily bread program  
El Sistema South London

Bread program at GCCRC  
Order of St. Luke

Snacks at CC Carruthers PS  
Social Care Program for shut-ins

*Clothing Cupboard Programs*  
Music at Dearness Home

Gift card/Bus Ticket program to augment Rev Rob's discretionary fund

- 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.**
  - **Host informative Ministry Fairs in connection with coffee hours.**

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.
- 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**
- **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.**
- 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).

## Buildings

- As required HTSSM submitted a Property Condition Matrix to the Diocese in 2018 (goal achieved).
- **Create a Building Ministry Team to study and prepare a building plan with assistance from the building report provided by Terry Marklevitz, architect, in October 2018. As Terry stated to us, these are only his suggestions and this is not a final draft of any work the parish is going to do but only a stepping off point for us.**
- Installation of the chapel is complete (goal achieved).
- Restructure layout of pews and chairs is complete (goal achieved).
- New lawn sign is installed (goal achieved).
- **Study the options for an electronic signboard to enhance communications**
- **Repair flat roof above Parish lounge in 1-2 years is included in the architect's report**
- **Assess and as necessary replace windows in lounge and church is included in the architect's report**
- Kitchen Reno
- **Council will revisit and prioritize both maintenance and capital project needs and associated costs in 2019**

## Finance and Stewardship

- Set a balanced annual budget and review on an ongoing basis
- Ensure apportionment and Clergy costs are paid monthly
- Publish quarterly financial updates highlighting giving and expenses in the bulletin/newsletter
- 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.**
- **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.**

Motion: "The Vestry of Holy Trinity St. Stephens 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."

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Approved by Vestry on:

## **Rector's Report**

January 2019

Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial

My first 6 months have been a true blessing. While it has not been a long time, it has been a fulfilling time. There has been much to learn and get acquainted with, and I continue to try and find my way around and get to know you. I'd like to offer a word of thanks to the Wardens, Parish Council, Rev Carol, Jeanette Maloney, Dave McEwen and many parishioners who have reached out to help as I settle into life here at HTSSM. I encourage everyone in the parish to keep that sense of hospitality alive when you see a visitor or returning parishioner at the church. I can tell you firsthand how comforting it is when someone approaches a new person and introduces themselves or simply welcomes them. A new person should never have to do the work of making acquaintances, we can extend that hand of friendship at every opportunity.

My report will be in two sections. Section number one will review some of the ministries and pastoral work I have been involved in since my arrival at HTSSM in August. I'd also like to look back at some highlights from our first six months together. The second section will be a few words about our Mission and Ministry Plan.

### **Section #1**

Pastoral ministry is always ongoing in the life of the Parish. I have been able to visit parishioners in their homes, in hospital and in nursing homes. With the help of Heather Gough and her leadership within the Social Care Committee, I was able to bring Christmas Communion to many parishioners. My thanks to all those on the Social Care Committee who extend loving care far beyond the realm of the clergy. Clergy and laity alike share a common ministry to take care of the vulnerable and the shut in and I am grateful for the work that is done here.

The ministry of the parish extends far beyond the walls of our building. With that in mind, I have been able to make some community connections in our neighborhood. Most notably with Pam Cullen, chaplain at London Community Chaplaincy as well as Warren Litt, chaplain at Dearness Home. Pam will be our guest preacher on April 28 at the 10:30 service and has given us some ideas about how we can take part in the ministry of the London Community Chaplaincy. We will be offering a monthly service for residents at Dearness on the second Sunday of every month at 9:30am.

As another way of extending our life as a parish outside of our walls, I have teamed up with my good friend and colleague Rev. Kevin George from St. Aiden's Anglican church in London. Together we host a podcast known as "The Vicar's Crossings". The podcast is recorded at Crossings Pub and Eatery on Hyde Park Road. Our main theme is how our faith intersects with the public square. We invite guests to talk about their work or ministry and to highlight some of the ways that living out our Christian mission is manifest outside the walls of the church. One of the benefits of this forum is to have time to talk about some of the things happening at HTSSM and highlight our life as a community. You can find the Podcast on YouTube, iTunes and

Soundcloud.

Keeping on a social media theme, we now have a Twitter account (@HolyTrinityStStephen's) and an updated Facebook page (Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's). Our Website has been updated and can be found at [www.parishofhtssm.ca](http://www.parishofhtssm.ca).

Our celebration of New Ministry and induction service in September was a wonderful event in the life of the Parish. The night was enthusiastic and hopeful. Many of the guests and clergy spoke highly of the positive spirit of the community. As Rev. Kevin George reminded us in his sermon, the road we walk together at this time in the history of the parish will be bumpy at times, but we do not walk it alone. God is on our side and wants our community to thrive. Through our baptism we are all called to be ministers in the church and to take part in the ongoing story of how this community will positively affect the lives of God's beloved children.

