

CHURCH OF  
**ST JOHN**  
THE EVANGELIST  
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF VESTRY**

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**

**Archbishop of Toronto  
Bishop of Trent-Durham  
Incumbent  
Deacon  
Rector's Warden  
People's Warden  
Deputy Warden  
Deputy Warden**

**The Most Rev. Colin Johnson  
The Rt Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw  
The Rev. Brad Smith  
The Rev. Christian Harvey  
Walter Howell  
Brenda Whiteman  
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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. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

Annual Meeting of Vestry

Sunday, January 29, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

Chair: The Rev. Brad Smith

*We will eat a potluck lunch as we conduct the meeting*

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk – Carolyn Porteous**
- 3. Remembrance of the Faithful Departed July 2016 – January 2017 (p. 6)**
- 4. Acceptance of the Minutes of 2016 Financial, Program, and Special Vestry Meetings (p. 7)**
- 5. Acceptance of Ministry Reports for 2015 – 2016 (p. 13)**
- 6. Acceptance of Financial Statements for 2016 (p. 33)**
- 7. Approval of the Budget for 2017 (p. 34)**
- 8. Elections and Appointments of New Leaders (as needed)**
- 9. Motion concerning the 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.*
- 10. Social Justice and Advocacy Motion (p. 32)**
- 11. Adjournment**

## 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.



What a privilege it is to serve you as the Bishop of this wonderful Diocese and to represent you in the wider councils of the Church in Canada and across our Communion. We have been truly blessed in the breadth of the gifts God has given us in the resources of peoples who have come from every part of the globe, in the physical resources we have inherited, and in the rich diversity of our spiritual life all rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There have been many significant changes in this past year. Three of our Area Bishops have moved or retired. All of them began their ordained ministry in Toronto and have served our Church with great faithfulness, gracious wisdom and effective leadership. I am immensely grateful to Bishops Linda Nicholls, Philip Poole and Patrick Yu for their service.

In September, Synod met to elect three priests of this Diocese to be Bishops in the Church of God. They have now been ordained and consecrated and have begun their episcopal ministries in their assigned areas. Joining Bishop Fenty and me, they bring new energy, their own specific gifts, and their deep commitment to the Anglican expression of the Christian faith that will be a blessing to our Church for years to come.

Bishops, even though they are formed in a particular spiritual and theological tradition, do not serve a special-interest party; they are bishops of, and for, the whole church. The Area Bishops have particular oversight under my direction for a region of the Diocese, but they are also Suffragan Bishops and so have concern and responsibility for the whole as well as the parts. They have concern for all of the people of God – and who isn't a child of God? – who live within the boundaries of the Diocese, including those who are not part of any Anglican congregation. They link the parts to the whole and the whole to the parts. The new bishops are still in learning mode as they assume the wonderful and onerous responsibilities of the ministry, so your prayers for all of us are deeply appreciated.

We have also adopted a new strategic plan in 2016 that will set the direction for our work over the next five years. ***Growing In Christ***, as it is titled, identifies five focus areas for our attention as a Diocese: identifying and raising up leadership both lay and clergy; building a culture of trust; strengthening our stewardship of resources, both people and property; encouraging innovation based on good evidence; and, simplifying our governance structures. This is rooted in our Vision: ***“An Anglican community committed to proclaiming and embodying Jesus Christ through compassionate service, intelligent faith and Godly worship.”***

Our Mission is the work that we as Anglicans in this Diocese are being called to do:  
***“We build healthy, missional Anglican communities that engage faithfully with the world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.”***

This vision and mission continue the ministry that we have undertaken for decades. They can easily apply to parish life as well and inform both what we do and how we engage in it to join in God’s work of transforming lives.

A third change this year continues to affect our life together. General Synod met last July and approved the first step to amend the Marriage Canon to formally permit same-sex marriages in the church. Over the next three years further consultation about this will take place as we prepare for a second reading at General Synod in 2019. As an interim pastoral measure, in a restricted number of parishes where it has been requested after consultation, I have authorized some marriages to be solemnized in certain limited circumstances. Neither parishes nor individual clergy will be required to celebrate marriages contrary to their convictions.

We live in a very diverse Church. That diversity means that we are called to witness to the faith in a variety of ways. Although our witness is rooted in differing interpretations and understanding of Holy Scripture and the tradition, the ways are recognizably Anglican. We are enriched by the breadth of our diversity and would be lessened by the loss of any voice. In the pastoral guidelines for same-sex marriage, you will note that there are strong assurances for a continued, honoured place in all aspects of diocesan life for those who do not agree with this response. I am engaged in a serious and mutually committed consultation with those objecting, to find effective ways that our ministries might flourish together in the highest degree of communion possible. I am also committed to continue the long practice of this Diocese to reflect this authentic diversity in the selection and appointment of clergy, in honoring parish traditions, and in the membership of committees and councils of the diocese. All of us together need to extend to each other the most generous Christian charity that our Redeemer calls us to exercise as we seek to discern and live out God’s will.

On this day of the annual Vestry Meeting, I want to express my gratitude to the leadership of your clergy and lay leaders, without whom our Church would not flourish. I want to say a special thank you to the Churchwardens, those now completing terms, continuing in office or newly chosen. It is a big responsibility, and you are in my prayers as you take on this trust on behalf of the parish and Diocese.

May you be strengthened in all you undertake this year by the riches of Christ’s grace and mercy.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin R. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'C'.

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

**June 2015 – January 2017**

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

We mourn the loss of the following:

**Margaret (Maggie) Benson**

**Robert Patterson**

**Robert Geddes**

**Peter Koeslag**

**Dormina (Doris) Haggis**

**The Rev Canon Walter Dyer**

**Doris McMahan**

**Emily (Mabel) Record**

**James Hockaday**

**Euphemia (Phemie) Hajduczek**

**Dr. Marshall Trossman**

**Helena Johnson**

**Michael Gray**

**Kathleen Choate**

**Vi Smith**

**Russell Hallam**

**Edith Trick**

**Andrew Wilson**

## 2016 Vestry Meeting Minutes

### Sunday, February 7, 2016 (Financial)

**PRESENT:** Gerri Currier, Ralph Colley, Anita and John Earnshaw, Goodith Heeney and Bruce Lister, Lisa Miller-Pond, Betty and Bob Hinton, Wayne Smart, Ralph Tippet, Joelle Kovach, Merrill Alton-Graham, Tammy Woolman, Donna Potts, Eric and Ruth Warburton, Sharon Watkins, Connie Swinton, Doreen Landry, Brenda Whiteman, Alyson Lockwood, Mabel Record, Dolores Patterson, Bev and Perce Powles, Tom Stroud, Barb Johnson, Dennis Condon, Miriam Stroud, Christian Harvey, Monique Boissiere, Katelyn James, Esther Dore, Don Anderson, May Reddick, Pat Spencer, Lyman and Margaret Harding, Issa Horani, Sibyl and Bob Stairs, Lois Rutter, Carolyn Williamson, Don and Margaret Freeman, Peggy Kruger, Bruce Pond, Andrew Vreugdenhil, Karen Bisschop, Bonnie Williams, Casandra Eld, Christian Ansaldo, Murray Leadbeater, Lucinda Hage, Joseph Bennett, George Hamilton, Anna Jean Trossman, Jean Cole, Mary and Walter Howell, the Rev. Brad Smith, Carolyn Porteous

1. At 12:05 pm 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 what ever way ministry is called to them
2. **Minutes** of the Program Vestry of May 31, 2015 - Moved by Andrew Vreugdenhil, seconded by Gerri Currier that the minutes with the correction of the spelling of Merrett be accepted as circulated.  
**Carried**
3. **The Bishops' Pastoral letters** – Brad asked that everyone read the messages from Bishop Johnson and Bishop Nicholls as contained in the distributed vestry packages.
4. **Wardens' Report** – Walter Howell thanked all who do everything at St. John's. He updated the parish on the situation of the Hunter/Water corner. A few developers have been talked to with one developer expressing interest. The land will remain owned by St. John's. The developer is talking to Braund and Lightbody re purchasing the buildings. There will be a number of meetings and lots of communication when things start to move forward for discussion and decision, it will be a very slow process. The Diocese also has to be on board with any plans.

