



ST BARNABAS  
& ST JOHN  
PETERBOROUGH

**ANNUAL MEETING OF VESTRY**

Sunday, January 28, 2018

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Bishop of Trent-Durham  
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The Most Rev. Colin Johnson  
The Rt Rev. Riscylla Shaw  
The Rev. Brad Smith  
The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe  
The Rev. Terry Noble  
The Rev. Christian Harvey  
The Rev. Bev Thompson  
The Rev. Deb Wilson  
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## **St John's Mission**

We have a vision for ministry at St John's that is uplifting, joyful, and nourishing for the soul. It involves people learning about Jesus and growing in discipleship as they seek to be active in the kingdom he proclaimed. It involves being a servant community in our city committed to outreach and issues of justice. It involves being good stewards of creation and of all the resources that have been placed in our hands.

# St. Barnabas and St. John Anglican Church

Annual Meeting of Vestry  
Sunday, January 28, 2018, 11:30 a.m.  
Chair: The Rev. Brad Smith

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# The Archbishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries

To the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.



I am joined with the Area Bishops in bringing you greetings and assurance of our prayers as you gather in the annual Vestry Meeting to set parish priorities and budget and choose churchwardens and officers to lead your ministry together. I am so grateful for the commitment and contributions that these people make to the life of the Church and the mission of Christ in the community you serve. Thank you, especially, to those who are finishing their terms of office or moving into different responsibilities. My prayers are offered for those of you who are taking on new ministries today.

Today, as has been the custom for several years, I ask you to consider a Vestry motion advocating for affordable housing and dealing with homelessness. We, as a church, have a long and effective history of providing both temporary and emergency housing, long term housing projects and counselling and support for the under housed. These programs are vital for providing relief on a day-to-day basis for many who do not have access to affordable housing. However, any effort to address the long-term needs underlying this crisis requires more resources than churches and community agencies can provide alone. The church has an advocacy role as well as providing front-line service. The two go together; both make a difference. Whatever you decide to do today, I think it is important that we discuss in our meetings to conduct the "business" of our parishes, the issues that affect the well-being of our whole community.

A key priority in our diocesan strategic plan, *Growing in Christ*, is leadership development and formation. In my Charge to Synod, I asked every parish to participate in at least one intentional formation programme during the year. May I invite you to join me this Lent in *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. Resources are available on-line and can be used by individuals and groups [two sessions will be held in the parish—see the Grapevine for details]. I commend several other programmes - some developed in the Diocese - that will help you to be more intentional and confident in your Christian discipleship. Suggestions will be also available on-line.

I will retire at the end of this year. It has been an incredible honour to have served for some fifteen years as your bishop and over forty years in ordained ministry in this diocese. What a joy it has been to be invited into people's lives at the most profound level - at moments of deep joy or sorrow, at times of vocational discernment, at times of challenging crisis or productive stability. In all this, to witness the faith and compassion and engagement of Anglicans has strengthened my faith, expanded my horizons and confirmed my love of Christ and his Church. This June, Synod will choose a coadjutor bishop who will automatically succeed me on my retirement, becoming the 12th Bishop of Toronto. I posed some questions at Synod for people to consider in preparation for the election:

- From your own experience of bishop(s), what are two qualities you have admired in a bishop?
- What are two critical issues affecting the life and mission of this Diocese today?
- Considering that, what two qualities (maybe the same or different from #1) does the next bishop need to have to lead this Diocese in its mission into the next decade?

Please pray for the members of Synod that they may discern wisely and faithfully for this challenging and complex role of leading the largest and most diverse diocese in North America.

I hope to have the opportunity over this year to thank you for entrusting me with this awesome responsibility.

Yours faithfully,

The Most Rev'd Colin R. Johnson  
Archbishop of Toronto

## The Area Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries

To the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

Dear Friends in Christ ~ grace to you and peace this day.

As I write this, please be assured of my prayers and best wishes as you gather for your annual Vestry meetings, and especially I thank all of you for your vision and work in fulfilling the mission of Christ.



It is with deep gratitude that I extend my Thanks to all retiring members of Vestry. Your labours and energy well spent have been to the Glory of God, and to the up-building of the reign of Christ here on earth. May you enjoy your new-found “free time,” and be encouraged to continue to share your wisdom, insights and experience with your parish, who need your presence now more than ever as we work to do the business of Christ together.

We give thanks to God for the long and fruitful ministry of our Diocesan Bishop and the Metropolitan Bishop of our Province, Archbishop Colin Johnson. After more than forty years of ordained ministry, he has decided to retire at the end of this calendar year. He served as parish priest for many years in Ajax, and in his episcopal journey, Archbishop Colin first served in Trent-Durham as our Area Bishop.

Thank You to the faithful and dedicated clergy and laity of Trent-Durham. A word of welcome and appreciation to those who are newly undertaking positions of leadership and responsibility. Your service will be a blessing to God and to all of us here, as sisters and brothers in Christ together. Be strong and steady, knowing that you are doing a good work. From *2 Thessalonians 3:5* “May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.”

This is a time to be innovative, resourceful and healthy risk-takers as the body of Christ in the world – we are called to be wise stewards of the gifts and legacy with which we are entrusted. Our ways of doing church together are evolving – there will be change & challenge & growth & new development over the next year as we are engaged in responding to needs and anticipating together where there will be new opportunities to share the Gospel. Resilience and creativity are most commendable, and I assure you of my support in all that you do in the name of Christ.

**Special mention** goes to the work being undertaken by this generation's courageous congregations of St Barnabas & St John the Evangelist in Peterborough; with ongoing gratitude to Susan Abell who is facilitating their merger process, and a shout-out to the wisdom and humility demonstrated in the leadership of the Rev Mary Bell-Plouffe and the Rev Brad Smith. Everything is different as a result of the work being undertaken to right-size our Anglican communities in Peterborough, and yet, the miracle of coming together produces an even greater presence of Christians and witness to the grace of God in this community.

A word to strongly encourage your Vestries to pass the **Social Justice Vestry Motion**, which will in turn enable a strong voice of support in the Diocese for further lobbying purposes. The Diocese contains a large number of voters! When we speak, it carries weight, especially with those who listen to their constituents. The 2018 Vestry motion focuses on Quality Housing and National Housing strategies. We hope that your parish will join in promoting this work by passing the motion and committing to continue working in advocacy and awareness for the increasingly desperate need for quality housing.

Our Trent-Durham Area Council continues to give meaningful and solid leadership in supporting morally and financially the many wonderful ministries taking place across Trent-Durham. Our Area Ministry day is coming up in early March. This provides both continuing education opportunities and community development in networking and fellowship.

With deep gratitude for their ministries and their deep commitment to **your** well-being,  
**to our Regional Deans**

Victoria-Haliburton: the Rev Canon Ted McCollum    Peterborough: the Rev Gloria Master  
Durham-Northumberland: the Rev Jesse Parker        and Oshawa: the Rev Canon Claire Wade

to our **Area Liturgical Officer**

the Rev Gloria Master (whom you see at services of Celebration of New Ministry, Ordinations etc.)  
and to our **Archdeacon**, the Venerable Stephen Vail.

The College of Bishops is most grateful and indebted to retired clergy who willingly serve interim ministries. I thank the clergy of Trent Durham who retired this past year, for their selfless and devoted ministries, and I wish them and their families good health and blessings in their retirement. Welcome to the clergy who have begun new ministries in Trent Durham and I wish them, their families and parishes fruitful and fulfilling ministries.

We remember in our hearts and prayers the loved ones who have died in our church families during 2017:

**Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let your light perpetual shine upon them.**

**May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

**And now a piece of homework:** Testify! (yes, this is the same homework as last year! If you missed the opportunity, here it is again. If you *did* share your story in 2017, go deeper in 2018.)

Please take and make opportunities this coming year, to share your personal stories of faith, miracles, answered and unanswered prayers, blessings, abundance and heart's desires – that is, share all or part of your faith journey with one another. Share in small groups, tell it in services, risk and dare to tell, out LOUD, what it is that brings you to church, that gets you up in the morning, that gives you hope.

May God bless you richly in 2018 and equip you in the work to which God has called you.

Yours faithfully,

The Right Rev'd Riscylla Shaw  
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto  
Area Bishop of Trent-Durham

## IN MEMORIAM

January 2017 – January 2018

In the past year, we commended the following brothers and sisters into the care of God:

Jean Irene Graham  
Mary Diane Carl  
Betty Jean Bates  
Arthur Roland Cowle  
Phillip Andrew Long  
The Rev. Eugene Berlenbach  
The Ven. Lyman Harding  
Philip Long  
Isobel Robinson  
Phyllis Ireland  
Joan Leigh  
Robert (Bob) Scott  
Barbara Helen Filliter  
Stephanie Lemon  
Allan Douglas Bradstreet  
Stella Collett  
John Brian Turner  
Irene Matilda Freeburn  
Margaret Patricia Lathangue  
James Keith Brown

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

In 2017, St John's received significant bequests from the estates of the late Dorothy Sullivan and Shirley McGill. We are grateful to have been remembered so in their wills.

# St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Peterborough

## Minutes of Annual Meeting of Vestry

### March 19, 2017

**In Attendance:** Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe; Joy Cooper; Jen and Paul Burke; Trish Murphy; Ruby Packer; Diane Carl; Tammy Delahey Art White; Diane Miettinen; Elizabeth Lavenuik; Rev. Frank Tyrrel; Stewart White; Marian Olson; Bob Hobson; Don Bull; Mickey and Harry Bongers; Ruth Spencley; Joyce Kane; Carol Corner; Mary Anne Hammond; Roland and Marilyn Henrickson; Vi Gilchrist; Barbara Gillam; Madeline Cave; Agnes Pitters; Rev. Bev Thompson; Rev. Deb Wilson; Jim Weldon; Nancy Mason; Ellen Seddon; Keith and Laurel Jones; Jennifer Robertson; Rev. Ruth Adams; Getha Sherry; Pat Bradley; Anne Graham; Emily Gray; Alan and Cathy Brunger

Incumbent, Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe took the Chair and called the meeting to order. She indicated a date should change in the Vestry Report for 2016 and the line below should read March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 not January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Rev. Ruth Adams opened the meeting with prayer.

A moment of silence for those who passed away in 2016. Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe said prayers for the departed – Helen Georgeana Perkins and John Carson Macdonald.

The Vestry Clerk, Cathy Brunger, was appointed.

Vestry Meeting minutes of January 31, 2016 were adopted as printed. Moved by Roland Henrickson and seconded by Mary Anne Hammond. Carried.

The agenda for this vestry meeting of March 19, 2017 was approved by Stewart White and seconded by Anne Graham.

Rev. Mary read her **Incumbent's report** as listed in the Vestry Report for 2016.

Roland Henrickson outlined the **financial report (attached) for 2016**. Harry Bongers moved acceptance of the report and Vi Gilchrist seconded. Carried.

Roland Henrickson outlined the **proposed budget for 2017 (attached)**. Roland moved acceptance of his report and Jen Burke seconded. Carried.