As an opportunity for spiritual formation and learning, I offered a study series in December on the themes of Advent; Peace, Hope, Love and Joy. Our gatherings began with a time of prayer and reflection and we leaned into each theme by sharing our ideas about what each theme meant to us. I enjoyed the many thoughts and perspectives from all who took part. The consensus was that we should do other such faith formation series and my hope is to offer these opportunities throughout the year, especially during Lent and Advent. As further faith formation, I am planning sessions for children and youth. The Life in the Eucharist Program is for younger children to learn about the Eucharist and what it means to live in Christian Community. The sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled to take place in the London Deanery in May and I will be offering opportunities for those seeking to be Confirmed available.

Christmas services this year were well attended. The 4:30pm service at Christ Church Glanworth, the 7pm service at HTSSM and the Christmas morning service saw over 200 people share in worship.

## Section #2 Mission and Ministry Plan.

In the fall of 2016, Bishop Linda asked every parish in the Diocese of Huron to prepare a mission and Ministry Plan. The purpose of the plan was to set goals and objectives as how to move forward as a parish while being mindful of our mission as a church set out in the 5 Marks of Mission of the Anglican Church of Canada. Last year, HTSSM Vestry passed the first version of our plan. Throughout the year, many of the goals were reached and we should celebrate this achievement! What's most impressive is that these goals were reached in a year of transition and the selection of a new rector. This is a strong testament to the faithful commitment of this parish to work at moving forward with hope and anticipation. It would have been easy to step back and do nothing while waiting for "the minister" to arrive. Yet you stepped up and took the initiative and did the work. Thanks to all who made it happen! With that kind of commitment and with the gifts of those in this parish, God will do great things to build God's kingdom with us!

As we enter 2019, we bring to Vestry an updated Mission and ministry Plan with a few new goals and objectives as we move forward as a Parish. If accepted at our meeting on January 27, these goals will guide us through the next couple of years. I am aware that not everything we could possibly do is included in this plan. During our retreat in November, the working group that was preparing this plan for you had many ideas and thoughts that did not make it into the plan.

This plan is not intended to be a "fix the church" plan. It is intended to paint a vision of how we may look as the Anglican presence in South London that has a mission to partner with God and God's dream. We do not accept these goals and objectives for the sole purpose of meeting our own needs. We accept these goals and objectives as disciples who follow Jesus for the building up of God's needs.

I would remind us all that this is a living document and will be updated and revised as we move

forward in the years ahead. We will enhance and growth with the plan and we will celebrate when we see some of the goals met. We will look for ways these goals and objectives bring new life and transformation to others. Most importantly, we will pray that God may lead us faithfully as a community built on love and care for each other and for those we are called to serve. Please look over the plan included in this Vestry booklet and pray for our parish. Pray for ways you may offer yourself to these goals and objectives. Pray for Holy Spirit to guide us as we move forward in our story as the Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial. I look forward to sharing the road with you!

In Christ

Rev. Rob Henderson+

### **Sacraments Report**

The following Sacraments were offered at Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial in 2018

Baptisms – 2

Marriages- 1

Confirmations- 0

Funerals -6

### **Nominations Report- Wardens/Rector Report on Nominations and Appointments for 2019**

We are thankful for the offering of leadership by those parishioners who faithfully serve HTSSM. A few folks will be stepping away from their positions. We would like to thank **Rick Pritchett** for his leadership as Warden and also **Colin Shutt and Vic Templar** who have served as Lay Representatives to Synod.

The following appointments and nominations are submitted for 2019

1. Rectors Warden- Beth McKinlay (Appointed)
2. Treasurer/Paymaster- Bill Yeomans (As appointed by the Wardens.)
3. People's Warden- Harry Harris (Nominated)
4. Deputy Warden- Dave Keegan
5. Lay Representative to Diocesan Synod-Lynda Sheils, Pat Edgerton(Nominated)
6. Alternate Delegates to Synod- Sandra Otte, Margie Henderson (Nominated)
7. Parish Council Secretary's (Carol Gross/Jeanette Maloney (As per contracts)
8. Parish Council Members: (nominated) Vic Templar, Colin Shutt, Rick Pritchett, Bill Yeomans

Staff:

Music and Choir Director- Dave McEwen

Office Administrator/Envelope Secretary- Jeanette Maloney

Multi Media/Safe Church Coordinator- Rev. Carol Gross

Ministry Leaders:

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

Servers- Jessica Cunningham, Sara Ann

Property- Beth McKinlay, Colin Shutt, Vic Templar  
Building Committee- Vic Templar (Team Leader)  
Coffee Hour Convener- Leslie Savard  
Bazaar Convener –Pat Edgerton  
Anglican Fellowship of Prayer- Kat DesJardines  
Chancel Guild/Flowers- Anne Buchanan  
PWRDF Contact- Lynda Sheils  
Book Sale- Janis Kirby  
Yard Sale- Jeanette Maloney  
Cursillo Leaders- Colin Shutt, Carol Shutt  
Social Care Committee- Heather Gough (Team Leader)  
Outreach Committee- Heather Gough, Bill Yeomans  
Evangelism Committee- Chuck McEwan (Team Leader)  
Financial Review- Chuck McEwan, Dave Keegan  
Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen- Harry Harris, Vic Templar  
Euchre- Gordon and Barb Procure  
Coffee Break- Sharron Pirrie  
Special thanks to those who serve as Greeters, Readers, Offertory Ministers, Communion Ministers, Counters, Servers

### **Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens Memorial Anglican Church Wardens Report to Vestry for 2018**

2018 started with the same challenge that ended 2017. We had to carry on with Parish Life as well as begin a search for a new Rector.

