



Saint Mary's Anglican Church

Vestry Report 2018

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, March 10, 2019

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Our Vision

St. Mary's is a parish in the Anglican tradition, that embodies the love of God revealed to the world through God's son, Jesus Christ. The People of this church feel empowered by God's Holy Spirit and are committed to authentically showing that love and being that love where ever it is needed.

Our community draws strength from; serving others, being family to each other, engaging in communal prayer and worship, being open to holy learning and by letting God speak to our souls through music, art, nature and prayer.

St. Mary's embraces a community mindset, where all success and goodness is to God's Honour and Glory. We embrace sharing our worship spaces with other churches. We support community and arts groups by sharing our program space. Our church building is our spiritual home, and it is where we reach out with others, to others and model a holy love, that lifts, liberates and blesses in every way it can.

At the heart of this community is the word, family. This faith community is a vessel, which carries us all through the storms of life. It draws people from differing paths and priorities and melds us together as God's loving family. A place where we can grow in our ability to love God, each other and even ourselves.

Vestry Sunday

Sunday, March 10, 2019

12:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Selection of Vestry Clerk and Parish Tribunal
3. Approve Agenda and Signing Vestry Declaration
4. Review / Accept past year's Vestry Minutes
5. Visioning / Building Review Motion Vote
6. Present Parish Leaderships' Reports
(Diocesan Bishop's, Area Bishop's, Rector's and Warden's Reports)
7. Review and Accept the Churchwarden's 2018 Financial Report
8. Review and Approve proposed 2019 Parish Budget
9. Receive Vote Results
10. Appointments and Elections
11. Receive and Accept Parish General Reports
12. Motions for consideration by Vestry
(Banking, Auditors, General and Outreach)
13. New/Other Business
14. Thanks and Acknowledgements
15. Adjourn / Closing Prayer

The Anglican Parish of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill

Minutes of Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 18, 2018

12:00 p.m.

The meeting commenced at 12:03 p.m.

Attendance: Fr. Matthew McMillan, Dave Hunt, Sharon Hanns, Jonathan Wilkinson @ head table

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Matthew McMillan

Fr. Matthew McMillan opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Selection of Vestry Clerk and Parish Tribunal

The Rector announced that Catherine Goodman was appointed as Vestry Clerk and that John Martin and Trevor Kimpton along with the Wardens and Rector of St. Mary's Richmond Hill made up the Parish Tribunal.

3. Approve Agenda and Signing Vestry Declaration

Fr. Matthew McMillan read the following Declaration:

"I solemnly declare that I have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three (3) months, that I have regularly attended services of worship with this congregation at least three (3) times in the past year. I am of the full age of sixteen (16) years, and that I have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three (3) months, nor do I intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year.

The Rector then asked those parishioners who were eligible to sign in. *(Record of attendance in office)*

4. Review /Accept past year Vestry Minutes

The reading of the Minutes of Vestry of February 26, 2017 was dispensed with and that there being no changes required to the said Minutes that they be adopted and confirmed.

Moved by Flavia Redelmeier and seconded by Colin Webb.

Motion Carried

**5. Present Parish Leadership Reports
(Diocesan Bishop, Area Bishop, Rector and Wardens Reports)**

"That the reading of the Parish Leadership reports and those of the Bishops, Parish Priest and Corporation members be dispensed with and that they be received as presented in the Vestry report".

Fr. Matthew expressed his thanks to those whose Ministry is reflected in the reports for their hard work and support. He also expressed his thanks to the retiring wardens, Dave Hunt and Jonathan Wilkinson.

Moved by Karl Lashley and seconded by Sharon Hanns.

Motion Carried

6. Review and Accept the Churchwardens 2017 Financial Report

Dave Hunt presented the Churchwardens' Financial Report for 2017. His budgeting approach/objective for 2017 is to:

- (1) Operate within resources and reserve for significant expenses while anticipating rate increases.
- (2) Provide for Clergy support/relief, maintain some targeted investment in key ministries and maintain parish ministry during interim ministry period.
- (3) The plan for the future is to pursue Family Ministries fundraising, capital expenditures and position for commencement of new ministry

Dave presented the key elements regarding the 2017 budget (revenues and expenses) which contributed to the surplus of \$1650. The key to this outcome was that envelope donations trailed budget from March – April (envelope donations were 83% of budget during interim ministry period) but donations increased from September forward (97% of budget, which included budgeted 5% increase) and December met 100% of budget along with rental income increases.

Staffing was below budget during interim ministry period and utilities below plan due to mild winter/cool Spring. All other expenses maintained control.

Dave stated that draft financial statements were submitted to the Auditor and that final issuance from Auditor is expected shortly. Dave thanked the parishioners for their support.

That the 2017 Draft Financial statements be accepted as presented.

Moved by Dave Hunt, seconded by Maggie Velteer.

Motion Carried

7. Review and Approve proposed 2018 Parish Budget

Dave Hunt presented the proposed budget for 2018. The approach to this budget is to continue the objective of operating within resources and reserve for significant expenses and potential rate increases. The objective is to continue to budget for Clergy relief to support Priest and maintain some targeted investment in new/existing ministries. The plan is to continue eaves/roof work currently in progress (completion weather dependent).

In budgeting for revenues for 2018 it was assumed that envelope donations increase approximately 5% while other donations track to prior 2 year average patterns. It was also assumed that rental income maintains current tenants and negotiated rates are maintained and that fundraising events will support general revenues.

With respect to expenses, we should plan for a (1) precautionary 5% rate increase and that utilities be planned against a 'hard winter'/hot summer (2) maintain 2017 expense control and have an expense reserve including Rectory and CAPEX of \$11,000. There should be no significant change to administration but \$3000 should be set aside for investment in new/existing ministry initiatives and a continued investment in clergy relief of \$2840.

The proposed budget yielded a surplus of \$1245 inclusive of all investments mentioned above and expense reserves.

A brief explanation of the vulnerabilities to the budget while looking to the future was provided by Dave.

Revenues – donations less than budget and possible loss of a major tenant (40% of base)

Expenses – Utilities greater than baseline and unexpected CAPEX greater than budget of \$10,000 (2017)

Investment in Future – 2018 is a year of re-energizing for the future; continued stewardship of our financial and physical resources and act in faith and trust in God.

Eaves/roof fundraising and expenses - Remaining expense to be paid for this work is \$47,107 with an amount of \$7789 remaining from funds raised. To cover the remaining cost it may be necessary, if no further fundraising, to use funds pending transfer to Heritage fund from 2017 in the amount of \$14,342 and draw an estimated amount of \$24,976 from the Heritage fund.

That the proposed Wardens' budget for 2018 be approved.

Moved by Dave Hunt, seconded by Ron Smit.

Motion Carried

8. Appointments and Elections

That the positions presented to the Vestry by the nominating committee be accepted by this Vestry.

Moved by Norman McMullen, seconded by Julie Hastie.

Motion Carried

9. Rector's Appointments

The Rector announced these appointments.

The Rector called for nominations from the floor; hearing none.

Nominations closed.

Moved by Jack Walker, seconded by Betty Romanchuk.

Motion Carried

10. Receive and Accept Parish General Reports

"That all the parochial reports from the different ministries and groups from St. Mary's be received as presented.

Sharon stated that Lucille King should be added to the list of volunteers for this Ministry.

Moved by John Martin, seconded by Larry Daisley

Motion Carried

11. Motions for consideration by Vestry

(Banking, Auditors, General and Outreach)

"That the signing officers of the church accounts for the year 2018 be any two of our parish wardens"

"That the signing officers of the Heritage Fund accounts for the year 2018 by any two of our parish wardens"

"That Maggie Velteer, as Treasurer, will be a backup signing officer" as presented in package last year.

12. Appointment of Auditors for 2018

“That the auditors for the financial records of St. Mary’s Anglican Church for the fiscal year 2018 be the firm of Hurren, Sinclair, McIntyre, Chartered Accounts of Pickering Ontario”

Moved by Colin Webb, seconded by Dez McCartney.

Motion Carried

13. Social Justice Vestry Motion

Vestry Motion for 2018 Affordable Housing.

Moved by Lyne Webb, seconded by Maggie Veltier

Motion Carried

14. Rectory Grant

Family Ministry Grant

Dementia Friendly Church Grant

Choral Scholars Program

Diaconal Program

Motion for Permission to apply for grants for the abovementioned initiatives.

Moved by Jenny Rogers, seconded by Larry Daisley.

Motion Carried

15. New/Other Business

Fr. Matthew stated that he met with several local Clergy in Richmond Hill and has started to work on ways to collaborate more as a community and indicated that our Church was the most dynamic parish in the group.

Jenny Rogers indicated that all announcements related to the Parish should be included in the Bulletin.

16. Thanks and Acknowledgements

Sharon and Karl expressed their thanks to Jonathan and Dave for their contribution. A special thank you was made to Dave for his financial expertise over the last three years. Sharon also thanked the congregation for their support.

Margaret expressed her thanks to Garry and Sharon for providing lunch. Special thanks to Dianne Robertson for her contribution for organizing and managing special events.

17. Adjourn / Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn Vestry meeting at 1:16 pm.

Moved by Flavia Redelmeier.

Motion Carried

Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2019

To our Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

Beloved in Christ, peace and grace be with you.

This will be the first time, in almost 30 years, that I am not chairing a vestry meeting. I am one of those people who actually enjoys vestry; poring over audited financial statements, ministry reports, marking important milestones in the parish, celebrating the incredible contributions of our lay leaders (without whom very little would happen). Deeper than that, a good meeting names the anxiety we have in trying to balance the needs of the parish while trusting deeply in the hope that God will guide, provide and inspire us to deepen our faith, try new ideas and be creative in our endeavour to serve the mission of God. The vestry meeting is one moment in the year when a parish has the opportunity to look back and then to look forward. I am joined by the Area Bishops in assuring you of our prayers as you gather for your annual meeting. We also extend our deepest gratitude for all who have served so faithfully as wardens, committee members, teachers, greeters and leaders who make known the love of Christ through their offering of time, talent and treasure. If you are taking on a new role this year, a particular word of encouragement to you.

Over the last several years it has been our practice to invite each parish to consider a vestry motion that addresses issues of poverty and social action. In view of the drastically rising economic inequity in our province, this year's vestry motion asks your parish to consider Standing in Solidarity, by making a commitment to protect all who are living in poverty, through direct local and parish outreach and through meaningful advocacy.