*Issa Horani asked if these are 2 separate buildings and has there been an appraisal.*  
Walter indicated that yes it is 2 separate buildings and an appraisal has been done for the Diocese which can't be revealed at this time.

**Walter also reported that there has been no interest expressed in renting the rectory.** For some uses it is not large enough and will need a large number of dollars to bring up to code. There will be a congregational meeting in the next couple of months to discuss and brainstorm ideas. Whatever direction is taken it must be revenue neutral.

The Stewardship committee appreciate the large number of parishioners on PAR but at the same time recognize that putting an envelope on the plate is an important symbolic gesture for some. Walter asked everyone to consider remembering the church after the family when estate planning.

*Morgan Tamplin also reminded that gifts of securities can be given to the church, this has the income tax benefit of no capital gains.*

In an effort to reduce costs and improve communications email will be used more and more by the office. If you are not getting these emails and have access to email please let Carolyn know.

5. **Committee Reports** – Moved by George Hamilton seconded by Connie Swinton that the reports all committee reports be received and accepted as circulated. **Carried**

6. **Income and Expenses 2015** - John Earnshaw, presented the draft audited financial statements for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Moved by John Earnshaw seconded by Miriam Stroud that the unaudited Statements with Income of \$504,300 and Expenses of \$501,900 be received.

**Carried**

7. **2016 Operating Budget** – Ralph Colley presented a 2016 draft budget with Gross Revenue \$500,600 and Expenditures totaling \$499,900. Moved by Ralph Colley seconded by Bev Powles the acceptance of the 2016 Budget. **Carried**

*2016 Budget Discussion:*

*Lyman Harding wished to remind everyone that if they vote for this budget then they are making the theological decision to do what we can to support it.*

*Brad wanted everyone to note that this is a static budget with no new programs, no additional staff etc. and he hopes that the budget for 2017 will reflect growth in these areas.*

The Rev Brad Smith thanked the Finance committee for all their hard work.

8. **Motions before Vestry**

*Lightbody Lease: Moved by Walter Howell seconded by John Earnshaw that St. John's approves the extension of the land lease to Robert Lightbody for a one year term to expire February, 1, 2017* **Carried**

Jean Cole asked if we have every raised the rent, but the 1982 lease does not make it possible. The Diocese recommends this lease for now.

9. **Other Business**

**Covenant Commission** – There are 11 lay people on this and St. John's representatives are Lucinda Hage and Ralph Tippet. Clergy are exofficio. They have been meeting weekly since January. A final report is due around Pentecost. The commission does not have power to implement change but can bring forward recommendations. On February 28<sup>th</sup> after the worship services there will be a meeting/worship to address 5 questions of the commission.

**Program Vestry** – will be sometime in September.

**Peoples' Warden** – Moved by George Hamilton seconded by Merrill Alton-Graham that Brenda Whiteman be the Peoples Wardens.

*Discussion: Current other wardens are Walter Howell, Rector's warden and Bonnie Williams and Matthew Harvey as Deputy Wardens.*

*Tom Stroud questioned the process for presenting a name for election.*

*In response to how elected and title Brad indicated that the title Rector's means that the person is appointed by the Rector and the title People's mean that person is elected by parishioners. Once*

*appointment/election takes place they are just Church Wardens for legal purposes.*  
Moved by Sharon Watkins, seconded by Bev Powles that nominations be closed.

Original motion question called.

**Approved.**  
**Carried.**

**March 20, 2016 (Special: Glebe House Lease to New Canadians Centre)**

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

**Present:** The Rev. Brad Smith, Sharon Watkins, Margaret Tippett, Ralph Tippett, Peggy Kruger, Arndt Kruger, Morgan Tamplin, Mary Rorke, Esther Doré, Martin Chapman, Barbara Kyselka, Paul Kyselka, Eleanor Thorndyke, Ted Thorndyke, Brian Harvey, Carol Harvey, Wayne Smart, Brenda Smart, Tom Stroud, Perc Powles, Beverley Powles, Matthew Harvey, Joelle Kovach, John Duncan, Joan Duncan, Sharon Shriver, Murray Leadbetter, Don Freeman, Marg Freeman, Christian Ansaldo, Paul Tiller, Ray March, Andrew Vreugdenhil, Pegg Humphrys, George Humphrys, Debbie Lietz, Tammy Woolman, Brenda Whiteman, Walter Howell, Don Watkins, Anita Earnshaw, John Earnshaw, Mary Howell, Christopher McDonald, Juliet Francyk, George Hamilton, Ruth Warburton, Gordon Johnston, Lucinda Hage, Linda Vardy, Jennifer Passmore, Mary Carter, Rob Carter, Jean Stewart, Donna Potts, Deanna Harison, Kathleen March, Karen Bisschop, Kathy Baker, King Baker, Bob Hinton, Diane Paasmore, Issa Horani, Diane Halstead, Wynonna Edwards, Annie Le Vasseur, Carol Koeslag.

Walter Howell gave an update on the proposed arrangement with the New Canadian Centre and asked for questions.

Kathy Baker asked what the duration of the lease would be: one year to start with, effective 1 June 2016.

Carol Koeslag asked what would be included in the cost of rent: municipal taxes, insurance, and a contingency amount for reserves (for future maintenance). The New Canadian Centre will pay all utilities.

Andrew Vreugdenhil moved the following resolution, seconded by Brian Harvey: "That the Wardens be authorized to negotiate a lease with the New Canadians Centre of Peterborough for the use of the Glebe House for temporary refugee housing."

There was no further discussion and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Rector thanked the Vestry for assembling and dismissed it at 11:45 a.m.

**May 29, 2016 (Special: Election of Lay Delegates to Synod)**

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

**Present:** The Rev. Brad Smith, Gerri Currier, Jacob Currier, Bob Hinton, Kathleen March, Ray March, Delores Patterson, Bruce Lister, Goodith Heeney, Tammy Woolman, May Reddick, Sharon Schriver, Ian

C. Storey, Morgan Tamplin, Don Freeman, Esther A Doré, Ina Dyer, Betsy Hill, Donna Potts, Margaret Freeman, Tom Stroud, George Kerr, Mark Flatman, Andrew Vreugdenhil, Karen Bisschop, Eric Vreugdenhil, Alyson Lockwood, Kaleigh Coombes, George Hamilton, Anita Earnshaw, John Earnshaw, Don Watkins, Sharon Watkins, Joelle Kovach, Matthew Harvey, Sarah Jenkins, Jennifer Passmore, Issa Horani, Emily Coombes, Christian J. Ansaldo, Jacob Coombes, Don Anderson, Mary McLoughlin.

After summarizing the purpose of the meeting—to elect three lay delegates to the diocesan Synod—the Rector invited a motion to open nominations. Moved by Kathleen March, seconded by Andrew Vreugdenhil. The motion was carried. There were four nominations on the ballot: Emily Coombes, Susan Lumley, Jennifer Passmore, and Sharon Watkins. No further nominations were received. Ray March moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Gerri Currier. The motion was carried.

Members of the Vestry voted for three nominees by secret ballot. The three candidates with the plurality of votes were: Emily Coombes, Jennifer Passmore, and Sharon Watkins.

The Rector thanked the Vestry for assembling and dismissed it at 11:40 a.m.