The parish life carried on under the capable guidance of Canon Marion Haggarty as Priest in Charge until her last service on June 17th Rev Carol Gross provided Supply Ministry from June 24th to July 31st. Activities and events carried on without disruption and minimal, if any, challenges.

The biggest single challenge of course was the search for the new Rector. Meetings and discussions in the search process proceeded in to April when the Search Committee received a list of candidates to interview. Finally on May 13 the Committee announced that Rev Rob, Margie and family had answered our call to be our new Rector beginning on Sunday August 5.

- The year, as usual, has been filled with many memories both happy and sad:
  - we have lost so many dear and cherished members of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial and Christ Church Glanworth;
  - we welcomed new members and are so grateful they have decided to become family member at HTSSM.
  - Challenges we had a few, such as the need to institute door monitoring and keeping main & side doors locked, following a memo from the diocese warning of “uninvited guests”.
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- Improvements and Upgrades:
  - Sign upgraded for safety purposes and now we are prepared for the next step, that is, the consideration of an electronic sign its feasibility and challenges of location.
  - A portable sign now announces our various events.

- Memorial Garden refurbished with a concrete pathway, pergola, flag pole and Canadian flag.
- So many other happy memories:
- Thanks to the Book Sale/Market Place in April, Yard Sale in June, Bazaar in November continue our ability to contribute to various outreach programs including this year sending 6 youth to Huron Church Camp in July;
- Coffee Hours, wonderful music, beautiful singers, ringing of the bells, advent study, messy church, tour of lights, lemonade Sunday, tree of mittens, hats , scarves. Bread program, backpack s, who can forget the Hot- Hot Sundays in the lounge for services.

There were so many happy times and we must thank those folks that contributed their support. What a great team we all make.

- An Indication of Things To Come

From the revised Mission & Ministry Plan, you will note that 4 Team Ministries will be created to better serve our needs, and those of the community we serve. We hope that these initiatives will spark interest within the congregation, to share your gifts of time and talent to serve on one of the following Teams:

- Outreach Ministry
- Justice Ministry
- Building Ministry, and;
- Green Team.

In order to present a balanced budget, our Treasurer, Bill Yeomans, needed to borrow money from 2 Reserved Funds (\$4000 & \$10,000). This is due in part to the loss of rent from Tai Chi, and a decrease in offerings beginning in 2017 (\$4456) and again in 2018 (\$4571). A 5% increase in our current offerings could alleviate the forecast of a \$5519 loss in 2019.

We are blessed to have the Reverend Rob's leadership and desire, to make HTSSM a viable parish within our community for the foreseeable future. In response, we have to be supportive of new initiatives with a commitment of time and financial resources.

Beth Harry Rick

### **Lay Delegate to Synod Report**

Report on Synod 177 June 10th, 2018

Lay Delegate Colin Shutt.

Hi in case you don't know along with Vic Templar we are and were your Lay delegates for Synod.

I should like to say that it was a privilege to represent our Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephen's

Memorial.

My overall reaction to Synod was the realization of the passion of the people who get things done in our Diocese. There is an overwhelming feeling of true compassion, dedication, love and care as you listen to people tell of their journeys.

The Bishop in her charge to Synod indicated that she has been to 67 Parishes merely as a worshipper such as yourself and as most of us remember she was here earlier this year and sat close Carol and I, what a blessing. She charged us to "Abide in the Word" that the Bible is a rich and sometimes complex source for knowing God and God's ways. That each of us needs to know its stories and history and ask how it touches and changes us.

The Bishop thanked us for our hard work put in on our Mission and Ministry Plans. She also acknowledged the struggle we have before us as a parish too, just as Francis of Assisi did when God gave him the message to "Rebuild my Church"

The two most pressing issues for us

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

Her final charge being "Rebuild your Church, O Lord ~ and let it begin with me !!

Some of the groups who spoke to Synod just blew me away.

The ACW (Anglican Church Women) through their active fund raising were able to give a gift of \$50,000.00 dollars to Huron Church Camp what an awesome thing.

This Synod there were four lay people chosen by Bishop Linda to give a witness to their journey's as a Christian and as an Anglican in their corners of the Diocese, they were all inspiring, heartfelt and humble. They all told a piece of everyone in the room's story.

Of course we had the Joy and Grace of Bishop Dance leading us in Bible study as he did in our Deaneries if that man can't get you jumpin' and thinkin' I don't know what or who can.