On January 13th, 2019 I was formally seated as the 12th Bishop of Toronto. The journey to that moment has been heart-warming, moving and humbling. I am heartened by your words of encouragement, humbled by your support, and moved by your desire to row and to pedal! I will be forever indebted to Archbishop Colin for his encouragement and support. I am invigorated by the passion and faithfulness of our Area Bishops Peter, Riscylla, Kevin and Jenny as we step in together to write a new chapter as the College of Bishops. I

am impressed beyond words by the dedication of our staff in the Diocesan office, and by the creative ways that ministry is happening every day in our parishes and centers of ministry around the Diocese.

I am thrilled to be on the road Sunday by Sunday visiting parishes, celebrating worship and getting to know you. I am finding my bearings with each of the committees, councils and task forces of the Diocese. I will be spending time with the clergy in each Deanery to glean the wisdom of those who lead in each community. In the first week of May I would like to meet with the laity of the Diocese through 5 scheduled Town Hall meetings (details will be posted on the Diocesan website). Each gathering gives us time to listen to each other, articulate our hopes for ministry, and catch a glimpse of what might be. I hope that you will join me.

May God bless you as you meet for Vestry.

Yours in Christ,

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

Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2019

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the Name of our Loving, Liberating and life-giving God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

I offer my prayers and good wishes as you gather for your annual Vestry meetings. I thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to God's mission and your parish's participation in that mission.

We gathered in our Cathedral on Sunday January 13, 2019 for a wonderful celebration for the Installation of the 12th Bishop of Toronto, Andrew John Asbil. What a wonderful occasion and I ask that we pray for him, his wife Mary, and the clergy and people of our diocese as he begins his new ministry as our Chief-pastor.

We place on record our sincere thanks and gratitude for the long, devoted and faithful ministry of Archbishop Colin Johnson. His 42 years of ordained ministry provided strong and exemplary leadership in our diocese. We pray for God's richest blessings on him and Ellen in their years of retirement.

I encourage the support and passing of the Social Justice Vestry motion 2019: Standing in Solidarity. If we are to be true to our baptismal covenant, then all of us should feel compelled to do our part in support of those among us that are living in poverty. It is not good enough to simply pray for the poor but to be responsive to their needs and encourage others also to be. In the motion 'parishes are invited to pledge one way to increase their direct outreach on behalf of those in need and one way to increase their advocacy efforts toward structural and policy changes to benefit people experiencing poverty.'

Our Primate, the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz will be retiring as the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada at the end of General Synod scheduled to meet July 10-16, 2019. We give thanks to God for Fred's exemplary and faithful leadership as our Primate for twelve years and we pray for God richest blessings on him and Lyn in their years of retirement. I also call on all our parishes, clergy and laity, to pray for the General Synod as it will be electing a new Primate. The House of Bishops will nominate candidates for the primacy, and the clergy and laity will elect a bishop who will be our next Primate.

The 42nd General Synod meeting whose theme is, "I Have Called You By Name (Isaiah 43:1) July 10-16, 2019 will meet in the Diocese of New Westminster. The Synod's agenda will include a motion on a Self-determining Indigenous Church in the Anglican Church of Canada and the second reading of the Marriage Canon XX1 Motion to change the Canon.

I continue to be very disturbed by the ongoing level of violence taking place in some of our communities. In the first two weeks of this year there were four murders. Those are four murders too many. I continue to invite your prayers for those in law enforcement and the judiciary that they will act justly and with social partners in finding ways to reduce, if not eliminate such violence. We are a people of faith, hope and confidence in a loving, gracious and merciful God. Our roles as Christians are to continue bearing witness to that love, hope, graciousness and mercy offered us by Almighty God every day. We must continue the missional work that is before us, in building communities of compassion and hope.

During the up-coming Lenten season I will be leading a 'reflection series' in each of the York Simcoe Deaneries. I am very much looking forward to sharing reflections with the clergy and laity in the deaneries on the theme, 'Give us this day our daily bread'. I hope that many of you will join me in a discipline of reflection during lent. The dates are March 13, 20, April 3 and 10. Locations will be sent to your parishes shortly.

The Area Council continues it's work in providing funding for wonderful and meaningful ministries taking place across our Episcopal area of York Simcoe. We are blessed with faithful lay and ordained persons who tirelessly give of themselves week by week and year by year.

The College of Bishops is ever grateful for the faithful ministry carried out in our Diocese by dedicated clergy who give so much of themselves in serving the people entrusted to their pastoral care and responsibility. We are equally indebted to retired clergy who serve either in interim ministries or as priest-in-charge. I thank the Rev. Carol Hardie for her dedicated ministry as she retired in June of last year. We wish her every blessing in retirement.

There continues to be conversations in the media and in our diocese about Medical Assistance in Dying. The Episcopal areas of Trent Durham and York Credit Valley have held forums in providing opportunities for clergy and laity to engage in such conversations ably led by the Rev. Dr. Eric Beresford and Mr. Michael Buttrey. We are in conversation with Eric and Michael to also have similar forums in York

Simcoe in mid to late winter or early spring. We will advise parishes when and where these will take place.

We welcome to our area the Reverend Dr. Gregory Gilson as Incumbent of St. Peter, Churchill and St. John, Cookstown; The Rev. Karen Hatch will begin as the new incumbent of Trinity Church, Aurora on April 1, 2019. We wish Greg and Karen and their parishes every blessing in these new ministries. I ask your ongoing prayers for Nancy Hannah who is serving as our new area Youth Coordinator succeeding the Rev. Brian Suggs.

We offer our prayers and good wishes to the Rev. Jason Prisley who has been appointed as the new Incumbent of St. Hugh & St. Edmund. Jason has been in the parish of Christ Church, Stouffville for 11 years as Assistant Curate and Incumbent. The Rev. Brian Suggs, our former area Youth Coordinator will be ordained priest on February 10, 2019 at All Saints, Kingsway as he continues his curacy there. Your prayers are asked for him.

I am indebted to the Regional Deans, the area Liturgical officers and our Administrative Assistant for their dedicated and ongoing support of my ministry as your bishop of York Simcoe.

We bade farewell to the Reverend Don French and thank Almighty God for his life, work and witness. May he rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

May God bless you richly in 2019 and equip you in the work to which he has called you.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

The Right Reverend Peter DeC. Fenty

Area Bishop of York-Simcoe

Bishop Suffragan of Toronto

Rector's Report

As I look back on my first full year in the parish, I give thanks for all our blessings here at St. Mary's in 2018. Every Sunday we are so blessed to gather in God's House and be able to praise the Living God. To grow in knowledge of His Word, becoming more in the image of His Son, through the power of His Holy and Lifegiving Spirit is a tremendous gift!

We have all been blessed to see St. Mary's grow over the last year. All of our little signs of growth are a testament to God's presence among us. New families, new baptisms, new activities and new ministries! I pray for our parish, that as we look to what is ahead for 2019, we may continue to feel God's steadfast presence, continuing to guide comfort and support all we do! It is the loving way in which our community lives and moves and has its being, which adds such depth of richness to our parish life. Our work and efforts for the year ahead, will be to strengthen ourselves and this community, that we may continue to step forward every day, proclaiming the faith that is in us, and sharing Christ's love that flows through us.

As I look back, 2018 was a full year. We spent much time and energy; caring for others, praying for our community, teaching the faith, tending after God's house, partying, dancing, breaking bread and worshiping together. As I see it, we have much to be thankful for. Well, I don't know if I'm thankful for the Dunk Tank at the 2018 Church Picnic, that water was pretty darn cold and I think a few folks had it in for me!! *(Not to name, names or anything but I'll be keeping my eyes on Larry Daisley at 2019's event!!)* So many of you in our parish work quietly behind the scenes, resourcing this church of ours, with your time, talent and treasure. You may not know it, but I often sit quietly and marvel at all that you do for this church. I humbly thank you for your sharing of your gifts. May God continue to strengthen and bless you, as you so kindly honour and support His Church.

In 2018 we began some serious long-range planning for our community with our Building / Visioning Review process. With the major repair work of 2017-18 completed, it was fitting for us to ask some simple questions. We looked at;

who is God calling us to be at this time in St. Mary's journey of faith, where is our heart for ministry and what does our church need to look like to do this work? The result of this has been a variety of options, that at times will speak to us all differently or also have us at times finding large swaths of consensus. As we look to our Vestry Meeting on Sunday, March 10th I am eager to see where the heart of our community is. I look forward to moving through this time of discernment and stepping into the future of our ministry together. God has chosen us to be the Stewards of this church. Our task at present is to help prepare it for the future and to make sure it has the resources to function today.

The Wardens in their report have highlighted much of our accomplishments in 2018, but I would also like to offer a few thoughts as we reflect back, before we look ahead to 2019. Our family fun nights and family ministry activities continue to be rich a source of fellowship and community for us. In the summer we had a weekend church family BBQ at the rectory and well over 50 people attended. There is an energy among our church that is growing. In the fall we had 16 candidates for confirmation and reaffirmation, the largest class in Bishop Fenty's time as our Area-Bishop. God is Good! And, God is quietly, continually and in deep & meaningful ways growing our beloved church. Let us give thanks for this and continue to support this new growth, as we labour together in God's name!

As we look towards 2019, we eagerly look forward to expanding our ministry at St. Mary's, with the hiring of our new Director of Family Ministries. At the beginning of March our parish leadership and the Family Ministry Committee, will begin launching our hiring and recruitment campaign for our new staff member. We will be receiving applications all March until the beginning of April and are looking to have our new staff member begin in Eastertide, a fitting time for new beginnings. This individual will be working to expand our programming for youth, young adults/couples, families and our parish family as a whole. We invite you in your prayers and devotional times to remember this new ministry and to ask God for His Blessings to support and guide this new beginning.

I would like to thank the leadership, committees and volunteers of St. Mary's for all your efforts. Your efforts

make us that loving community we all enjoy being part of. Thank you as well to all those who help with our Sunday Programming. Our Sunday School, Sidespeople, Greeters, Counters, Chancel, Readers, Intercessors, Choir, Servers & Sub-Deacons. Thank you everyone!

To our St. Mary's staff and wardens who give their best, day in and day out, Thank You. To: John, Betty, Soyoung, Maggie, Sharon, Karl, James and Claudette. We are blessed with how this senior group of leaders have guided us through 2018. We especially want to thank Karl Lashley and Claudette Ntakirutimana for their leadership and for all they've done for us as they conclude their terms as Wardens. Thank you, for your time, care and concern for this place. Your labour's have made us stronger and we thank you for them!

