



Saint Mary's Anglican Church

St. Mary's 149th Annual Vestry Report

For activities year ending 2021

2022 Annual Vestry Meeting:

Monday, February 28th, 2022

Rector: **The Reverend Matthew H. McMillan**

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In Memorium

Members of the Parish Family and Others Who Died in 2021

Ted Brown

Elizabeth Carlisle

Lillian Dyson-Babcock

Lucas Glionna

Sylvia Hardill

David Harmon

John Leonard

Judith Newman

Michael O'Herlihy

Jay Radia

Richard Romanchuk

Isobel Sheppard

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 and rise in glory. Amen.



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 wherever 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 programme 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 blends 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

Monday, February 28, 2022

7:00 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. Parish Leadership Reports
(Bishop's, Rector's, and Warden's Reports)
6. Review and Accept 2021 Financial Report
7. Review and Approve proposed 2022 Parish Budget
8. Appointments and Elections
9. Receive and Accept Parish General Reports
10. Motions for consideration by Vestry
(Auditors and Rectory Grant)
11. New/Other Business
12. Thanks and Acknowledgements
13. Adjourn / Closing Prayer

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

Minutes of Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 28, 2021 | 2:00 p.m.

The meeting called to order at 2:03pm

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Matthew McMillan the Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Selection of Vestry Clerk and Parish Tribunal

Motion:

To approve Jennifer Ferdinands as vestry clerk, and John Martin and Betty Lehming as parish tribunal.

Moved by Wardens

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

3. Approve Agenda and Signing Vestry Declaration

The Rector read and clarified the Vestry Declaration, summarizing the following points that all in attendance:

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

Motion:

We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill approve the presented meeting agenda for our February 28, 2021 Annual Parish Vestry.

Moved by Wardens

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

4. Review / Accept past year's Vestry Minutes

Motion:

We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill wish to receive and formally adopt the Minutes of the February 23, 2020 Vestry Meeting and the July 6, 2020 Special Vestry Meeting 2020 Vestry Meeting.

Moved by Wardens

Vote Called:

Motion carried

5. Present Parish Leadership Reports

(Diocesan Bishop's, Area Bishop's, Rector's and Wardens' Reports)

Rector's Report Summary by Matthew McMillan

- People appreciate services but are wanting to be together, and that is what is most missed
- To determine how quickly to return to St. Mary's an informal survey is launched with results as follows:
 - ◇ **Question 1:** If St Mary's were to re-open on Sunday services would you attend?: Majority response is "NO" with 23 (77%), "YES" 20% , "NOT SURE" 3%
 - ◇ **Question 2:** Would you support St. Mary's opening for those who wish to attend in person services at the end of March, even though you may not attend? Majority response is "YES " 73%, "NO 17%, "NOT SURE" 10%
 - ◇ **Question 3:** "Would you be likely to attend in person on Good Friday or Easter services?: Responses – "NO" 43%, "YES" 33%, "NOT SURE" 7%.
 - ◇ **Question 4:** "What would make you comfortable enough to attend in person?"
 - 40% were saying, knowing proper safeguards are in place (A)
 - 40% having a vaccine (B)
 - 13% seeing no community spread (C)

- 37% said a mixture of A, B, and C,
- 10% prefer to wait until the pandemic is declared over.
- Rector thanked everyone for their faithfulness, support and effort. Also thanked all the staff who have been labouring ceaselessly to keep the building and the facility safe for the students that are here from the day school and the other churches. Also to Amanda, Betty, and Soyoung who continue to support their ministries, and the wardens.
- Congratulations to Sharon Hanns on being awarded as a Member of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto
- Goal for 2020 will be to re-establish Parish Family and plan for 150th anniversary 2022, looking to establish committee to begin working so that we can remind people on the impact of St. Mary's
- Land Sale – Ron Smit has been leading the effort. The parish has had a notice from the current owner will be putting forward an offer. There are no contracts at the time to share or disclose – we are waiting on the formal offer so that we could begin a dialogue on that.to launch a really informal survey to
- ◇ Kate Mannion: Is there any agreement that it can't be condo?
- There s a 5-level moratorium of buildings north of Major Mackenzie; no restrictions of what kind of building it would be.
- Potential use at present is mixed office and medical arts
- Only height restrictions

1. Question #1: If St. Mary's opens next Sunday for in-person services, would you attend?



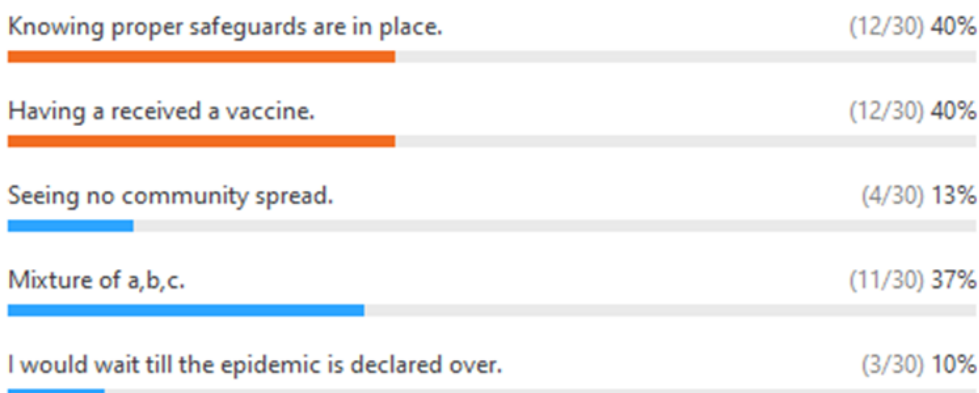
2. Question #2: "Would you support St. Mary's opening for those who wish to attend in-person services at the end of March, even though you may not attend?"



3. Question #3: "Would you be likely to attend in-person our Good Friday (April 2nd) or Easter services (April 4th)"



4. Question #4: What would make you comfortable enough to attend in-person? (Multiple choice)



Wardens' Report Summary – Sharon Hanns

- Sharon doesn't have additional details to share
- Would like to say thank you to everyone for their well wishes for the Order of the Diocese of Toronto

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the receipt and approval of the Parish Leadership Reports as presented in this Vestry report".

Moved by Wardens

Vote Called:

Motion carried

6. Review and Accept the 2020 Financial Report

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's vote to approve and authorize the 2020 Financial Reports and the 2020 Audit as presented in the 2020 Parish Vestry Reports".

Moved by Wardens.

Vote called:

Motion carried

7. Review and Approve proposed 2021 Parish budget

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill vote to approve and authorize the 2021 Budget as contained in our 2021 Parish Vestry Reports".

Moved by Wardens.

Vote called:

Motion Carried

8. Receive and Accept Parish General Reports

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill vote that all the parochial reports from the parochial ministries and groups of St. Mary's be received and approved as presented."

Moved by Wardens

- Marlene saying thank you to everyone who made the virtual Bazaar and Christmas Market a success
- Sharon Hanns would like to thank Jan Mills for her work making sure that Pastoral Needs are attended to.
- ◇ Fr. Matt: Thank you to all the work that all work done by Jan and volunteers
- Amanda Ball: Not the year we expected. Positive about new kids curriculum. Growth in students and enthusiasm about learning about God.
- ◇ Joan Temple Porter: How many teenagers do we have? Answer from Amanda Ball is that we have about 5 on a regular basis.
- ◇ Fr. Matt: Thanked Amanda for all the extra work and flexibility.
- Lyne: Comprehensive Report Mohebi Family regards to Ibrahim and helping his sister immigrate to Canada. Ibrahim was able to get his family out from Europe. Since arriving in Canada he hasn't been able to do his medical practice, he is wanting to bring his family here, who are in Refugee camps in Tajikistan, family is doing health checks with Canadian Consulate.

Ibrahim's sister is also wanting to come to country, and we are trying to link the claim, 4 children and parents – the Hazaara, a persecuted minority group in Afghanistan. He reached out to St. Mary's to help getting his family out of his country. The wardens have made a decision that should the land sale go forward that we would like to contribute the missing funds to complete the sponsorship.

Entered into MOUs to expedite the paperwork, and after land sale is complete, we would make it as an offering for what we have and have been doing.