We heard from our Primate the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz earlier on in the day telling us what he's up to and what is going on in the Greater Anglican Communion. He is a warm, ingratiating and humble person of whom you would off handedly say to a friend "yah that's my buddy Fred." I personally was moved by his aplomb.

Later at the Banquet he was asked to recount his life as Primate on a more personal note. Since becoming Primate he has flown in an airplane at least once a week that is just staggering! He had many more humorous anecdotes.

There was conversation on the Marriage Canon and some of the questions compiled from the deanery discussions were presented to both the Bishop and the Primate in a Q&A session that I am sure was recorded and was both enlightening and thoughtful. A unique resource for our Diocese and a feeling of where the Anglican Communion is on this most important issue. And as both Bishop Linda and Primate Fred said there will be people on both sides of the issue but we need not push away from each other but find a way to stay close though we disagree.

There was a passion when we heard from the Bridge Builders and the Justice League of Huron that was consuming. The fire that Rev. Roselyn Elm and Hana Scorrar displayed was tangible when talking about staying the course on native reconciliation the work is not done as they said we have merely scratched the surface.

The "Water" motion that all people in this Anglican Communion should have access to clean water and should be required to protect what we have passed unanimously. There was a small paper passed out called 4 common myths about drinking water that is worth the read.

The work at Monica Place for mothers and their children is outstanding a place of warmth and acceptance. I heard that their biblical model for the work there was Jeremiah 29:11 so as you may know now about me I looked it up and I quote "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not evil, to give you a future and a hope"

That say's it all about Monica Place

The Youth entertained us with their school bus race and raised over 2,000.00 dollars at synod. Rev' Canon Gerry Adam's enthusiasm when talking about Church Camp as at the deanery is very catching and it is a small wonder the Camp works so well!

Finally in her Synod service homily Bishop Linda invited us to recognize a Celtic tradition (as Rev. Marian mentioned in her homily last week) of "thin places" I had never heard of this before so I looked it up and found a definition which I could rap my head around; A thin place is where the Veil that separates Heaven and Earth is lifted and one is able to receive a glimpse of the Glory of God. And all I can say to that is, bring on the thin places.

The Bishop encouraged us to go out and tell the Good News to someone else. Become a Faith Whisperer.

And as my Carol would say the End!

Thanks

## **Choir Report**

### **HTSSM's Unique Choir**

The HTSSM choir has changed over the last few years, just like the congregations and the churches did.

With the merger of the two churches, we fused the choirs as well as the music styles, developing a uniquely balanced repertoire of Hymns, Sacred and "non-Hymn" worship music. It is normal in a service to hear Communion hymns as quiet as "One Bread, One Body", after which we exit to a rollicking Gospel version of "Standing On The Promises of God". We draw from several sources and styles, from quiet, worshipful songs through to calypso, gospel, pop, and so on. Our goal is to touch everyone with the right song at the right time in the service.

## **OUR ACTIVITIES**

### **Regular**

We lead music for the Sunday services as well as extra services when the occasions present themselves. We welcome musically those who are baptized into the church. When called on, we serve funerals to honour our loved ones and others who have passed on.

### **Special services**

In December, 2018, we provided music for the familiar Lessons and carols service which told God's Love Story from the promise through to the birth of Jesus. We had a special guest this year – more details later in this article.

After the "business" was done on Christmas Eve, we finished up with a "disco-calypso" version of Mary's Boy Child which had people dancing in the aisles. What a way to welcome the Saviour!!

By contrast, on Christmas Day, a small gathering enjoyed very quiet, happy celebration music to mark the arrival of the Son.

### **Fun Activities and Outreach**

We provide music for our annual events such as the Bazaar and yard sale. Several visitors have remarked how much fun it is to shop to a variety of background music.

Christmas was particularly busy for us this year. We went to our friends in nursing homes who cannot get around, bringing Christmas Carols they can sing along to. A sold-out bus tour of London to see the Christmas lights brought out lots of singing passengers. Our music director joined forces Rev. Canon Kevin George at St Aiden's Silver Saints luncheon to provide a lively

combination of Newfie, Pop, Christmas, and sing-along music .

We thank the choir at the end of June with a Choir barbecue. All are volunteers and we truly appreciate their time and dedication. We provided barbecue music welcoming Rob Henderson, our new rector, and his family. Messy Church had a musical finish to story time with the kids providing the percussion!

### **Outreach activities**

On a monthly basis, we have continued a long standing tradition of doing a Hymn sing at the Dearness Home the last Tuesday of each month. This brings joy to those who truly need cheering up, as well as the choir members who enjoy creating smiles.

### **Special guests**

We welcome guest musicians with a purpose to add variety to our services. The Nikkel family (Kim, Dale, Renee, Oliver, and Drew), led our second Advent service in December. In addition to providing an amazing variety of music and talent, they helped raise \$700 for PWRDF, the Primate's World Relief Development Fund, which will help our less fortunate ones in many ways.