Art White and Rev. Mary discussed the **envelope's secretary's report**. They both elaborated on the need to encourage the use of PAR and increase givings if possible. Vi Gilchrist expressed a concern about empty collection plates during collection. Rev. Ruth suggested laminated cards or special envelopes be put on the plate. Art White moved acceptance of his report and Joyce Kane seconded. Carried.

Diane Carl moved acceptance of the advisory board committee reports. Ellen Seddon seconded. Carried.

Rev. Ruth Adams read the **report of the nominating committee** listed on the sheet entitled "St. Barnabas Appointments and Elections 2017". The following positions are vacant: ACW President, PWRDF, Soup Lunch Co-ordinators, and Plant Sale. The alternate lay member to synod is Ellen Seddon. Carried

**Business Arising** – Jen Burke announced that she and Joy Cooper will continue to co-ordinate hospitality.

**New Business** – Rev. Frank Tyrell outlined the Social Justice Vestry Motion 2017 – Continuing the Call for Reconciliation - "We, the vestry of St. Barnabas Peterborough commit ourselves to continue to work to implement the Calls for Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. As part of this effort we call on the Government of Canada to address Call to Action #43: to fully adopt and implement the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* as the framework for reconciliation. In particular, we call on the government of Canada to immediately develop policies requiring free, prior and informed consent be obtained from Indigenous communities in Canada and abroad with respect to developments affecting their lands and resources, as outlined in Articles 10, 19, and 32 of the *Declaration*". Debbie Wilson thanked Frank for all his work in reconciliation by bringing this issue forward to St. Barnabas members and the broader community. Rev. Frank moved acceptance of the motion. Trish Murphy seconded. Carried.

Rev. Mary updated us on the covenant process. She feels things will happen very quickly in the fall.

Harry Bongers moved a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Carried

Closing Prayer

**St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Peterborough**  
**Minutes of Special Vestry**  
**October 29, 2017**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

Preamble:

Over the period of five years, the members of the Peterborough Covenant Churches (All Saints' Anglican, Christ Lutheran, St Barnabas' Anglican, St John the Evangelist Anglican and St Luke Anglican) have discerned together, in the midst of a changing world, a calling of the Holy Spirit to be church in new, creative and missional ways.

Motion:

Be it resolved that we, the Vestry of St John the Evangelist Anglican Church amalgamate with the churches of the Peterborough Covenant to form a new parish at the site of the present St John the Evangelist Anglican Church.

Moved by Mickey Bongers Seconded by Alan Brunger.

Lengthy discussion followed, then the vote was called.

Motion Carried (41 yes, 33 no)

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

## St. Barnabas' Ministry Reports for 2017

### Incumbent's Report

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (*John 12:24*)

As a very wise spiritual director once said to me, "No-one ever asked the grain of wheat how it felt."

2017 has been a challenging year for us at St. Barnabas. We had embraced the idea of our 5 covenant churches becoming two, but I think most of us expected that St. Barnabas would be one of the sites chosen to be kept. In the fall we had to face the reality that this was not to be. We were faced with living the truth that Jesus taught: we the grain of wheat, must in a sense die, in order to bear much fruit.

This has been a time of change and transition, a time of loss and tears, but also a time of hope, with a very real sense that **God is with us** and is guiding us. And we have been so blessed with the people of St. John's and how they have welcomed us. I am grateful for the ways you have embraced this time of transition and transformation; for your courage, for your openness in grieving, for your openness to being led by the Holy Spirit into the next phase of our spiritual journey; for your faith, for your hope, and for your love.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Bell-Plouffe

### Deacons' Reports

The Rev. Bev Thompson

The year 2017 was filled for me with diaconal duties, pastoral visiting at the hospital, taking Communion to shut-ins, serving at the altar and meeting my fellow deacons at a national conference in B.C.

Otherwise, this has been year of highs and lows for me and for many. High because we made the choice to join a vibrant parish and sooner rather than later. And I say this in all humility, because we bring a vibrancy of faith and many gifts for ministry with us. We will be a blessing.

On the low side is the loss of our beloved parish – which is a death of sorts. St. Barnabas' is the church of many memories -- marriages, ordination, funerals and service in many capacities for more than 30 years. I miss it every day.

Our future is bright and clear however. By the end of 2018 we will neither look the same nor be the same – none of us. And here, I would like to pay tribute to the ways, obvious and not so obvious, in which we have been so warmly welcomed. May I also celebrate the bravery and faith of the people of St. Barnabas' as they closed the door behind and walked into that future.

As the Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe so eloquently put it, this is like a marriage. May many blessings be upon it!

Respectfully submitted,  
Deacon Bev Thompson

The Rev. Deb Wilson

I give thanks to God for the honour and privilege of serving our community and the people of God at St. Barnabas' in 2017.

Together, we continued to offer Messy Church: monthly from January to June; and seasonally after the summer break in October and December. We averaged 52 people at each Messy Church and 70 people participated in our June Messy Church! We plan to continue to offer Messy Church in 2018 as the combined parishes of St. John's and St. Barnabas'.

As part of a ministry to families, it has been a joy to offer support, and work with the families in the Garden Klub, the youth group, as well as build a family area in the back of the church. This fall I started to offer a young adults (YAD) bible study on Thursday mornings. I also served our church as a biblical storyteller, an intercessor, a preacher, a pastoral visitor, and a Sunday School teacher. As part of my commitment to "life long learning", I attended a Biblical Storytellers Festival in the fall and the Festival of Homiletics in the spring with Rev. Mary. As a member of the AADC, I continue to work as the editor for Salt & Light, have begun to work the board on communications, and wrote a successful grant proposal for 10 area deacons to attend the AADC conference in Victoria, BC.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the faith journey of this community as we have prayerfully and courageously worked out a path for ministry as the Peterborough Covenant Churches. We have walked this "holy ground" with grace and in Christian love; together, as brothers and sister in Christ. Your strength and witness of God's work amongst us has been an inspiration to me. I continue to hold this all in my prayers.

I am so very grateful for the support of being a part of the Ministry Team at St. Barnabas' in 2017: working with Rev. Mary, Rev. Ruth, Deacon Frank, Deacon Bev, and the priesthood of all believers. I pray that God will bless our ministry together as the combined Parishes of St. John's and St. Barnabas'; that we will be filled the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of God's Word, ministers of God's love, and servants of all.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Deacon Deb Wilson <><

## **Wardens' Report**

The year 2017 has involved many meetings between the Anglican/Lutheran Covenant Committees and the Diocese. We hosted a Covenant Picnic in June, and this was followed up with meetings and vestries in the Fall. Finally, at a special vestry St. Barnabas, seeing that we, as a parish, were not financially sustainable, voted to accept the proposal to amalgamate with St. John's.

Our music director until September was Emily Harrison, and several very talented and helpful musicians filled in for us until December. At that time our former director, Sheila Tyrrell, played until the end of the year for all our services, including our very moving final service on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Clergy, office staff and congregants of St. John's have been very welcoming to all of us, and those of us who are attending there, are starting to feel very much 'at home' already.

We, the wardens, wish to say a big "Thank you" to all who have been so supportive in our efforts over the years; especially those who put so much effort and time into work with the Covenant Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Burke

Mary Anne Hammond

Rector's warden

Deputy warden

Eileen Moulton

Mickey Bongers

Peoples' warden

Deputy warden

## **ACW**

This was a year of change for our group. We had our long time treasurer, Anne Graham, retire after more than 20 years of "keeping the books". We presented Anne with a gift certificate for dinner, and some fresh flowers. We know she's close by, if we need her valuable advice. Thanks Anne! This summer we lost our past president, Diane Carl, when she passed away very suddenly in her home. She was a contributor to ACW in so many ways and we miss her humour and presence so very much. We also lost our long time kitchen and coffee coordinator, ACW member, Barb Filliter, who could always be relied on for any type of help and was always present at our meetings and events. We were honoured to host her funeral and reception at St Barnabas'.

We also felt the uncertainty over what changes might be coming to St Barnabas'.

To finish up our year financially, we distributed our funds to the Warming Room, our refugee family, the Myanmar Crisis relief fund, St Barnabas' Messy Church group, St Barnabas' garden club, St Margaret's Guild, and St John's Hospitality. We also gifted our shut-ins for Christmas.

In 2018 we are looking forward to our bus excursion to see "Come from Away" in Toronto, this August, a trip we organized last summer.

Our changes have been difficult in many ways, but it has taught us to be adaptable and learn how to look for the positive experiences that change can bring. Our St Barnabas' ACW are very excited to be able to contribute our time and talents working at our new location, and, with our fellow "Anglican Church Workers" at St John's and St Barnabas Church.

Respectfully submitted  
Ruth Spencley, former secretary/treasurer

## **Chancel Guild**

The St. Barnabas' Chancel Guild has had a membership of 10 members for the past years. After having a meeting with some of the St. John's Chancel Guild, four of our members have joined the St. John's Guild to share duties. An inventory of the St. Barnabas' banners was taken and a decision will be made as to how and where they will be displayed in the new worship space

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Olson

## **Kitchen Report**

An inventory of kitchen contents, which are presently remaining in the kitchen, was done by Jen Burke and Joy Cooper. A list of contents is available if anyone wishes to review it.

A final special coffee hour on December 31, 2017 was held and paid for with the monetary donations given by St. Barnabas' members for coffee supplies. The cost for this event was \$364.00. The remainder of the coffee funds, \$57.00, is being donated to St. Barnabas & St. John coffee fund.

Thank you to all who assisted me as kitchen coordinator following our amazing Barbara Filliter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Cooper

## **Parish Visiting - Shut-Ins**

Shut-ins associated with St. Barnabas' continue to be visited and communion given approximately every 4 to 6 weeks in their home, nursing homes or retirement homes by 5 visitors.

This past Christmas season 13 shut-ins were given gifts that were very generously paid for by the ACW. Getha Sherry continues to make out Christmas cards in her beautiful calligraphy handwriting to accompany each gift.

As a 98 year old shut-in said to me, "she did not want to begin with a new visitor". I assured her that this would not happen. Relationships have been strongly established between visitor and shut-in. If you are interested in this Parish ministry, please speak with Rev. Brad or Rev. Mary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Kane

## **Prayer chain**

The work of the St. Barnabas prayer chain continues. The members of the chain – four in all plus The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe -- last met in December to go over the list and to be reminded that we are never alone but part of a group of praying Christians. If you have concerns in need of prayer, please speak to me in confidence, to Joyce Evans 705- 876-7950 or to any member of the parish clergy. Immediate prayer concerns may be written in the book at the chapel entrance to the nave.

What do we pray about? Anything and everything. In 2017 that included prayers for people with serious illnesses, for the healing of abusive relationships, prayers for the clergy and the prayer chain members, and prayers for the Covenant churches of Peterborough.