Thanking everyone for their support of the Food Bank. Also thanking everyone for the 40 days and 40 Items for Lent. It is really needed in the community at this time. So many people who are stocking the blessings box, and there is a definite need in the community

- ◇ Fr. Matt thanked all the volunteers who have supported outreach efforts
- The envelopes: Fr. Matt thanking Carol Rochemont transitioning from John Martin and Lucy Quintero during this time
- Joan Porter: Green team has kept going as far as possible and weather permitting there were several meetings to share information and news articles about the environment. We are preoccupied with Covid-19, but we have to be mindful of what is happening to the planet
- Green Lent Observation – working with Monica Woodley with the green Lenten Devotional. Creation based Lenten study from Dr. Keesmaat.

Vote Called:

“We the Vestry of St. Mary’s, Richmond Hill vote that all the parochial reports from the parochial ministries and groups of St. Mary’s be received and approved as presented.”

Motion Carried

9. Appointments and Elections

The Rector then announced the names of individuals who have received parish office appointments for 2021.

Appointments by Rector

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

Appointments by Wardens

Treasurer	Maggie Veltheer
Envelope Secretary	Carol Rochemont
Heritage Fund Advisory Committee	Kola Deru
	Jim Stockall

Appointment by Rector and Wardens

Chair of Property Usage	Betty Romanchuk
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The rector made note that the representatives named as chairs for the various committees are not voted for at Vestry as they are chosen by their committees.

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill vote to accept the proposed nominations an open nominations for the election of officers for our 2021 operating year."

Moved by Chas Mills

The Rector then announced the names of individuals who have been put forward by the parish nomination committee:

People's Warden	Sharon Hanns
Deputy People's Warden	James Agyeman

Lay Delegates to Synod	Joe McEwen
	Sharon Hanns
Alternate Lay Delegates	Nicholas Kasoyaga
	Gleniss Harris
Parish Board Member at Large	Kola Deru
Secretary of Parish Board	Jennifer Ferdinands

The Rector then invited any nominations from the floor. None came forward.

Rector asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill vote to close nominations for the election of officers for our 2021 operating year."

Moved by Marlene Gardiner seconded by Garry Bettridge

Vote Called:

Motion carried

With the close of the ballot and no formal election occurring, the above list of candidates are now acclaimed as 2021 office holders and members of St. Mary's Parish Board.

10. Motions for consideration by Vestry (*Banking, Auditors, General and Outreach*)

Appointment of Auditors for 2021

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the appointment of Hurren, Sinclair, McIntyre, Chartered Accountants of Pickering, Ontario, to be the Auditors of record for St. Mary's Financial Reports for the year ending 2021 Financial Cycle."

Moved by Maggie Veltheer & Colin Webb

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

Rectory Grant

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the Corporation to apply for a Carleton Grant in the year 2021, to help pay for costs of maintenance, renovation and repair to our Parish Rectory, located at 100 Arnold Crescent in Richmond Hill."

Moved by Chas Mills & Colin Webb

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

The Diocesan Social Justice Vestry Motion for 2021 is offered by the Bishop's Committee on Intercultural Ministry:

"The parish of St. Mary's Richmond Hill acknowledges that Anti-Black racism exists in our society and in our Church, and that it and all forms of racism against Black, Indigenous, and other racialized people are a sin against God and against our neighbour. We commit ourselves to the recognition, dismantling, and elimination of Anti-Black and other forms of racism in our secular institutions, in our Church, and in ourselves, and to work for the full inclusion, participation and belongingness of Black, Indigenous and other racialized people in all sectors of our common life."

Moved by Lyne Webb and Maggie Veltheer.

Vote called:

Motion Carried

11. New / Other Business

None

12. Thanks and Acknowledgement

The Rector offered thanks to Jennifer for helping to coordinate this meeting. Thank you also to Riley and Keely who have been attending services every week to run the technology.

13. Adjourn / Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn St. Mary's, Richmond Hill February 28, 2021 Annual Parish Vestry Meeting.

Moved by Chas Mills

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned.

St. Mary's Parochial Reports

Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2022

To the clergy, churchwardens, and parishioners of the
Diocese of Toronto,

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
all.

As you gather today for the annual vestry meeting, we as your
bishops wanted to write to you united as a College, to assure
you of our prayers, gratitude and love for you in the face of
the challenges facing our Church at this time. We want to
encourage you and to assure you of our support, as we look
back on the past year and anticipate the one that lies before
us.

Our life together continues to be shaped by a little virus called
COVID-19. Most of us had hoped that we would be back to our
pre-pandemic ways by now. Yet we seem to be entering into
the third year of this pandemic, and we are in the midst of an
incredible fifth wave. We have learned to adapt, shift, change,
open, close, move online, Zoom, sing through a mask, and
much more. None of us could have imagined that we were
capable of doing all of this, for as long as we have, when we
closed our church buildings for the first time in March 2020.

To say that we are tired – worn out, fed up – would be an
understatement. We wonder: how much longer?
Unfortunately, while we may be finished with this pandemic,
this pandemic is not quite finished with us.

*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua
1:9)*

Just as the Lord commissioned Joshua to take on leadership
from Moses and to lead the people forward into the land that
had been promised, so God commissions us to be faithful even
in the midst of this anxiety. As with Joshua, God promises to
be with us wherever we go. And God's faithfulness to Israel
on the cusp of new life in a new land, renews our hope for our
own deliverance.

In the crucible of this pandemic, there are signs of God's light
and life all around us, and we have been so moved by the
ways that strength and courage have been shown by the

people of our Diocese this year. The movement to virtual
worship, the leaving behind of our buildings for a time, the
reliance on community that has been formed and nurtured
online – these are all signs of the resilience born of our faith
in Jesus Christ. They are reminders that the Lord our God is
with us wherever we go – even through this season of deep
challenge – and that God has not abandoned us.

God's accompaniment has been made known in other ways
too. In the midst of this pandemic, we as a Church have been
coming to terms with issues of systemic racism and bias. The
rollout of anti-bias and anti-racism training in 2021 – and the
participation of almost all our active clergy – is a sign of God's
transformative work in us as a Church. We still have much to
do to combat racism and bias, but these steps bring us closer
to the Church we are called to be. The ABAR workshops will
be rolled out at the parish level in the coming year, and we
strongly encourage your support and participation. The
apology to the LGBTQ+ community in June was a further step
in the Gospel work of justice, dignity and inclusion. May
Christ continue to be with us as we seek to be transformed in
His likeness.

The Gospel of Christ has good news and hard news. The good
news is that we have hope in Jesus, who is our unchanging
rock and our constant salvation in the midst of the storms
and tribulations of this life. The hard news is that we are
called to serve others in Christ's name. Service is sacrificial.
Service is rewarding. Service is at the heart of our faith. Thank
you so very much for your service to the Church and to the
glory of God this past year. We are speaking here to all the
baptised: our hardworking churchwardens, treasurers,
musicians, administrators, Sunday School teachers, ACWs,
outreach workers, altar guilds, sextons, our now-
indispensable tech volunteers, and so many more. To our
beloved clergy, both priests and deacons: you pour your heart
and soul into your God-given vocation, and we see you. We
are grateful beyond words for the super-human effort you
have tirelessly made to build up the People of God during this
pandemic.

At such a time as this, when we are deeply unsettled, when
we would prefer the comfortable to the challenging, Christ is
calling us to look for the opportunities that are being
presented anew: how can we partner with a neighbouring
church to do more effective and robust ministry? Do we need

missional exploring and engagement? What are we afraid of, and how can the good news of Christ allay our fears and embolden our hearts to venture into the unknown? How can we put “the movement of the Spirit” into words, phrases and invitations to which new disciples can respond?

Without a doubt, we are all tired; yet recently, we your bishops are also hearing something new. You are beginning to dream again. And we know that when the Church dreams... things change.

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your children will prophesy, your young will see visions, your elderly will dream dreams.” (Joel 2:28)

May you have a creative, hopeful and inspiring vestry meeting today, as we enter this new year with the strength and courage of the One who accompanies us on our journey. We are praying for you all.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

+Andrew Toronto

The Right Rev. Andrew J. Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

+Riscylla Shaw

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Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

+Kevin Robertson

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Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

Rector's Report—2021

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3: 5 KJV

The year of 2021 is completed, thanks be to God. May our years and days ahead, continue to be give in service to Jesus Christ. May we walk more deeply in his ways, and allow his grace to dispel any darkness that seeks to subvert God's light.