Julia Haggarty, our special guest at Lessons and Carols, thrilled us with her renditions of "O Holy Night", and "Mary, Did You Know", where she represented the angel visiting Mary. Several members of the congregation remarked how we had been truly visited by an angel. Julia's music school students hold their recitals at our church, and we have invited a few to return and sing at our services in future.

Valleyview Male Chorus and El Sistema South London held a concert at our church to a packed house October 13. It was a wonderful way for us to introduce our new rector to a wider congregation and highlight our outreach activities. These activities often go unnoticed since some of them are very quietly done by individuals who donate from their hearts. This concert raised \$1,200 to support outreach activities.

Looking ahead to 2019, we plan on performing our regular duties, expanding our repertoire, and inviting as many guests as we can to share our worship. Our guests have felt warmly welcomed, and would like to return.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve HTSSM and other causes.

Marnie and Dave McEwen

### **Altar Guild**

We have a great group of ladies who are very dedicated to their weekend duties. It has been difficult to get a full slate out to a meeting, hopefully that will change this year. It has been hard to maintain three volunteers for each weekend. We have had a year of changes, some retiring, one passing on to her heavenly home. May God Bless each and every one of you.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the duties of the Altar Guild, please talk to me. I would be happy to give you more info. I am always looking for a few more people, men or women as we do not discriminate.

Respectively,  
Anne Buchanan  
Coordinator  
(519-872-2997)

## **Memorial Flowers**

Memorial Flowers are donated every week of every month throughout the year. I check each month and most people continue each year with their donation. On the occasion someone changes, than I would advertise for someone to fill that spot. I also have people looking for a weekend from time to time and I fill them in where there is an opening, if it fits with their specific need. Anyone interested in having more information, please contact me at 519-872-2997 or speak to me directly at Church.

Respectively,  
Anne Buchanan  
Coordinator

## **BAC Report**

### **BROTHERHOOD of ANGLICAN CHURCHMEN ANNUAL REPORT for 2018**

Currently our membership consists of Joe Cadue, Harry Harris, Colin Shutt, Vic Templar, and Richard Trumper.

There have been no meetings during 2018, but members continue to take an active part within the life of the Parish of HTSSM as follows;

- a) 3 of the 5 served on the Selection Committee (Jan.10-May 2)
- b) 3 of the 5 sing in the choir
- c) 3 of the 5 participate as Lay Assistants at the main Sunday service
- d) Assist with the Annual Book Sale, Yard Sale and Evergreen Bazaar
- e) Do necessary maintenance in and around the church

Respectfully submitted,  
Pres. Harry Harris

## **Bread Program**

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 has been a great match with GCCRC as on Thursdays they have their emergency food

cupboard open, so individuals are able to obtain bread and other items of need for their household.

Most of us have no problem buying a loaf or two of bread. It is however surprising the number of people who greatly appreciate that we provide them weekly with the bread, while monthly GCCRC provides dry goods; enabling them to buy other necessary groceries.

Some weeks we hand out close about 70 to 80 loaves of bread. One week we were over 90 loaves. On occasion, GCCRC has other bread products that we are able to provide to our neighbours.

As we had announced in Church, we were fortunate this year to receive \$700 from the Diocese of Huron Golf Tournament for our Bread Program. As this is a large amount, it helps for the cost of the bread that Vic Templar graciously picks up each week and delivers to the GCCRC for our Thursday distribution.

Although we received monies from the Diocese, it certainly doesn't cover our annual cost of the bread. I would like to thank the parishioners that have been contributing to this Ministry, by picking up an extra loaf or two while shopping or designating some weekly or monthly givings to the Bread Program.

Lastly, I would like to thank Allison Gorzak, Liz Stanley and Evelyn & Tony Gale who have been taking turns in assisting in our Bread Ministry. Should you also like to assist, even once every month or two, please let me know.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Maloney

### **Booksale & Marketplace**

The annual Booksale and Marketplace was held on Saturday, April 21st. We were able to use the two lower halls, one for the books and one for the Marketplace vendors. We continue to have many, many books donated to this fund- raising event- so many, in fact, that we wonder where they all come from! Janis and I started sorting the books in early February. Our book customers are very pleased to see the many books sorted by genre as well as authors. A lot of happy readers were seen leaving our church!

Thank you to Dave Pirrie and his crew , who kindly provided the BBQ lunch, as well as Allison Gortzak and Kelly Fitzpatrick, who again co- ordinated the Marketplace and advertising.

Thank you also to the parishioners of HTSSM for supporting this annual event, as well as Harry Harris and his team of helpers who were instrumental in both setting up and putting away all of those books!

A job well done!

Respectfully submitted by Pat Edgerton

### **Coffee Break**

THE COFFEE BREAK meets the last Tuesday of the month, with the exception of none in December or June, July and August. Everyone is welcome to join us at 10:00 a.m., bring your knitting or crocheting if you would like. Sometimes we help out the bazaar committee with doing wrapping of the surprise boxes. Please join us whenever you can in the fireside lounge.