### **July 3, 2016 (Special: Agreement with Compartim)**

**PRESENT:** Leslie Sherman, Bob Hinton, John Balfour, Carol Koeslag, Andrew Wilson, Donna Potts, Sharon Watkins, Lucinda Hage, Tom Stroud, Wayne Smart, Issa Horani, Gerri Currier, Shirley Clarke, Lois Rutter, Emily Coombes, Mike Bishop, Diane Passmore, Karen Bisschop, Andrew Vreugdenhil, Tom Webster, Mary Carter, Iris Webster, Doreen Landry, Linda Vardy, Barb Johnson, Dennis Condon, May Reddick, Dolores Patterson, Kathleen March, Ray March, Ralph and Marg Tippet, Gordon Johnston, Esther Doré, Helen Ruttle, Bruce Lister, Goodith Heeney, Joyce Evans, Ina Dyer, Joanne Findon, Penny Anderson, Ruth Warburton, Eric Griswold, Jaylene Mory, Ted and Eleanor Thorndyke, Mar Freeman, Tammy Woolman, Marilyn Martin, Jacob Currier, Nora Collett, AJ Trossman, Ralph and Mathilde Colley, Morgan Tamplin, Connie Swinton, Elizabeth Orsten, Walter Howell, Holly Briggs Lathangue, Brenda Whiteman, Scott Cecchin

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 am

The sole purpose of the meeting was to approve the following motion.

“Moved by Walter Howell and seconded by Brenda Whiteman the Incumbent and Churchwardens be permitted under Canon 6 to enter into a Tripartite Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Compartim Investments Ltd. (the “Tenant”) and the Toronto-Dominion Bank (“the Mortgagee”) to permit the Mortgagee in making a loan & line of credit facility available to the Tenant, to be secured by mortgages of the leasehold interest of the Tenant in the Church-owned property. Further, Vestry authorizes that certain title requisitions be remedied by the Tenant in order to enable the foregoing Agreement.”

Motion was approved, none opposed.

AJ Trossman moved the meeting be adjourned at 11:25 am

## **September 11, 2016 (Program)**

**PRESENT:** The Rev. Brad Smith (priest in charge), The Rev. Christian Harvey (Deacon), Ralph and Marg Tippet, Don and Margaret Freeman, Diane Passmore, Esther Doré, Helen Ruttle, Marilyn Martin, Don and Sharon Watkins, Bob and Helen Davis, Ralph and Mathilde Colley, Morgan Tamplin, Lyman and Margaret Harding, AJ Trossman, Tammy Woolman, Kathy Hook, Donna Potts, Connie Swinton, Jennifer Passmore, Andrew Vreugdenhil, Kathleen Clysdale, Bruce Pond, Carol Koeslag, Cole Hayward, Ray March, Tom Stroud, Joan and John Duncan, Linda Vardy, Emily Coombes, Alyson Lockwood, Jacob Coombes, Steve Coombes, Patrick and Rob Carter, Kathy Werling, John and Anita Earnshaw, Lucinda Hage, Joelle Kovach and Matthew Harvey, Issa Horani, Ian Storey, Carolyn Porteous

1. The Rev. Brad Smith opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Brad gave a brief overview of what the role of vestry is, *to govern not to manage*, and what the wardens and rector do, *manage*.
3. Brad presented the motion that had come out of the Diocese regarding truth and reconciliation. Moved by Jennifer Passmore seconded by Issa Horani that St. John's endorse the motion. Bruce Pond asked if St. John's could follow up on the motion in one year as a progress check to ensure that it is not an empty motion. Ray March questioned where anything good had ever come out of residential schools? And when the word indigenous is left out it paints all residential schools as being the same and that is not accurate. Brad responded with yes there would have been some positive but the system itself was abusive.

**Carried**

**2 abstentions**

4. Over the last couple of years the Parish Advisory Board of St. John's has not been functioning. This body is mandated by the Diocese. It is a volunteer board with leadership skills to advise and help the wardens/rector with daily governance and vision. A restructured PAB would encompass worship, parish life, CE, Community Ministries and Family Ministry and would meet 9 times a year. Brad would like 2 members at large elected by the vestry. Sharon Watkins moved AJ Trossman seconded Karen Bisschop as nominee. Carol Koeslag moved and Anita Earnshaw seconded Carol Koeslag as nominee. Cole Hayward moved and Don Anderson seconded Cole Hayward as nominee. Brad declared nominations closed. Since only 2 position were being sought and there is not a youth representative vestry voted to create a youth member to the PAB and that would be Cole.
5. Brad reviewed how our current Outreach Committee has become a cheque writing committee and not as engaged as it could be. Need to have a balance between in reach and outreach. The Rev. Christian Harvey gave a presentation of the vision of St. John's Community Ministries (warming room community ministries) and the background of the City sponsored Lighthouse Community Centre and One Roof Community Diner. The City is asking for an expression of interest from groups willing to provide the combined services with a sponsorship of \$250,000 and some other requirements. St. John's through Christian wishes to submit a proposal to the City when invited to do so. The future vision of an Outreach committee is a steering committee structured to help with the governance of this project and support of any others that may arise.

Brad asked vestry if this type of Outreach is the direction St. John's wishes to go. The answer was yes with the acknowledgement that SJCM is a theory at this point. Tom Stroud said the former Outreach Committee looked outside of Peterborough and asked if this will continue. The answer is yes for funds designated as such. Once draft proposal has been accepted by the city a detailed proposal will be brought back to vestry.

6. This will be the last time that program and financial vestries are separate. January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 there will be a combined vestry for all aspects of St. John's. Written reports from all committees will be due for this meeting.

**November 13, 2016 (Special: To Approve Community Meal Program Agreement)**

**PRESENT:** Samantha Peever, Sharon and Don Watkins, Christian Ansaldo, Donna Potts, Carol Koeslag, Marilyn Martin, Morgan Tamplin, Wayne and Brenda Smart, Paul and Barbara Kyselka, Issa Horani, Margaret Freeman, Peggy Kruger, Kathy Hooke, Barb Johnson, Dennis Condon, Tom Stroud, Margaret Harding, Lois Rutter, Miriam Stroud, Mary Carter, Sharon Schriver, Sue Lumley, Gerri Currier, Kathleen and Ray March, John and Anita Earnshaw, Bonnie Williams, Brenda Whiteman, Walter Howell, Ralph and Mathilde Colley, Jaylene Mory, Shirley Brown, Mary Howell, Linda Vardy, Carol Harvey, Gordon Johnston, Brian Harvey, Ted Thorndyke, Terry and Lisa Noble, Diane Passmore, Lucinda Hage, Murray Leadbeater, Paul Tiller, Don Freeman, Esther Dore, Murray Paterson, Kathy Werling, AJ Trossman, Noreen Raycroft, The Rev. Brad Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

The sole purpose of the meeting was to approve the following motion.

That Vestry authorize the Incumbent and Churchwardens to enter into a Community Meal Program Agreement with the Corporation of the City of Peterborough for a term of three years, renewable for up to two years, with the City to pay the Church \$62,500 in quarterly instalments beginning January 1, 2017, to provide a meal and employment skills program under the terms of Schedule A to the Agreement.

**Carried**

## Report of the Rector

*To those who are the called...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

–1 Corinthians 1:24

Dear Friends,

At the end of my first full year with you at St John's, I can repeat what I said in my report last year, but with even more conviction: my heart is full of joy that we have been called together to share in ministry for a time.