2021 was a year of perseverance. Many of us endured the increased struggles and isolation caused by Covid. It was a year of being hopeful, but under-pressure at the same time. However, in the midst of this we continued to be a community that cared for each other, those in need, and sought out an even deeper connection with God. St. Mary's and our people journey on this path to ensure that as much as possible, our actions and choices were rooted in Him, and that we were not only reacting in fear and frustration to the circumstances swirling around us. We always remember that God is good, and his mercy is everlasting.

Wednesdays were my highlight this past year, as many were so thankful for that brief mid-week opportunity to drop by the office. We had many visitors dropping of contributions to the blessings box, Richmond Hill Food Bank, and the church, as well as those popping in to say a quick hello. It always brightened my day. I would like to thank all the parish leaders and members for their efforts to help maintain regular contact with members of the parish. I also want to thank all the members of our St. Mary's community who reached out on a regular basis to others in their immediate circle of friends or to folks who they've served with in various activities here in the parish. It was a blessing to hear about the efforts taken by our members to keep our community connected. Thank you to the people of our community who have worked tirelessly to model and share the love of God with those who are isolated, lonely, frustrated, and uncertain. We have all been in these various mindsets this past year and those who have been calling others and reaching out are doing a tremendous work. I would encourage you to keep this effort up and hope that as we move into 2022, that we can do more to formalize and continue this work to reach out to our entire community. Thank you everyone!

Your church wardens and I were busy in 2021 with all the demands for supporting staff transitions, tenant agreements and activities, parish covid responses, administrative needs, and urgent pastoral care / worship duties. We thank you all for your support as we helped to empower our parish ministries and operations during this past year.

In 2021 we said farewell to over half of our staff. Four individuals out of our six staff transitioned this year. Our cleaners Aydin and Ayse Apaydin moved to Kingston. Amanda Ball and her husband Michael moved to Halifax.

Betty Lehming has moved into retirement, with the goal to have more locations to be in than just Stouffville! The Wardens and I thank all our staff who have moved on for their service, dedication, and their special gifts, that marked their tenure with us.

St. Mary's welcomed a new compliment of staff this summer, as our transition plan unfolded. We welcomed Mahmut and Esma Terci as our new cleaners, and Lucia Ferrara as our new Office Administrator. Thanks to our new staff for their efforts and quick transition into busy life here at St. Mary's.

With Amanda departing as our Youth and Family Ministry Staff Member in the summer, parish leaders reviewed the ministry setting and program enrollment at the time of her departure. We decided that we would wait a little before beginning the process of hiring to replace Amanda at the present moment. In consultation with families and volunteers, we felt that with many families being disconnected from programming due to Covid and smaller attendance numbers, that it would be better to wait until more families returned for programming for our hiring process to begin. With only limited numbers involved in Youth Group Activities while Amanda was with us and smaller numbers at present for Sunday School attendance, it was discerned that it would be better for a new staff person to join us with a solid group and commitments from families to participate. In 2021 Lauren Wirtzfeld transitioned out of being our Sunday School Co-ordinator. We thank Lauren for her work and efforts over the last 5+ years. This fall Pam McMillan has stepped in to take on the role of Sunday School Co-ordinator. The Wardens and I thank Pam for her time and commitment to help run our virtual and in-person activities.

Our parish volunteers have remained equally important to our progress this year. Your Wardens and Treasurer have worked hard to oversee our finances and the running of the church. Much time has been devoted to completing the Parish Land Sale Agreement, to complete all Diocesan Requirements and in exploring options with interested parties. The parish owes a huge debt of gratitude to Ron Smit, for his patience, wisdom, and good humour, that has kept the process progressing, in spite of the many hurdles along the way. The Gardening Team, the Outreach and Social Justice Committee, the ACW and so many others continued to work through the pandemic and do amazing work. Our gardens, the blessings box, and the virtual Christmas Market have continued to enrich and blessed our community this year as well. Thanks to Judy McAdams for

taking on the role as the new chair of the Outreach Committee. With so much happening in our outreach programs we are blessed to have Judy's energy and concerns for those in need, shaping and guiding our outreach programs. Thank you to all the other countless individuals who help to support the pastoral needs of the parish and all the administrative work that keeps us organized and humming.

As we move into 2022, the year of our 150th Anniversary, there is much to remember, celebrate, and look ahead to. We give thanks to Dave Hunt for taking over from Norman McMullen as the new chair of the Archives Committee. As we remember and give thanks for Norman's leadership, we look forward to many activities in 2022 with familiar faces. We look forward to many pictorial displays from the Archives Collection and Joan Connolly's personal photo archives. Stay tuned as more plans and details come together for our activities this year. We will be welcoming to our pulpit a variety of speakers from all walks of parish life, to help celebrate our story and share it with our newer members, as we continue in the important work of continuing to proclaim that Christ is for all people, and that by walking with us here at St. Mary's, they can feel the love of God in them and feel empowered to share that transforming love with the world.

The Covid pandemic has stretched and compressed us all in ways we didn't seek out or desire. These last 2 years have been a challenge for me as your priest to navigate and balance the duties of family life and parish ministry. I want to offer a word of thanks to the parish for your encouragement and support as I attempted to support the online learning efforts for our children and my wife's duties as a high school math teacher. There was lots of stumbling, laughs, prayers and grace from God, which helped us to walk together as a family and as a church family. I pray that as we step into 2022, that God will continue this work of reminding us that God is present in all the spaces we find ourselves in—the ones we choose and the ones we are forced into. If we remember to turn to Him and let His wisdom guide our actions and choices, our blessings can be seen and held close.

May God continue to bless and lead all we do in 2022 and beyond.

Yours in Christ.

The Reverend Matthew McMillan

Wardens' Report—2021

We have completed yet another very difficult year as society continued to grapple with the Covid-19 virus and its various mutations which have impacted all aspects of church life. I am sure we have all experienced a roller coaster of emotions as the year progressed. Although the year began with virtual services only, we experienced hope as we began the vaccination process at the beginning of the year and a brief reopening for the Easter season but then perhaps, some despair set in as the various waves forced closure once more until we could reopen yet again in September.

The leadership team has had to make some difficult decisions throughout the year and I thank my fellow wardens: Colin, Chas, and James for their diligence as we kept ourselves informed of the weekly messages from the diocese and our Bishop on the ever evolving situation. We had to follow the diocesan mandate of collecting vaccine statuses for our volunteers and employees and I personally thank all of you for your cooperation with me in this matter. Our decisions were always based on the premise of keeping our parishioners as safe as possible.

As I mentioned in last year's report, I am thankful for our ability to live stream and record our services. This has been of great help to our community as the Blue Christmas service was held at our church for that reason and it has been a comfort for those who have held funerals at St. Mary's who were able then to extend this service to family and friends unable to attend due to capacity limits.

I would like to extend my thanks to Chas Mills and Colin Webb, our property "brothers" for all their continued efforts in working on our buildings which have involved many plumbing issues this year and ensuring our heating system is in order. A more detailed Property Committee report is located elsewhere in this package.

The year 2021 was certainly a year of change in our staffing. Amanda Ball accepted a new position in Nova Scotia and left at the end of June to spend some time with family in Newfoundland before taking up her new position. We thank her for her efforts in recording our August services while Fr. Matt was on vacation.

Our office administrator, Betty Lehming, indicated that she

had decided to retire from her position as of the end of June. She continued helping out as the need arose until a new candidate was hired. On behalf of the wardens, I thank Betty for her over 5 years of service in this position. We hired Lucia Ferrara to fill this position. She began working from home and then transitioned to on site work in October. We welcome Lucia but, in a way she is not new to us, as she and her family have been part of our church family for a number of years.

We also had a change in our cleaning staff. Aydin and Ayse Apaydin decided to relocate to Kingston but they put us in touch with a couple of potential candidates who we subsequently interviewed and hired as we ascertained it would be a good fit. We welcomed Mahmut and Esma Terci in July and commend them for their efforts in keeping our building clean.

Despite having to end the year with virtual services only, we are grateful that we concluded the year in a good financial situation. We were still able to access government grants, though to a lesser degree than last year, and there was a reduction of staff salaries due to reduced work hours. We extend our gratitude to Maggie Veltheer, our Treasurer, for the additional time required to prepare the CEWS forms required to avail ourselves of this program and to Carol Rochemont for her offering of her time and talent as our Envelope Secretary.