As we look to the year ahead, I invite us all to turn our eyes to the challenges and opportunities for 2019. As we step forward confidently and in unity, I know God's blessings will fall upon us and our church. May we always continue in faith and in His service.

Yours in Christ,

Matthew+

Rector, St. Mary's Richmond Hill

Wardens' Report

The wardens' report is an opportunity to review the events of the past year and once more we have completed a successful and rewarding year at St. Mary's.

This past year saw the completion of the eaves trough work and the repair of the flat roof in the Arnold Wing as well as the sloping of additional flat roof areas to prevent leakages that were discovered. The wardens thank all the members and groups in the congregation who made specific donations to this project which helped to reduce the amount that had to be withdrawn from the Heritage Fund. You will find exact details of the funding of this project elsewhere in this vestry package. We do thank Chas Mills and Colin Webb, our "property guys" for all the work they do around the extensive buildings which form our church.

We were fortunate this year to have been the recipient of two grants. One was from the government which allowed us to hire a summer student, Isha Patel whose duties were shared with Home on the Hill. Isha began the process of updating the church's web site, a work that is still in progress. The other was a grant from the diocese. On Dec. 2nd during his annual visit to the parish, Bishop Fenty announced that we had been awarded a grant of \$133,000 over a three period for the hiring of an additional staff member who will oversee the Family Ministry initiative with the additional duty of completion of and administering of the web site. The Family Ministry Team will be meeting soon to begin the process which will lead to the interviewing and hiring of this new staff position.

The wardens and the Rector are charged with the task of the responsible management of the parish's financial resources. Despite the usual slump in attendance during the summer months, we have ended 2018 with an operating surplus. We thank all of you for your generosity through your contributions via the weekly envelopes and the pre-authorized giving program.

There are so many in the church who volunteer so much of their time and talent in order to be able to carry out our Mission Statement and we extend our deepest gratitude to all who serve on our committees and especially to the chair persons of each committee who are also members of the Parish Board. It is evident from the numerous reports found

elsewhere in this package, how much we do within our church community and the broader one by means of our Outreach programs. There are many other opportunities, especially during our Sunday morning services, where assistance is needed. We are in need of intercessors, chalice administrators and altar guild members to name a few.

A special recognition goes once again to Karl Lashley and all his volunteers who organized two very successful fundraising dinners this year, one in February and another in October. These are very important events not only for the funds they raise but also for the opportunity they give for fellowship. We offer our gratitude to the members of the ACW for their efforts in organising the very successful annual bazaar in November and to Diane Robertson and her team who prepare and organise the Parish Lunch which occurs on the first Wednesday of each month from September to June.

The wardens would like to thank the Rev. Matthew McMillan for his support of the Wardens and for all his work in every aspect of St. Mary's; Betty Lehming, our Office Administrator, who assists in so many ways; Betty Romanchuk, our Space Usage Chairperson; Maggie Veltheer, our Treasurer; Lucy Quintero, the Envelope Secretary and John Martin, deputy Envelope Secretary; Soyoung Shin, our Music Director and Organist and John Macey, our caretaker for their dedication to St. Mary's in all they do.

Two of our wardens will not be continuing their roles into 2019. We are grateful to Claudette Ntakirutimana for her contribution over the past year and we especially acknowledge Karl Lashley for his two years of dedicated service. No doubt they will find new opportunities to engage their talents in different ways going further.

Finally we would like to express our gratitude to all of you for your support and encouragement. We are always open to hear your thoughts and your suggestions. May God bless each and every one of you.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hanns, on behalf of the Wardens*

St. Mary's Diaconal Program

With many ongoing efforts within the parish to enhance our ministry offerings, your parish leadership are continuing to work towards furthering our efforts for discerning whether St. Mary's is open to expanding a Diaconal Ministry within the life of our parish. At last year's vestry it was approved by the congregation to begin engaging with the Diocese to explore this ministry possibility. Church leaders are continuing to work on these plans and begin the next steps of our discernment with Diocesan support. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit may lead us in our discernment and expand our ability to reach out and serve in God's name at St. Mary's.

*Respectfully submitted by, Fr. Matthew and
The Corporation of St. Mary's*

St. Mary's Anglican Church

2019 Budget

REVENUES	2019 Budget	2018 Budget	Actual 2018
Donations & Fundraising	\$ 240,483	\$ 224,775	\$ 240,144
Grant from Diocese	\$ 47,250	—	—
Federal Grant	—	—	\$ 3,360
Use of Facilities	<u>\$ 192,474</u>	<u>\$ 178,961</u>	<u>\$ 187,629</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 480,207	\$ 403,736	\$ 431,133
EXPENSES			
Administration	\$ 27,196	\$ 26,982	\$ 28,266
Assessment	\$ 67,104	\$ 60,852	\$ 60,847
Building	\$ 132,300	\$ 121,670	\$ 130,611
Capital	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,414
Committees	\$ 19,050	\$ 9,350	\$ 15,034
Staffing	<u>\$ 224,496</u>	<u>\$ 177,137</u>	<u>\$ 180,148</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 480,146	\$ 405,991	\$ 427,320
Excess of			
REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 61</u>	<u>\$ (2,255)</u>	<u>\$ 3,813</u>

*Summary of work done during 2017 – 2018 at
St Mary's Anglican Church*

1) December 10, 2017	
Wrixon Hall & Kitchen Masonry Repair: Tuck pointed from roof to ground, waterproofing, brick wall restoration:	\$ 3,200.00
2) May 11, 2018	
South End of Main Church / Counting Room: Replace rotted wood with new 65 feet of pine wood fascia; cover pine fascia with metal to prevent rotting, install aluminum soffits, eaves & down spout on that section:	\$ 2,900.00
3) June 26, 2018	
Wrixon Hall: Custom made copper eaves, soffits & down spouts installation. Replacing rotted wood on both side of the roof:	\$ 27,450.00
4) July 2018	
Trimming of Over Hanging Trees along West Wing & Wrixon Hall	\$ 1,921.00
5) June 26, 2018	
Custom made leaf guard installation for copper eaves on Wrixon Hall	\$ 2,500.00
6) September 8, 2018	
Arnold Wing - Main flat roof installation:	\$ 37, 000.00
7) October 1, 2018	
<i>Additional work on roof restoration including:</i>	
- Clean gutter & install leaf guard 100 Arnold Crescent:	\$ 1,960.00
- Repair leaky roof on New Church:	\$ 8,450.00
- Demolish & rebuild new roof at the rear over cold room:	\$ 9,271.00
- Build flat roof between Old Church & Auditorium:	\$ 4,074.00
- Frame existing flat roof with slope & install flat roof by gas pipe:	\$ 6,510.00
- Repair 4 places with bubble using waterproofing material	\$ 2,850.00
- Clean all eaves & install 470' of leaf guard on; the west wing, portions of the office wing and the chapel	\$ 7,150.00
Total cost for an additional restoration work is:	\$ 40,265.00
8) October 2018	
Capping for the 4 large columns on Wrixon Hall (in process):	\$ 2,280.00
9) October 2018	
Signage Replacement and Upgrades:	\$ 2,527.53
Total of work for 2017 - 2018	\$117,568.53

ST. MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Capital Revenue Summary
January 2017 to Sept 2018
(Fund Summary for Capital Expense Payments)

<i>Total Capital Investment in recent building work</i>	\$117,568.53
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Fundraising Summary

2017

Capital fund donations 2017	\$ 22,065.00	
Lunch Ministry/St Seraphim	\$ 2,000.00	
Thanksgiving offering	\$ 13,143.00	
ACW donation	\$ 2,225.00	
	<u>\$ 39,433.00</u>	\$ 39,433.00

2018

Capital fund donations 2018	\$ 14,310.00	
Caribbean Fundraiser	\$ 5,785.00	
	<u>\$ 20,095.00</u>	\$ 20,095.00

Total Special Fundraising Activities For 2017 & 2018	<u>\$ 59,528.00</u>
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Chapel Fund withdrawl	\$ 5,000.00
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Total Fundraising & Chapel Fund	<u>\$ 64,528.00</u>
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Total Costs	\$ 117,568.53
Fundraising & Chapel Funds	\$ 64,528.00
General Building Funds	\$ 6,562.53
Total Heritage Fund Withdrawl	<u>\$ 46,478.53</u>
<i>(Current balance available for use: \$ 76,909)</i>	
Remainging Captial Resevre Balance in the Heritage Fund	<u>\$ 30,431.00</u>

Lay Pastoral Care and Ministry

As Honourary Lay Pastoral Associate I continue overseeing the activities of our dedicated teams of Lay Pastoral Visitors. This has indeed been an honour and a privilege for me. The ministry of our dedicated team of lay pastoral visitors is an invaluable asset to St. Mary's. Those on the team, beside myself, are: John Emmanuel, Joe McEwen, Sharon Hanns, Glennis Harris, Lucille King, Elizabeth Lane, John Martin, Ron Smit and Rhelda Stockall.

Elizabeth Lane and John Emmanuel will be retiring from this ministry and we indeed thank them so very much for their wonderful and dedicated involvement in this ministry. Blessings to you both.

This is a very rewarding ministry to say the least. We all have taken a course regarding the various aspects of this ministry. We visit people at their homes, in the hospital, retirement homes and long term care facilities. When we visit, we, depending on the circumstances, read scripture, pray with the person regarding their personal concerns, serve communion and anoint them. We talk about what things are taking place at the church itself, and we deliver bulletins and the Anglican newspaper and/or booklets of "Day by Day" or "Our Daily Bread." This is also a "listening ministry" as some folks just wish to talk to someone regarding their personal and special concerns.

We have meetings quite often on the 4th Sunday of the month with Father Matt to discuss the progress and/or the lack of progress and our concerns regarding those who have been recently visited. Needless to say, all these visits and discussions are held in the strictest of confidence.

Please be aware of this ministry and let any of us know if we can, at all, be of any service or assistance to anyone you might know of who could benefit from a visit by a team member.

Respectfully submitted by: Jan Mills

Anointing Ministry

The church's healing ministry represents the continuation of Jesus' earthly ministry and in its fullest sense, seeks a reconciliation of the individual to God. Our Lord invites the church to be part of the healing ministry. It is one of the

greatest opportunities the church has today for sharing the gospel.