The year 2016 was a significant one in the life of St John's. Early in the year, Ian Storey retired as the People's Warden and was succeeded by Brenda Whiteman, who has done an excellent job (as have the other three wardens—Walter Howell, Matthew Harvey, and Bonnie Williams) this year. We lost Walter Dyer as an honorary assistant priest when he died in April, but I continue to be grateful for the work of Ron Meacock and Lyman Harding. We also gained three new clergy in 2016: Steve Smith and Ruth Knapp, both retired, are now honorary assistants, and Terry Noble will be named by the bishop as non-stipendiary associate. The other significant personnel changes we experienced in 2016 were the resignation of Randy Hewitt, our Sunday custodian and night watchman, and Don Anderson, who left St John's after twenty-six years as Director of Music. With respect to the latter, I have drafted a job description and advertisement and will soon call together a selection committee to hire the next Music Director.

The Peterborough Covenant continues to be a large influence. The Covenant Council continued to meet throughout the year and to organize city-wide educational and worship events and pastoral care. The Council encouraged the combined worship services held in June and hosted the Covenant Retreat in September which brought many of us together to hear our common concerns and hopes for the future. Most recently, the Council hosted a Christmas carol sing at All Saints' which saw a number of people from the Covenant churches gather to sing favourite songs and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship. Other covenant events held in 2016 include the pancake supper and Ash Wednesday evening service. The Covenant Commission was struck by the Bishop in January 2016, comprising two members from each of the five churches, and was given the task of gathering pertinent data and then recommending potential ways forward for the churches. The final report was issued at the beginning of November and is currently with the Archbishop, whom we expect to issue a response to the report in the very near future.

In my charge to Vestry a year ago, I outlined five themes that I intended to work on in 2016. A brief summary of the work that was done on each of them follows.

My first theme was worship: to have a liturgical schedule and practices that offers the best possible experience of the holy. As promised, an instructed Eucharist was conducted in the spring to explain the structure of the usual 10:00 Nave celebration. We had at least two special celebrations: an Evensong in June for The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and a solemn Eucharist for All Saints' Day. Our Christmas Eve attendance was up ten per cent over last year at both services and the pageant was very well done at the Family Celebration. The Open Circle has been able to gather a relatively constant music team and

has benefitted from the leadership of Christian Harvey and Terry Noble, among others who preach, serve, and participate in the discussion every Sunday.

Continuing to expand opportunities for St John's to be welcoming and inviting was my second theme. I am delighted with how many groups use our facilities for their activities. I have heard from a number of people that our congregations are warm and hospitable—you may not notice it, but we have several new parishioners. Let's continue to be welcoming to all who enter our doors. I am continuing to develop a vision for potential changes to our buildings that will make them even more accessible, some of which will build on work of previous vestries that I have discovered in the archives. Although not directly related to making the space more welcoming, we did make the church safer this year by completing the delayed repairs to the tower. We have also begun planning and saving for potential repairs and renovations, particularly a new roof on the church, which will be required or desirable in the next five years.

The third area to which I turned my attention was faith formation and Christian education. There is already a fairly robust programme in place in Peterborough, with churches sharing details of studies. Don Freeman and Ian Storey regularly offer opportunities to learn, and I know there are other home studies that are occurring. Christian Harvey facilitates a weekly study at a local pub that has brought some of its participants into our Open Circle congregation. Andrew Vreugdenhil has a small but dedicated team of Sunday School teachers who are imparting the faith to the next generation and Rachel Nicholls is our intern responsible for youth ministry under Christian's direction for this program year. I led an Advent study which had lively and thought-provoking discussion. I have had conversations with a number of people on this topic and I continue to work on delivering excellent Christian education for every generation.

Next to last, I emphasized communication. A lot has been accomplished in this field over the past year. The parish Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StJohnsPtbo](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsPtbo)) is constantly updated with posts meant to stimulate discussion, notices of worship services and other events, and links to things like the sermon when it's posted. The website ([www.stjohnspeterborough.ca](http://www.stjohnspeterborough.ca)) was completely overhauled in the late fall, thanks to Brian Harvey, and is now much more user-friendly. On the home page is a section listing worship for this week with links to the readings for Sunday and Wednesday, and quick links near the bottom to take you to the sermon page, events and news listings, and even to the order of service for Sundays and holy days, which can be downloaded to a tablet or smart phone and used in place of the printed version. Every Friday, I send out an email that is called the "Online Grapevine", which replicates the matter in the print version and includes the ministry roster for the upcoming week and other items of interest. If you don't get it, please send your email to the office to be added. In the late summer, I put together an issue of our parish newsletter "The Evangelist" and I hope to do more. If someone with an interest in desktop publishing would like to help with this ministry, please speak with me. Finally, throughout the year, we have had a number of town halls, special vestries, and "Walter's minutes" to ensure that, whenever there is important information to be communicated to or from you, it has been.

Finally, I referred to our future, both in the context of the Peterborough Covenant, and as a parish in our own right. I have already referred to the Covenant. With respect to St John's, two items I would like to report on are stewardship and outreach. You will read elsewhere in this circular my report as interim chair of the Stewardship Committee. But I also want to mention here that our ongoing efforts to do

exciting and meaningful ministry rely on the dedication and generosity of our parishioners. More than money, the whole operation of St John's is dependent on the faithful return of God's blessings: this was the motivation for our new format for the stewardship campaign this year. With respect to outreach, I have a vision for St John's which is based on our historic connections to the City and County of Peterborough (the military garrison church, the home of the People's Chimes, etc) and which would see us playing a greater role in the civic life of Peterborough, that we might truly be a Church for the City. In more practical terms, we are living into this vision with our expanded outreach ministry, which we are calling Warming Room Community Ministries, in order to capitalize on the well-known brand of the Warming Room winter shelter. We are now responsible for delivering a program (in partnership with the City and other community groups) that will provide two meals on weekdays and one meal Saturday and Sunday, job training for 49 people a year, as well as social inclusion, fellowship, shelter, and social services for a significant number of our neighbours.

There are far too many people involved in a wide number of ministries that are done in the name of St John's for me to thank every single person as I would like. I continue to be grateful for the hard work, dedication, and faithfulness of each person who contributes in their own way to the fruitfulness of our ministry here. As your incumbent, I see my primary role to be the one who challenges and equips you to live into the ministry to which God has called you. If we have any measure of success, it is because of your faithful efforts. Ultimately, as I began, so long as what we do is rooted in our faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ, we will be given the power and wisdom of God to accomplish our task.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad" followed by a plus sign.

## **Report of the Deacon**

This has been an exciting and challenging year. As Deacon here at St. John's my primary responsibility has been leadership of the Open Circle Worshipping Community, Director of Warming Room Community Ministries (which includes Warming Room Winter Shelter, Warming Room Outreach and One Roof Community Centre), and youth and young adult ministry. Keeping these balls in the air is often a challenge yet incredibly rewarding.

The growth of Warming Room Community Ministries to include an outreach component and One Roof Community Centre is exciting and allows our church to grow in its witness to the community of a God who cares for the marginalized, the hungry and forgotten (you can read more about WRCM in the outreach report). It has brought us into relationship with many other churches, agencies and groups in the community who want to work towards a dream in our city where all are housed and fed. I am so grateful for the WRCM staff and volunteers who make these expansive programs real.

The Open Circle is a delight and a joy to lead. I often come home from service feeling blessed that I am part of a truly collaborative effort. From sermon prep, to music, to the sermon itself it is a wholly communal achievement. I love that every week I learn something at church. It is also beautiful that we as a congregation are able to enjoy each others' company and serve together at One Roof once a month. Thank you to every one who attends this service for giving your heart to it.

We have an amazing group of youth that I have the pleasure of working with, and over the past year a great group of people working with us from the Diocesan Youth Ministry Apprenticeship Program (formally Carley Smale and Andrew Arnold, currently Rachael Nicholls). The youth gather most Sundays after church to discuss, eat and have fun. We have gone to youth retreats, movies, Canada's Wonderland and much more.

I have also hugely appreciated the on-going young adults study group that meets every Tuesday either in at the Old Stone Brewing Company or my home. This group of 15 people inspire and push me in ways I often don't see coming.