Most especially, we thank all of you for your generosity throughout this chaotic time by mailing your donation envelopes to the church, dropping them off at the church during our opening time on Wednesdays each week or bringing them in when we could open for in-person worship and to those making them via our pre-authorized giving program. We also thank those who have chosen to transition to Canada Helps, our online donation venue.

We are very grateful to all who serve on our committees and to their chair persons. It has most certainly been a challenge for a number of our committees to continue their work and we understand the hold that has had to be placed on some activities. A huge thank you to Norman McMullen who retired from his position as chair of the Archives committee, a position he has held since the formation of the group. We welcome Dave Hunt as the new chair person. Also we thank Lyne Webb for all her work as chair of the Outreach committee. She has decided to focus on her role on the

committee dealing with our refugee families. The good news on that front was the arrival of the Mohebbi family in October. Our thanks go to Ron Smit for continuing the Merchant card program and to the gardeners who were able to meet in the outdoors to keep our gardens looking so lovely during the past growing season, including the renovation of some of our flower beds in the space between the two churches and the purchase of a tree planted in memory of Jack Walker which will be dedicated in the spring.

Thanks also to all of you who are continuing to make check-in calls to parishioners as a means to keep us connected, which is so important at this time. A huge note of gratitude goes to Jan Mills, our Lay Pastoral Assistant, who spends countless hours on the phone, checking in with parishioners and is the contact person for those in need of prayer.

Our gratitude goes to Marlene Gardiner, chair of the ACW as well as Jennifer Ferdinands and their team of volunteers who organised the second virtual Marketplace in October/November, our only fundraising activity we were able to organize this year. Let us hope that we will be able to return to a more typical bazaar next year! We thank Jane Robertson who coordinated the poinsettia sale that was part of the St. Mary's Marketplace sale again this year.

Most sincerely, the wardens would like to thank the Rev. Matthew McMillan for his dedicated work in every aspect of St. Mary's during this stressful year. Thanks to his optimism, good humour and yes, his tireless energy, (of which we are all envious I am sure), services have been planned in an engaging manner, meetings occurred, and plans have been made. Our thanks go to Betty Romanchuk, our Space Usage Chairperson, to Soyoung Shin, our Music Director and Organist who has continued to meet the challenge of producing a music program for our weekly services, to our roster of readers and intercessors and to all those who volunteer to stock our Blessings Box.

The sale of our vacant piece of land has taken up much of our time this year but finally seems to be progressing to a satisfactory end. We hope to be able to give a comprehensive update on the state of negotiations at our annual vestry meeting. We have also seen the formation of our 150th Anniversary committee as we look to celebrate our 150 years of ministry within this community. Thank you Colin Webb for chairing this committee. We have already been able to set out some plans which include guest speakers and the creation of

a stained glass window. Watch for further updates.

I continue to feel very blessed indeed to be a part of this wonderful community of St. Mary's. As I fully retired from my teaching career this year, I have had more time to contribute as much as I can to be of service to you as your People's Warden. May God bless each of you and as we begin our 150th year of ministry in Richmond Hill, we have much to celebrate not only from the past but looking to the future. Let us hope that we may be able to celebrate our 150th anniversary by participating in many activities as possible in-person.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hanns ODT, on behalf of the Wardens

Lay Pastoral Care and Ministry—2021

This team consists of: myself, Joe McEwen, Sharon Hanns, Lucille King, Ron Smit, Rhelda Stockall, and Jenny Rogers. As I have noted before this is a very rewarding ministry. Now we are only able to call persons needing attention by phone. The phone calling has continued to a much lesser extent due again to the presence of Covid 19.

Respectfully submitted by: Jan Mills

Anointing Ministry—2021

As we progressed through yet another year of the pandemic, St. Mary's anointing ministry had to be suspended once more as we had to adhere to the provincial health guidelines in respect to physical distancing. In the past it has been the practice of having anointing take place as part of the communion service on the first Sunday of each month, as well as during a home visit but these visits, for the most part, have been suspended as well. We wait patiently for the time when this act of healing can be restored to our worship experience.

Anointing with oil is a sacramental act and is restricted to ordained clergy and licensed lay anointers. I give thanks to all of my fellow anointers: Jan Mills, Elizabeth Lane, Rhelda Stockall, John Emmanuel, Joe McEwen, Lucille King and Phoebe Williams for their commitment to this ministry in the

past. I look forward to welcoming as many of these trained volunteers back in the not too distant future.

Sharon Hanns ODT,

on behalf of all of the anointers.

Land Usage Report—2021

For 2021, the Land Usage Committee has continued to work on our sale plans for the vacant lot between the church and the 2 houses at the corner of Yonge and Major Mackenzie. In 2020 a special vestry meeting approved the sale of this land, and in the fall, the Diocesan Executive Council ratified the parish vote, allowing for the listing process to commence. Once a sale occurs, the proceeds will be split with 80% of the proceeds coming to the parish and 20% will be shared with the Diocese. At the present time a potential purchaser is working with the parish to complete a formal offer and we hope to have one shortly. The parish gave approval at our Special Vestry to accept offers over \$1,800,000 and we will keep the parish advised as any offers are agreed to. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support as we undertake this long journey.

Sincerely,

St. Mary's Land Usage Committee

Parish Lunch Report—2021

During 2021 we were unable to host Parish Lunch because of Covid 19. Parish Lunch started 1995 when it was called "Over 50's". It was held the first Wednesday of each month so it was very disappointing that we could no longer prepare lunch for many of our parishioners.

Father Matt suggested that we host an ice cream social in the quadrangle. We held two Ice Cream Socials, one on July 21st and the second on August 19th. Everyone who attended enjoyed their ice creams and enjoyed being with their friends and families.

Thank you to members of the Parish Lunch committee who helped set up the tents and tables and served the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by

Diane Robertson

ST. MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Income Statement

December 31, 2021	ACTUAL DEC 2021	ACTUAL DEC 2020	BUDGET	Better/ Worse over BUDGET
REVENUE				
Donations				
Envelopes	214,666	182,348	194,492	20,174
Open Plate	2,612	1,137	4,300	-1,688
Festivals	10,470	41,955	36,000	-25,530
ACW	3,500	2,500	3,500	0
Memorial donations	5,910	5,483	5,000	910
Fundraising	10	5,743	5,000	-4,990
Total Donations	237,168	239,166	248,292	-11,124
Family Grant	29,500	46,500	42,000	-12,500
Jubilee Grant	0	39,444	0	0
CRA Grant	13,811	17,116	0	13,811
Rental Income	167,512	167,568	164,650	2,862
Total Revenue	447,990	509,794	454,942	-6,952
EXPENSES				
Staffing				
Stipends & Salaries	135,009	148,538	164,522	-29,513
Clergy Benefits	23,755	23,474	23,820	-65
Staff Benefits	11,324	18,476	18,020	-6,696
Travel	1,530	1,136	3,000	-1,470
Total Staffing	171,618	191,624	209,362	-37,744
Diocesan Assessments	72,154	69,042	72,185	-31
Buildings				
Insurance	23,077	20,148	25,542	-2,465
Property Taxes	7,222	7,151	7,440	-218
Utilities	44,306	43,868	47,901	-3,595
General Maintenance	71,491	58,777	62,855	8,636
Capital Purchases	13,255	50,400	5,000	8,255
Total Building Expenses	159,351	180,344	148,738	10,613
Other				
Administration	31,759	31,799	31,210	549
Outreach	450	887	0	450
Committees	23,979	15,658	11,500	12,479
Total Other Expenses	56,188	48,344	42,710	13,028
Total Expenses	459,311	489,354	472,995	-14,134
EXCESS/ DEFICIT	-11,321	20,440	-18,053	7,182
INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
2021 Covid Reserve Fund	20,000		20,000	0
Opening Surplus	35,575	31,633	35,575	-20,931
Closing (Deficit)	44,254	52,073	37,522	-13,749