At this time, let us honour the service of Stan Hampton, a faithful prayer chain member for many years, who has now retired and joined another parish.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Bev Thompson  
Prayer chain co-ordinator for St. Barnabas'

## **Property**

The property committee has continued to work to keep the property in good repair. We have contracted for lawn care, snow removal, repairing the eve trough that was dangerous in the high winds. The group has worked well again this year and will continue in the new year as long as our services are needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Moulton, Chair

## **PWRDF**

This past year has been fairly quiet year for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) at St. Barnabas'. There were major disasters to which PWRDF and its partner churches responded. There were hurricanes in the Caribbean, famine in parts of Africa and floods in Nepal. The flight of Rohingya peoples from Myanmar (formerly Burma) was a crisis, with Ottawa matching qualifying donations in response to this ongoing

disaster. And the parish did respond, with donations targeted to special needs and with regular donations.

Much of the work at St. Barnabas' in 2017 was educational in nature, with information posted on the bulletin board and PWRDF place mats used at various parish functions, including monthly soup luncheons.

Please watch the bulletin board near the Brock St doors and check The Grapevine for updates and ways in which you can help.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Bev Thompson, PWRDF rep for St. Barnabas'

### **S.M.I.L.E. Dress Group** (Simply Moving In Love Everywhere)

Over the past year our members have produced in excess of 150 "pillowcase" dresses of various sizes, ranging from infant to small women's. Shorts have also been sewn for small boys. These items have been taken to third world countries by several groups: Friends of Honduran Children, Hope Grows Haiti and via the Kawartha Mission and Dr. Simeon's Mission to many countries around the world. Some, with long sleeves, have also gone to communities in our north. We are hoping to also make small flannelette lap (crib) quilts to send.

We met on a monthly basis from September to June, with some meetings including a pot luck lunch or brown bag lunch get together. In June we had a good time at Joy Cooper's home when she hosted our pot luck. Our group is comprised of up to 12 members from the community and other churches, and we contribute \$2 at each meeting to cover the cost of coffee, tea, cream and sugar for meetings. As well as requesting donations of gently used T shirts, pillowcases and fabric, from parishioners at St. Barnabas', members also supply many of their own materials, as we are non-profit so rely on the generosity of these donors.

We have been very graciously welcomed at St. Barnabas and St. John's Church, where we will continue to meet on the third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. and hope that we will have some new members join us there! Knitted toques, mitts and lap blankets are also needed and if you don't knit, or sew, just come out for the social time. We always appreciate help with sorting and sizing the dresses before they go to those taking them to the missions.

Many thanks for all your work and the good times, Ladies!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen. Burke, Co-Chair S.M.I.L.E. Dress group

## Treasurer's Report

Year Ended December 31, 2017

The financial results for St. Barnabas show a deficit of \$30,869 for this year. The principal reason for this deficit is that income was \$30,675 below budget. The lower income can be attributed in part to the delays and uncertainties of the merger process as well as the disappointments felt by many parishioners in the diocesan handling of it.

Overall, expenditures are close to budget. Within operating expenses, church maintenance was over budget by \$5,018, which included \$1,775 for grass cutting in 2016. The under spend in Ministries is principally attributable to under spends of \$1,044 in worship expenses and of \$2,488 for the youth intern.

The balance sheet shows that we ended the year with cash of \$1,931 and an HST refund due of \$1,085. There were outstanding accounts payable totaling \$1,116. The principal liability was \$27,155 owing to the diocese for clergy remuneration and diocesan allotment. While the balance sheet shows a deficit of \$25,255, the situation is not that bleak as we also have an investment at the diocese of about \$215K from the sale of property and, in addition, there is the church building and the attached land.

We have ended our active ministry at 1040 Hilliard Street in a manner that demonstrates good stewardship of the financial resources that have been entrusted to us over the years.

Respectfully submitted  
Roland Henriksen, Treasurer

<b>St Barnabas Anglican Church</b>			
<b>Income and Expenditure Statement</b>			
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2017</b>			
	<b>Results</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations	111,105	131,000	-19,895
Rent	10,630	10,800	-170
Interest	8,280	8,000	280
Other	13,710	24,600	-10,890
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>143,725</b>	<b>174,400</b>	<b>-30,675</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Staff costs	116,186	116,376	190
Operating expenses	32,547	28,260	-4,287
Ministries	9,916	13,340	3,424
Diocesan allotment	15,945	15,945	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>174,594</b>	<b>173,921</b>	<b>-673</b>

<b>Balance Sheet</b>	
<b>as at December 31, 2017</b>	
	<b>Results</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash at bank	1,931
HST refund due	1,085
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,016</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	1,116
Due to diocese	27,155
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>28,271</b>
<b>CHURCH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	
Surpluses brought forward	5,614
Net loss this year	-30,869
Deficit at the end of the year	-25,255
<b>CHURCH DEFICIT</b>	<b>-25,255</b>
	0

# **St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Peterborough**

## **Minutes of Annual Meeting of Vestry**

### **January 29, 2017**

**Present:** Gerri Currier, Mathilde Colley, Anita and John Earnshaw, Wayne Smart, Ralph Tippett, Joelle Kovach, Donna Potts, Eric and Ruth Warburton, Sharon Watkins, Connie Swinton, Doreen Landry, Brenda Whiteman, Bev and Perce Powles, Barb Johnson, Dennis Condon, Tom and Miriam Stroud, Christian Harvey, Monique Boissiere, Esther Dore, Pat Spencer, Margaret Harding, Issa Horani, Don and Margaret Freeman, Peggy Kruger, Karen Bisschop, Christian Ansaldo, Kathy Hooke, Eleanor and Ted Thorndyke, Elwood Jones, Diane and Jim Wilkes, Terry Noble, Sarah Jenkins, Martha Butler, Brian Harvey, Jean Legris, Jennifer Passmore, Diane Passmore, Don and Sharon Watkins, Charmaine Magumbe, Gordon Johnston, Matthew Harvey, Eva Webster, Robert Robinson, Samantha Peever, Neil Hill, Carol Koeslag, Ellen Robinson, Jill and Peter Adams, Elaine Hewitt, Mary and Walter Howell, the Rev. Brad Smith, Carolyn Porteous

Called to order at 12:00 p.m. by the Rector

The Rev. Brad Smith opened the meeting with prayer and appointed Carolyn Porteous as vestry clerk. He expressed his gratitude to all who contribute in whatever way they are called to ministry.

A moment of silence was held as the Rev. Brad Smith read the names of the faithfully departed as printed in the vestry report.

Moved by Jennifer Passmore, seconded by Issa Horani, that the Minutes of the various vestry meetings in 2016 be accepted as printed on pages 7-12. **Carried**

Moved by Brian Harvey, seconded by Diane Passmore, that the various ministry reports be accepted as printed on pages 13-32. **Carried**

**Income and Expenses 2016** - John Earnshaw, presented the draft unaudited income statement for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. When the audit is completed statements will be presented to congregation. Moved by John Earnshaw, seconded by Wayne Smart, that the unaudited Income Statement with Income of \$488,663 and Expenses of \$488,235 be received. **Carried**

**2017 Operating Budget** – Walter Howell presented a 2017 draft budget with Gross Revenue \$454,100 and Expenditures totaling \$453,300. Moved by Walter Howell, seconded by Brenda Whiteman, the acceptance of the 2017 Budget. **Carried**

*2017 Budget Discussion: Walter Howell highlighted some items in the budget and clarified that this budget is for the operating of St. John's Parish. The Warming Room and the One Roof Community Centre are accounted for separately and their respective budgets can be found on page 24.*

**2017 Community Ministries Budget** – Christian Harvey presented a 2017 budget for both the Winter Warming Room and the One Roof Community Centre. After discussion, it was moved by Karen Bisschop, seconded by Terry Noble, that these budgets be approved. **Carried**

All current wardens are still within their appointed/elected terms so no changes required now. Parish Advisory Board members have only met once and will continue for another year.

#### **Motions before Vestry**

Lightbody Lease: Moved by Walter Howell, seconded by Ian Storey, that St. John's approves the extension of the land lease to Robert Lightbody for a one year term to expire February 1, 2018. **Carried**

*Walter noted the lease can not be signed at this time because of Bob Lightbody's death however we will continue on until such time we can talk to the executor of the estate. The Diocese is aware of the situation.*

Social Justice and Advocacy Motion. *We, the vestry of St John's, Peterborough commit ourselves to continue to work to implement the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. As part of this effort, we call on the Government of Canada to address Call to Action #43: to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation. In particular, we call on the Government of Canada to immediately develop policies requiring free, prior and informed consent be obtained from Indigenous communities in Canada and abroad with respect to developments affecting their lands and resources, as outlined in Articles 10, 19, and 32 of the Declaration.* Moved by Gerri Currier, seconded by Connie Swinton, the acceptance of the motion. **Carried**

Ralph Tippett expressed appreciation on behalf of the congregation for all the work the Wardens and Finance Committee did in 2016.

Brad Smith briefly addressed the Town Hall next Sunday with Bishop White regarding the Covenant process.

Brian Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

## **St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Peterborough Minutes of Special Meeting of Vestry February 12, 2017**

Called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Rector

**Present:** The Rev. Brad Smith; Don and Sharon Watkins, Samantha Peever, Peggy Kruger, Shirley Brown, Carol Koeslag, Bruce Pond, Barb Smith, Tom and Miriam Stroud, Emily Coombes, Alyson Lockwood, Kaleigh Coombes, Jennifer Passmore, Diane Passmore, Neil Hill, Matthew Harvey, Martin Chapman, Ruth and Eric Warburton, George Hamilton, John Burbidge, AJ Trossman, Doreen Landry, Esther Dore, Barbara and Paul Kyselka, Pat Spencer, Jill Adams, Kathleen Clysdale, Julia Ledgard, Charmaine Magumbe, Richard Abbott, Mar and Ralph Tippett, Dennis Condon, Christian Ansaldo, Joyce Evans, Murray Paterson, Elizabeth Orsten, Karen Bisschop, Issa Horani, Eric, Lois Reutter, Barb Johnson, Linda Vardy, Marion Frey, Sue Lumley, Brian and Carol Harvey, Patsy Harper, Gordon Johnson, Eleanor and Ted Thorndyke, Noreen Raycroft, Doreen Jones, Sharon Schriver, Robert and Sibyl Stairs, Walter Howell, Kathy Werling, Morgan Tamplin, Shirley Clarke, Kathy Baker, Jacob Currier; Anita and John Earnshaw, Gerri Currier, Connie Swinton, King Baker, Donna Potts, Connie Deemert, Adam Deemert, Lisa Noble, Mary Howell, Andrew Vreugdenhil, John Bird, Rob Carter, Terry Noble, Dexter Lathangue, Robin Lathangue, John and Joan Duncan, Brenda Whiteman, Rachel Bulgin.

Moved by Lisa Noble, seconded by Brian Harvey, that St. John's approve in principle the Commission proposal that the five parishes/congregations amalgamate and form two new parishes/congregations.

91 For, 2 Opposed

**Carried**

Andrew Vreugdenhil moved the meeting be adjourned.