I love being a part of the St. John's community and am grateful to join my gifts with so many others to work towards God's dream of love, peace and justice.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Christian Harvey

## **Rector's Warden Report**

Much of what we talk about at Vestry is money. 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. Over the past year I have discovered all sorts of things that just get done 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.

### **2016 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 Lighthouse and Glebe House reserve transfers. We continue to be a major supporter of Faithworks within the Diocese.

It should be pointed out that about \$192,000, or 40% of our income, comes from land and space rentals as well as income from both Trust and designated reserves (lines 2, 3, 10, 11, 12). As a congregation, we are blessed to have this support for our salaries and various programs.

The tower repair was completed, \$54,000, which was mostly covered by an estate gift of \$45,000, the balance coming from a building reserve fund.

### **2017 Budget**

We are presenting a balanced parish budget for 2017. We anticipate that the Glebe House will continue to be rented by the New Canadian Centre, but this is not certain. Salaries are reduced as Don Anderson has retired and the salary for Christian has been proportioned to the 3 areas for which he has responsibilities. Budgets for the Warming Room and One Roof Diner are also included separately. The Finance Committee and Wardens are working with Christian and his teams to help insure that the two new programs do not impact the parish budget. We have increased the Repairs line by \$15,000 so that some items that have been put off for a few years can be completed.

### **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 2016 year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Howell

## **Bridge Groups**

### **Ladies Bridge**

There are eight bridge teams. The league fee is given to a charity chosen by the top scoring team. In 2016, the team of Kathy Baker and Brenda Smart, was the high point winner. Guide Dogs Canada was the recipient of a \$200.00 donation.

In June and October lunch and an afternoon of bridge was enjoyed by the Covenant Churches.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Smart

### **Mixed Bridge**

The 2016/17 season has seen a small increase in our numbers (to 19 regulars and 6 spares) and a schedule that seems to be working and giving the group some enjoyable sessions of bridge and conversation, or perhaps it's the other way round. We play once a month in each other's homes and because most of us are retired, meet mainly in the afternoon. If you think you might be interested in joining us and would like to learn more, speak to George or Eleanor Hamilton [gfhamilton@cogeco.ca](mailto:gfhamilton@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**

Members of the congregation who participate in this ministry assist the clergy at each eucharist. A schedule is provided for a two-month period taking into consideration the service you choose to attend. Members are asked to find a replacement from a list provided if not available on a date they are scheduled. Advance notice of planned vacations or special scheduling requests are welcomed. Thanks to all who currently participate in this ministry. Since last reporting, I would like to thank Lyman Harding, Susan Jones, and Betty Williams for their past service to this ministry. New members are welcome. A training session is planned for February 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. service. If you are considering participation in this ministry, I would encourage you to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Clarke

## **Chancel Guild**

The Guild is made up of ladies (men would be welcome) who share their love of St. John's by working closely with the Rector in setting up the altar each Sunday as well as for special occasions. They also care for the linens, silver, candles, and hangings. Members are on teams of 2 and are responsible for 2 weeks 5 times a year. Marilyn Martin prepares the yearly team schedule. The Guild is currently looking for new members so if you are interested please speak to either myself or the Rev. Brad Smith.

Respectfully submitted  
Esther Doré

## Choir

I am pleased to report that choir membership has increased lately. Throughout most of 2015-16 there were a total of 16 members. Karen Bisschop had to step out for the year due to a heavier workload at the City Library with their extensive renovations taking place. But new faces have appeared.

Tina Moorcroft joined us in September 2015. Tina has been a serious singer all her life and has sung in such church choirs as St. George's Montreal and All Saints' Peterborough. Tina and her family are a great addition to life at St. John's.

It was great to welcome back Connie Deemert after many years. Connie and her sons were key supporters of the choir through the 80's and into the early 90's. Connie was also the church secretary for a number of years.

Many people don't realize that St. John's has a Choral Scholarship program that is open to College and University students as well as senior high school students. The responsibilities include full participation in choir practices and services as well as extra training in voice production and reading music. The current Scholar is a well-known St. John's parishioner, Emily Coombes.

I am pleased to announce the return of Eva Webster to the soprano section. Eva has shared her talents with the choirs of George St. United, Trinity United and All Saints in recent years but it is great to have her back at St. John's together with her parents.

Ted and Eleanor Thorndyke have been attending St. John's for several years but much of each year was being spent in Florida. They are both experienced choir members and Eleanor was a church organist. Having their help in the alto and tenor sections is a good boost to the choir.

Preparing music for every Sunday is the main purpose for St. John's Choir and it certainly keeps us busy. Every week except in summer we prepare a sung Introit, a Psalm, and Anthem as well as handle the usual service music. One Anglican organist commented that our services were loaded with music and that it is hard work for the organist and choir. Of course singing itself can be very enjoyable but we also find a little time for fun. Choir get-togethers for many years have been at Powles' house and most recently at Deemert's this summer.

Extra music is always sung at the Christmas Carol Service, Good Friday, and Easter music but in 2016 we had Choral Evensong to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. There was a good crowd including people of other denominations. Hopefully we can sing Evensong more frequently even though its popularity has diminished over the years.

As usual, my sincere thanks to every member of the choir for yet another good year of dedication and hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Anderson, Director of Music.

After twenty-six years on the organ bench of St John's, Don Anderson announced his retirement as our music director effective December 1st. A retirement lunch was held after the 10:00 services of worship on Sunday November 27th. This was very well attended and parting gifts were presented to Don to thank him for his years of service, and convey the affection and respect of the congregation, choir and clergy of St. John's. We are grateful for Don's leadership in our music ministry and worship and we wish him well in his retirement.

Robert Robinson, a previous Choirmaster and Organist with St. John's from 1988 through 1994 has graciously accepted the temporary post of Organist and Choirmaster. He has capably taken over the organ bench until a permanent replacement for Don is found.

We'd like to thank Eric Warburton, who has now retired from the Tenor section of the Choir for all of his years of faithful service to St. John's Choir.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Connie Deemert, Chorister

### **Coffee Hour**

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

Brenda Smart is continuing to purchase the supplies each week and I appreciate her help immensely. Those who have 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 prepare coffee after the 8:15 service. Gerri Currier and Connie Swinton prepare coffee after the Wednesday services.

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 22 people presenting the elements on Sunday mornings. This year we welcomed Eleanor and Ted Thorndyke and Joan and John Duncan as well as Martha Anderson and her two beautiful daughters Lilli and Abbagale and Annie LeVasseur and her adorable son Damien. It is SO good to see the young one taking part.

I would love to see more people take part in this important ministry. Please contact Donna Potts at 705-741-0220 or email [donna.potts8@hotmail.com](mailto:donna.potts8@hotmail.com) if you would like to do this.

Respectfully Submitted  
Donna Potts

## **Envelopes Secretary**

2016 once again saw an increase in the number of parishioners moving to the monthly pre-authorized giving system (103) as well as monthly credit card charges (6). Members can also now use this method of payment for their monthly grocery card purchases. Signing up for this method of donating can be done at any time during the year.

At the end of the year special envelopes were created for anyone who wishes to in addition to supporting St. John's Anglican Church, support the Winter Overnight Warming Room and the One Roof Community Centre (previously the Lighthouse). Both of these programs are run by St. John's and the bookkeeping and tax receipts are done through us as well. Please find these envelopes on the Welcome table next to the name tag cupboard.

Respectfully submitted  
Carolyn Porteous, Parish Administrator

## **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**

In 2003, James Neufeld and Goodith Heeney, implemented the grocery card purchase program at St. John's Church.

Several parishioners have been involved in the program to keep it active and viable. Presently, thirty parishioners buy Sobeys cards, thirty six parishioners buy Loblaws cards, giving the Church up to 5% of the amount of the purchased cards.