Submitted by

Barb Kuchocki and Sharron Pirrie

### **Coffee Hour**

#### **HTSSM Coffee Hour Report 2018**

Attendance is growing at coffee hour each and every week. It is so good to look around and see so many of our church family enjoying some social time after the service. The coffee fund has been able to provide special treats for various celebrations throughout the year such as Welcome Back Sunday, farewell to our friends Doug and Marsha O'Halloran and many more. This year, we have realized a profit of \$530.50 which has been directed to the operating fund of HTSSM. The current balance at year end is \$534.06.

As always, I am thankful for the volunteers who man the coffee urn, pour the tea, wash the dishes and bring in the treats, especially those home baked ones Colin! 😊 For those of you who aren't even a host, but "jump in" and help out when there is a need, you are appreciated more than you could know. We have a great group of people ready and willing to provide a coffee, tea, juice, cookies and smiles every week and I truly appreciate each and every one of them. If you're interested in providing some smiles, let us know, training is provided! We're always on the lookout for volunteers J

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Savard

### **Crafts & Laughs**

#### **Vestry Report 2018**

The Crafts and Laughs group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the small hall on the 2nd Thursday of the month in January, February, March, April, May, September, October & November. In June we meet for lunch at Pizza Hut.

We sew, knit, crochet or assemble items which are sold at the Bazaar and the Book Sale/Market Place. We also make muffins for the Bazaar Tearoom.

Thanks to those who donated items to the Craft Table.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Kirby

### **Dinner Church**

#### **Dinner Church 2018 Vestry Report**

From January to April 2018 Dinner Church met three times with an average attendance of nine. One of the goals of Dinner Church was to provide a service that would attract people who do not attend a regular Sunday morning service. Although over the months a few such people came to Dinner Church they did not return for subsequent services.

Having regard for the low attendance and lack of appeal to new attenders it was decided that Dinner Church would cease operation.

Thanks are due to clergy who presided at the services, to the volunteers who performed various essential roles, and to the congregation as a whole for enabling this attempt at something new.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Biro

### **Envelope Secretary**

As previously announced in Church, we on occasion receive an envelope that was placed on the collection plate 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. Should you like to change from weekly envelopes to automatic monthly givings, which helps the Church for budgeting, please contact me direct.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Maloney

### **Evangelism**

#### **EVANGELISM MINISTRY TEAM**

In November 2018 we took our first step into parish evangelism ministry by forming the Evangelism Ministry Team. A commitment made by the parish in the Mission and Ministry Plan. Evangelism, sharing the good news of God's love, is central to our purpose as the church. Yet we, like other main line churches, are confronted with the many misconceptions and intimidating images surrounding the rarely spoken "E" word. So much so we shy away from intentionally engaging in the topic and can become inward focused. While Evangelism is ultimately the work of the Holy Spirit we are the channels to enlightenment through sharing of our own faith stories with others.

The parish family at Holy Trinity St Stephen's Memorial already knows the story as evidenced by that friendly, welcoming, and loving buzz about it. Yet we will only fulfill the church's purpose when we tell our story to those beyond the walls of The Big Blue Church. The challenge we face, both the E Team and parish family, is to understand what evangelism "is" and the "why" and "how" of doing it.

We recognize it will be a long slow process to dispel the false impressions and gain the confidence to tell our transformative story to others. To begin the process of understanding evangelism the team has chosen to study a book, "Unbinding the Gospel" by Martha Grace Reese. "This is a book that is unabashedly about evangelism: faith sharing."

Our intention is also to engage the parish in the discussion as well as actively reach out to the community beyond. Several initiatives under consideration are: a) Host a parish discussion opportunity in February using the Video/Discussion series "Invited." b) recommend topical reading material to the congregation. c) design/distribute business card size invitational card to parishioners c) design/distribute invitational handouts/flyers/posters for both church and fund raising events d) design/launch a vacation bible school e) electronic signboard messaging f) preaching on the topic g) community gatherings: both on and off site. To facilitate some activities we have requested parish council to include funding in the 2019 budget, specifically for evangelism initiatives.

Combining words with deeds, evangelism and outreach, go hand in hand. It is our hope we can link up with those already engaged in outreach initiatives and, in some way, include the good

news story in their respective programs.

We look to the people of Holy Trinity St Stephen's Memorial for your support and participation as the Evangelism Ministry Team begins its journey.

Respectfully submitted,

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

### **Evergreen Bazaar**

Our annual Evergreen Bazaar, held on Saturday, November 17th, was a resounding success, both in terms of community involvement, and money raised for the work of the church. Many, many people contributed to this success- from sewers to bakers, to people donating their time or their talents, to those who either set up, or cleaned up.... and of course, to all those people who came to support our bazaar. It is truly heart- warming to overhear comments about our church..." warm and welcoming"... "best bazaar in the city"!!!

Thank you to the organizers, the helpers, and all of the parishioners for their year- round support and contributions!