There are a few members of our church who have responded to the call to the ministry of anointing. They are Jan Mills, Elizabeth Lane, Rhelda Stockall, Sharon Hanns, John Emmanuel and Joe McEwen. We have all taken part in an initial training session which takes place over a three day period of time, usually at the convent of the Sisters of St. John the Divine, occurring once a year with refresher sessions every three years. The refresher course took place in October 2018. This year the training course takes place in May.

Those completing the training session, are interviewed by the Bishop. After that, a licence is issued to them enabling them to perform the ministry of anointing. We are under the direct supervision of the incumbent. At St. Mary's, anointing takes place on the first Sunday of each month. Directly after receiving communion, a communicant may proceed to two stations in order to receive anointing. Most of the anointers are also lay pastoral visitors and this affords another occasion when anointing may take place, in a private home, nursing home or hospital.

At the Chrism Mass and Blessing of the Oils service, which takes place on the Tuesday of Holy Week each year, the blessed oil is brought back to the churches. There are two types of oil that are used for different purposes. Chrism oil, which is scented, is used at baptisms and Unction oil which is unscented, is the oil which the anointers use at the service of healing.

I feel very blessed to have been called to this servant ministry as do all of our anointers. This ministry is given to the church as a community of believers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hanns on behalf of all the anointers

Family Ministry Report

Over the past few years St. Mary's has continued to have a vision for our identity as a parish church. We want to be a place that serves our community, while helping individuals and families grow in their walk with God. Our efforts to further this aim has come to fruition in our long-range Family

Ministry Plan. In the Fall of 2018 the Diocesan Grant Review Committee approved a 3 year supportive funding grant for St. Mary's. The Diocese approved our 'Staffing for Growth' application for funding from the Our Faith Our Hope campaign. St. Mary's has been awarded \$130,000 over 3 years to help fund our new staffing position at the church. Because of the funds that have been already raised by the parish, and our willingness to commit to a plan to grow our givings, to work towards being able to self-fund this position after the 3 year grant is over, we will soon be adding a Family Ministry Staff Member to our team! Our new position will be called, 'The Director of Family Ministries' and this full-time staff member will have a variety of responsibilities too that will help to grow our church family. This position will involve supporting and resourcing our programs for our Youth, as well as helping to create program options for Young Families, Singles, Couples and broader items for our whole parish family. During March and April 2019 we will be posting out position as open and receiving applications, and we will look to complete our hiring process just after Easter. We look forward to introducing our new team member over the last 2 months of Sunday School to our Youth before the summer starts. And as the summer unfolds, this individual will be able to root themselves within the fabric of St. Mary's, to be ready to hit the ground running in the Fall. We ask that the parish keep this ministry in your prayers as we move into a time of discernment and new beginnings. May this new step for our church bless our community and bring honour to God's Holy Name!

Respectfully submitted by, The Corporation of St. Mary's

Dementia Friendly Church

In 2017 St. Mary's was approached to partner with some local groups in York Region to offer programming that help engage those with Dementia and Alzheimer's with some opportunities to be uplifted and supported in their life's journeys. As we continued with our program in 2018, numbers of attendance at our activities were up and down throughout the year. We have altered some of our scheduling and this year have had occasions for senior's residences to undertake formal outings to our Friday programs with great success. For 2019 we are continuing to adapt our activities to

make sure that how these programs are offered meet the needs of the community. Our plans consist of looking to hold more partnership style outings at St. Mary's and exploring whether there is more need for us to organize programs in other locations for those who are not mobile or able to travel as easily. The leadership of St. Mary's thanks the parishioners for their support of this effort and sharing of our resources for this important ministry.

Respectfully submitted by, The Reverend Matthew McMillan

Lay Synod Delegates' Report

St. Mary's Synod Delegates:

Clergy: Fr. Matthew Macmillan Lay delegates: Joe McEwen; Monica Woodley

Synod in 2018 was particularly active, engaging and energized. The 157th Synod of November 2017 set the stage for the flow of events and activities of 2018.

These included the introduction and continuous work on the Diocese's four year Strategic Plan "Growing in Christ"; the announcement of Archbishop Colin Johnson's retirement in December 2018; the prior process and election of Bishop Johnson's successor – a coadjutor Bishop; "Missional Moments" encouraging clergy and laity to think in new and different ways of church planting and outreach living out the Gospel of Jesus in love and service in the world; heated conversations and reports on same sex marriage & changes to the Marriage Canon.

All coming together at the Diocese of Toronto's 158th Regular Session of Synod held on November 9-10, 2018 at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill. Extensive information on Synod can be found at www.toronto.anglican.ca/. We encourage parishioners to visit this Diocesan site.

One of the significant early events of 2018 was heralded with the announcement:

"Synod members in the Diocese of Toronto are called to assemble at St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street, Toronto, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018 to elect a Coadjutor Bishop. The Rt. Rev. John H. Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa, will preside at the Synod."

With this Call came a series of information and video clips about the candidates; about the responsibilities and gifts required for the ministry of the Diocesan Bishop of Toronto; and the election process.

At St. Mary's RH, on June 1st, Fr. Matthew arranged an informal, very informative, prayerful session with the two Lay Delegates reviewing the material on the candidates allowing us some thoughtful reflection on the weighty task of electing the Coadjutor Bishop who would eventually replace Bishop Colin Johnson.

On June 9, 2018 an Electoral Synod was convened at St. James Cathedral, Toronto. Amidst great excitement and anticipation, Dean Andrew Asbil was elected the Coadjutor Bishop who would work with and eventually succeed Bishop Colin Johnson as the Bishop of Toronto. We continue to keep them both in prayers, as Archbishop Johnson retired on December 31, 2018.

On Sept 9, 2018, along with Fr. Matthew we attended the joyful Celebration of Bishop Andrew Asbil's Consecration at the Cathedral.

Diocesan Synod on November 23-24, 2018 was the final enriching gathering for the year.

Highlights, along with Missional Moments by various Churches, included frequent Table Conversations on the proposed Marriage Canon Changes. From these "conversations" a consolidated comprehensive Report was put together by both Bishops to be sent to General Synod. The final Vote on the issue is to be held at the June 2019 General Synod.

In addition we received inspired Reflections on his 41 Years of Ministry by the outgoing Bishop Johnson, and a challenging Charge to Synod by the incoming Bishop Andrew Asbil.

Bishop Asbil's words were poignantly memorable. If St. Mary's Parishioners have not read it, we encourage you to read the entire delivery in the January 2019 "The Anglican" newspaper – "We are in a Moment in Between".

Much of this address may speak to our life here at St. Mary's RH. Thus we'll pull out a few bits where Bishop Asbil begins "I'd like to share just four things about what I have been

hearing and listening to and watching" in his new journey of preparation. He weaves his thoughts within the Biblical Story of the four friends who lower a paralytic through a roof in a house where Jesus is speaking and healing.

The four things:

1. To see Jesus. To experience the Risen Lord in our midst.
2. We need each other. Imagine the 4 friends. "It was their tenacity, their faith, their hunger to push through so that their friend might be healed".
3. Creation matters. "The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has given us sobering news. We would throw it all out at our peril.... The Church needs not to be passive now but active, because creation matters.....for this generation, our grandchildren's generation and our great grandchildren's generation..."

There's a hole in my roof. Here he speaks of holes in our structures – physical as in our buildings. Are these burdens or opportunities? Holes in our cultural structures that divide and keep out. Do we have the courage to change and transform

Bishop Asbil ends by saying he is a bit nervous to take the training wheels off as he takes on the new mantle, but he is excited with "a new sense of a dawning day, of new creative ways that we will meet the future. Don't be afraid. Pedal along. Thanks be to God."

*Respectfully Submitted,
Monica Woodley & Joe McEwen*

Parish Board

Our deliberations on the Parish Board have gone a long way to reinforce and revive the parish. This in part is due to the enthusiasm shown by the members and the energy and innovativeness of our Rector.

Our ministries continue to gain recognition and accolades for our parish as in the case of The Achieves Ministry which won a commendation recently. Our Rector was also invited to sit

on the Ecumenical Homes Corporation which is definitely a recognition of our parish and the tireless work of our rector in the parish and community at large.

We have revived a number of issues hatched in the past as well as generating some new initiatives that hopefully will make our fellowship experience in the parish a more uplifting one.

Not only does the parish board receive monthly updates from the different ministries in the parish, we also deliberate on these reports and by a cross pollination of ideas we try to advance all our efforts to ensure we are working in consort in achieving the vision of the parish and tenants of our faith. It is in this spirit that we are encouraging the parish to consider taking a “green” posture this Lenten season.

As we are all aware one area of grave concern on which we have been deliberating on at length is the state of our property, by property I refer not only to the physical structures but also the surrounding land, including the ever deteriorating driveway. As with all things our structures are getting old and are in dire need of repair and or replacement. In this regard we need to seriously brainstorm on conjuring up ways of generating enough funds to meet these expenditures as they occur, our dialogue of February 06, 2019 is one of the initiatives we proposed to get the parish updated and involved. No help in this regard is too small.

I sincerely believe that the smooth and vibrant functioning of our parish will be guaranteed by The Grace of God and the faithful participation of ALL parishioners. We each need, according to the “talents” we are blessed and of course as we are able, to join a ministry in the parish in addition to making our opinions and fears known to the leadership; whether it is through the Wardens, our different ministries or the Rector. We have been blessed with a rich parish, both materially and spiritually. This says to me that our future is bright!

Let us go boldly and prayerfully into the New Year with full confidence that “our Father in heaven” hears and believe that He rewards of ALL who call upon Him in faith.

Joe McEwen
Chair, Parish Board

Property Committee

The property team, Charlie Mills and myself (aka The Property Brothers) take care of ongoing maintenance such as painting, plumbing, and repairs. We also assist in securing contractors for larger jobs. Its been a hectic year for property at St. Mary’s. Here are some of the highlights:

The flat roof over the Arnold cemetery area was rebuilt with a sloped roof. Other areas of the flat roof around the sanctuary have been either sloped or repaired. Sloping of the flat roof allows the water to run off the roof and not pool.

The eaves trough work on Wrixon Hall that was started in 2017 was finished. Wrixon Hall also had a facelift when the columns on the south side of the building were clad in aluminum.

The eaves trough on the south side of the church was replaced along with the soffit and fascia.

Water leaking was a problem in the Chapel furnace room. The flat roof was resealed, the furnace room walls were parged, drainage was improved and the sump pump was replaced.