STIPENDS & SALARIES	135,009	148,538	164,522	-14,513
CLERGY BENEFITS				
Pension	10,631	10,631	11,440	-809
Other Benefits	13,124	12,843	12,380	744
	23,755	23,474	23,820	-65
STAFF BENEFITS				
Benefits	11,049	18,060	17,580	-6,531
WSIB	275	416	440	-165
	11,324	18,476	18,020	-6,696
UTILITIES - CHURCH				
Gas	19,692	19,300	22,000	-2,308
Hydro	9,418	8,865	9,600	-182
Water	3,539	3,286	3,900	-361
Telephone	2,503	4,754	4,188	-1,685
	35,152	36,205	39,688	-4,536
UTILITIES - RECTORY				
Gas	1,626	1,388	1,725	-99
Hydro	2,248	2,295	2,400	-152
Water	1,662	1,924	2,000	-338
Telephone	3,618	2,056	2,088	1,530
	9,154	7,663	8,213	941
	44,306	43,868	47,901	-3,595
GENERAL MAINTENANCE				
Electrical	0	0	500	-500
Elevator	2,313	2,037	2,080	233
Fire Alarm System	1,391	2,721	2,550	-1,159
Heating/AC System Repairs	15,854	4,031	5,000	10,854
Janitorial supplies	10,356	14,342	13,200	-2,844
Lawncare	5,353	4,596	4,725	628
Organ Maintenance	473	618	1,250	-777
Plumbing	1,808	905	1,000	808
Rectory Maintenance	6,252	5,914	3,500	2,752
Security	2,973	1,970	1,500	1,473
Snow Removal	12,727	13,131	15,950	-3,223
Waste Management	11,991	8,512	11,600	391
	71,491	58,777	62,855	8,636
ADMINISTRATION				
Bank Charges	1,059	1,110	1,380	-321
Meetings	0	33	150	-150
Office Supplies	4,595	5,024	4,800	-205
Postage	458	1,923	1,000	-542
Copier Supplies	2,818	3,003	2,975	-157
Internet Charges/WEB hosting	1,034	810	900	134
Bookkeeper	11,649	11,581	11,505	144
Audit	10,146	8,315	8,500	1,646
	31,759	31,799	31,210	549

COMMITTEES				
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION				
Sunday School - supplies	323	463	200	123
Books & resources/training	676	245	500	176
	999	708	700	299
CHURCHWARDENS				
Communication	10,383	4,430	3,600	6,783
Memorial expenses	2,014	400	1,000	1,014
	12,397	4,830	4,600	7,797
WORSHIP COMMITTEE				
Advertising Church Services	1,423	442	500	923
Books/bulletins/hymnals	328	1,321	500	-172
Communion supplies, Candles	599	421	600	-1
Music Supplies	875	995	850	25
Special Services Supplies	440	1,784	650	-210
	3,665	4,963	3,100	565
MINISTRY COMMITTEE				
Hospitality & Parish Life	715	54	0	715
Archive	0	110		0
Card ministry	265	0	100	165
	980	164	100	880
FAMILY MINISTRIES				
Family Ministries	5,938	4,993	3,000	2,938
TOTAL COMMITTEE	23,979	15,658	11,500	12,479

ST. MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH Heritage Fund December 31, 2021	
OPENING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2020	28,990
REVENUE	
Donations	31000
Decrease in Market Value on investment	-844
	30,156
HERITAGE FUND CAPITAL EXPENSE	
Door entry system	11,837
Total Expenses	11,837
EXCESS/ DEFICIT	18,319
CLOSING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2021	47,309

ST. MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH**Restricted Funds Summary**

December 31, 2021

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Refugee Families	0	13,096			13,096
ACW	9,247	5,240	6,907		7,580
Outreach	2,175	3,600	2,986		2,789
Faithworks	0	1,270	1,270		0
Family Ministries	36,572	1,944	1,970		36,546
Foodbank	90	250	340		0
	48,084	25,400	13,473	0	60,011

ST. MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Budget

2022	Budget 2022	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2020
REVENUE			
Donations			
Envelopes	220,427	214,666	182,353
Open Plate	2,650	2,612	1,137
Festivals	25,000	10,470	41,955
ACW	0	3,500	2,500
Memorial donations	2,500	5,910	5,483
Fundraising	3,000	10	5,743
Total Donations	253,577	237,168	239,171
Family Grant	0	29,500	47,250
Jubilee Grant	5,365	0	39,444
CRA Grant	0	13,811	22,358
Rental Income	205,035	167,512	167,268
Total Revenue	463,977	447,991	515,491
EXPENSES			
Staffing			
Stipends & Salaries	131,806	135,009	148,538
Clergy Benefits	24,984	23,755	23,474
Staff Benefits	7,040	11,324	18,476
Travel	3,000	1,530	1,136
Total Staffing	166,830	171,618	191,624
Diocesan Assessments	64,380	72,154	69,042
Buildings			
Insurance	25,542	23,077	20,148
Property Taxes	7,380	7,222	7,151
Utilities	49,465	44,306	45,251
General Maintenance	81,570	71,491	57,870
Capital Purchases	10,000	13,255	57,312
Total Building Expenses	173,957	159,351	187,732
Other			
Administration	33,610	31,759	31,414
Outreach	0	450	887
Committees	25,200	23,979	15,691
Total Other Expenses	58,810	56,188	47,992
Total Expenses	463,977	459,311	496,390
EXCESS/ DEFICIT	0	-11,320	19,101
INTERFUND TRANSFERS			
Opening Surplus	45,169	20,000 35,575	36,474
Closing (Deficit)	45,169	44,255	55,575

STIPENDS & SALARIES	131,806	135,009	148,538
CLERGY BENEFITS			
Pension	10,956	10,631	10,631
Other Benefits	14,028	13,124	12,843
	24,984	23,755	23,474
STAFF BENEFITS			
Benefits	6,600	11,049	18,060
WSIB	440	275	416
	7,040	11,324	18,476
UTILITIES - CHURCH			
Gas	22,500	19,692	20,603
Hydro	10,000	9,418	8,837
Water	4,400	3,539	3,286
Telephone	2,500	2,503	4,754
	39,400	35,152	37,480
UTILITIES - RECTORY			
Gas	1,825	1,626	1,444
Hydro	2,400	2,248	2,347
Water	2,000	1,662	1,924
Telephone	3,840	3,618	2,056
	10,065	9,154	7,771
	49,465	44,306	45,251
GENERAL MAINTENANCE			
Electrical	3,000	0	0
Elevator	2,320	2,313	2,035
Fire Alarm System	2,700	1,391	2,721
Heating/AC System Repairs	11,000	15,854	4,031
Janitorial supplies	13,200	10,356	14,342
Lawn care	5,400	5,353	4,596
Organ Maintenance	1,200	473	618
Plumbing	2,000	1,808	905
Rectory Maintenance	5,300	6,252	5,914
Security	3,000	2,973	1,970
Snow Removal	13,250	12,727	13,026
Waste Management	19,200	11,991	7,712
	81,570	71,491	57,870
ADMINISTRATION			
Bank Charges	1,440	1,059	1,110
Meetings	150	0	0
Office Supplies	5,000	4,595	5,022
Postage	1,000	458	1,923
Copier Supplies	3,000	2,818	3,003
Internet Charges/WEB hosting	1,020	1,034	810
Bookkeeper	12,000	11,649	11,231
Audit	10,000	10,146	8,315
	33,610	31,759	31,414

COMMITTEES**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sunday School - supplies	600	323	463
Books & resources/training	600	676	245
	1,200	999	708

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Advertising Church Services	1,400	1,423	442
Books/bulletins/hymnals	1,000	328	1,321
Communion supplies, Candles	600	599	421
Communication	6,000	10,383	4,430
Music Supplies	1,200	875	995
Special Services Supplies	1,500	440	1,784
	11,700	14,048	9,393

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Memorial expenses	2,000	2,014	400
150th Anniversary	2,500	0	0
Hospitality & Parish Life	400	715	54
Archive	500	0	110
Card ministry	100	265	33
	5,500	2,994	597

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Ministries	6,800	5,938	4,993
TOTAL COMMITTEE	25,200	23,979	15,691

Lay Delegate to Synod Report—2021

The 160th session of Synod took place virtually for the first time from November 25 to November 27, 2021. The theme of Synod this year was Love Thy Neighbour. There were over 400 attendees and despite some initial technological difficulties during the opening Eucharist, all progressed well during the ensuing days. I, like many other delegates I am sure, missed the opportunity of being able to catch up with others in person, but unusual times call for different approaches. We give thanks for the technology we have that enabled Synod to take place this year.

During the opening Eucharist service, Bishop Andrew Asbil delivered his charge to Synod which was based on the story of the Good Samaritan. If you still have a copy of the January issue of The Anglican, you will see the full text of the Bishop's message. He spoke about the church being in a wilderness state during this time of pandemic but the church is called to show God's love and concern for others in the world. A synopsis of each day's events is also in that issue that you can read at your leisure. I will give just a brief review of the main points of the session this year.