Respectfully submitted

The Bazaar Committee

### **Fundraising, Stewardship and Long-term Planning**

This year, all fundraising activities have followed the fundraising policy which is currently in place.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Garbutt

### **Garbage Committee**

#### **COMMITTEE OF "THIS STUFF STINKS"**

What do smells, liquid oozing, bugs of assorted sizes, leftovers from parties, rentals, fundraising events and four dedicated people have in common ???

Approximately 200 , plus bags of garbage yearly - and the dedicated people would be **Chuck, Leslie and Dan** who brave the hot slimy summers and the cold icy winters to take out the torn, heavy and I mention smelly garbage. Thank you for your dedication towards this much needed albeit least favourite job ! If you would dare to join us come see me.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth

### **Honorary Assistant**

Last year was a very busy year for me at Holy Trinity St. Stephen's Memorial. Working with Canon Marian Haggerty as her Honorary Assistant through the transition period was indeed a special time. Watching our Parish move from being unsure of our future to being excited about the possibilities is an experience I will always remember and treasure. Thank you to the Selection Committee for your careful, committed endeavor to bring to us the best possible rector and priest to lead us into our future of promise. Thank you to Rev. Rob Henderson for answering the call. I feel blessed to share ministry with every one of you here at HTSSM.

Honorary Assistant, Rev. Carol Gross

### **Messy Church**

After leading Messy Church since October 2011, I have decided to step down as coordinator. There was a lack of consistency with attendance over the year, which makes it challenging to organize an event on a regular basis.

I do wish to thank all the volunteers who have helped me over the years. Your time and effort was very much appreciated.

I do hope that this ministry continues as not everyone's church is on Sunday.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Garbutt

### **Multi Media Coordinator**

Working as a team makes this position a dream job. Thank you Dave McEwan and Rev. Rob for your input and support. Without a good working environment even a dream job would be difficult. In terms of the PowerPoint Presentations for the Service each Sunday, I depend on the input I receive from both Dave and Rev. Rob.

As I reflect on the realities of the job, one of the things that is so necessary is the ability to 'go with the flow'. Although this remark seems trite, very seldom does a week go by without something changing.

An understanding of Liturgy, is a huge help when it comes to putting the PPT Service together. Not every priest does things in the same way, nor has exactly the same theology around the sacraments. One of the reasons I became an Anglican is that there is a breadth of understandings and theology instead of a rigid set way of doing things. Translating this to a work environment means that each priest is expected to have a personal and separate way of doing things in the parish to which they have been called. Thank you, Rob.

Thank you to the Wardens and Rev Rob for crafting a contract that excludes Safe Church responsibilities and the newsletter. The Editor of the Newsletter is now a volunteer position (and one which I love doing) and Safe Church along with Vestry Clerk (every second year) is now paid by the hour.

Thank you to the Wardens for your input and support. Working with you has been a rewarding experience. Once again it is my privilege to see the inside workings of a team committed to providing the best possible leadership for our Parish of HTSSM.

The bulletins, PPT and paper, cannot be up-to-date unless your announcements are sent into the office in a timely manner, which is before 10am on Thursdays. The paper bulletin now indicates where we can be found on social media, as well as carrying the Vicars Crossing Podcast information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Multi Media Coordinator  
Carol Gross

### **Parish Newsletter Report – “A Little Good News”**

The first “A Little Good News” was published for December 2017. It was printed in an 8 ½ x 11 format and contained some Christmas stories along with a few of the outreach projects with which HTSSM was involved. Much to my surprise, people informed me about other Outreach Projects with which they were involved, and sometimes that involvement stretched over decades. Who knew?

It became evident that a larger format was required, and so we moved to 8 ½ x 14. We were printing with black ink on coloured paper. The response I receive the most is that people pick up the newsletter to read the jokes and oneliners, and then go on to discover what else is happening in the parish.

All things evolve, and it became evident that we needed to take another look at the format for “A Little Good News”, and so with input from Rob and the Wardens, we added two new columns, “From the Rector’s Desk” and “The Warden’s Corner”. We are hoping to add “The View From the Pew” as a column, but that hasn’t happened in the way we were hoping – yet. We also moved to a larger size 11x17, and colour on white. The jokes and oneliners remain – I have guaranteed that & thanks for your contributions.

Please continue to send in notices of upcoming events ... they keep “A Little Good News” current.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Editor  
Carol Gross

### **Property Management Report**

#### **What Was Fixed, Painted and Moved**

Things done since last Vestry to my recollection I apologize I did not realize it was required and may not be chronological!

1. Repainting and sprucing up of Office and lounge entrance including hanging of Jesus tapestry and placing a cabinet to hide all the shovels etc.
2. Setting up of Holy Trinity chapel in back left of church including removing 3 pews , hanging quilt and putting wheels on Altar
3. Replacing of spot lights with LED spot lights to reduce electric costs and maintenance costs due to longevity of LED’s.
4. Setting in place a cargo bin with future fencing to be done.
5. Removal and reinstallation of inadequate parking lot drain.
6. Upgrading of outside lighting with LED wide angle lights at ramp door and southeast corner of lounge and replacement of main entrance light with an LED.
7. Upgrading of Veterans garden and mounting of solar lights to shed and arbor (jam monies)
8. Patching of back ramp to make it serviceable.
9. Removal of aggravating door in down stairs connecting hallway-P.S. may have to put back but for now hooray!
10. Removal of permanent railing in large hall
11. Setting up of adequate cork boards for information display.
12. Clearing out of electrical/fire alarm room with proper signage.