All the eaves troughs on the church buildings that are close to trees have had leaf guard’s installed. This also includes the rectory. This will save money over time by not having the expense of cleaning the eaves trough every year.

An arborist was hired to trim the tree branches overhanging the west wing buildings.

The light standards and fixtures along Mclatchy Lane were replaced at the expense of Discovery due to an auto accident that they were responsible for.

Submitted by,
Colin Webb on behalf of the Property Committee.

St. Mary's Space Usage

As most of you know our facilities are fully booked during the day and most evenings. Our tenants include Discovery Academy, Weight Watchers, Sunlilyoga, Axel Molema Yoga, Blessed Community Church, St. Seraphin of Saro Church, AI – Anon groups, AA programs, SAA group, York Symphony Orchestra and a new tenant Upper Canada Brass.

Upper Canada Brass and York Symphony Orchestra have each performed for us. Upper Canada Brass will be doing another concert in April, plus be part of two of our morning services. York Symphony will be doing another Christmas concert in December 2019. These organizations give St. Mary's people reduced ticket prices.

I would like to thank our office administrator Betty Lehming and Fr. Matt for all their support and help they have given to me this past year. They make this job very manageable.

*Betty Romanchuk,
Chairperson Space Usage.*

Counters' Report

St. Mary's Counters are the faithful men and women who process the offerings received each Sunday.

Their responsibilities include preparing the bank deposit and summarizing offerings data for the Treasurer and for the Envelope Secretary. As the one who for years took their deposits to the bank I can say that they do stunningly consistent and accurate work. I give them my thanks and congratulations.

The current group is: Garry Bettridge, Sheila Amankwah, Elsie Coulter, Des McCartney, Dave Hunt, Ron Smit, Cheryl Butler, Margaret Baldassarre, Kola Deru, Jonathan Wilkinson, Betty Romanchuk, and Sally White. They operate in three teams, two of which work on Sundays, the other on Mondays. In high volume periods – Christmas and Easter – they all come together and work as a single team.

Sadly, last year we lost the services of Trevor Kimpton. More recently Lorna Giles has resigned from the group. We thank her for her years of faithful service.

As one team is short one member, and as backup counters are

always good to have in hand, I'd be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in being part of this important and tangible ministry to discuss requirements and qualifications.

*Respectfully submitted by
John Martin
Coordinator of Counters*

Music at St. Mary's

I thank every single member of the choir for their hard work and devotion to music at St. Mary's Anglican Church in 2018.

The choir continued to perform anthems and led the congregation in singing hymns on Sunday morning services. The choir also led the Psalm singing during Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve services. We also provided music for Christmas Eve and Good Friday. We met weekly on Thursday evenings for practice from September to May.

We had three new members in 2018. Paulette Popp has joined the choir since January and Ron Smit has joined the choir since September of 2018. We planned to grow our choir through creating a music scholarship program in 2018, and we did gain a new member, Ella McEwen through the program last September.

I also thank our guest players who made our music better for 2018 services and other special occasions. Erica Mayhew played the trumpet for the anthem on All Saints Sunday. In addition, Joanna Grace played the French Horn with the choir and played a solo on Christmas Eve. Finally, Deanna Shorrocks led the congregation in singing gospel songs during Communion for the Family services.

The Upper Canada Brass team came to perform for May 27th Sunday service. They played prelude before the service. They also accompanied the choir anthem and the congregation hymn singings.

Please pray and support the choir continuously to grow and develop more in 2019.

*Soyoung Shin
Organist and Music Director*

Sidespeople

The duties of the sidespeople are to:

- Distribute service sheets.
- Count and document the number of people present.
- Collect offering envelopes.
- Direct Parishioners to the Communion rail.
- Collect offering envelopes and pass on to counters at end of service.
- Remove unused service sheets or other debris from the pews.

This is an important ministry within the church and I encourage you to consider being a part of the team.

You can contact me or any of the team captains for more information.

*Karl Lashley,
Coordinator*

Greeters

Each Sunday a team of greeters welcomes parishioners and newcomers to St. Mary's. Every effort is made to extend a warm and sincere welcome and to let newcomers know that we are happy to have them with us for worship. It is a beautiful ministry and a blessing to our team members as well.

In 2018 our volunteers included Julie Hastie, Norman McMullen, Margaret Baldassare, Paul Thomas, Pauline & Karl Lashley, Myrtle Blackett, Rhelda Stockall, Helen Butt, Joan Smith, Barbra Amadori and Olga van der Lee. We are grateful for their participation and dedication to this important "front line" ministry at St. Mary's.

More team members are always welcome. If you are interested in participating in this joyful ministry, please contact Margaret Baldassare or the Church Office.

*Respectfully submitted by
Margaret Baldassare
and St. Mary's Greeting teams*

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild has struggled with the issue of low membership over the past number of years. We said goodbye to two very long time members of the guild this past December. The combined number of years of service shared by Doris Moore and Thelma Lam to this important ministry amounts to over 80 years! I do thank them so much for their contribution and they certainly are long overdue for a well deserved rest from their labours. I extend thanks also to Barb Mann and Joan Connolly for their additional responsibilities that they take on within the group. Barb looks after all our candle needs and ordering of our wine and wafers and Joan is our treasurer.

As we are so low in membership, with only ten active members, it is a struggle to even maintain four teams. This has only been accomplished by having some members assigned to more than one team. As is evident, we are always seeking new members. If you are able to assist in any way, please speak to me. Training is provided and you would be assigned to a team with experienced members. This is not just a ministry for the women in the church. We already have one couple who are members of the group and I am sure that Pearl and Denis would like company. We hold two meetings per year, one in December which is our annual meeting ending with a Christmas Tea social time and one meeting at which we make palms. As Easter is late this year, this meeting will take place late in the week leading up to Palm Sunday. Exact information will be made available closer to that time. I invite anyone who would like to learn how to make our crosses to join us.

Over time, things wear out and this is true of our linens particularly our purificators which are used to wipe the cup after each communicant has received the wine. With the constant intense washing required, these do tend to become quite thin and in fact develop holes. Thank you to the ladies who remove their lip stick prior to taking the cup as it does reduce the use of harsh products that would be required in the cleaning process of these linens and thereby helps to prolong their life. I thank the ACW for their annual contribution which assists in the purchasing of linens when required.

I thank Jenny Rogers who always does such a wonderful job of decorating the sanctuary every year for the Thanksgiving

season and Garry Bettridge who looks after the ordering and arranging of the floral displays for Christmas and Easter. Their efforts certainly enhance our worship experience. I also wish to thank Don and Julie Hastie, Colin and Lyne Webb, Charlie Mills and Mary Jane Van de Hoef who came out on December 1st to assist Garry and myself in decorating the church for the Christmas season.

This is indeed a very rewarding and necessary ministry within the church organization and I am grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of it. In fact for me, it began in my university days at Trinity College so I have indeed been at it for a very long time. The members of the Altar Guild are ever mindful that what we do, we do to the honour and glory of our Heavenly Father.

Blessings to all and may 2019 be a happy and healthy year for everyone.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Hanns,
Chair of the Altar Guild

ACW

Thank you to our ACW Executive and Bazaar Committee members for all their hard work and effort in making the ACW 2018 a very successful year for the women of St. Mary's.

Vera Briggs, Treasurer, Helen Tompkins, Secretary and Josephine Vaccaro-Chang, Public Relations

Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon Sub-committee: Lyne & Colin Webb, Diane Robertson, Linda Wightman and Jane Robertson.

ACW 2018 EVENTS

Saturday, May 12, 2018 five women from St. Mary's attended the Toronto Diocesan ACW – AGM. It was fun joining Barb Mann, Elizabeth Lane, Dionne Robertson and Lucille King. This year's theme "Embracing Safety for All Women". It was a wonderful event held at Christ the King, Etobicoke, with the Rev Julian Aldous rector. Address from Toronto Diocese ACW president Anita Gittens. This is Anita's 10th year as ACW president and she announced that she will be stepping down at the end of the year. And the search is on for someone to step up to be president. Then we heard from special guests; the Most Rev Colin Johnson Archbishop of

Toronto, Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark who has an amazing talent of storytelling the gospel reading. Special Guest; Barbara Gosse, CEO of the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking. The day ended with the beautiful voices of singing group called the Ambiance Singers. It was a great event and I encourage you all to consider attending next year.

At the AGM we picked up the bookmarks as a gift for you to use for your summer reading. We also found out about a wonderful ACW Memorial Book. At our Spring Potluck dinner, we voted to have the names of Lorraine Kisch and Ruth Wilton inscribed in the ACW Memorial Book. Lorraine and Ruth were Co-Presidents of our ACW for almost 10 years. Notification of this tribute was sent to their husbands Rob Kisch and Alex Wilton.

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 our ever-popular Spring Potluck Dinner was held in Wrixon Hall. It was well attended ACW Spring Potluck Dinner. We had two speakers; Chasley-Claudia Ninkinzo and she shared her experience on her high school trip to El Salvador for Habitat for Humanity and also June Dyer, Board Member of the Toronto Diocesan ACW and she spoke on the Human Trafficking. Her presentation was eye-opening and provided awareness for all the women in attendance. Food was delicious and fellowship was wonderful. All the ladies went home with an ACW Prayer bookmark. It was a fantastic evening!

Saturday, November 24, 2018 - St. Mary's Annual Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon. Another successful event that provides fellowship, collaboration and community outreach. Many hands make light work and we have many hands to make this a very profitable bazaar. This event cannot happen without, the wonderful women of St. Mary's and a few good men! Thank you to our table conveners' and your teams; luncheon conveners' Lyne Webb, Colin Webb and Diane Robertson, Catherine Goodman, Christmas Décor & Gifts, Linda Wightman and Barbra Amadori, Crafts, Joan Temple Porter, Jewellery, Helen Butt, Bake Table, Vera Briggs, Knitting, Maggie Veltheer, White Elephant, Bruce Rogers, Books, and Linda Wightman bazaar treasurer. We had the addition of the Poinsettia Sales and thanks to Jane Robertson for organizing the sale. Thank you to Ron Smit, and Keeley for all their help with our set up and to Jerry & Mary Jane Van de Hoef, Fr. Matt MacMillan, Maggie Veltheer, Julie & Don Hastie for clean up on Saturday. Special thanks to Charlie Mills for sharing his

musical talents with us and providing an ambiance for the Christmas Season.

We raised over \$6,000.00 which is amazing!