In 2016, \$125,400 in cards was purchased with a discount of \$5,159.00 donated to the Church.

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

## **Hospitality Report**

Our group of men and women is still active although we seem to have kept a low profile recently. We catered to 4 funerals during 2016, a wedding anniversary reception, a farewell to Bishop Linda, and a farewell luncheon for our organist Don Anderson. We also prepared a luncheon for an "out of church" event in April for the Peterborough Theatre Guild. After buying supplies and replacement items for the

kitchen, we ended the year in an almost break even position. We also earned interest on our trust account of \$240.

We enjoy what we do for our church, and help is always available for any event.

Respectfully submitted.

Ruth Warburton and Barbara Kyselka

Float in our bank account	\$ 2000
Held in trust at church	<u>6840</u> ( approx)
Total of hospitality funds	<u>\$ 8840</u>

## **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 it is also used frequently by people being tutored at the Lighthouse. 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 260 items were borrowed, an average of 20 per month. This number is up from the previous year. Approximately thirty-five (35) books and videos were added to the collection – all by donations. Donations are welcome, but only those donations that are current, in excellent condition and fit our mandate are catalogued.

We have replaced the printer and everything is running quite smoothly.

This is your library - enjoy using it.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Martin

## **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. For the lectern this past fall Brad supplied a beautiful spiral bound book, "The Readings, Revised Common Lectionary of the Anglican Church of Canada." This book contains all the scripture readings used over the three year lectionary cycle. We now

just have to turn to the appropriate page in the book instead of printing out new pages each week. Readings continue to be emailed a couple days prior for those reading on Sunday.

Respectively submitted,  
Carolyn Porteous

## **Outreach Programming**

This has been an exciting year for outreach programming at St. John's. We now serve the most vulnerable in our city by offering shelter, meal programs, educational and creative opportunities and much more. We have put all of these under the umbrella title of "Warming Room Community Ministries".

### **WARMING ROOM COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**

Warming Room Community Ministries has grown exponentially over the past year in exciting and challenging ways. We now have the Warming Room Winter Shelter, Warming Room Outreach, One Roof Community Centre, Drumming, For the Love of Love Concert Series and much more.

Over this past year many people have been served and cared for in these various programs. Our staff has grown to 10 people and is supported by over 300 volunteers from throughout the community.

### **THE WARMING ROOM SHELTER AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

The Warming Room is an overnight shelter that we run out of Murray St. Baptist Church, 7 days a week, 8:30pm-8am, November 1<sup>st</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Warming Room serves those who can't or won't use the shelter system. In the 2015-16 season an estimated 215 unique individuals stayed overnight with us. We averaged 18 guests each night. With the numbers we are seeing in November and December of this year it looks like we will have similar numbers this season. Over 150 volunteers from throughout the community made the Warming Room a possibility.

As we were coming to a close in April of this year we came to the realization that many of our guests would be unsupported and unhoused. Though keeping the Warming Room open at the time was not an option, we realized we could continue to support our guests. To do this, two outreach workers were hired to connect with people at their campsites and other temporary residences to connect them to other services and help individuals find and keep housing.

With funding restrictions we have had to reduce our outreach to one staff. Currently our outreach coordinator, Tammy Kuehne, works with 50 people intensively.

I am incredibly thankful for our Program Coordinator Katelyn James, our Outreach Coordinator Tammy Kuehne and our past and present Overnight Supervisors Andrew Nelson, Lucas French, Gabriel Chol, Rachel Petty, Carley Smale and David Stewart.

### **ONE ROOF COMMUNITY DINER (NOW ONE ROOF COMMUNITY CENTRE)**

One Roof Community Diner started when the Brock Mission decided they were no longer able to offer their Open Table daily dinner. One Roof started in partnership with All Saints Anglican Church. The meal fed around 100 people a day and had upwards of 100 volunteers making it happen.

One Roof Community Diner has now replaced the Lighthouse Community Centre and has moved to the basement of St. John's offering lunch and dinner Monday to Friday, and lunch on Saturdays and dinner on Sundays with 7 hours a day of drop in time. We are partnering with Community Training and Development Centre to offer an employment training program. Other activities such as the St. John's Tutoring program will continue and expand in the new space. We are excited for the future of One Roof and what is possible there. Please come and join us for a meal and become a part of the One Roof community.

I am very grateful for our Program Coordinator Casey Watson, our Floor Supervisors Lucas French, Andrew Arnold and Jan Norman and our Kitchen Supervisor David Stewart.

All our 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 2017 is as follows:

	<b>WARMING ROOM SHELTER AND OUTREACH</b>	<b>ONE ROOF COMMUNITY CENTRE (SJCM)</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Carry Forward from 2016	\$30,468	\$6,630
City Support	\$85,000	\$200,000
Fundraising	\$93,000	\$70,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$208,468</b>	<b>\$276,630</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Staffing	\$146,113	\$161,363
Facility	\$23,650	\$64,560
Food	\$750	\$40,000
Programming	\$7,415	\$3,299
General Overhead	\$30,540	\$7,408
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$177,928</b>	<b>\$269,222</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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).

### **OUTREACH GRANTS**

St. John's is continuing its dedication to supporting programs that make a difference throughout our country and our world. This year we have given grants to the following:

- NATWIN (Native Twinning Peterborough/ Mishkeegogamang) \$500
- New Canadian Centre \$500 (to support the resettling of Syrian Refugee families in our community)

- PWRDF
  - \$500 (to support the Pikangikum clean water project)
  - \$500 (to support work with the people of Syria)
- JustFood Boxes \$4,951.72 (Subsidize healthy groceries for 20 households a month)
- St John's Community Ministries (One Roof Community Centre) \$1000
- Justice Camp \$200 (Sponsorship of our parishioner Katelyn James to attend)
- Tutoring Program \$175.09 (to buy books)

Respectfully submitted  
The Rev. Christian Harvey

## **Prayer Chain**

The members of the Prayer Chain continue to pray for those who have requested intercessory prayers on a regular basis. These intercessions are confidential. There are currently 9 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 activity accomplished this year was the masonry repair of the church tower's top (crenellations in architectural terms). These were in very poor shape so it was a very timely repair.

Future work on the church's chimney near the kitchen must happen next as it is losing brick now. We will obtain a price from Laundry Masonry, the firm who did our tower, and schedule the work.

A long term schedule of sequenced re-pointing of the remainder of the church needs to be done so some of the work can be done each year. This will likely be a set dollar value for maintenance for masonry repair to do as much as possible for that amount.

Additional electrical repairs were done to the Glebe House to allow for the rental to the New Canadian Centre as transitional housing for refugees.

Overall general maintenance done this year also included miscellaneous service calls for hot water heaters, furnace systems and dishwashers.

For the exterior grounds, the gardens were weeded, a new pump was installed for the fountain and the memorial stones were power washed.

New Barrier Free Parking spots were provided in the new line painting for parking this last summer. The nursery was repainted, as was the small bathroom next to the vestry. This bathroom also received a new toilet and tap inserts. The Nave was also repainted from the floor up to the burgundy trim line. Financial planning needs also to be done for the near future re-roofing of the church. Money is now being set aside each year for this purpose.

Many thanks to Ralph Tippet, Bob Hinton, John Earnshaw, Murray Leadbeater and Carolyn Porteous for their help this year as the Property Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Harvey

## **Guild of Servers and Sacrists**

Our Guild continues to be a visible and successful ministry in the parish. At the moment we have 14 young people and eight adults of the parish, who perform their duties as Servers and Sacrists with intelligence, dedication, maturity, and elegance. 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 use two Candle-Bearers as well. Servers are also supplied for special week-day services (Maundy Thursday, All Saints, Ascension Day etc.). This past year the Guild assumed responsibility for all the Wednesday morning Eucharists. Six adults, with two more coming onside soon, look after these duties throughout the main part of the year, with the younger servers continuing to serve during the summer holidays.

