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## 2020 All Saints' Westboro Annual Vestry Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
  - With Prayers for the Recently Departed Members of Vestry
2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the February 23, 2020 Meeting of Vestry of All Saints' Westboro
4. Confirmation of Minutes of the November 19, 2020 Special Meeting of Vestry of All Saints' Westboro
5. Incumbent's Report
6. Church Wardens' Financial Statement for 2020
7. Presentation of the Budget for 2021
8. Reports of Committees and Organizations
9. Report of the Nominating Committee:
  - Wardens
  - Election of Lay Members of Synod
  - Election of Members of Parish Council
10. Election of Auditors
11. Signing Authorities for the Church Financial Accounts
12. Motion to approve the appointment of Lay Administrators for the Eucharist
13. General Business
14. Adjournment



## All Saints' Westboro Minutes of Vestry Meeting—February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

1. The Ven. Chris Dunn declared the Annual Vestry Meeting in session with his opening prayer. Archdeacon Dunn added prayers for the following Recently Departed Members of Vestry: **Esther Beckles, Audrey Byers, John Cheney, Bill Christie, Bob Cook, David Davidson, Joan Dettrich, Bill Fairlie, Cap Gibson, Ann Hargest, Patricia Helleur, Melva Jones, Stella Kirk, Nevitt Maybee, Jack McGregor, Marion McGuirl, Joan McRae, Tom Mimee, Jackson Moyes, George Nelms, Micheal Nothnagel, Sandy Partington, Brian Prosser, Bill Rowberry, David Rutherford, Hartley Wilson.** “Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.”
2. Vestry Secretary: Michael Norman moved; Sally Lees seconded **the appointment of Katy Burnett as Vestry Secretary.** Carried
3. The Vestry Declaration was read, and the Attendance Sheets were circulated. The declaration was signed by 61 people.
4. The minutes of the All Saints' Annual Vestry Meeting of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 are found on pages 4 to 8 of the All Saints' Westboro Annual Reports Document. There was no discussion on the Minutes. Karen Blackie moved; Linda Phillips seconded **the approval of the Minutes of the All Saints' Westboro February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Vestry Meeting.** Carried.
5. The All Saints' Westboro Incumbent's Report is found on pages 9 to 11 of the All Saints' Annual Reports Document. The Incumbent shared the following additional comments: Thanks are due to Warden, Gaetan Haché, who is retiring from Parish Council after three years, along with Chris Jones, Debbie Gillen and Janet Stevens. Rev. Simone Hurkmans will be back to work on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, following her maternity leave. In the meantime, the Rev. Adam Brown has joined us as Assistant Curate. It's been a great journey. Adam is just out of university and brings fresh talent to the parish. The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty will begin a sabbatical starting in June. The Incumbent will begin a combined Sabbath leave and vacation in June running through to the end of September.
6. The All Saints' Westboro Financial Reports for 2019 are found on pages 19 to 26 of the All Saints' Annual Reports Document. Barbara Fisher introduced the report with the following comments:

Barbara started by thanking several people who are very instrumental in the maintenance of our financial records: Kim Chenger and David Jones for all their work in performing our annual audit; our Counting Committee headed by Doug Fisher along with Larry Broome

and Pat Scotcher; and Susan Garnham, our bookkeeper, who does a tremendous job and we thank her for all the support she provides to us.

The General Account is on page 22 of the Annual Report; it deals with the day-to-day operations of the parish. Barbara focused on some highlights. Our Income in the General offerings increased over 2018 by \$12,652. The Offerings summary is in Note 3 on page 25 and provides a breakdown of the various categories of offerings. This indicates the importance these special offerings bring to our total income: Envelopes of \$424,426; Open Offerings of \$4,387; Initial Offerings of \$325; Lent \$2,096; Easter \$5,295; Thanksgiving \$3,230; Christmas \$7,247. The heading Organizations is comprised of the New-to-You Shop, Quilters and Movies with Meaning. The New-to-You Shop continues to show an increase in revenue and contributes 10% of their income to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The Quilters contributed \$1,350 and Movies with Meaning contributed \$500 to the General Fund. Note 4 on page 25 shows a breakdown of this account. Our Village Fair (Bazaar) income after expenses was \$12,988. In 2019 it was decided to discontinue the May Flea Market and the Mini Bazaar that usually takes place in early December. The final total included Fisher Park along with year-round sales of Jams & Jellies.