Sunday, December 9, 2018 – ACW Annual General Meeting & Light Breakfast was held in Wrixon Hall. In true business fashion all money raised was disbursed to groups within our parish and outside of our parish. We voted to disburse funds requested to the follow groups in our community; Home on the Hill, ACW Toronto Diocese and in our parish; Choral Scholars Program, St. Mary's Sound System, General Church Fund, Archives Committee, John Macey, Church Gardens and Altar Guild. I am so proud and honoured to be a part of this amazing group called St. Mary's ACW.

ACW 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 27, 2019 – Toronto Diocesan ACW Annual General Meeting and Lunch. Location to be announced! Please Save the date!

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 – Annual Spring Potluck Dinner in Wrixon Hall. Save the Date!!

Annual Christmas Bazaar date TBA!

ACW 2018-2019 Report submitted on behalf of St. Mary's ACW by Marlene Gardiner, ACW Executive Chair.

Report on Parish Lunch Ministry 2018

During 2018 the parish luncheon committee served over 300 lunches. These included roast beef, thanksgiving ham, Christmas Turkey, and quiche to name just a few of the lunches that were served.

Jane Robertson organized various speakers :

Glennis Harris - Community Nursing,
Monica Woodley from the Green Team,
Mr. Wilson from the Richmond Hill Public Library,
David West - Councillor,
Jenny Rogers - talking books,
Fr. Matt- future of St. Mary's,
Christmas Carols led by Janet and Bill Bartram

Some of the funds from these lunches were used to provide tea and coffee for three funerals, ice cream for the church picnic, lunch for the visiting choir in May . We also purchased six new white tablecloths for receptions and containers for our tablecloths.

I hope that everyone knows that they are welcome to attend the luncheons - just let us know if you plan to attend. We have a great team that works hard to provide nourishing lunches on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August). We are lucky to have:

Vera Briggs
Jane Robertson
Diane Robertson
Olga Vander Lee
Colin and Lyne Webb

*Respectfully submitted by
Diane Robertson*

Prayer Support Group

We have three separate groups in the parish. One group is available for individual prayer if anyone is in need, after the 8:00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. service. This is held in the Prayer Corner of the church. A number of people have found this to be very helpful.

Another group gathers at a home every third Thursday of the month for devotion and prayer. This is followed by light refreshments.

The third group consists of a few women who pray for the concerns and needs of individuals who ask for prayer. First names are needed and the reason for prayer. They are prayed for a week or more depending on the need. This list is different from the Sunday Bulletin.

If anyone wishes to be part of these groups we would be delighted to have you.

If you know that God's hand is in everything
You can leave everything in God's hand.

*Respectfully submitted by
Barb Mann*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry is also a very fulfilling activity if you enjoy knitting and/or crocheting. There are a few books regarding this activity and patterns. When a piece of work is being knitted many prayers are said while making these items. After these shawls are blessed at the church they are distributed by our lay pastoral visitors at homes or the hospital. Last year some shawls were knitted by Betty Gilpin and Lorna Giles. Lorna has continued to produce a tremendous number of shawls this past year. Lorna, Betty and Helen, sadly to say, will be putting their needles and crocheting hooks away. Thank you ladies, once again, for your wonderful, wonderful work and thank God for your talents.

Caroline Matchett joined this ministry in 2018 and made some very lovely prayer shawls. We thank her also for her involvement in this ministry as a new member.

Please don't hesitate to make us aware of your talents in this activity if you would like to support this particular ministry.

Respectfully submitted by: Jan Mills

St. Mary's at Mackenzie Health

A small group of St. Mary's parishioners continue to hold a service at MacKenzie Health Centre on the 3rd Sunday of each month. A Service on the other Sundays of the month is provided by other local churches.

The service is held in the Long Term Care wing, located on the 4th floor of the A wing of the hospital. Over the years we see many regular attendees, we also see new faces.

Most of the patients arrive in wheelchairs. Young hospital volunteers assist in helping to move these folk into the room in which the service takes place.

We have a set service and use hymns from "Hymns We Love to Sing," which is a booklet of collected favourite hymns. Chas accompanies us on the piano.

The St. Mary's visiting team consists of: John Emmanuel, Jan and Chas Mills, Joe McEwen and Jenny and Bruce Rogers.

Each one of us contributes in different ways, ie. Reading gospel, leading prayers etc. and Joe always delivers an inspiring Homily.

John and Joe remain after the main service to offer communion to those desiring same.

There are on an average 23 residents attending; the most being 34 and the least in number being 15. There are usually 3 hospital youth volunteers also in attendance.

Most summers Chas and Jan are away during July and August and Jenny, Bruce, John and Joe carry on with the service during July and August. All receive grace and love during these gatherings.

As always, many in this small congregation close their eyes and listen to the familiar words, some fall asleep, some are restless.

This is indeed always a very fulfilling ministry and we are glad to have the privilege to be a part of this very worthwhile ministry.

Sincerely,
Jan and Chas Mills

Outreach & Social Advocacy Committee

This committee met once a month during the spring and fall of 2018, with members Dionne Robertson, Norman McMullen, Maggie Veltheer, Lyne Webb. Towards the end of the year, we welcomed Julie Hastie to the committee. We acknowledge, Gwen Halliday, as an Honorary Member of this Committee for her long-time service.

As in past years, St. Mary's hosted the Out of the Cold program, on consecutive Mondays, for ten weeks, from the end of January to the end of March. Many thanks to the parishioners who volunteered their time once again to this cause and to those who donated baked goods each week. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers from the community as well as the congregation to allow us to provide much needed hospitality during the coldest months of the year to those who are in need of a hot meal, warm bed, breakfast and a packed lunch.

At our 2018 Vestry, St. Mary's supported the Diocese of Toronto's motion on Affordable Housing and Homelessness.

Our committee held a workshop to inform parishioners on the motion and encouraged a letter writing campaign to local, provincial and federal government leaders with regard to homelessness.

With the help of our 'bakers' (Catherine Goodman, Karen Ferrie, Paulette Popp & committee members) and 'buyers' of Loonie Muffins and Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate, we are able to continue to support two foster children through Plan Canada. Oscar from El Salvador has graduated from school and Plan Canada. We now support Nelson-Bladimir, also of El Salvador as well Sakshi in India. It costs approximately \$1000.00/year to sponsor these two children and we are grateful for the congregation's continued support through our coffee hour sales.

In an attempt to further our knowledge of the Truth & Reconciliation Process, our committee hosted a KAIROS facilitated Blanket Exercise, which we opened to the parish and also the greater community. We had twenty-five participants and did manage to attract attendance from outside our church family. The attendees were engaged in the exercise and gained an added awareness and appreciation for the treatment of Canada's Indigenous people from the arrival of Europeans to Canada's shores to present date.

This committee continues to encourage food donations for the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank. The food bank has seen a sharp increase in new users since November. Additionally, we used money from the Merchant Card Sale Program to purchase food items which we assembled into complete meal packages to have on hand for those in need who come into the church from the community. They are able to take one of these packages over to the Krasman Centre (drop-in centre on Yonge St. in the middle of town) and use their facility to heat and eat their meal. When the shelves were bare at the foodbank in November we were able to donate \$100.00 in Loblaw gift cards, to help alleviate the situation.

Our annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family program was changed this year. We still asked our congregation for donations, however, rather than distributing the money ourselves to those who contact the church directly, we instead partnered with the Salvation Army, who distributed the (75) \$20.00 Loblaw and (75) \$20.00 Wal-Mart gift cards that we were

able to purchase through the Merchant Card Program. Purchasing the \$3000.00 worth of cards through the Merchant Card program enabled us to purchase \$300.00 worth of additional gift cards for Outreach to use for those in need who approach the church directly.

The committee would like to thank Ron Smit, an ad-hoc committee member, for his promotion and administration of the Merchant Card Program. Thanks also to parishioners who support this program. With some forethought on the part of the congregation and Ron's administration of the program, St. Mary's is able to raise money to purchase gift cards to aid those in need in the Richmond Hill community.

We are open to new members to our committee and are always looking for ways to lend our support or our voice to social justice issues. If you would like to join the committee or see a need for advocacy locally or the wider community, please approach a committee member. We thank the Parish for your continuing support of our endeavours.

*Report submitted by,
Lyne Webb*

The Archives Committee

I am pleased to report that we have had a busy and productive year and I am deeply grateful to our Committee members Joan Connolly, Lucia Ferrara, Dave Hunt, Lucille King, Phil Shepherd and Colin Webb. It was a pleasure to welcome Lucia to our Committee in April, while at the end of the year we were sorry to say goodbye to Phil Shepherd, who has moved to Elora. I want to add my personal appreciation to Lucille who serves as our Secretary so efficiently and conscientiously. Each Committee member has contributed to the Committee faithfully over the year. We strive to meet on a monthly basis throughout the year and despite the limitations and "wheel-spinning" that we may occasionally encounter, it is safe to say that our meetings are always enjoyable. After our opening prayer, tea and great refreshments are served. All three are essentials!

St. Mary's is part of the heritage community in Richmond Hill and as a reflection of that, we received several inquiries from beyond the Parish this year. As in the past, memberships have

been renewed with The National Trust for Canada (Heritage Canada), The Ontario Heritage Trust and The Richmond Hill Historical Society.

On February 28th, a small display in honour of National Heritage Week was shared following both services. We were pleased to exhibit three unique photographs of the former rectory, kindly donated by Canon James O'Neil. They are excellent images of that building and we were happy to receive this donation. As a take-away, an order-of-service from the "Opening, Dedication and Inspection of St. Mary's Rectory, Richmond Hill, Sunday, May 27th, 1951" was reproduced and distributed to interested parishioners.

We are deeply grateful for the many donations received this year. Diane Robertson has generously donated the complete file of Minutes, financial statements, etc. from her work as Chair of the former Chapel Restoration Committee. This is a significant addition to our collection. In addition we have received a large box of notepaper designed by the famous Canadian artist, Glen Loates. It seems he attended a Christmas Bazaar in the early 1980's and subsequently made this gift to the Parish. I should add that Gwen Halliday has donated a large quantity of very interesting material related to the Property Committee as well as fascinating papers from the estate of the late Rev. Fred Jackson. Jenny and Bruce Rogers have also kindly shared numerous items including back issues of The Message, orders-of-service and wonderful files relating to various social events that have taken place at St. Mary's over the years. Many thanks as well to Joan Connolly for donating historic orders-of-service, older photographs and significant newspaper clippings. So our collection continues to grow!