## **St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Peterborough Minutes of Special Meeting of Vestry March 19, 2017**

Called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Rector

**Present:** The Rev. Brad Smith, Walter Howell, Marg and Ralph Tippett, Peggy Kruger, Neil Hill, Wayne and Brenda Smart, Issa Horani, Linda Vardy, Betty Hinton, Ruth and Eric Warburton, Ray and Kathleen March, Murray Kendrick, Mary Howell, Donna Potts, Eleanor and Ted Thorndyke, Pat Spencer, Brenda Smart, Don Watkins, Bob Hinton, Esther Dore, Bob and Sibyl Stairs, A Slater, Brenda Whiteman, Sharon Watkins, Mathilde

Colley, Cole Hayward, Samantha Peever, Nora Collett, Carol Koeslag, Bruce Lister, Goodith Heeney, Murray Paterson, John Balfour, Kathy Hooke, Shirley Brown, Eric Griswold, Jaylene Mory, Barbara Smith, Scott Ceechin, Morgan Tamplin, Matthew Harvey, Jacob Currier, George Hamilton, Joelle Kovach, Elaine Hewitt

**Motion:** The Incumbent and Churchwardens are authorized to negotiate a long-term land lease for development of the lands known as the Water and Hunter Corner, moved by Walter Howell, seconded by Bruce Lister.

**Carried**

Moved by Brenda Whiteman that the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

## **St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Peterborough Minutes of Special Meeting of Vestry April 30, 2017**

Called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Rector

**Present:** The Rev. Brad Smith, Cole Hayward, George Hamilton, John Duncan, John Earnshaw, Walter Howell, Brenda Whiteman, Elaine Hewitt, Lois Rutter, Diane Passmore, Lucinda Hage, Ralph Colley, Murray Leadbeater, Sarah Jenkins, Ray and Kathleen March, Sharon Watkins, Wayne Smart, Murray Paterson, Issa Horani, Gerri Currier, AJ Trossman, Morgan Tamplin, Neil Hill, Donna Potts, Barbara and Paul Kyselka, Dennis Condon, Barb Johnson, Ruth and Eric Warburton, Doreen Landry, Marg and Ralph Tippet, Murray Kendrick, Noreen Raycroft, Anita Earnshaw, Christian Ansaldo, Mary Carter, Ted and Eleanor Thorndyke, Don Watkins, Goodith Heeney, Bruce Lister, Emily Coombes, Rachel Nicholls

**Motion:** The Incumbent and Churchwardens are authorized to renew for one year the lease for the Glebe House with the New Canadians Centre for the purpose of housing refugee; moved by Walter Howell, seconded by Ralph Colley.

**Carried**

Moved by Brenda Whiteman that the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

## **St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Peterborough Minutes of Special Meeting of Vestry October 29, 2017**

Called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Rector.

**Present:** The Rev. Brad Smith, John Burbidge, Deb Lietz, Connie Swinton, Ellen Robinson, Robert Baker, Betty and Bob Hinton, Noreen Raycroft, Eva Webster, Elaine Hewitt, Lois Rutter, Brenda Whiteman, Esther Dore, Margaret Turner, Ruth Warburton, Walter Howell, Margaret Harding, Ralph Tippet, Mary Carter, John and Anita Earnshaw, Marg Tippet, Bonnie Williams, Barbara Burbidge, Eric Warburton, Bruce Pond, Catherine Shedden, John Balfour, Emily Coombes, Alyson Lockwood, Tom Robinson, Sharon Watkins, Merrill Alton-Graham, Sharon Schriver, Brock Grilles, Matthew Harvey, Linda Vardy, Elaine Hewitt, Karen Bisschop, Andrew Vreugdenhil, Charmaine Magumbe, Ted and Eleanor Thorndyke, Diana and Jim Wilkes, Barbara and Paul Kyselka, Ian Storey, AJ Trossman, Joan Duncan, Sarah Jenkins, John Duncan, Kathleen March, Donna Potts, Ralph Colley, Mathilde Colley, Ray March, Issa Horani, Maisie Watson, Thomas Stroud, Sibyl Stairs, Bob Stairs, Marilyn Martin, Mary McLoughlin, Gerri Currier, Wendy Somerville, Walter Somerville, Gordon Johnson, George Hamilton, Carol Harvey, Morgan Tamplin, Paul Tiller, Lucinda Hage, Carol Koeslag, Brian Harvey, Julia Ledgard, Kathy Werling, Pat Spencer, Bev and Perc Powles, Diane Passmore, Mary Howell, Kathy Hook, Arlene and Jim Hill; Barb Johnson, Neil Hill, Lynn and John Morris, Sue Lumley, John Bessai, Shirley Brown, Margaret Freeman, Barb Smith, Christian Ansaldo, Martin Chapman

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. in the Nave with 101 persons signing the Vestry Book. After a time of prayer, the Chair made remarks on the procedure that would be followed for the debate and vote.

**RESOLUTION**

Over the period of five years, the members of the Peterborough Covenant Churches (All Saints' Anglican, Christ Lutheran, St Barnabas' Anglican, St John the Evangelist Anglican and St Luke Anglican) have discerned together, in the midst of a changing world, a calling of the Holy Spirit to be church in new, creative and missional ways. Be it resolved that we, the Vestry of St John the Evangelist Anglican Church amalgamate with the churches of the Peterborough Covenant to form a new parish at the site of the present St John the Evangelist Anglican Church. Moved by Linda Vardy, seconded by Connie Swinton (81 FOR, 17 AGAINST) **Carried**

Moved by Andrew Vreugdenhil, seconded by Kathy Werling that the Vestry stand in adjournment at 12:40 p.m. **Carried**

# St John's Ministry Reports for 2017

## Report of the Rector

*The works of God's hands are faithfulness and justice.*

--Psalm 111:7a

Dear Friends,

Being a dyed-in-the-wool monarchist, I remember well the year 1992: it was the year that saw the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the divorce of the Princess Royal, the scandal of the Duke and Duchess of York, and the almost-destruction of Windsor Castle by fire. It has become known as the Royal Family's "annus horribilis" (horrible year; a play on the title of John Dryden's 1667 poem "Annus Mirabilis"). It comes to mind because, in that year, which marked the fortieth anniversary of the Accession, The Queen remarked with her characteristic dry wit that 1992 was not a year that she would look back upon "with undiluted pleasure". I feel much the same way about 2017.

We began 2017 by receiving the final report of the Peterborough Covenant Commission, which recommended that our five Covenant churches be reduced to two. It was proposed that the two larger downtown churches merge and the three more "suburban" churches amalgamate. In early February, parish meetings were held with diocesan representatives to discuss the proposal and we had special vestries to vote to approve the plan in principle. The Archbishop appointed a committee of five people to review the work of the Commission, to do site visits (which were completed in early May), and to make a recommendation on which churches should remain open by the end of May. We marked the completion of the formal part of the Covenant on Pentecost with a celebration at St Barnabas'. It is not a stretch to say that the summer passed with a growing sense of anxiety about the recommendation that would come from Toronto. On October 1 and 2, Bishop Shaw presented a vision for future ministry in Peterborough which was rather different than what we had anticipated. Reactions were varied, and it will not surprise anyone to read that the clergy were bombarded with phone calls, emails, and visits. It was a stressful time for everyone. We had further parish meetings and, on October 29, we had a special vestry to vote on the amalgamation plan. In the end, only St John's and St Barnabas' voted in favour of the resolution to amalgamate. These results were sent to the Diocesan Council, which approved in November a motion "that Diocesan Council approve the voluntary amalgamation of St. Barnabas, Peterborough and St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough according to Canon 13(3)1 on a date that is mutually agreeable by the Churchwardens." For the remainder of the year, we prepared for the arrival of St Barnabas' people at St John's, culminating in the celebration of the new community of faith on January 7<sup>th</sup>. We continue to deal with the administrative side of the amalgamation, but for most of us, the merger of St Barnabas's and St John's is a reality into which we are now living.

Fortunately, given the amount of turmoil in the parish last year, our leadership did not change over the course of the year. The Wardens continued to meet monthly to provide excellent management of the parish's resources and the Parish Advisory Board met several times to provide strategic direction for our ministry. The Rev. Ruth Knapp, who had been assisting in the Open Circle, moved out of town, but we continued to benefit from the liturgical ministries of the Reverends Terry Noble, Steve Smith, Ron Meacock, and Christian Harvey. In April, we had visiting clergy from across the Canadian Church to celebrate with us on the occasion of the Ven. Lyman Harding's eightieth birthday. Sadly, not long after, Lyman went to his eternal reward. We are grateful to Margaret Harding for the gift of Lyman's creche, which moved with him from parish to parish during his ministry, and which has now found a home at St John's—it was the one that was placed on the stone font in the nave during Advent and Christmas. An interesting connection: the shelter for the Holy Family in the creche was crafted by our Mary McLoughlin's brother. Robert Robinson, who had very capably stepped into the role of interim director of music since Don Anderson's retirement in November 2016, completed his tenure at the end of June. Julie Deck was appointed as the new interim director of music in the late summer and continues to develop and build our choir and music ministry. Douglas Schalin provides our Wednesday congregation with music for worship. Darlene Clouthier makes sure that our facility is in a clean and presentable condition for worship and fellowship and Carolyn Porteous ensures that our administration, finances, and facility rentals are all taken well in hand. The quotation from Psalm 111, which is one of the readings appointed for the Sunday of Vestry, refers to one of the

works of God as faithfulness. Our dedication to our ministries of worship, fellowship, and study have all been signs of our faithfulness over this last year.

But we are also dedicated to manifesting the other work of God's hands: justice. We practice justice in many ways, but one of the obvious ones in this parish is through our advocacy and service through outreach. Our total budget is well over a million dollars. A significant portion of that is for the operation of our primary outreach program, Warming Room Community Ministries (WRCM). A year ago, we took a big risk in expanding our outreach program from the six-month Warming Room winter shelter to a ministry that now includes a year-round shelter operation, the One Roof Community Centre, and the HOME Program. While I and the wardens maintain oversight of both the operation and the budget of WRCM, the day-to-day management is provided by the Director of WRCM, the Rev. Christian Harvey, and four co-ordinators for Operations (Casey Watson), Warming Room (Katelyn James, on maternity leave, and Dan Brandsma), One Roof (Rachel Petty), and HOME (Tammy Kuehne). We now have fourteen WRCM staff in addition to the parish staff and a veritable army of volunteers. WRCM is important: it is, in many ways, the most visible public face of St John's; it provides meals, shelter, access to medical care and other supports for vulnerable members of our community; and it allows us to partner with other churches, faith groups, civic organisations, and businesses across the city to provide ministry in a way that is, in my opinion, the future of the Church. St John's is well-respected in Peterborough because of this ministry and both our parishioners and many non-parishioners are supporting the ministry through generous financial gifts and volunteering. The expansion of WRCM over the past year has not been without its challenges, but it has been successful.

As I do every year, I outlined several priorities in my Charge to Vestry that I intended to work on last year. A summary of the work that was done on each of them follows.