13. Power washing of church and repainting of blue on East on steel structures. And painting West side which was only primed.
14. Propping up of north corner of Veterans garden fence. Downed in a large wind storm.
15. Mounting of mobile letter sign to a wagon for display of church functions and yes the saying or quote of the week.
16. Relighting of cross in Chancel with led rope light a long term solution (done by Vic)
17. Purchase of a garbage bin to manage our waste.
18. Probably a hundred little things but we do what has to be done to continue the Lord's Work.

Thanks Colin and Vic.

### **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (P W R D F) / Anglican Foundation of Canada (ACF)**

Greg Smith, the Diocesan Representative for PWRDF in the Diocese of Huron, came to our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday May 13th, Mother's Day, and gave us a presentation on PWRDF and what they do.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, December 9th the Nikkel Family honoured us with their musical family. The funds we collected were to go to PWRDF. Dave McEwen put forth a challenge that he would match our donation. As a result \$700 was raised for PWRDF.

With respect to the Anglican Foundation of Canada, on Sunday March 11th Diane Dance, ACF Diocesan Representative in the Diocese of Huron, spoke at our 10:30 a.m. service of the operation and activities of ACF.

Submitted by Lynda Sheils  
(our PWRDF Representative)

### **Screening in Faith**

Screening in Faith is a programme through which the Diocese and Parishes do our best to ensure those who are vulnerable persons remain safe while in our care.

We are up-to-date with all our police checks as I type this report. Last year 15 persons had police checks and they all were approved. This year, depending on what happens at Vestry, there are only 4 police checks needed. The Safe Church Spreadsheet is now up-to-date, as is the Ministry Worksheet, but the paper file needs to be updated, and I am working on that. We are moving towards making all files digital and password protected.

Respectfully submitted,  
Screening in Faith Coordinator  
Carol Gross

### **Social Care Committee**

During 2018 thirteen parishioners from the Social Care Committee have regularly visited eighteen parishioners who live in Nursing/Retirement Homes, or their own homes and are unable to attend Church primarily due to physical restrictions. Through the visitations friendships have been built on going HTSSM news has been shared and overall a strong message of being part of a caring faith community has been extended. It is with sadness that we said goodbye this year to Marian Stewart, Joan McCarthy, Colin France, Ruth Ruming, Flo Baird and Marg McDowell as they passed onto life eternal. Marg's contributions as one of the Social Care Committee Members will be greatly missed. New membership to this Committee is always welcome as to is the addition of individuals who would benefit from visitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Gough

### **Veterans Memorial Garden**

In 2010 I, Beth McKinlay and several others resurrected the old day care playground at back of the church to make the Veterans Memorial Garden. It was hard work but we transformed it into a beautiful garden with mostly maintenance free plants. The only drawback was we never got a proper walkway done and so consequently it was chips and dust and weeds!!!

I persevered every year asking for money to have a proper concrete walkway done and 8 years later in June of 2018 I was told I could go ahead and get tenders to have the work completed. In August we were given the go-ahead to enlist a contractor to give us a proper concrete walkway. It takes the garden to a whole new level of beauty!! We also did some transplanting and upgrades to the beds at the same time. We had a pergola built and a central plaque displaying "This Garden is Dedicated to All Veterans". We advised all parishioners who wished to honour a veteran would be able to purchase a plaque to be placed on the pergola. Currently we have eleven Memorial Stones in our garden.

This is an ongoing project and anyone who would like to know more information about this can contact Anne Buchanan at 519-872-2997 or email her at [my2grandkids@gmail.com](mailto:my2grandkids@gmail.com).

As initiator of the memorial stone and garden project I would like to say 'Thankyou' to everyone who has embraced this project in any way. This has been something that I have felt very passionate about since having had a father who was a WWII veteran, I felt we should honour other veterans as well.

Once again 'Thank You'. It has been a lot of work but definitely very rewarding to see the final

results. The walkway was definitely worth waiting 8 years. 100% improvement.

God Bless,  
Anne Buchanan

### **Yard Sale Report**

2018 was another banner year for our Annual Yard Sale. Personally I would like to thank everyone who helped. I will not list names, as I'm sure I will miss someone. I took on the job as Coordinator with enthusiasm and skepticism. Could I handle it or did I take on more than I could chew? I should have had no doubts as parishioners, their family and friends assisted me in making it a success.

I learned from my predecessor, Dave Waller, a lot about the operation of the yard sale. I learned from our parishioners that we are a family and as a family we come together to get things done.