The first motion that was voted on and overwhelmingly passed was a commitment to use up to 10% of the Ministry Allocation fund for the support of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. This fund is sourced by selling properties in the diocese. We also heard from churches within the diocese about how they are responding to the needs of their communities during the pandemic time.

Episcopal leadership was another focus of this session. The diocese will move forward with only 3 bishops, one diocesan and two suffragan bishops who will be involved with ministry to the whole diocese. There will be 6-8 territorial archdeacons appointed to assist with administrative duties. A team will be formed to create job descriptions, selection and training processes, and a timeline for the changes. Changes to the Constitution and Canons were approved to allow this to go forward.

A part of Synod always involves finances and that was how day three began. The main focus for 2022 is to determine how parishes will emerge from the pandemic. There will be no change to the assessment rate (24.7%) which is the same

since 2019. There will be a one month jubilee from the allotment which will be the month of January. For your information, in 2020 there was a three month jubilee and none for 2021. Also the diocese presented a budget with a deficit but it will be funded by land sales and the unrestricted fund.

The remaining part of synod dealt with elections to Synod council, general Synod, and honorary secretaries and ended with the appointment of honorary canons.

I have always been interested in the business of Synod so in the end, I did not mind the necessity of an online meeting this year but it is my fervent hope that future meetings will once again be in person.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon Hanns, ODT, on behalf of the lay delegates to Synod

Parish Board—2021

In 2021 St. Mary's Parish Board continued with our regular quarterly meetings, to allow the different parish groups and committees the opportunity to gather together with the church wardens and clergy, to collaborate and labour together to further our shared ministry in the parish. We would like to thank Jennifer Ferdinands, our Parish Board Secretary, who was always able to facilitate our Zoom meetings and collate our reports. Thanks Jenn for all the hard work. While much of our activities were virtual for 2021, we have been working hard to support the programs and activities of our church. We look forward to a resumption of more in-person activities in 2022 and thank everyone for all their volunteer efforts and financial contributions. It is through our shared generosity that we continue to strengthen St. Mary's for our current ministry to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and to secure our future ministry for the generations to come.

Yours in Christ,

St. Mary's Parish Board

Property Committee—2021

Due to Covid shutdowns causing unsure financial support, and slow progress with the land sale it was decided to not undertake any capital projects this year.

Other than the usual leaking taps and running toilets, the only problem we encountered was with our dependably undependable heating system. Due to uneven temperature control, the thermostat for the west wing heating system was replaced. The new one has two satellite heat sensors that will allow for a more consistent temperature in all the rooms. In the boiler room for the church there were numerous water leaks associated with the heating system. One pump impeller was repaired while another pump and a valve needed to be replaced. Many thanks to Chas Mills for his many hours spent responding to heating problems and meeting with heating contractors.

We have been approved for a grant that will cover part of the cost of replacing our fluorescent lighting fixtures with LED fixtures. This work will take place 2022. Thanks to Henry Tsang for his assistance in applying for the grant and ordering the lighting fixtures.

*Submitted by,
The Property Team of Colin Webb and Chas Mills.*

St. Mary's Space Usage—2021

This past year things didn't go as well as we thought they would. The only tenants that were allowed to use our facilities were St. Seraphim of Saro and Blessed Community Churches, plus the Discovery teachers. In September when St. Mary's reopened the only tenants that could return were A.A. and Al-Anon. Sunlily yoga did not return as many of her clients weren't ready to meet in a group and she was having success with online classes. The current health restrictions prevent the York Symphony orchestra from resuming rehearsals.

The good news is we were able to accommodate the Pedalheads summer program for two weeks in July and the last 2 weeks of August. The Pedalheads summer program will again return to St. Mary's this summer.

This past fall we were able to grant Discovery's request for more space. This would also mean a raise in their monthly rental fee. Thus, beginning in February 2022, Discovery will be using the counter room, room in the basement, Youth & Sunday School rooms and more Wrixon Hall time. Some construction was required and this has been done at Discovery's expense.

Thanks to Fr. Matt for all his hard work dealing with our tenants.

Submitted by Betty Romanchuk Property Usage Chair.

Counters' Report—2021

As we began 2021 with virtual services only taking place once again and having to follow diocesan protocols, we could not continue with our regular teams of counters coming in to fulfill their weekly duties. Donations could be dropped off at the church on Wednesday mornings between 10:00 am and noon, as well as via the mail, so Garry Bettridge and Elsie Coulter, with the occasional assistance of myself, continued the counting duties, usually on Monday mornings as needed, when nobody else was on the premises. I thank everyone for their continued and generous support.

By September 12th, we were allowed to open to public worship again with strict protocols in place and I am thankful that Margaret Baldassarre and Betty Romanchuk agreed to return to this ministry as well. My thanks goes to James Agyeman who responded promptly to the call from the office to pick up the donations and make the bank deposits usually on a Wednesday.

I would also like to thank Carol Rochemont as she continued to ably perform her duties as our envelope secretary this year.

I end as I did last year, with the hope that we will be able to return to near normal practices soon so we can look forward to a time when all teams will be able to resume their usual schedule.

*Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Hanns on behalf of the Counters*

Music at St. Mary's—2021

I hope everyone stays well and safe and I also thank every single one of the parish members for encouraging and supporting the music at St. Mary's Anglican Church all throughout last year.

I expected and hoped that this unfortunate period finishes rather soon so that we can go back to seeing each other and having normal services, but these unexpected times continued throughout the last year.

So, the choir still could not gather to perform anthem and could not lead the congregation in singing hymns last year.

Ever since the introduction of services online, I continued to select hymn recordings based on lectionary on Youtube and we played them during the services for the congregation hymn singing.

Without the choir, organ music was played during the communion and the offertory time instead of hymn singing.

However, fortunately for us, we have very talented musicians that were willing to come to church and record their performance during these unprecedented times. And we played the special performances during the offertory time and for the preservice music.

Jennifer Briggs came to church as she prerecorded her singing with me and we played the recording during the services.

In addition, Erica Mayhew prerecorded the trumpet solo for the musical offering and the Christmas service.

During Christmas, Rita Arendz and her husband came as they rerecorded their duet and the performance was played during the Advent season and Christmas services.

I thank our guest players who made our music better for 2021 services and other occasions.

I am grateful for the opportunity to still work during these difficult times with such a dedicated and talented group of individuals.

While the future lies with uncertainty, I pray the still ongoing pandemic finishes soon and the choir can gather and praise God together during the services.

Many thanks,

Soyoung Shin

Organist and Music Director

Altar Guild—2021

The year 2021 began in a similar situation as the last year began, with no in-person worship services once again. With the rollout of the vaccination process, we were able to briefly open again in March through to the Easter services but then had to transition back to virtual services again. In-person worship did not resume until September 12 with our first communion service in five months and was able to continue until Christmas Eve. Just as a matter of interest, as we do not offer wine even during the times of opening, we only use on average, one bottle of wine for the year!

Even in this time of pandemic, we continued to enhance our online worship services as Garry Bettridge was able to decorate our sanctuary with the usual display of flowers for the Easter and Christmas seasons. On both occasions, the church looked beautiful indeed. I also want to thank Jenny Rogers once again for the wonderful job of decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving. My gratitude goes to Colin Webb and Charlie and Jan Mills who came out on November 24th to assist myself in decorating the church for the Christmas season and for returning to take down the decorations early in this new year.

As it was not possible to have the usual group of volunteers get together to make the palms for Palm Sunday, I decided to order premade ones from African Palms Ltd. owned by the African Palms Association. The crosses are made from the dwarf palm *Hyphae Coriacea*, grown in the Masasi area of Africa. All profits are used in educational and healthcare projects such as clean water supplies for the villages where the crosses are made. Over the last five years the building of a maternity unit at the Rondo hospital has been progressing as well from these profits. Perhaps this year we will see these crosses again for our palm Sunday services.

This is a rewarding ministry within the church organization and at this time I would like to acknowledge and thank Barb Mann for her many years of devoted service as a member of the Altar Guild. Barb decided that she would officially retire from her duties this year but has offered to assist as the need may arise.