Worship continues to be the principal gathering of the entire parish community week by week. I focussed attention on some small revisions to the Nave liturgy to make it more seasonally relevant. Our pattern of Sunday 8:15 and 10:00 celebrations in the Nave, 10:05 Open Circle in the Guild Hall, and the Wednesday 10:00 liturgy, continued throughout the year, with some additional celebrations such as the Canada 150 service on the day of the Strawberry Fair thrown in to mark significant occasions. Due to the uncertainty engendered by the long amalgamation process, some of the things I had hoped to do were tabled until we knew more about the future of the parish. We received authorisation from the Archbishop to expand our permission to bless same-gender civil marriages to solemnise and bless them as we would an opposite-gender marriage. This is part of the Archbishop's pastoral response to LGBTQ members of our Church and is a temporary and limited measure in the Diocese of Toronto as we wait for the second reading on the amendment to the Marriage Canon in 2019. Preparation began during the Christmas season for the renovation of the chancel to extend the choir level into the nave and to make provision for a nave altar. The project was completed this month and, in my opinion, not only greatly enhances our worship arrangements, but will also make the nave more attractive for groups looking to rent space for concerts.

I had intended to gather two task forces to discuss Christian Education/faith formation and family ministry at St John's. Their mandates were to include a review of our Sunday School program, youth group, and other educational programming as well as options for investing in and developing ministry to families. Again, due to the uncertainty around amalgamation, I did not appoint either task force, although some interim measures were taken, including adding money to the budget to support both ministry areas. I am grateful for the work of Andrew Vreugdenhil in coordinating our Sunday School for the last few years. He resigned from the position in the spring in order to focus on other priorities. The Sunday School teachers prepare lectionary-based lessons for our children most weeks during the school year and Rachael Nicholls, our youth ministry apprentice, works with our youth group in order to form our young people into disciples and we hope to enhance and grow these important ministries. We will refocus on both Christian education and family ministry in 2018. I also spoke about the possibility of finding a small group of people interested in doing work around reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples. We have had some interest expressed in this and I hope to develop it more in the coming year.

As I look back on 2017, I am amazed at how much of my time and energy was consumed with leading us through the amalgamation process. Interestingly, when I consider the parts of the year where I do not feel "undiluted pleasure", they are generally related in some way to the process we endured on the path towards amalgamation. I

know that many of you share the frustration I have felt with the process. I think it is important to name this, but also, having named it, to move past the frustration to a place where we can open our hearts and imaginations to work on a vision for our future together.

I have constantly remarked throughout the last year that ours is a resilient parish. Our culture is one that is elastic and visionary. We, like any organisation, have “our ways”, but we are open to new things. Despite the challenges of 2017, we never faltered in our provision of good worship, loving service, and meaningful fellowship. We responded with grace and love, trusting that God was leading us into something life-giving and exciting. I am very proud of us all for weathering the turbulence of the last twelve months in the way that we did, and, as we prepare to enter into a new future with the people of St Barnabas’ at our side, I pray that we may continue to live in the joy and hope that are so characteristic of St John’s.

To conclude, our ministry continued last year without interruption. We rose to a significant challenge and are now poised on the threshold of a time of transition and, God willing, transformation of our parish that will see us engaging in meaningful and sustainable ministry for years to come. I am grateful to every one of you who continue to be generous and committed supporters of your spiritual home. As we move forward (at least informally for now) as the people of St Barnabas’ and St John’s, I trust that we will continue to respond to God’s blessing and call in the dedicated and faithful way that the people of this parish have done for almost two centuries. Building on the strong foundation of the generations that went before us, let us continue to raise up an edifice of faithfulness and justice that does credit not only to ourselves but to the kingdom of which we are all citizens.

In Christ,

## **Rector’s Warden’s Report**

Much of what we talk about is money, especially at a Vestry. But so much of what happens at St. John’s would not be possible without all the people who volunteer their time and talents to making this place run. I continue to become aware of all sorts of things that just get done around the church without much fanfare or notice. I want to thank all those who support the Church in so many ways. I also want to thank our staff who does so much to keep this place running.

### **2017 final results**

Thank you to all of you who have contributed financially to the work of the church. We had a small surplus at the end of the year. Most line items were within the budget. We were able to set aside \$15,000 towards a future roof fund and also continue with the Lower Level and Glebe House reserve transfers. We continue to be a major supporter of Faithworks within the Diocese. A separate Outreach report is included elsewhere in this Annual Vestry Report.

It should be pointed out that about \$140,000 of our income comes from land and space rentals as well as income from both Trust and designated reserves. As a congregation, we are blessed to have this support for our salaries and various programs.

### **2018 Budget**

We have amalgamated the budgets for St. John and St. Barnabas which shows a deficit of about \$40,000. An application has been made to the Diocese to cover this shortfall as well as to close out the books at St. Barnabas. We anticipate a favourable response from the Diocese. We are looking at options to rent the St. Barnabas building to another faith group so that there is not a negative impact on our combined budgets going forward. We have included \$15,000 for unforeseen amalgamation expenses as well as extra funds for accounting and legal. It is

uncertain whether or not the Glebe House will continue to be rented by the New Canadians Centre. Budgets for the Warming Room Community Ministries, including the Warming Room shelter, One Roof Community Centre, and HOME Program are also included separately. The Finance Committee and Wardens are working with the WRCM staff to help ensure that these programs do not impact the parish budget.

### **Trust Funds**

We have included a Trust Fund report showing both Reserve Funds (we can use the interest and capital) and Trust or Endowed Funds (we can only use the interest). This report is for information purposes only. As at the date of this report, we have not received the final year end statements for the accounts held at the Diocese. We will provide a formal update in April/May, at which time we should also have the final auditor's report for 2017 year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Howell

### **Ladies' Bridge**

This year the membership in the Ladies bridge has increased to 16 from 13. Each team plays every other team, for a total of 7 games. Games are played in members' homes. There is a small fee of \$15.00. The team winners choose a charity to receive the fee money. Last year Marg Tippett and Joan Duncan were the high point winners.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Smart

### **Mixed Bridge**

The 2017/18 season is well underway with a good start in late September held at the church and then, as usual, we broke off into monthly sessions of two tables in each others homes and will end up in May gathering all together in one place for a final session for the year. The scheduling of the games from October through April is done by the host couple contacting the others scheduled to play that month with them, and settling on an agreed day and time. The numbers this year are almost the same as last year (18 regulars and 10 spares).

If you think you might be interested in joining us and would like to learn more, speak to George or Eleanor Hamilton [gfhilton@cogeco.ca](mailto:gfhilton@cogeco.ca) or [jehamilton@cogeco.ca](mailto:jehamilton@cogeco.ca), 705 745 8893. We will be happy to welcome you.

Respectfully submitted,  
George and Eleanor Hamilton

### **Chalice and Bread Administrators**

At each communion service, volunteers from the congregation assist with administration of the chalice or bread. A schedule covering a two-month period is published in advance with opportunity to find a replacement if changes are required. Special date requests in advance of the schedule being created are welcome. Thanks to all who currently participate in this ministry. Special thanks for many years of dedicated service to Connie Swinton who has retired from our group. New members are welcome. Please speak to a member of the clergy or myself if you might be interested. Consideration is always given to the particular service you choose to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Clarke

## **Chancel Guild**

The Chancel Guild is responsible for the care of the sacred furnishings used in worship, including the altar frontals and other fabric ornaments, and the Communion vessels. Before every service of worship, the members of the Chancel Guild tidy around the altar and set out those vessels and other things that will be needed for the service. After worship, they wash and replace everything. It is an important ministry that happens behind the scenes but without which our worship could not happen so well.

Thank you to all members of the Chancel Guild who so faithfully serve. We are looking forward to having some St. Barnabas Chancel Guild ladies join us in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Esther Doré

## **Choir**

Music ministry has had some changes over the course of the past year. After Don Anderson's retirement, Robert Robinson filled in as organist and choir director until the end of June 2017. During the summer, All Saint's hosted choral scholars who shared special music during the services. In late August, I began the musical leadership at St. John's as an interim organist and music leader. I lead the choir in weekly rehearsal and worship as well as special services. Due to the nature of my full-time teaching, Douglas Schalin leads the Wednesday morning music for the Communion service.

The choir has undergone many changes over the past year. Some members have retired or are worshipping in other services for various reasons. The choir began very small in the fall but thanks to a few brave and dedicated core of singers, we have grown to a consistent group of 14. There are a few other singers that join in occasionally and we hope to continue growing this year. Our most recent members have been four singers from the previous St. Barnabas congregation and we are thrilled to have their voices and enthusiasm! The choral scholar program continues with Emily Coombes as a soprano scholar, Cole Hayward as a Tenor scholar and the recent addition of Alex Meinhardt, a baritone.

Preparing music for every Sunday continues to be the purpose and function of the choir at St. John's. There is an Introit, Psalm, anthem and any other liturgy leadership needed. We welcomed some guest musicians this fall, Pam Caravaggio, an alto, during the Thanksgiving season. For the Advent Lessons and Carols service, Bert VanBrenk and Gordon Deck accompanied hymns on brass. We also had children participate in the service, James Summerfeldt-Parker and Zachary Deck as trebles and Abby and Lily Anderson as sopranos. Dawson Deck has also participated within other services. Socially, the choir met over the fall at Tina Moorcroft's house to say good bye to some long time choristers that had announced their retirement from the choir during the late summer. It was a lovely gathering with a gracious hostess.

I have found St. John's to be a very warm, encouraging and gracious community. I look forward to working with everyone during my time of service here. My family has also found a house of worship here which is pretty special and we thank you for making us feel welcome and wanted. I look forward to making music and worshipping with the community of St. John's. I would like to see the music program develop to reflect the diversity of thought and expressions that St. John's and St. Barnabas reflects in its membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Deck, Director of Music.

## **Coffee Hour**

The members of the coffee hour group prepared and served refreshments following each of the services on Sunday and Wednesday morning, performing their tasks with enthusiasm and cheerfulness. On occasion, extra work was required at a special celebration or Vestry meeting.

Brenda Smart continued to purchase the supplies each week and I appreciated her help immensely. Those who served coffee following the 10:00 a.m. services during the past year on a rotating basis are: Margaret and Ralph Tippett, Kathy Hooke, Lucinda Hague, Paul Tiller, Esther Doré, Lisa Noble, Jill and Peter Adams, Sue Lumley, Issa Horani and Margaret Harding.

Esther Doré and Betty Hinton prepared coffee after the 8:15 service. Gerri Currier, Connie Swinton and Esther Doré prepared coffee after the Wednesday services.

I want to express a very sincere thank you to everyone for your commitment to this ministry. These times of fellowship encourage community within our parish family.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Passmore, coordinator.

## **Elements**

Currently we have 18 people presenting the elements of bread and wine on Sunday mornings. I love to see the young people taking part in this important ministry.

If you would like to be part of this group please contact Donna Potts at 705-741-0229 or email [donnapotts8@hotmail.com](mailto:donnapotts8@hotmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Potts

## **Greeters**

Currently we have 4 couples and 4 single individuals welcoming us for the 10 a.m. service. If we only have one person on duty that person greets at the chapel door.