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, George Benson, 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 (called “Servers’ Sunday”) was held this year on Sunday February 21st, where all the servers dressed for the 10:00 service, and each took some role in the liturgy. During the service the Rector admitted Eric Vreugdenhil formally as a Sacrist and promoted Caelen McMurray to full-server status. The day concluded with the ‘team picture’, taken in the Chapel. The Guild also presented the Rector with a framed composite photograph of all the servers – a copy is on display in the Narthex. This has been done every five years since 2001, the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St John’s Church. Last year (2016) was the church’s 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary. These four framed pictures are hung in the Servers’ Room beside the Sacristy, along with the annual photo taken on Servers’ Sunday. Members of the parish are welcome to have a look.

The Guild had received donations in memory of Maggie Benson who died in June 2015. She was the mother of two of our servers, and the funds were used to purchase eleven new and very elegant flax-linen robes. These are now the servers’ normal dress on Sundays and other occasions. Also a gold tunicle was made by Barbara Smith, a member of the parish, for the Crucifer to wear on high days such as Christmas and Easter. The first server to wear it was Rory Benson, Maggie’s younger son. In late August we said a formal farewell to Ashley Maxwell, Chiedza Magumbe, and Jacob Coombes as they left for college or university. Two new servers have joined the Guild and are in training: Jacob Currier and Olivia Dinesen. Olivia’s family has returned to St John’s after some years away in various parts of North America.

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 Altar 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 is a women's organization at St. John's. Although it has kept the name "St. Margaret's Guild", it falls under the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women's Association, the Canadian one and International. Chancel Guilds are also included as ACW members.

Our Church has representation at our local, Deanery, Area, and Diocesan executive and Board levels. Our meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to June in the Choir Room (December and June meetings are replaced by a noon potluck lunch in the Guild Hall) We are pleased to welcome spouses and guests, clergy and staff to our lunches. There are no meetings in July or August.

We have guest speakers at many of our monthly meetings; at others, we plan for upcoming events. St. Margaret's Guild does fund raise but we also value fellowship and friendship. Every woman is welcome to attend one, any, or all of our meetings.

Our card parties with refreshments have been very popular. Tea and bake sales, and our annual Fall Festival and Christmas Sale will continue. Disbursements of money raised over the past year go to church ministries, local charities and International organizations as determined by our membership. We appreciate and sincerely thank all those who help us and who come out to support us. We could not do it without you.

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 are confined to their places of residence and unable to attend the church services. Visitors are caring and compassionate and share time in friendly conversation, relaying news of parish families and programs. St. John's acknowledges and honours their contribution.

There are currently five members who visit 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 and Joan Duncan.

Regular communion services are 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, Esther Doré, Gerri Currier, Connie Swinton, Sharon Watkins, the Rev. Miriam Stroud, the Ven. Lyman Harding and the Rev. Steve Smith. These monthly services are attended by all

interested residents, not just Anglicans. As well, individual home communions are provided by our clergy and Lay Pastoral Ministers, Gerri Currier and Esther Doré. Gerri and Esther have taken 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. 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.

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

### **INCOME**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Tickets / Donations	\$2,346.60 (Aft. 156, Eve. 140)	\$ 2,610.00 (Aft. 138, Eve. 160)
Berries	223.00	212.50
Silent Auction	845.10	574.00
Bake Table	228.00	580.45
Jewelry / Treasures	830.55	929.00
New-To-You	605.00	435.00
Float for various tables	<u>598.00</u>	<u>598.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME (to-date)</b>	<b>\$5,676.25</b>	<b>\$ 5,938.95</b>

**EXPENSES**

Postage	79.05 (93 mailed)\$	124.87 (130 letters mailed)
Supplies & Printing		60.00
Pianist		50.00
Band	175.00	175.00
Strawberries	880.00	862.00
Ice Cream	165.00	165.00
Groceries	44.03	66.00
Float	598.00	598.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$1,941.08</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,100.87</u></b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b><u>\$3,735.17</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,838.08</u></b>

**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 early 2016, the Stewardship Committee bade farewell to Carolyn Williamson, who resigned in order to spend more time with family out of the city. The Rector took on the role of interim chair and members Merrill Alton-Graham, John Earnshaw, Issa Horani, and Wendy Wallace continued to dedicate their energy to the work of the committee.

There were two main events in 2016 that the Stewardship Committee organised. In February, St John’s hosted a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper which saw volunteers from all five Peterborough Covenant parishes participate. By the end of the advertised time, we had run out of pancakes and had very little left over. Just under 200 people were served. This was a successful event which saw not only fellow Anglicans and Lutherans from across the city working and eating together but also people who belonged to none of our churches. One woman said that she was feeling quite depressed earlier in the afternoon but, after having read our ad, came for the meal and left feeling quite happy. 32  
Rather than charging a set price, we put out an offering basket and accepted freewill donations. The total profit was \$192.

At the end of September, Walter Howell and a crew of volunteers hosted the Parish Pub Night on behalf of the Stewardship Committee. This annual favourite, which brings in fish and chips from Jeff Purvey’s, saw a slight decline in attendance over previous years, but still managed to generate a profit of \$745.

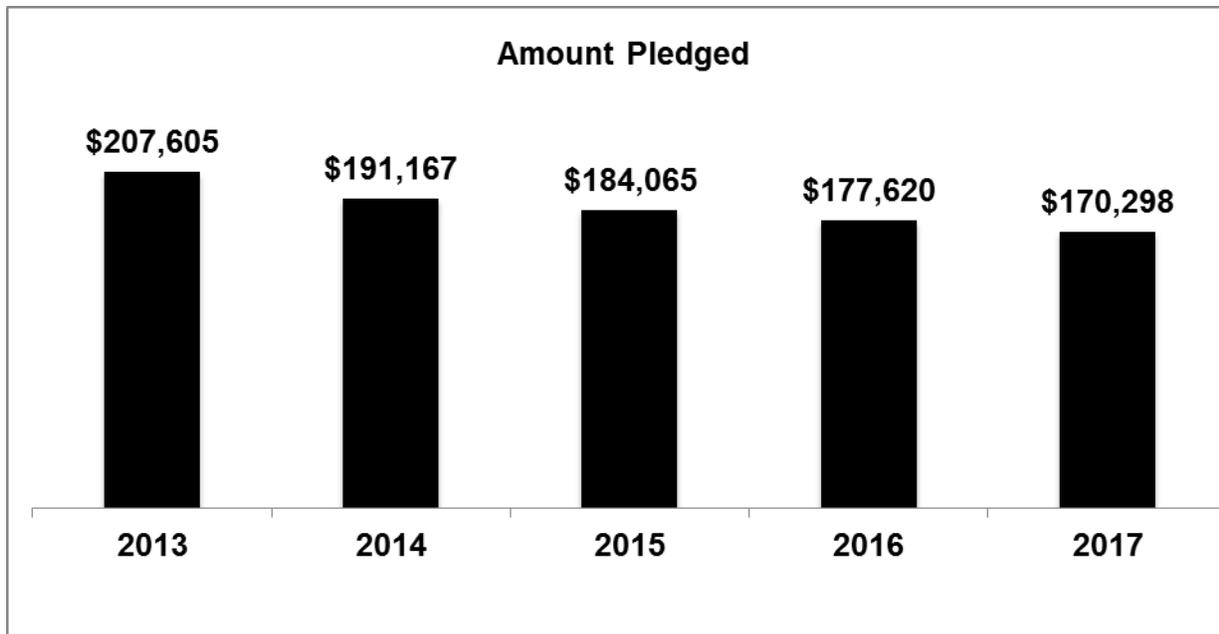
After a number of years of using the Route Manager set-up for the annual stewardship campaign, in 2016, the campaign functioned with a different model. A stewardship commitment brochure was printed and distributed to every household on the parish list with the request that commitments of time (through our various ministries) and finances be made. The cards were returned and, on Thanksgiving

Sunday, were dedicated on the altar. Although fewer pledges were returned this year, the campaign was very helpful in reaching out to many of our households as volunteers called to follow-up. Thanks to all of the people who spent time attending the training meeting and calling their fellow practitioners.