My gratitude goes to Jan Mills and Caroline Matchett for their help with the Maundy Thursday service which was pre taped due to the use of videos interspersed with the stripping of the altar. Caroline was also able to assist with clearing away the Sunday worship services and the care of our linens during the brief time of reopening in the fall.

I look forward with the same sentiment as I ended my report last year, to the time when I can rebuild the Altar Guild by welcoming new members and former members back so that teams can be formed to carry out the weekly duties of setting up our Sunday services.

Blessings to all and may 2022 be a happy year for us all as we look to celebrate our 150th anniversary of ministry here in Richmond Hill.

*Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Hanns, ODT
Chair of the Altar Guild*

ACW—2021

As a board member of the Toronto Diocesan ACW I was asked to submit a story of our beloved Betty Gilpin as she celebrated her 100th birthday on October 31, 2021. I interviewed Betty over the phone and wrote a little story on her life. It was published in the ACW Diocese of Toronto Newsletter Winter 2021. I titled it “MY FAVOURITE BOMB-GIRL” my interview with Richmond Hill’s newest Centenarian. This photo was submitted with the story because Betty loves the Toronto Maple Leafs and received this jersey from her 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.



For the second year our ACW held a virtual Christmas Market due to the pandemic restrictions. Our amazing committee went to work. Our parishioners donated goods and sponsored this event. We opened our Shopify website and went LIVE from October 24th – November 25th! A crew of wonderful St. Mary’s parishioners helped collect, sort, and gather orders for our curbside pick-up. There are so many people to thank and I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this year’s event another huge success. Special thanks to Jane Robertson for organizing the Poinsettia Sale and who went above and beyond to make sure everyone received a beautiful poinsettia. This year we raised approximately \$5,000.00.

We will hold our ACW Annual General Meeting in February 22, 2022 – we will discuss the disbursements of funds raised at our virtual Christmas Market of 2021.

*Respectfully submitted by Marlene Gardiner,
ACW Executive Chair*

Prayer Shawl Ministry—2021

This ministry has not deceased. In spite of Covid-19 it still exists. The last prayer shawls knitted were completed by Betty Gilpin and Caroline Matchett. Prayer Shawls are blessed at the church and distributed by our Lay Pastoral visitors to the homes of those they visit or the hospital. If there is anyone interested in this great service and activity during the lockdown, there are books regarding patterns which might be purchased on line from Amazon or Michael’s.

Respectfully submitted by: Jan Mills

St. Mary’s at Mackenzie Health—2021

Prior to the Covid situation, a small group of St. Mary’s parishioners held a morning prayer service on the 4th floor in the Long Term Care wing. The St. Mary’s visiting team consists of John Emmanuel, Jan & Chas Mills, Joe McEwen, and Jenny and Bruce Rogers. Each one of the group contributes in different ways. For example, reading Gospel, leading the prayers, etc. Joe always delivers an inspiring homily. Joe and

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

For approximately two years now, due to the everlasting Covid, we have been unable to deliver this fulfilling ministry.

Sincerely,
Jan and Chas Mills

Outreach—2021

2021 was yet another challenging year for the Outreach committee. Due to Covid-19 the two main sources of committee income, coffee hour, and Looney Muffins, were not available. However, thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, we were able to continue to sponsor two foster children, Nelson and Sakshi, and to stock the Blessings Box.

Midway through the year Sakshi aged out of the foster program, but we soon became the sponsors of Ranjana Biswkarma of Nepal.

The Blessings Box continues to be heavily used by the local community. There were unfortunately several incidents of vandalism that caused the committee to reassess the continuance of this program. However, as a result of the ingenuity and skills of Chas Mills and Colin Webb, the box doors and hinges have been reinforced and we trust that there will be no further incidents. The ongoing maintenance of the box is supported by a good roster of volunteers who takes turns keeping the box filled.

Donations of small toiletries, juice boxes, granola bars, tinned stews, meats or pastas and other like foods are always welcomed. Please drop them at the cloak room.

Outreach continues to encourage Parish support of the Richmond Hill Foodbank. Over 1400 clients are served each month by the food bank so the need is great. As with the Blessings Box in kind donations may be dropped at the church at the designated bins in the foyer. Thanks to Jan Mills, the food bank is now picking up our donations.

The committee has continued its financial support of the "Effect Hope" Leprosy Mission with a financial contribution.

During the summer months Jennifer Briggs Fitzgerald made

an extremely timely and thought provoking presentation on recognizing and countering Anti-Black racism. Jennifer next made the presentation to the Parish Board at their September meeting. It is the committee's hope that this presentation can be rolled out to the Parish at large early in 2022 as a springboard to further seminars developed by the Diocese.

Early in the fall, the committee bade a sad farewell to long-time chair Lyne Webb as she moved on to focus her efforts on St. Mary's' refugee sponsorship efforts.

Ending the year, the Christmas Family fundraising campaign focussed on raising funds to aid the Mohebi family in retiring of their government travel loan. The campaign was a great success raising \$10,100, due in no small part to the generosity of a parishioner who put forward a matching fund of \$5000 and other parish members who rose to the challenge. The travel loan may now be repaid in full.

The Outreach committee is always welcoming of contributions of both time and money. Parishioners interested in joining the committee should speak to one of Jennifer Briggs Fitz Gerald, Dionne Robertson, Judy McAdam, or Maggie Veltheer. Financial donations may be made online (select the Outreach option) or dropped at the church office and clearly marked for "OutReach".

As we enter into the new year, the committee hopes to build on our existing initiatives and to continue to seek out new ways to serve the community at large.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy McAdam

On behalf of the OutReach Committee

Refugee Sponsorship Report—2021

It has been a somewhat eventful year for our Refugee Sponsorship endeavours. As we waited, somewhat impatiently, along with Ibrahim Mohebi for news that our first sponsorship family was set to travel to Canada, we entered a partnership with Ibrahim's charity Canadian Hazara Humanitarian Services to sponsor his sister's family's settlement in Canada. In June of 2021, AURA completed the necessary paperwork and by the end of July we were advised

that the refugee application had been approved by Immigration Canada. The Karimi family of six are currently in a refugee camp in Malaysia after fleeing from Afghanistan.

At the beginning of August we were advised that IRCC wanted a Quarantine Plan for the Mohebbi family and as we had completed that in July AURA submitted the plan on our behalf and we became encouraged that travel plans would be forthcoming. This was welcome news as Zahra Mohebbi was quite ill. It turned out that both Kazim and Zahra had contracted COVID, however, they had been vaccinated and both recovered so that all was well when we heard on September 23 that their travel date to Canada had been set for October 14. Their arrival went smoothly and the family has settled into Canadian life. Kazim and Simin (mother & father) are taking English lessons. The kids, Eraj, Freshta and Mansoor were quickly assessed by the school system and started their integration with on-line learning. The family was able to put the two computers that we had donated to good use. Eraj (12) and Freshta (14) are in grades 8 and 10, respectively and their English language skills are very good. Mansoor, age 19 was placed in grade 12. He is interested in furthering his education to post secondary school in Engineering. Meanwhile, Zahra, the family matriarch is doing much better in the care of her family.

Maggie Veltheer has been there for the family to help them apply for the Canadian Child Benefit and also went with the adult members of the family to apply for OHIP. She will also help them to file their 2021 Income Tax Returns. The balance of the settlement work has been completed by Ibrahim, which has made this sponsorship relatively easy for St. Mary's.

We have a good number of houseware donations to assist this family once they are in their own space. They are currently living with Ibrahim, however, Ibrahim will be moving out and taking Zahra, his mother, with him. This saves Kazim and Simin from trying to find accommodation elsewhere, which given the lack of affordable housing in York Region, is a blessing.

In December, we were able to invite the family to participate in an afternoon of 10-pin bowling with some of St. Mary's youth. This was a new activity for the family, but they caught on fast and everyone had a good time.

*Report submitted by,
Lyne Webb*

The Archives Committee—2021

As with so many parish programmes, 2021 has been a quiet year for the Archives Committee. Our members remained in contact via email until we were able to resume in-person meetings in September. With limited opportunity to display our collection these past two years our main priorities have shifted to setting our priorities for the future, including how we can re-organize and manage our collection going forward as well as new opportunities to share items of interest with the community. With the latest restrictions we have now shifted to virtual meetings and will continue our planning efforts until we can resume safely resume in-person activities.