Our total expenses were slightly over budget in some areas. Note 6 on page 25 provides a breakdown of the activities account; our net costs slightly increased over 2018. Note 7 on page 25 provides a breakdown of our Building & Property Expenses (Repairs and Maintenance) our heating repairs were up over 2018 due to an expensive part that needed to be installed in the fall. All Saints' and First United each contribute \$15,000 a year to the Joint Building Fund. Note 8 on page 26 provides a breakdown of the income and expenses for this account. This year the costs to the Joint Building fund were greater than the amounts contributed. Each church contributed an extra \$5,773 to cover these extra costs.

Our Trust Accounts are found on pages 23 and 24. Trust accounts are divided into three sections: Special Outreach Projects, Other Outreach and Miscellaneous Trust Funds. The 2019 General Outreach fund was divided evenly to support Ottawa Inner City Ministries, Victoria's Quilts and Odawa Native Friendship Centre.

The balance sheet on page 20 is a statement of what assets we have, including the Consolidated Trust Funds, and what we owe. In 2019, we started with an accumulated deficit of \$30,840. At yearend, our deficit is now at 30,728.—a slight decrease. The statements of Accumulated Surplus / Deficit is found on page 21.

There were no questions about the financial statements.

Moved by Barbara Fisher; seconded by Julie Newlands, **that the All Saints' Westboro 2019 Annual Financial Statement be accepted as presented.** Carried

7. The Budget for 2020 is found on page 27 of the All Saints' Westboro Annual Reports Document. Barbara Fisher introduced the Budget for 2020 with the following comments:

Barbara reported that the proposed 2020 budget on page 27 is a working document and represents our best guestimate based on previous experience. We are proposing a modest increase in offerings for 2020. This is based on Information received from the fall stewardship campaign. We have budgeted \$8,500 for Ministry that will come from the Ministry account and the St. Matthias Legacy accounts. This will assist with the ongoing adult and children's Christian education. This year we will not have a contribution from the Diocese for the Assistant Curate. Rentals of our facilities continue to be a good source of revenue and we have budgeted for a slight increase. The apartment is budgeted for a full year's rent. Our income from investments is based on income from the Consolidated Trust Funds. Again, we should see a modest increase. Finally, the payments from First United are based on historical information, however, the amount received is directly related to the total overhead expenses that First United shares with All Saints'. First pays for 50% of these expenses.

On the expenditure side the cost of priestly services includes two full time priests. The budget for Clergy Supply will cover guest preachers and honorariums for other services. We propose maintaining our donation to the Youth Internship Program of \$5000. Most of the other operating expenses are within expected increases. The decrease in the Diocesan Fair Share portion is due to the renovation costs over the last few years. Overall, we are projecting a modest increase for 2020.

There were no questions on the budget.

Barbara Fisher moved; Debbie Holzman seconded, **that the 2020 Budget be accepted.** Carried

8. The Reports from All Saints' Westboro Committees are found in the All Saints' Annual Report Document on pages 11 to 17, and on pages 28 to 59. Discussion followed:

Karen Blackie enquired about the telephone costs reported on page 27 (indicated in two places). The Incumbent advised that some costs are shared with First United and others accrue only to All Saints', e.g. clergy telephone costs.

Katy Burnett asked about Rev. Linda Privitera moving to honorary status. The Incumbent indicated that discussions had started about a year ago. Due to a decrease in funding, All Saints' is unable to continue Linda's staff position as before. The \$10,000 listed in the 2020 budget as "Clergy supply" will allow for the continuation of such things as the Women's Retreat.

Larry Chop moved; Murray Wilker seconded, **that the All Saints' Westboro Committee reports for 2019 be accepted as published.** Carried

9. The Nominations Committee Report for 2020 is found on page 18 of the All Saints' Westboro Annual Report Document. The Incumbent thanked Gaetan Haché and Doug Fisher for their assistance on the Nominating Committee. The Incumbent called for changes or further nominations. None were received.

The Incumbent noted that Amy Castle was coming on as the newest warden, joining wardens Debbie Holzman and Julie Newlands. Joanne Rowlinson and Susan Stewart are joining Parish Council for the first time and Katy Burnett is returning. Note that March 14<sup>th</sup> there is a special Synod for the election of a new Bishop.