In April we arranged our much anticipated visit with the Sunday School. We shared information about our historic Chapel bell and offered a hands-on ringing extravaganza after the 10:30 service. We were pleased to welcome several children from St. Seraphim's Russian Orthodox congregation who joined in the ringing festivities. As you may already know, this bell is a very important part of our history, harkening back to the time when Anglicans in Richmond Hill held their services across the street in Dr. Duncombe's Hall. Many thanks to Lauren Wirtzfeld and all the teachers for helping us to arrange this direct connection between The Archives and Sunday School.

We arranged the updating of the service plaque given to Murray Baer, marking his 25th anniversary as Organist and Choirmaster at St. Mary's. This plaque now correctly reflects Murray's 33 years of faithful ministry to our Parish.

Doors Open was a success again this year and our Committee was pleased to facilitate that event. While the number of visitors was down slightly, Heritage Services staff felt that quality of visits was good and that guests tended to ask more questions and shared their own information. This was certainly the case at St. Mary's. We were greatly encouraged by the number of parishioners who volunteered for the event – some for the entire day. The Green Team provided a splendid display related to urgent environmental concerns. Many visitors spent considerable time exploring and discussing the various exhibits. Thank you Green Team! And who could forget the beautiful banner that was made by our amazing Sunday School children? We were so pleased to have them on board for Doors Open, 2018 and plan to share their artistry again in the future.

The wrap-up meeting for Doors Open, 2018 was held at the David Dunlap Observatory. Following the meeting, we were given a tour of the buildings. Private tours of the Observatory will be offered this summer, making me think that this could be a very interesting community outreach event for parishioners. Please let me know if you are interested in touring the Observatory. Thanks to Lucille King, Joan Connolly and Phil Shepherd for joining me at this important meeting for all participating sites.

Sunday, November 11th marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. In honour of this event and as a peace-making initiative, The Royal Canadian Legion asked all churches across Canada to ring their bells 100 times at sunset and to include a time of reflection and prayer. Fr. Matthew organized a beautiful service of remembrance in the Chapel and the bell was indeed rung at least 100 times! All fifty two attendees were offered the opportunity to ring the bell. Following these observances, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 375, hosted a delicious supper for all participants. We enjoyed their gracious hospitality and had the opportunity to meet members from Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, St. Matthew's United Church and of course those from the Legion Branch itself. At the conclusion of the evening, the Legion's President presented us with a beautiful

plaque, commemorating our involvement in Bells of Peace. It was a great community event and I was so pleased that St. Mary's was well represented.

The Committee is delighted that we have been given use of the bulletin boards opposite the Arnold Plot. This is another element in our own Arnold Plot Revitalization Initiative [APRI] that has been under discussion for considerable time. We are making some final decisions about this somewhat lengthy process and hope to have our first display in place in February.

Please ink Saturday, April 6, 2019 into your books or devices. Our Committee is working hard at organizing a "Fragments Evening" as we revisit the 1960's and the very popular coffee house that flourished in the basement of the Chapel at that time. Every attempt will be made to recreate the mood of that era with good food, live music and other entertainments. Our Committee had been talking about this venture for some time and we are now looking forward to sharing this success story in a party atmosphere. Period costumes are highly encouraged!

In closing I want to acknowledge the kind assistance of the Wardens, the Board and all parishioners who continue to support the ongoing efforts of our small Committee. Again, we thank all who have donated items to our growing collection. The A.C.W. kindly supported us again this year with another generous grant. We greatly appreciate your financial support as well as your encouragement and interest and we thank you for allowing us to be part of the Christmas Bazaar once again this year. Even though our sales may not be large, we believe that this is an interesting way for us to establish contacts with the community.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to Betty Lehming for steering me along in the right direction from time to time. And of course many thanks to Fr. Matthew, whose enthusiastic support of our Committee is so refreshing. It has been a pleasure to work with you as our Committee strives to preserve and share our Parish's rich heritage.

*Respectfully submitted,
Norman McMullen, Chair,
The Archives Committee*

***Preserving our Parish history –
for the present and the future.***

Greeting Cards Ministry

The Greeting Card Ministry is meant to bring a sense of fellowship and belonging to church members as part of a "family". Greeting cards are sent to our parishioners and/or family on behalf of the congregation when we learn of an illness, accident, surgery or death. Cards are also sent out at Easter and Christmas to those in Long Term Care Homes, Retirement Residences and the Shut-ins. Help us make this Ministry successful by notifying us if you are aware of a need.

A sincere thank you to Helen Evans who for 12 years served this Ministry Faithfully.

A total of 63 Cards were sent out in 2018.

Gleniss Harris

Sunday School

It has been another busy year for Sunday School! We run Sunday School each week during the 10:30 am service, with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of the month where we have a family service. We have an average of 12 children attending each week with our busiest week being 19 children. We are currently running three classes, our JK to grade 3 class, grade 4+ class and most recently Pam McMillan has started a preschool class. For our school aged children we continue to use curriculum from SparkHouse as the base with changes in the Sunday School format depending on larger projects we are working on.

We currently have three teachers for our younger (Junior Kindergarten to grade 3) class: Erika Golden, Julie Gibbons and Natasha Daisley; two teachers for our older class (grade 4+): myself and Eric Kupka; and two teachers for the preschool class: Pam McMillan and Lucy Amankwah. We are supported by the two Sunday School helpers who provide an extra set of hands to run the lesson for the younger class: Mona Wilson, and Lucia Ferrara. A special thank you to Julie Gibbons who has continued to lead and share her nature devotionals with our Sunday School program despite moving away.

There are a number of other activities Sunday School is involved in. Natasha Daisley continues to send out birthday cards to the children from Sunday School, we've heard good

feedback on the children enjoying getting a special note from their friends at St. Mary's. Over the summer, when we didn't have our regular lessons, we again made activity packs available for the children to take into church and had a couple of Sundays where we had casual activities in the Sunday School room. We had a special guest-lesson led by the Archives committee in honour of Heritage Week where we talked about the history of the bell in the Chapel and the children all had a chance to ring the bell after the church service. The children also contributed a large cross banner to the display of crosses at Doors Open this year.

The Sunday School put on a nativity pageant during the family service in December. Thank you to Pam McMillan for her leadership in this endeavour and to Keely Gervais for the AV assistance. A humorous and well written play was selected that is designed to be able to put together in a short period of time. The children very much enjoyed working on this presentation to share. We had 19 children participate in the pageant.

Instead of trying to time our outreach activities with the Christmas season this year, we decided to start working on some projects in January-February. The children are currently collecting toiletries to make hygiene bags for Out Of The Cold. As of February 3rd, we've made up about 70 bags. The children have spent time discussing the needs in our community and our world and how they are able to spread Christ's love. Some of the children have worked on small cards we've copied to put in the hygiene bags to spread some love.

The second project they are working on is collecting books and change in order to send books to schools in Nunavut. We discussed how we are blessed living somewhere where we have access to our books at home, in our classroom, school libraries and public libraries. Also, how there is a bit disparity in how different communities live, even within our own country. We are working with the Outreach and Social Justice Committee on this endeavour as it will cost to get the books shipped to the different schools.

Our main challenge is the very limited number of teachers we have for Sunday School. The number of children continues to grow and we now have three classes to make sure we are addressing the needs of the different age groups, however,

with such a limited number of teachers we are having to combine classes fairly regularly.

*Submitted by
Lauren Wirtzfeld
Coordinator*

Coffee Hour

This year Lynne and Colin Webb have retired from coffee hour teams. Thanks to both for your dedication. We currently have four teams. We are badly in need of new team members, men and women who are interested in contributing to this vital ministry. The fellowship generated with our church family is very important to our life here at Saint Mary's. Some of the funds donated are used to support two children through Plan International. Please continue to be generous with your support of this important ministry. Thanks to all our teams who provide this service. Anyone interested in joining our teams, please speak to Betty in the office or myself.

*Margaret Baldassarre
Coffee Hour Coordinator*

Harvest Feast Dinner

On behalf of the Wardens and Fr. Matthew, I wish to thank all the members of the Harvest Feast Dinner Committee for organizing such a wonderful event filled with fun and fellowship. Of course, we thank all the members of our St. Mary's family for coming out to enjoy the dinner and participate in the Silent Auction. The proceeds from the evening resulted in raising \$3,240.00.

Congratulations to all.

*Submitted by
Sharon Hanns, People's Warden on behalf of the Committee*

Green Team

The Team continued its general practice of meeting on the last Wednesday of every month with an additional meeting when necessary.

At the February meeting we were fortunate to have Harry French of the Windfall Ecology Centre and Manager of the Climate Wise Business Network on his involvement with Faith and the Common Good. This could help us in furthering the "greening of our Church" - a topic on our drawing board for some time. Holy Trinity Anglican Thornhill has achieved this already. There is some financial assistance available from the Trillium Foundation. Some progress has been made now on this during 2018 on the energy benchmarking part which involved analysis of the Church's energy use over the past three years. The Property Committee is now involved in the next stage of assessing what environmental upgrades would be needed on the Church buildings.

At the beginning of the year we were also focusing on planning for "a Green Lent" and finding ways to involve the congregation. For example, rather than people giving up something comparatively frivolous like chocolate, we pointed out in Church announcements that it was possible to be more mindful of the environment and make an effort to do things that were in small ways helpful such as remembering to use re-usable types of bags when shopping to cut down on plastics.

The Green Team performed a brief "skit" for the congregation as a pre-Lent start-up focus entitled Give It Up For The Earth.

Fr. Matthew initiated a fund raiser to pay for solar light-bulbs to help those in the Caribbean Islands who had suffered from the effects of the hurricanes including 'Maria' one of which was loss of electrical power. This was a successful Lenten project resulting in \$1342 that was sent to the diocese of NECA (North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba).

During Lent we also arranged for Steve Lee, Founding Executive Director of FES (Foundation for Environmental Stewardship) to address the congregation in place of the Sermon on March 11th. Steve has made remarkable progress in his plan to travel forth and back addressing high school students on all aspects of climate change and the taking of responsibility to reduce its harmful effects greenhouse gas emissions. Steve continues with this vital work which requires ongoing funding: contributions can be made to this charitable organization at: www.FESplanet.org.