Despite these challenges I am happy to report that Joan Connolly has been actively involved in preparing various video displays as part of St. Mary's 150th anniversary celebrations. Joan will be tapping into the Archives collections to supplement her own extensive photo collections. I am sure that these will be a very interesting record of many aspects of St. Mary's across the decades.

In closing the year, our committee marked a very significant milestone as Norman McMullen retired as Archives Chair. Nearly 20 years ago Norman, Joan, and I held our first Archives meeting with no resources and a few small items to seed our collection. Today we can boast a varied collection, several publications and a number of successful community events, all achieved under Norman's leadership. On behalf of our Committee (Joan Connolly, Lucille King, Colin Webb & Lucia Ferrara) and St. Mary's, many thanks for all of your hard work and dedication, Norman.

Dave Hunt

On behalf of the Archives Committee

Greeting Cards Ministry—2021

The Card Ministry enables us as a Parish to stay in touch with Parishioners who are ill or recovering from surgery. It is also a connection with families who have lost a loved one by sending cards of sympathy.

I pray that that these cards are a reflection of our Mission as a Family of God.

(1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Wherefore comfort yourselves together").

Gleniss Harris

Youth Ministry and Sunday School—2021

In 2021 St. Mary's wished Amanda Ball well as she ventured back East. Amanda took on a role as full-time Youth and Families Director at Faith City Pentecostal Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Our youth and parish were sad to learn of her departure, but understood that the transition from our part-time position to a full-time one was a wonderful opportunity for Amanda. The other volunteers and I in our youth and family programs offer our thanks to the parish for all your support of Amanda while she was with us. St. Mary's Youth and Families offer our thanks to Amanda for sharing her joyful and cheerful faith in Jesus with us all! At present, I have taken over the programming for Sunday School in the fall of 2021. I would like to thank Lucy Amankwah, Erika Golden, Lauren Wirtzfeld, Eric, Kupka, Dave Hunt, Rose Ballotta, and Kate Mannion for their volunteering and support efforts to help with our Youth Ministry Support Committee and Sunday School programming for 2021. At present we have started 2022 by offering an in-person Sunday School program, following the church lectionary cycle. Last year in the winter and spring of 2021 we joined with Amy de Sousa for virtual Sunday School with other parishes in the Diocese. As school began we returned to in-person programming, which was wonderful to see begin again. This past year we also planned and undertook some family events. Most recently was our bowling outing in December. We look forward to more gatherings and many more of our friends returning to join us in-person.

Submitted Respectfully,

Pam McMillan

St. Mary's Sunday School Co-ordinator

Gardener's Report—2021

This year the gardeners were able to meet again and make significant progress working in the church gardens.

Each Spring there is cleaning up to do, plus renewed interest in growing plants and making some changes to existing garden beds. The first time we met in 2021 we began with the garden to the right of the church entrance. We were joined by a new gardener, Charlie Mills, who soon started removing the weedy grass area in front of the large rock. Once this was removed, plastic was laid down and pea gravel from the play area of the parking lot was placed on top with a brick border laid down by Colin Webb (bricks donated by Colin). So straight away we followed up on a "2020 idea" and made a difference. And, once again the Irises and Garden Sunshine roses made a glorious show.

In the Quadrangle area there have been significant changes. After the removal of the two overgrown shrubs on the South side was accomplished last year the roots had to be removed; those roots put up a tough fight but Charlie and Colin prevailed. Now there is a selection of Native plants in a freshly dug flower bed. Also, a rain barrel has been installed.

On the West side of the Quadrangle a special tree has been planted in memory of Jack Walker. The tree is a Japanese Ivory Silk Lilac. Much research occurred in the selection of this tree; with measurements and growth expectations taken into account. We ask members of the congregation if they feel they would like to plant shrubs or small trees in memory of a relation or friend. There is more work to be done and many spaces available where new plant material can be added.

The driveway takes time too; most weeks the gardeners removed garbage from the driveway and the parking lot. The evergreen trees were pruned or removed as required.

The gardeners felt very blessed to be able to work on these gardens throughout the pandemic.

Submitted by Jenny Rogers on behalf of the gardeners

Prayer Support Group

This past year two of the groups have not met. The Thursday afternoon group and the prayer corner after the Sunday services, but the Prayer Support Group has been very active this past year. We have been able to communicate with the phone and emails from home.

There have been a great number of requests throughout the year for healing, comfort in the death of a loved one, mental health problems, good outcome from operations, various medical treatments, and giving thanks for answered prayer. Our requests were mostly answered but some we are still waiting for an answer. We are the messenger but we know that God's will, will be done.

This group is small but very dedicated and I thank them for their devotion and faith in God.

Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. 1. Thess. 5:16-18

Respectively submitted. Barb Mann

Envelope Report—2021

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH			
DONATIONS REPORT FOR JAN 1 - DEC 31/21			
<u>CATEGORIES</u>			
ACW			225.00
ACW BAZAAR			2,382.81
BUILDING			30.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERING			6,045.00
CHRISTMAS FAMILY			200.00
EASTER			2,750.00
FAITHWORKS			1,250.00
FLOWERS			2,230.00
FOODBANK			450.00
GARDEN			300.00
GENERAL			209,812.61
HERITAGE			31,000.00
MEMORIAL			4,680.00
OUTREACH			13,515.00
REFUGE FAMILY			2,000.00
STEWARDSHIP			2,025.00
THANKSGIVING			3,045.00
YOUTH			1,585.00
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>\$283,525.42</u>
<u>DONATIONS PAID BY</u>			
CANADA HELPS			27,505.00
CASH			25,491.25
CHEQUE			161,644.17
E/TRANSFER			7,880.00
PAP			61,005.00
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>\$283,525.42</u>

<u>DOLLAR RANGES</u>			
\$.01 - \$500			11,931.12
\$501 - \$1000			20,570.00
\$1001 - \$3000			102,810.49
\$3001 - \$5000			45,363.81
\$5001 - \$7000			53,875.00
\$7001 - \$10000			0.00
OVER \$10000			48,975.00
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>\$283,525.42</u>

Submitted by Carol Rochemont, Envelope Secretary

Motions for 2022 Vestry Meeting

Agenda Item # 2

Approval of Vestry Meeting Officers:

(This motion allows us to formally appoint our Vestry Clerk & members of the Parish Tribunal)

Moved by; Sharon Hanns & Colin Webb.

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the appointment of; Jennifer Ferdinands as Vestry Clerk, and John Martin and Lucia Ferrara as parish tribunal, for our 2022 Annual Vestry Meeting."

Agenda Item # 10

Approval of Auditors Motion:

(This motion allows us to formally appoint our auditor's for next year's reports)

Moved by; Maggie Veltheer & Colin Webb.

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the appointment of Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants *(Branch — Pickering, Ontario)*, to be the Auditors of record for St. Mary's Financial Reports for the year ending 2022 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. Voting on this now means that no special vestry will be required if such an application is made to have the Diocese cover a portion of our costs.)

Moved by; Chas Mills & Colin Webb.

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the Corporation to apply for a Carleton Grant in the year 2022, to help pay for costs of maintenance, renovation and repair to our Parish Rectory, located at 100 Arnold Crescent in Richmond Hill."

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

February 28th, 2022 – Names in **bold** are members of Parish Board.

Nominations for 2022 Vestry Meeting Officers

Vestry Clerk	Jennifer Ferdinands
Parish Tribunal	John Martin
	Lucia Ferrara

Nominations for Election by St. Mary's Vestry (2022 Wardens, Synod Delegates, and Others)

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

Appointments by Rector

Rector's Warden	Colin Webb
Deputy Rector's Warden	Chas Mills
Parish Board Member at Large	Kate Mannion

Appointments by Wardens

Treasurer	Maggie Veltheer
Envelope Secretary	Carol Rochemont
Heritage Fund Advisory Committee	Kola Deru
	Jim Stockall

Appointment by Rector and Wardens

Chair of Property Usage	Betty Romanchuk
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Committee Chairs/Representatives Chosen by their Committees

ACW	Marlene Gardiner
Archives	Dave Hunt
Green Team	Barry Rollinson
Land Use/Development	Ron Smit
Outreach	Judy McAdam
Property	Colin Webb
Refugee Committee	Lyne Webb
Sidespeople	Karl Lashley
Sunday School	Pam McMillan

Parish Board Officers to be determined by Parish Board are:

Chair	TBD
Vice-Chair	TBD
Secretary	Jennifer Ferdinands