Greeters are usually there about 9:30 a.m. to welcome us to St. John's. People coming in really enjoy seeing a happy face and a warm handshake. Newcomers are welcomed and invited to join us for coffee after the service.

We are always happy to have new people greet so if you would like to do this please contact Donna Potts by calling 705-741-0229 or email [donnapotts8@hotmail.com](mailto:donnapotts8@hotmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Potts

## **Grocery Card Program**

The number ONE parish fundraiser in 2017 was the sale of gift cards to be used at Loblaws, No Frills, Independent; or Sobey's, Freshco, Foodland. These cards can be used for groceries or to purchase other gift cards sold at the stores.

St. John's sells the gift cards at face value, then pays a discounted amount, which gives the Church 4% or 5% of the total value of the cards purchased by the parishioners.

In 2017, this program realized \$6,100.00 for the Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Clysdale and Brenda Smart, Co-ordinators

## **Hospitality Group**

In 2017, the Hospitality Group supplied refreshments and support at nine events.

We acknowledge and give thanks for Ruth Warburton's contribution to this Group from its inception to present day. Ruth stepped away from being our leader in the Spring of 2017.

Thank you also to Sharon Scriver who was our volunteer coordinator and to Bev Powles who is our present volunteer coordinator. Thank you to all who prepare, serve and clean up at our events.

The monies raised from these events are used to keep the church kitchen in working order.

We are looking forward to expanding our volunteer roster and especially expanding it with our fellow parishioners from St. Barnabas'.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Robinson, Chair

## **Intercessors**

We are now, with our amalgamation, group of about 20 dedicated parishioners who have a ministry of leading the Prayers of the People in our worship services. Preparing and leading prayers that the congregation would pray is a spiritual and creative process. We consider issues and concerns of the whole church, the people of our world and the members of our church. It is a task of prayerful selection for which we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit; there is never enough time in the liturgy to include all the items which we would wish to include. We are currently looking forward to a workshop in the near future to discuss questions and ideas we bring to this ministry from our varied backgrounds, to encourage each other and to pray together. We ask for your prayers for discernment for us all in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Pond and Mickey Bongers

## **Library**

St. John's Church is fortunate to have this parish ministry, a library with borrowing material for all ages. There is a Reference Section to use in the library and a Short Term Loan Section for those who prepare intercessions.

The library, a multi purpose room, is used for meetings as well as a place for parishioners to borrow a variety of reading and viewing material. It is open before and after services for you to visit, browse and borrow. The library is self serve: borrowing instructions are posted.

It is used not only by the parishioners but by the residents of the St John's Centre and also by the One Roof Community Centre. Those who do use the library enjoy the benefits of having access to material that would not otherwise be available to them. Over the past year a total of 115 items were borrowed, an average of 10 per month. This number is down from the previous year.

Approximately fifty books (50) and videos were added to the collection – mostly by donation and one purchase. Donations are welcome, but only those that are current, in excellent condition and fit our mandate are catalogued. This is your library - enjoy using it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Martin, Librarian

## **Lectors Ministry**

Thank you to the many readers who participate in the weekly services of worship. Schedules are prepared for the Wednesday service as well as the 8:15 and 10:00 service on Sundays in the Nave. We especially appreciate those who have offered to fill in on short notice if necessary. Readers are an integral ministry within the Sunday services and the list of those who like to read is getting so large that each reader gets a turn about once every 3-4 months. Readings continue to be emailed a couple days prior for those reading on Sunday. Sometime in the not too distant future Brad will be running a workshop for those who wish to read. Watch the Grapevine for details.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Porteous

## **Outreach Programming**

### **WRCM – Warming Room Community Ministries**

This has been a year of great growth and change within Warming Room Community Ministries. WRCM now has three main programs:

#### **The Warming Room**

The Warming Room up until this year has been a shelter for those who can't or won't use the current shelter system operating 12 hrs a night 6 months of the year. With the current housing crisis in Peterborough, Warming Room was asked to extend to 8 months in the 2016-2017 season running from November 1st to June 30th. Over the 2016-17 season 248 unique individuals accessed the Warming Room with an average of 22 guest staying per night. This is up substantially from the 2015-16 season where 215 unique individuals accessed the shelter with an average of 18 people per night. Warming Room is supported by over 80 overnight volunteers and 50 food volunteers from throughout the community.

For many years we have been advocating for a greater plan to be in place for when the Warming Room closes in the summertime so that individuals are not just left to fend for themselves in the streets of Peterborough. This

campaigning helped lead to the City of Peterborough partnering with Beavermead Park to allow some people to be able to camp there until they were able to find housing. Due to the fact that Peterborough has a less than 1% rental vacancy rent this was incredibly important. Warming Room Staff helped to support individuals as they were camping at Beavermead, checking in with them multiple times throughout the week.

Finally, as this housing crisis does not look to end in the near future, the City of Peterborough has voted to fund Warming Room year round for the next two years, at which time hopefully more housing will be available in our City.

Further, film maker Matthew Hayes produced a documentary on homelessness in Peterborough that featured guests and staff of the Warming Room. This film has been travelling to film festivals throughout Ontario and has been shown at two packed showings at Market Hall, the Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Peterborough Social Services, at St. John's and will be showing in the Reframe Film Festival.

### **One Roof Community Centre**

Birthered in January 2017, One Roof Community Centre has now been operating an entire year serving many individuals. One Roof serves over 7000 meals a month out of the basement of St. John's operating ever day from 12pm-7pm offering lunch and dinner Monday to Friday with dinner on Saturday and Sunday. Throughout the year we have looked to make One Roof more than just an emergency meal provider, and so out of the space we offer in partnership with Community Training and Development Centre and Social Services Peterborough an employment training program which prepares and serves lunch Monday, Wednesday-Friday, in partnership with The Peterborough 360 Clinic a weekly Nurse Practitioner Clinic right in One Roof, bi-weekly haircuts, yoga classes, tutoring, bridge tournaments, movie days, and much much more.

One Roof has over 70 scheduled volunteers with 15 meal teams from through out the community representing faith communities, service clubs and businesses. Many volunteers are also those who are need of the emergency meals.

### **The HOME Program**

When the Warming Room closed at the end of June of this year we felt something had to be done to provide housing for at least some of those who were guests of the Warming Room. This lead to the creation of the HOME (Housing Options for Mutual Empowerment). HOME is a program that seeks to provide affordable and supportive housing for those who have suffered from chronic homelessness and have not been able to connect to other services. HOME is a low barrier program that houses even those who are not on any type of social security program. HOME has two staff and 10 volunteers who support the residents and look to create a caring and supportive community around the tenants of the house. HOME currently has one congregate living house which houses 7 individuals all of whom have been homeless for many years.

This has been made possible because of the generosity of private landlords Ben and Terry Kloosterman who partner with us by providing the house.

HOME has on going funding from the Province of Ontario and will be partnering with FourCAST in upcoming months to provide even greater support for our residents.

WRCM has been able to grow in such huge ways largely because of the tireless work of our amazing staff. Much thanks must be given to our Coordinators who make up our leadership team: Rachel Petty (One Roof Program Coordinator), Tammy Kuehne (HOME Program Coordinator), Casey Watson (Operations Coordinator) and Dan Brandsma (Warming Room Program Coordinator). As well Katelyn James, our Warming Room Coordinator who is currently on maternity leave. Our front line workers also make what we do possible with there dedication and compassion. Our Warming Room Overnight Supervisors Carly Dupont, David Stewart and Sarah Fleming. Our One Roof Staff Jan Norman, Martin Skrunk, Lucas French, and Jordan Coulter. Our HOME housing support worker Janyte Bullock and our reliable relief staff Erin Sullivan, Debra Duprey, Carley Smale, Andrew Willet and Chris Jardin.

If you would like more information about WRCM please feel free to contact me. Our offices have recently moved to 541 Water St., the former Pearson Day Care building.

Respectfully submitted,  
 The Rev. Christian Harvey  
 Director, Warming Room Community Ministries

	WRCM		Warming Room		One Roof		HOME	
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Carry Forward from 2016		37,098		30,468		6,630		0
City Support	305,000	332,797	85,000	110,997	200,000	201,800	20,000	20,000
Donations, Grants & Fundraising	202,898	179,025	123,468	93,421	76,630	85,401	2,800	203
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>507,898</b>	<b>548,920</b>	<b>208,468</b>	<b>234,886</b>	<b>276,630</b>	<b>293,831</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>20,203</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Staffing	318,564	359,825	146,113	180,220	161,363	167,190	11,088	12,415
Facility	94,472	86,046	23,650	13,431	64,560	69,820	6,262	2,796
Food	40,750	40,575	750	2,189	40,000	38,386		
Programming	11,914	5,767	7,415	2,194	3,299	2,219	1,200	1,355
General Overhead	39,848	18,409	30,540	10,023	7,408	8,127	1,900	260
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>505,548</b>	<b>510,622</b>	<b>208,468</b>	<b>208,055</b>	<b>276,630</b>	<b>285,741</b>	<b>20,450</b>	<b>16,826</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>38,298</b>		<b>26,831</b>		<b>8,090</b>		<b>3,377</b>

All WRCM programs are generously funded in part by the City of Peterborough—with whom we work closely—FaithWorks, and community grants and donations. It is all raised separate of the St. John’s General Budget. Our budget for 2018 is as follows:

Warming Room Community Ministries				
2018 Budget (January 1 to December 31)				
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>WRCM</b>	<b>Warming Room</b>	<b>One Roof</b>	<b>Home</b>
City Support	478,000	170,000	200,000	108,000
Donations, Grants & Fundraising	232,450	70,617	133,317	28,517
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>710,450</b>	<b>240,617</b>	<b>333,317</b>	<b>136,517</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Staff Remuneration and Benefits	507,330	173,972	212,223	121,135
Staff Resources	11,200	4,834	4,083	2,283
Facilities	126,975	53,225	67,150	6,600
Administration	9,950	4,350	3,650	1,950
Program Expenses	53,775	3,775	45,750	4,250
Volunteers	1,050	400	400	250
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>710,280</b>	<b>240,556</b>	<b>333,256</b>	<b>136,468</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>
"All programs are contingent on receipt of or firm arrangement for funding."				

If you would like to volunteer with any WRCM programs, would like to donate or would like more information please visit our website [www.warmingroom.ca](http://www.warmingroom.ca).

## GENERAL OUTREACH GRANTS

### REVENUE

#### Church Receipts

Directed Donations 379.90

Program Revenue 10,200.00

Bequests 7,500.00

Faithworks 19,619.94

**Total Church Receipts 37,699.84**

**TOTAL REVENUE 37,699.84**

#### Church Expenditures

Program Expenditures 4,630.00

Sullivan to PWRDF 7,500.00

Faithworks Remittance 16,715.20

Interfund Transfer 10,700.00

**Total Church Expenditures 39,545.20**

**TOTAL EXPENSE 39,545.20**

**NET INCOME -1,845.36 absorbed by general donations.**

St. John's is continuing its dedication to supporting programs that make a difference throughout our community and beyond. In 2017, donations were made to support the work of PWRDF both in Indigenous communities and in other places in need of relief around the world, programming for the Trent Chaplaincy, the Council of the North (representing many of the northern dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada, with a significant ministry to Indigenous communities).