In June, which was also the 10th anniversary of the Green Team, we commenced with a presentation from two staff of the TRCA (Toronto and Region Conservation Authority) on

the Lake St. George Field Centre's educational environmental programmes. (Located not far from Lake Wilcox). Predominantly aimed at children and teenagers of school age, there are also some activities for adults. It is hoped that we can organize an information session on this for the congregation during 2019.

*Respectfully submitted
by Joan Temple-Porter*

Communication Committee Report

We are engaging in policies and projects to enhance communication throughout the church property.

This summer and fall we went ahead with the exterior signage project. All the tenant signs were removed from the entrance to McLatchy Lane and an improved St. Mary's sign installed. The new sign included our Yonge St. address and was elevated to be more noticeable.

Along the McLatchy Lane parking signs were installed to designate St. Mary's and Discovery parking spaces.

On the south west corner of Wrixon Hall a large sign was erected to display the names of our tenants with an arrow indicating which door to use. In the future a light will be installed to better illuminate the sign at night.

Vinyl signs were installed on the windows over the main entrance. These signs display the names of St. Seraphim's and the Blessed Community churches with St. Mary's in the middle.

Thanks to all the committee members for their hard work. We would also like to thank Laura Lehming (*Coordinator of Design and Wayfinding@ TTC*) for her design work and advice on the signage project at St. Mary's.

*Submitted by Colin Webb
Chair*

Home on the Hill Supportive Housing

It has been a good year for the introduction of a “Friday Lunch” cooked with the assistance of our life coach and participants of Home on the Hill. We partnered with the Dementia church so that its members would have lunch and then go into the chapel for a hymn sing. Krasman Centre has sent guests, community groups such as Community Living have come and anyone in the church and wider community were invited for the community meal. We plan to pick this program up again in March after a break.

We have a peer support group for people with a mental illness that meets and just chills or plays bongo drums or does art. It is an opportunity to socialize and have a bit of fun. Our art therapist/psychotherapist runs this program.

We continue to have our parent support group in the narthex on alternate Wednesdays. This is an opportunity for family caregivers to vent and share advice and stories with other parents on a similar journey. We plan respite activities periodically for an evening away to enjoy some recreational time away from their responsibilities.

We still support a person with a mental illness to be able to live in The Hub apartment. We are beginning our 3 year of support and it has been working well.

The ACW has been a wonderful support with a grant of \$1,000 so that we can afford to do these activities. The church itself, has been very generous with its contribution of free space. We deeply appreciate the generosity of so many!

Maggie Veltheer

Envelope Secretary

Remarks:

- As previous years, all donations for 2018 were registered using the donations software. The receipts for tax purposes and reports were issued with the same procedure.
- Tax receipts will be sent by email, to donors with registered email address as previous years. It worked very well and saved time and money. Hopefully this year more donors add their email address to increase usage.

1. STATISTICS

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
PAP USERS	47
ACTIVE DONORS	182
AVERAGE DONATION	\$ 1346
MEDIAN	\$ 782.50

2. DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS

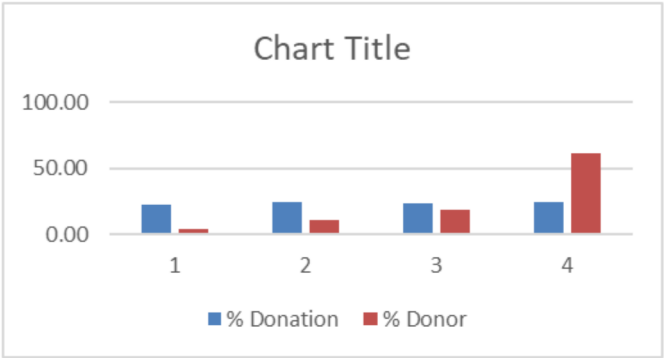
Category	%
Building	1.94
Christmas Family	1.70
Christmas Offering	3.70
Easter	2.22
Faithworks	0.17
Flowers	0.21
Foodbank	0.49
General	33.16
In Kind	0.16
Memorial	1.38
Regular	53.01
Thanksgiving	1.85
Total	100.00

Note: Under General Category is included Non-categorized donations as PAP, Stewardship, Open Receiptable (one donation/no envelope number)

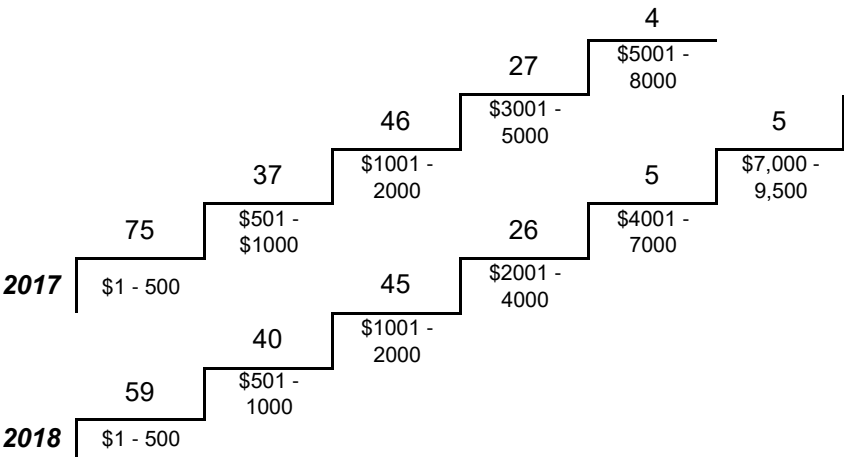
3. TREND

Below chart is showing that 46% of the annual income is given by just 15% of the donors.

% Donation	% Donor
22.69	4.40
23.92	10.44
23.61	18.68
24.44	61.38
Open Receiptable	2.38
Open Unreceiptable	2.73
TOTAL	100



4. Finally, these steps provide a snapshot of our congregation giving patterns during 2017 and 2018. Each step represents a range of dollars given. The number on top of each step, indicates how many donors gave in that range.



We want to thank all of you for your kind support during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Quintero

Envelopes Secretary

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John Martin

Envelopes Secretary Deputy

Motions for 2019 Vestry Meeting

Approval of Auditors Motion: *(This motion allows us to formally appoint our auditor's for next years reports)*

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the appointment of Hurren, Sinclair, McIntyre, Chartered Accounts of Pickering Ontario, to be the Auditors of record for St. Mary's Financial Reports for the year ending 2019 Financial Cycle."

Rectory Grant Motion: *(This motion gives us permission to apply for Diocesan Grants for work on The Rectory if any major or urgent repairs are required. No such work is anticipated, but voting on this now means that no special vestry will be required if such an application is needed.)*

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the Corporation to apply for a Carleton Grant, to help pay for costs of maintenance, renovation and repair to our Parish Rectory, located at 100 Arnold Crescent in Richmond Hill."

Visioning/Building Review Motion: *Private Paper Ballot*

(This motion will be a private paper ballot, held towards the start of our Vestry Meeting. This vote is being held for the congregation of St. Mary's to help discern which option should be fully reviewed and then presented back to the congregation for further ratification or rejection. Vestry members will be asked to select their preferred first option, for a draft plan to be created. As formal discussions and consultations have been held prior to Vestry, no formal debate will be held on the motion. Questions of clarification or amendments will be in order if needed.

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the Corporation to move forward with a formal review of the following option, for St. Mary's Visioning and Building Review."

(Members will select from the following options)

- A. Fundraising Study – to see if we can raise \$1,000,000 over 10 years.
- B. Sales Study – to review selling surplus land on Yonge Street between the Main Church and the 2 houses to the South.
- C. Redevelopment Study – to see what possible options exist to partner with developers and develop on our property or sell buildings/land to develop ourselves.
- D. Write In Proposals – Additional proposals are welcome as they come forward.
- E. Rectory Relocating Study – to review whether we should divest/sell the current property on Arnold Crescent, relocating our clergy and their family to a cheaper part of town and seeing what proceeds can be realized.

Building / Engineering Review Motion: *Private Paper Ballot*

(In 2020 St. Mary's will be required to do an Engineering Review of our Buildings. If the parish votes in favour of option "B" this engineering review will be needed in 2019 to help with the Diocesan Process Needed for this option. If option "B" is approved, the Wardens will be asking the congregation to give guidance on how to fund this cost. Should it be funded completely by the Heritage Fund {the balance is \$30,000} or from a variety of sources. If you vote in favour, you would be comfortable with all the expenses being covered by the Heritage Fund. If you vote against, you would be directing the Wardens to find a variety of budget lines to draw from to pay this expense. Our estimated costs are between \$15,000 - \$19,000 and this cost is mandated to be done by the Diocese every 10 years.

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill recommend the Corporation proceed with an Engineering Survey and Environmental Audit of our buildings and further recommend the cost be taken from the Heritage Fund."

In Memorium

Members of the Parish Family and Others Who Died in 2018

Dr. Douglas Jones
Ruth Wilton
Judith Chang
Sylvie Emmanuel
Trevor Kimpton
Mary Elizabeth Loweth
Daphne Kelly
Roy Law

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May their souls, along with all the souls
of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH – VESTRY NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

March 10th, 2019 – Names in **bold** are members of Parish Board.

Appointments for Vestry

Vestry Clerk	Catherine Goodman
Parish Tribunal	John Martin ?????

Appointments by Rector

Rector's Warden	Colin Webb
Deputy Rector's Warden	Charlie Mills
Parish Board Member at Large	Julie Hastie

Appointments by Wardens

Treasurer	Maggie Veltheer
Envelope Secretary	Lucy Quintero
Deputy Envelope Secretary	John Martin
Heritage Fund Advisory Committee	Kola Deru ?????

Appointment by Rector and Wardens

Chair of Property Usage	Betty Romanchuk
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Wardens, Synod Delegates, and Others for Election by Vestry

People's Warden	Sharon Hanns
Deputy People's Warden	James Agyeman
Lay Delegates to Synod	Joe McEwen Monica Woodley
Alternate Delegates to Synod	Gleniss Harris ????
Parish Board Member at Large	Kola Deru

Committee Chairs/Representatives Chosen by their Committees

ACW	Marlene Gardiner
Archives	Norman McMullen
Communications	Colin Webb
Green Team	Barry Rollinson
Land Use/Development	Ron Smit
Outreach	Lyne Webb
Property	Colin Webb
Sidespeople	Karl Lashley
Sunday School	Julie Hastie

N.B.: Parish Board Officers to be Elected by Parish Board are:

Chair	Joe McEwan
Vice-Chair	Karl Lashley
Secretary	Catherine Goodman