Results of the 2016 campaign for the year 2017 are set out below:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Amount Pledged	\$207,605	\$191,167	\$184,065	\$177,620	\$170,298
Packages Pledged	156	153	152	138	122
Packages Circulated	184	172	170	164	223

Compared to 2016 the total pledged amount was down 4.3 per cent. The number of pledges decreased from 138 in 2016 to 122 or a decrease of 13 per cent. On the other hand, the average gift per pledge rose from \$1,287 to \$1,396, an increase of 8.5 per cent.



The campaign has always been important as a source of information that the Finance Committee uses to inform the budget. This year, it was also a source of information for the various ministries we have at St John's on who might be interested in joining a ministry. Thank you to everyone for your support and generosity.

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. Thank you to everyone who so generously provides in so many ways the resources that make St John's such a vibrant and fruitful community.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Brad Smith, Interim Chair

### **Sunday School Report**

2016-17 has been a successful year for the Sunday School. We continue to enjoy the use of the mezzanine meeting room and having a permanent place to call our own has certainly made our Sunday School a stronger community. Our weekly attendance is pleasantly reliable at an average of 7 children per week making for fun and effective learning. We continue to use "Lesson Plans that Work", the one room Sunday School curriculum from the Episcopal Church based on the revised lectionary. This convenient and reliable curriculum allows our teachers to readily deliver coherent and biblical lessons appropriate for a wide range of ages. As always a big thank you goes out to our committed teachers who typically volunteer their Sundays for one or two months each year. This important church mission would be impossible without their dedication and enthusiasm. If there are members who are interested to find out more about the Sunday School operations or who feel that they would like to contribute in any way, they are encouraged to contact Andrew Vreugdenhil at [andrew.vreugdenhil@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.vreugdenhil@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted  
Andrew Vreugdenhil, Sunday School Coordinator

## **Diocesan Social Justice and Advocacy Committee Motion Backgrounder**

Over the course of many years, Indigenous communities in Canada have engaged the government, the Anglican Church and other Christian denominations in a process geared toward reconciliation. This process has included official apologies from many denominations for their participation in the Indian Residential School system, as well as participation in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). The final report of the TRC included 94 Calls to Action aimed at addressing the ongoing marginalization of Indigenous peoples in all aspects of Canadian life. Last year, parishes throughout the Diocese of Toronto, passed vestry motions calling for action on two key Calls to Action, resulting in opportunities for ongoing engagement and education on the still-unfinished work of reconciliation in our communities and in our governments.

As part of our efforts to continue to respond to this call, the 2017 social justice vestry motion will once again focus on addressing Calls to Action of the TRC by encouraging parishes to carry out reflection and study within their congregations as well as calling on the government to implement one of the key elements of the TRC's calls. We hope that your parish will join us in undertaking this work by passing the motion below and committing to continue working towards reconciliation at every level of the church and in all parts of the country.

### **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.

## 2016 Trusts Report

### Reserved and Endowed Funds, Dec 21, 2016 before audit

<b>Reserved Funds where capital and interest are available</b>		
1	Restoration Fund	\$ 251,500
2	Chancel and Nave	217,500
3	Bequests and Memorials	80,000
4	Music/Choir/Worship	42,700
5	Glebe House Reserve	38,500
6	Lighthouse Researve	26,500
7	Chancel Guild	19,400
8	St. Margaret's Guild	13,900
9	Rector's Fund	7,300
10	Hospitality	6,700
11	Archives/Library	1,700
12	Religious Education	1,300
	<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$ 707,000</b>

<b>Endowed Funds where only interest is available</b>		
13	Glebe Crown Trust	\$ 258,100
14	Clergy Housing Trust	42,900
15	Youth	23,900
16	Outreach	21,600
17	Gardner and Rush Trust	3,800
		<b>\$ 350,300</b>
	<b>Total of all Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,057,300</b>

<b>Where's the money?</b>		
18	Diocese Endowed	\$ 350,300
19	Diocese Investments	573,900
20	GIC	75,000
21	CIBC Bank Account	58,100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,057,300</b>

**Draft 2017 Operating Budget, 2016 Budget and 2016 Actual (pre-audit)**

<b>A</b>		<b>B</b>				<b>C</b>	
<b>2016</b>		<b>2016</b>		<b>(all numbers rounded to \$100)</b>		<b>2017</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	226,000	241,548	1	General, Directed, Plate Donations	230,000	1	
2	0	7,800	2	Glebe House Revenue	15,600	2	
3	37,600	33,922	3	Interest & Dividends	37,000	3	
4	70,600	52,236	4	Area Revenue & Grants	70,000	4	
5	11,000	7,210	5	Special Events	10,000	5	
6	15,000	18,313	6	Faithworks	18,000	6	
7	700	1,503	7	Worship & Music	700	7	
8	1,000	100	8	Sunday School & Youth Group	1,000	8	
9	0	230	9	Christian Education	500	9	
10	58,400	58,000	10	Lighthouse Sponsorship	0	10	
11	24,000	24,481	11	Rentals of Space	24,000	11	
12	64,000	67,912	12	Glebe Land Rents	64,000	12	
13	4,300	5,159	13	Grocery Card Revenue Net	4,300	13	
14	-12,000	-29,750	14	Transfer to Reserves	-21,000	14	
	<u>500,600</u>	<u>488,663</u>		<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>454,100</u>		
<b>EXPENSE</b>							
15	234,800	236,739	15	Staff compensation	205,700	15	
16	70,600	60,022	16	Area Expenses	70,000	16	
17	3,700	5,541	17	Worship/Music/Sunday School	3,000	17	
18	0	314	18	Christian Education	1,500	18	
19	300	40	19	Covenant Expense	300	19	
20	6,000	8,237	20	Lighthouse Expenses	6,000	20	
21	0	2,499	21	Special Event Expense	0	21	
22	52,600	52,619	22	Diocesan Assessment	50,200	22	
23	4,000	3,655	23	Church & Office Supplies	3,000	23	
24	10,000	11,666	24	Accounting & Legal	10,000	24	
25	1,800	1,846	25	Interest & Bank Charges	1,800	25	
26	5,000	8,606	26	Program Expenditures	0	26	
27	12,800	16,646	27	Faithworks Remittance	15,300	27	
28	10,000	0	28	Outreach Community Ministries	10,000	28	
29	1,200	1,044	29	Advertising & Postage	1,000	29	
30	3,000	2,553	30	Telephone & Internet	3,000	30	
31	28,600	28,275	31	Insurance	30,000	31	
32	1,600	2,455	32	Security	2,500	32	
33	10,000	10,743	33	Repairs	27,000	33	
34	10,000	11,836	34	Maintenance	12,000	34	
35	18,100	15,328	35	Utilities - Hydro & Water	17,000	35	
36	11,000	6,305	36	Utilities - Gas	11,000	36	
37	4,800	8,187	37	Glebe House Expenses	9,000	37	
38	0	620	38	Miscellaneous Expenses	0	38	
39	0	1,327	39	Travel and Entertainment	0	39	
40	0	-8,869	40	Community Ministries expense recovery	-36,000	40	
	<u>499,900</u>	<u>488,235</u>		<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>453,300</u>		
	<u>700</u>	<u>428</u>		<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>800</u>		