It is our intention in 2018 to continue to support with more substantial gifts from our outreach budget initiatives related to outreach to students in our city (particularly post-secondary students) and reconciliation with the Indigenous peoples of this land.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Brad Smith

## Prayer Chain

The members of the Prayer Chain continued to pray for those who had requested intercessory prayers on a regular basis. These intercessions are confidential. There were 11 members on the team. If you wish to be added to this team, or would like more information, please contact Joyce Evans at [jlevans@bell.net](mailto:jlevans@bell.net) or Diane Passmore at [dipassmo@sympatico.ca](mailto:dipassmo@sympatico.ca)

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Passmore and Joyce Evans

## **Property Committee**

The main project for the year was the masonry repair of the main chimney at the Guild Hall. This was in a very poor state of repair and at risk of collapse. Brick was re-built at the top and tuck pointing down about a third of its length. The chimney, which is non-functioning, was capped and new with copper coated lead flashing. The work was completed at the beginning of August.

While this work was being performed a secondary chimney, visible from Brock Street was observed and was seen to need re-pointing. Rather than restore this chimney we propose to remove it down to its roof cricket and cap and flash it. It will not be visible from Brock Street once the work has been performed. We are obtaining prices for this work and scheduling it for this summer of 2018.

There is also work to be done in the nave where there is paint peeling on the south-west wall face. Some additional investigation may be needed to see if there is water coming into the wall from the adjacent roof that is causing moisture in the wall. The existing plaster may need to be redone to the affected area also. For the time being while this is being followed up, a paint with silica is being looked into as a temporary repair.

Several exterior motion lights were added to the building to enhance security and safety this year, as well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Harvey

## **Guild of Servers and Sacrists**

Our Guild continues to be a visible and successful ministry in the parish. On Sundays we provide a Server/Sacrist for the 8:15 Eucharist; a Server for the Open Circle in the Guildhall; and usually three for the 10:00 Eucharist in the Nave: Sacrist, Crucifer, and Server. On high days (Easter, Christmas Eve, Pentecost) we have two Candle-Bearers as well. Servers are also supplied for special week-day services (Maundy Thursday, All Saints, Ascension Day etc.). We also supply a Server for the Wednesday Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrists are a sub-group of senior servers, who are in charge of setting up before the service, superintending the liturgy, preparing the Altar at the Offertory, and performing the Ablutions (“washing up”) afterwards. We have five sacrists: Rachel Bulgin, Cole Hayward, Dexter Lathangue, Eric Vreugdenhil, and Emily Coombes. They also assist ably in training those servers who are beginning their duties of serving at the Altar.

Our annual meeting (“Servers’ Sunday”) was held this year on Sunday February 12th, where all the servers dressed for the 10:00 service, and each had some role in the liturgy. During the service the Rector admitted Cole Hayward formally as a Sacrist and promoted Jacob Currier to full-server status. The day concluded with the ‘team picture’, taken in the Chapel, a copy of which can be seen on the bulletin board opposite the Parish Office. In December we also promoted Olivia Dinesen to full status as a Server.

In late August we said a formal farewell to George Benson, who is studying music production at a college in Toronto. We do need more servers, especially at the Wednesday Eucharists. Anyone interested should speak to me or Bruce Pond or to the Rector. You may have seen some younger members of the congregation dressing for the service and learning what servers do on a Sunday. We hope that they should be ready to start formal serving later this year.

The merger with the parish of St Barnabas has caused some changes in our liturgy, especially now using the Nave Altar. We are endeavoring to adjust ourselves to a new routine, and certainly last Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>) things went very smoothly, although one server observed that rather than performing their duties in a distant corner of the building, they were now front and centre in full view of the congregation.

I must thank again Bruce Pond and Emily Coombes who assist me so ably in running the Guild; the clergy with

whom we enjoy a great working relationship; Carolyn Porteous in the Parish Office; Esther Doré, and the Chancel Guild. But above all I thank the servers (and their parents!) for their faithful support and their excellence in serving. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ian Storey, Head Sacrist

## St Margaret's Guild

St. Margaret's Guild meets regularly from September to June on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. in St. Nicholas hall ( Choir Room ) and is open to any who would like to join us. December and June meetings are replaced by potluck meals at noon in the Guild hall. We welcome guests, spouses, staff and clergy. Clericus joined us at our December lunch and we were pleased to welcome them. There are no meetings in July or August.

Some of our meetings involve planning for upcoming events but we often have guest speakers. We try to have at least one speaker from our parish during the year.. In 2017 we were lucky enough to have three from St John's who gave us excellent information. Members had lots of questions and appreciated the time each person gave us.

1. Rev. Christian Harvey: Update re the Warming Room—plans, their mission statement, number of staff and volunteers, training, fund raising etc..
2. Joelle Kovach: her journey to become a skilled and valued journalist and reporter for our city newspaper. She shared some of the challenges and rewards of her efforts. She found out how many of our members read all she writes.
3. Don Watkins, a Rotarian and also a St. John's member was asked to tell us about the “ Adventure in Understanding””, a project begun by the Rotary Club in 2012 and held annually the end of August.( brings together 20 youth age 16 to 18—half indigenous and the rest non native; the intent is to share cultures and be open to listening and learning from each other.) His power point presentation showed pictures of a 100 Km route—travelling by voyageur canoes, taking 6 days and 5 nights—leaving from Beavermead Park. (Peterborough Rotary clubs, Curve Lake Community, Camp Kawartha, Canadian Canoe Museum, Trent etc..all help in some way)

Other speakers:

1. Brenda Booth from “Home Instead”, a Senior Caregiving service serving Peterborough , Northumberland and Victoria Counties ( for a fee) to assist an individual and families to help them remain in their homes in times of illness or disability.
2. Martha Scott: shared info about the history of buttons. Her mother collected many over the years—some hundreds of years old.

At several of our meetings one of our Guild members, Linda Vardy gave us an update on the work of the Covenant Council.

Special Events facilitated, planned and hosted by our ACW (Guild).

1. The world Day of Prayer: featuring program highlighting the Philippines. Held first Friday in March. Refreshments served in the Guild Hall.
2. The Peterborough ACW Deanery Day, Annual Meeting, in June. Speaker: Carolee Aude. “ Hospice Peterborough” outlining services provided and plans for their new 10 bed patient facility. ( A.M Coffee and lunch provided)

In December St. Margaret's Guild reps met with St. Barnabas' reps to plan to blend our groups in 2018. St. John's still has representation on the Peterborough Deanery ACW Executive (3), the Toronto Diocesan ACW Board.(1)

## St. Margaret's Guild Financial Report

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Fundraising	3,977.35
Interest from Trust Account	533.00
	4,510.35
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Toronto ACW Affiliation	250.00
Donations to Outside Charities	2,210.00
Donations to St. John's Programs	1,050.00
Program Costs	817.18
	4,327.18
Net Income	183.17

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerri Currier, on behalf of St. Margaret's Guild members.

## St. Michael's Guild

St. Michael's Guild is an active parish ministry offering friendship and communication to members of St. John's church who for reasons of age or infirmity were confined to their places of residence and unable to attend the church services. Visitors are caring and compassionate and shared time in friendly conversation, relaying news of parish families and programs. St. John's acknowledges and honours their contribution.

There were six members who visited about thirty parish members on a monthly basis either in their homes, in Retirement residences or Nursing Homes: Gerri Currier, Esther Doré, Betty Hinton, Sharon Watkins, Joan Duncan and Diane Passmore.

Regular communion services were provided each month in various Nursing Homes and Retirement residences by our clergy and lay members, and other Anglican clergy: The Rev. Brad Smith, the Rev. Christian Harvey, the late Ven. Lyman Harding, the Rev. Miriam Stroud, Esther Doré, Gerri Currier, Connie Swinton, Sharon Watkins, and the Rev. Steve Smith. These monthly services were attended by all interested residents, not just Anglicans. As well, individual home communions were provided by our clergy and Lay Pastoral Ministers, Gerri Currier and Esther Doré. Gerri and Esther took communion approximately 50 times to individuals during the past year.

New members are welcome. Our parish coordinator of volunteers will assist anyone who is interested in the work of St. Michael's Guild in securing security clearance and sexual misconduct training that is required by our Diocese for all volunteers who minister to vulnerable adults. Formal training courses are also provided periodically and are usually led by the Rev. Bev Thompson. For information on the position please contact me at [dipassmo@sympatico.ca](mailto:dipassmo@sympatico.ca).

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Passmore, Coordinator

## Strawberry Fair

The Strawberry Fair is an annual fundraising event that has been held at St. John's for many years. It is held in June during the harvesting season of our local strawberries. The success of this event is only possible with the willing volunteering of our parishioners, and the attendance of those in the community who love cake and strawberries and the entertainment that is provided.

In the past years, musical entertainment has been primarily provided by our bellringers on the chimes, Earl Simard on the piano, and the Peterborough Concert Band, as well as a few other musicians. Other areas to raise funds have included a Bake Table, Treasures and Trivia tables, Clothing Boutique and a Silent Auction. These areas are possible only with the very generous contributions of our parishioners.

It is hoped that this very enjoyable event will continue to provide entertainment and funds for our parish family.

Strawberry Fair		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Tickets/Donations	1,390	2,347
Crafts and Tables	1,974	3,340
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>5,686</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Postage	10	79
Band	175	175
Ingredients	1,248	1,089
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>1,343</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>1,931</b>	<b>4,343</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Passmore, Eleanor Thorndyke and Merrill Alton-Graham

## Stewardship Committee

*“Stewardship is not just about tithing or money; at its core, it’s about the worship and praise of God and serving him through our life and vocation. The beginning of stewardship is found in Genesis 1:1—God is the creator and owner of all things. Stewardship means making wise decisions with all the resources that God has given us. Our giving reveals our desire to interact with him. Our gifts are expressions of thanks to a generous and gracious God.”*

*(Diocese of Toronto)*

In 2017, the Stewardship Committee saw the continued membership of Brad Smith, Merrill Alton-Graham, John Earnshaw, and Issa Horani. Morgan Tamplin joined the committee through the year and Wendy Wallace resigned with the thanks of the committee for her years of service to the group.

The Stewardship Committee moved away from ensuring the organisation of fundraising dinners, leaving that to ad hoc planning committees which will be responsible for one event at a time.

The main effort of the Stewardship Committee in 2017 was the planning and execution of the annual stewardship campaign. For the second year, we used the model of distributing the stewardship brochure to every household to ask for a commitment to the ministry of the parish through active involvement in one or more ministry groups and financial support. New this year was an expansion of distribution methods: the brochures were available in print form, by email, downloadable from the parish website, or in an online submission form. Each method was made use of, and our returns were more-or-less the same as last year.