Gaetan Haché moved, Cindy Brown seconded, **that the report of the Nominations Committee be accepted as published.** Carried

10. Auditor/Review of the Books for 2020:

Barbara Fisher moved, Gaetan Haché seconded, that **Corporation be authorized to appoint an Auditor or appropriate persons to Review the Books for 2020.** Carried

11. The Signing Authorities for the All Saints' Westboro Anglican Church Bank Accounts:

Jason MacDonald moved, Loris Jordan seconded, **that the Venerable Christopher Dunn, the Reverend Simone Hurkmans, Barbara Fisher, Debbie Holzman, Julie Newlands, and Amy Castle be signing authorities on bank Accounts for All Saints' Anglican Church, Westboro, held in the Toronto Dominion Trust.** Carried

12. Lay Administrators for 2020 are:

**Stephanie Blain, Alex Bokij, Larry Broome, Sharon Chop, Barb Fisher, Susan Garnham, Janice Gilmartin, Ann Haché, Gaetan Haché, Elizabeth Harris, Janet Holgate, Laurie Jamieson, Chris Kirch, Toni Larsen, Linda Lord, Carol Ann Lugtigheid, Alex Manodon, John Merritt, Michael Norman, Peter Robertson, Stephen Rouble, Steve Sibbald, Marcie Taylor, Craig Thomas, Murray Wilker, and others named by the Incumbent as needed.**

The Incumbent thanked Ann Haché for her work as the coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers. Ann Haché moved; Steve Sibbald seconded, **that the list of people be appointed Lay Administrators for 2020.** Carried

13. General Business:

- a. Installation of Video Screens in the Church: There is now a donor for this project. A committee, joint with First United, will be formed to deal with design and process. It is intended that the entire Sunday service will be shown on the screens. Bulletins will still be printed for the Wednesday service in the Chapel, and for Seniors' services. This is a project not completed during the 2013 renovation project. There will be two screens at the front and one on each side for the side-

situated chairs. Peter Ward asked if there will be a podcast set-up included. The Incumbent said no, but there may be possibilities in the future, including live-streaming. Cathy Summers asked if hymns would be included. The Incumbent said the hymn books will still be available, but the words will be on the screens. Murray Wilker added that more people will be required to operate the system. The Incumbent agreed but said the set up is easy to manage. Eric Bays asked if the new system could handle CDs, thinking of Movies with Meaning. The Incumbent noted that the Chapel is wired for internet. Movies with Meaning organizers will have to see if they can use the new system. The church is not fully accessible for internet, but it is becoming easier. Karen Blackie asked about Wi-Fi for the church and the password was given out.

- b. Karen Blackie asked about the meaning of the word “vestry” wondering if, possibly, church meetings were once held in the Vestry, if space was available. Patricia Bays said that, on the Prairies, a meeting—called vestry—was held each month whereas in Ottawa, the term is reserved for the annual general meeting of the parish.
- c. The Incumbent offered a note of thanks to Lamar Mason and the Joint Property Committee, which had been very busy this past year with respect to the renovations and painting in the Hall, the downstairs washrooms, and the New-to-You shop. Karen Blackie asked about the change of colour to blue, and the washroom door for the Women’s washroom. The Incumbent advised that, for hygienic reasons, doors are generally being eliminated where possible.
- d. Murray Wilker asked if, due to the flu, there is an alternate way that people can receive the Eucharist? The Incumbent advised that, as per instructions from the Diocese, there is no intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). As well, if a parishioner is not well, they should stay home. It should be noted that receiving one or both parts of the Eucharist is considered to be full Communion. The Incumbent also noted that the Port wine used in the Eucharist contains 18% alcohol, which aids in lessening the passage of germs. As well, rubbing alcohol is used to clean hands for those involved in serving Communion. There are also additional hand sanitizer products placed around the church. Sharon Chop added that some people are sensitive to certain scented sanitizer products.
- e. Eric Bays noted the need for more interfaith conversations. He suggested that Christians, as the largest faith in Canada, should take the initiative to reach out to other faiths, e.g. our local Mosque. There is a need for social interaction; a need to see one another as people. The Incumbent noted “The Knitting Pilgrim”, a project with the local Jewish community, and thanked Mark Holzman and Linda Privitera,



for their organizing efforts around this endeavour. We also have contacts in the Muslim community and there is a need to follow up.

- f. Pam Clark asked if there are any building projects planned for the coming year. The Incumbent noted the need to replace the Chapel carpeting, which is now six years old, and allergy-inducing. There are concerns about the lead paint used on the floor underneath the carpeting. There is also a big space under the altar, and there is a dirt crawlspace underneath the main part of the Chapel. Refinishing the flooring might be considered. Other items include: the repair of plaster issues in the entry as well as general drainage issues around the church.

14. Adjournment at 12:05 p.m.

Murray Wilker moved **adjournment of the 2020 Vestry Meeting**. Carried  
We closed with the Grace.