Results of the 2017 campaign for the year 2018 are set out below:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$191,167</b>	<b>\$184,065</b>	<b>\$177,620</b>	<b>\$170,298</b>	<b>\$166,140</b>
<b>Packages Pledged</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Packages Circulated</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>240</b>

Compared to the previous year the total pledged amount was down two per cent. The number of pledges decreased nominally from 122 to 119. The average gift per pledge remained the same at \$1,396. What is amazing about this response is that our generous parishioners committed to an almost identical level of support for our ministry *despite* the fact that 2017 was a year filled with uncertainty about the future of our parish. Thank you for your faithfulness and trust.

Envelope users are encouraged to sign up for Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). This method of giving not only alleviates the stress of remembering your envelope each Sunday, but provides the church with a more even revenue stream throughout the year, not to mention saving the financial and environmental cost of paper envelopes. Approximately three-quarters of our regular givers make use of PAG. Did you know you can purchase grocery cards using PAG?

The quotation at the top of this report reminds us that stewardship is ultimately not about money, but is about serving God in our life and vocation. We respond to the actions of a generous and loving God through our own gifts of time and financial resources. In 2018, the Stewardship Committee would welcome anyone who is interested in developing this response to join its membership. We also intend to engage with the stewardship staff of the Diocese to help us develop a year-round stewardship education program and to do some visioning about what the ongoing role of the Stewardship Committee will be.

Thank you to everyone who so generously provides in so many ways the resources that make our parish such a vibrant and fruitful community.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Brad Smith, Chair

## Sunday School Report

In the Spring of 2017, Andrew Vreugdenhil stepped down from his role as Sunday School Coordinator in order to give his time and energy elsewhere. We thank him for his ministry of teaching and organizing the Sunday School during his tenure. Our teaching volunteers included Martha Anderson and Matthew Harvey for the remainder of 2017 and we thank them for working to ensure that there was a lesson plan in place for the kids each week during the school year. Thanks are also due to Martha for directing the children's Christmas pageant, which is always a great experience at the Family Celebration on Christmas Eve.

As we move into 2018, Katelyn James has agreed to use her experience with Christian Education and youth ministry to do some research to find an appropriate lectionary-base curriculum for us to purchase and Rachael Nicholls, the current youth ministry apprentice, is working on preparing a Sunday School teacher training program for us. If you feel a call to help develop the next generation of Christian disciples and leaders by volunteering as a Sunday School teacher, please let either Katelyn or me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Brad Smith

## **Election**

Elections must be held for the following positions. A slate of nominations will be presented to the Vestry and nominations may be made from the floor.

People's Warden  
Deputy People's Warden  
Lay Members of Synod (3)  
Members-at-Large of the Parish Advisory Board (2)  
Youth Member (under 18) of the Parish Advisory Board

## **Motions to be Considered by the Vestry**

### **The Lightbody Lease**

Moved by Walter Howell, seconded by John Earnshaw, that the Vestry approves the extension of the land lease to Robert Lightbody for a one year term to expire February 1, 2019.

### **Motion concerning the St. Barnabas' Lease**

Moved by Jim Weldon, seconded by Paul Burke, that the Vestry approves the lease of the building at 1040 Hilliard Street, Peterborough, to Riverside Community Church, for up to a five-year term, to begin effective March 1, 2018.

### **Social Justice and Advocacy Motion on Affordable Housing and Homelessness**

*Background information on next page.*

All levels of government need to work together to build and sustain affordable housing. We, the vestry of St Barnabas' and St John's, Peterborough, in the Diocese of Toronto, urge the provincial government to:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to increase and maintain the available stock of affordable housing in Ontario.
2. Develop specific strategies to address the needs of communities and populations experiencing disproportionately high levels of inadequate housing, including members of Indigenous and racialized communities, newcomers to Canada, seniors, youth, survivors of domestic violence, and people living with mental illness or addictions.
3. Work with the federal government to maximize the impact of the National Housing Strategy on housing in Ontario.
4. Work with municipalities to ensure that emergency shelters are adequately funded to meet the needs of their communities.

## Housing Vestry Motion Backgrounder

*“My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” – Isaiah 32:18*

Homelessness and lack of affordable housing have emerged as major social problems in Canada over the last three decades. Over this period, there has been a sharp decrease in public investment in affordable housing, with fewer units being built and existing units falling into disrepair. Together with reduced spending on social programs, the rise of precarious work, and rising housing costs, this has left more and more people unable to afford shelter, increasing poor health, marginalization, and social isolation for many of our most vulnerable citizens. This crisis affects communities large and small, urban, suburban, rural, and Indigenous. Across our Diocese, nearly half of renters pay more than 30% of their income on housing costs, and one in five pay more than 50% of their income on housing.

Housing people appropriately makes economic sense. Homelessness and inadequate housing cost Canadian taxpayers over \$7 billion annually, due to the increased expenses imposed upon the health care, social service, and justice systems. In Peterborough, for example, the cost of renting a bachelor apartment is 57% cheaper than that of supplying emergency shelter for one person.

More importantly, homelessness and inadequate housing are associated with social and human costs including personal risk, increased stress, poor health, increased emergency hospitalization, increased rates of addiction and incarceration, lower academic performance of students, and social isolation. Providing safe, adequate, and affordable housing is the right thing to do.

As Christians, we cannot turn our backs on this urgent need. The Bible recognizes the need of each person for dignity, shelter, and security. We are called to see the face of Jesus in those who are at the margins of our society, and to provide for their needs. (Matthew 25:31-45; 1 John 3:17-18). Anglicans throughout our Diocese have been working to address this crisis in a number of ways. We have helped to build affordable housing units in our communities. We support FaithWorks ministries that provide housing and housing supports for vulnerable people [including Warming Room Community Ministries], help connect people with housing options, and highlight the humanity of those at risk. Parishes throughout our Diocese have hosted Out of the Cold emergency shelters and drop-in programs with housing support workers available to guests. Many clergy provide pastoral support to parishioners and community members experiencing homelessness or precarious housing.

These programs are vital for providing relief on a day-to-day basis for many who do not have access to affordable housing. However, any effort to address the long-term needs underlying this crisis requires more resources than churches and community agencies can provide alone.

At the end of 2015, 171,360 households in Ontario were on active waiting lists for affordable housing, with average wait times of four years overall, and over twice as long in the GTA. In the city of Toronto, homeless shelters operate at over 95% capacity, and even Out of the Cold programs have started having to turn people away. Smaller communities in our Diocese report even higher shelter occupancy, while in rural areas there may be no shelters at all. Public policy and funding measures are needed to make significant inroads on this issue.

While there will always be crises which cause people to lose their homes temporarily, chronic homelessness, which is a relatively recent phenomenon, can be ended. Several Canadian cities, including Medicine Hat and Hamilton, have seen significant progress toward this goal by using the “Housing First” approach, which seeks to move people out of homelessness quickly and prevent people from losing their homes in the first place. For Housing First to work, however, there must be an adequate supply of affordable housing units, repairs to maintain existing units, and ongoing health, social and income supports to keep people in their homes. In the short term, and for certain high-need populations, emergency shelters continue to be needed. The provincial government has issued a Long Term Housing Strategy, but this must be backed by clear and measurable goals, and significant financial investment, if homelessness is to be ended.

## 2017 Trusts Report

### Reserved and Endowed Funds, Dec 21, 2017 before audit

<b>Reserved Funds where capital and interest are available</b>		
1	Restoration Fund	\$ 238,800
2	Chancel and Nave	229,000
3	Bequests and Memorials	443,600
4	Music/Choir/Worship	41,300
5	Glebe House Reserve	39,900
6	Lower Level Reserve	37,000
7	Chancel Guild	19,400
8	St. Margaret's Guild	13,800
9	Rector's Fund	8,300
10	Hospitality	7,900
11	Archives/Library	1,600
12	Religious Education	1,300
	<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,081,900</b>

<b>Endowed Funds where only interest is available</b>		
13	Glebe Crown Trust	\$ 272,400
14	Clergy Housing Trust	42,900
15	Youth	25,600
16	Outreach	23,100
17	Gardner and Rush Trust	4,800
		<b>\$ 368,800</b>
	<b>Total of all Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,450,700</b>

<b>Where's the money?</b>		
18	Diocese Endowed	\$ 368,800
19	Diocese Investments	875,000
20	GIC	150,000
21	CIBC Bank Account	56,900
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,450,700</b>

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	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>		<b>2018</b>	
	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Draft</b>	
<b>Line #</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>pre-audit</b>	<b>Line #</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Budget</b>
					<b>Line #</b>
1	230,000	231,099	1	General, Directed, Plate Donations	292,000
2	15,600	15,600	2	Glebe House Revenue	7,800
3	37,000	43,220	3	Interest & Dividends	57,000
4	10,000	8,424	4	Special Events	10,000
5	700	725	5	Worship & Music	800
6	1,000	545	6	Sunday School & Youth Group	1,000
7	500	0	7	Christian Education	500
8	24,000	21,166	8	Rentals of Space	47,600
9	64,000	63,403	9	Glebe Land Rents	66,000
10	4,300	6,856	10	Grocery Card Revenue	7,200
11	-21,000	-19,565	11	Transfer to Reserves	-15,000
	<u>366,100</u>	<u>371,473</u>		<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>474,900</u>
				<b>EXPENSE</b>	
12	205,700	195,069	12	Staff remuneration and benefits	310,000
13	3,000	3,548	13	Worship/Music/Sunday School	5,300
14	1,500	0	14	Christian Education	1,500
15	300	991	15	Amalgamation Expense	9,000
16	6,000	763	16	WRCM Expenses	1,000
17	0	4,029	17	Special Event Expense	5,000
18	50,200	50,822	18	Diocesan Assessment	60,000
19	3,000	4,902	19	Church & Office Supplies	6,000
20	10,000	9,293	20	Accounting & Legal	20,000
21	1,800	2,741	21	Interest & Bank Charges	2,000
22	0	85	22	Program Expenditures	500
23	10,000	0	23	Outreach Community Ministries	
24	1,000	1,000	24	Advertising & Postage	1,200
25	3,000	2,717	25	Telephone & Internet	3,000
26	30,000	24,242	26	Insurance	29,600
27	2,500	1,901	27	Security	2,500
28	27,000	31,704	28	Repairs	27,000
29	12,000	17,494	29	Maintenance	21,500
30	17,000	15,237	30	Utilities - Hydro & Water	20,600
31	11,000	10,507	31	Utilities - Gas	15,100
32	9,000	5,210	32	Glebe House Expenses	5,000
33	0	195	33	Miscellaneous Expenses	
34	0	2,530	34	Travel	2,000
35	-36,000	-48,000	35	WRCM Overhead recovery	-48,000
36		24,450	36	Interfund Transfers	15,000
	<u>368,000</u>	<u>361,430</u>		<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>514,800</u>
	<u>-1,900</u>	<u>10,042</u>		<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>-39,900</u>
				Diocesan Grant applied for	40,000