## All Saints' Westboro Minutes of Special Vestry Meeting—November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

(This meeting took place over Zoom)

**Attendees:** The Ven. Christopher Dunn, Incumbent; The Rev. Simone Hurkmans, Associate Incumbent; Katy Burnett (recorder), Peter Cormier, Debbie Holzman, Jason MacDonald, Barb Fisher, Doug Fisher, Julie Newlands, Peter Newlands, Susan Stewart, Joanne Rowlinson, Brian Morton, Eric Bays, Patricia Bays, Ken McMillan, Chris Kirch, Sally Baycroft, Michael Norman, Marcie Taylor, Peter Nicoll, Colin Read, Steve Sibbald, Julie Buyver, Toni Larsen, Sharon Chop, Larry Chop, Dawn Conway, Lucille Bynoe, Susan Rowberry, Patricia Fox, Glen Fox, Sue Wise, Karen Blackie, Julia Brady, Janet Holgate, Rosalind Ross, Chris Helleur, Wikke Walop, Eleanor Conn

1. Call to Order of the Special Vestry—The Ven. Christopher Dunn
2. Opening Liturgy—The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
3. Reading of Special Vestry Statement—The Ven. Christopher Dunn:
4. Only item of Business: It is Moved by Debbie Holzman, seconded by Julie Newlands,  
*that this Special Vestry approves, subject to Diocesan Approval, the withholding of the Doris Bradley Estate Bequest of \$128,400, plus any residue of the estate received later, from deposit in the Consolidated Trust Fund for use on needed renovations in the parish within the next 18 months as determined by the members of Corporation.*
5. Discussion of the Motion:

Chris Dunn provided some background to the motion: Parishioner Doris Bradley provided a bequest to the parish in the amount of \$128,400 and there will be “residue” of the estate at a later date. Due to the size of this bequest, a Special Vestry is required to authorize its use within the parish within the next 18 months. There is no specific list of uses for these funds; however, there are a number of looming deferred maintenance matters including drainage near the Chapel, which has caused flooding in the library hallway; accessibility issues with respect to accessing the Chapel from the lower lever and making the Food Bank more easily accessed. There is a need to finish the worship space to install media screens. If these funds are not spent within 18 months, the money will be forwarded to the Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF).

The estate of Bob Church also left funds to the church and a Special Vestry at that time decided to split the funds between ministry and the maintenance of the building.

Question: Should some of these funds be kept in a “rainy day” fund?

Answer: Chris Dunn advised that there is currently about \$600,000 in the Consolidated Trust Fund. Simone Hurkmans explained that the Consolidated Trust Fund is managed by the Diocese and funds are specifically earmarked for All Saints’.

Question: Does this Vestry have the ability to influence how the funds will be used?

Answer: Chris Dunn said suggestions would be taken under advisement, especially for smaller items. Eric Bays added that he liked the idea from the Bob Church bequest that half the funds be used for ministry outside of spending on ourselves. Perhaps a certain percentage could be used for needs outside the Parish. Chris Dunn clarified that the Bob Church bequest was for ministry and for use on the building.

Question: Will funds be matched by First United if used in the building?

Answer: Chris Dunn said that, in most cases, yes. Major Capital projects are funded on the basis of 60% All Saints’ Westboro and 40% First United. All Saints’ Westboro has decided recently to cover the full costs of some recent projects, because the Major Capital Fund has been pre-paid by First United so far in advance—the recent Chapel renovations being an example. He noted that the Joint Property Committee makes recommendations. Wikke Walop pointed out that we can’t demand funds from First United if they have no input. Chris Dunn added that recommendations are made from the Joint Property Committee and they set priorities. Lamar Mason is the current chair of the Joint Property Committee.

Question arises with respect to the Food Bank—is it internal or external ministry? Karen Blackie asked if renovations to the Food Bank could be done by looking at the exterior of the building. Would it be cheaper or easier? We are currently working with Rosalind Hill, the architect, on these questions.

Returning to the motion, Chris Dunn suggested an adjustment could be made to the motion to reflect the general discussion. Debbie Holzman and Julie Newlands agreed with a friendly amendment. Eric Bays called the question.

The amended motion was carried unanimously:

*that this Special Vestry approves, subject to Diocesan Approval, the withholding of the Doris Bradley Estate Bequest of \$128,400, plus any residue of the estate received later, from deposit in the Consolidated Trust Fund for use on needed renovations in the parish, ministry and parish outreach within the next 18 months as determined by the members of Corporation.*

Chris Dunn noted that, in addition to the people present at the meeting on Zoom, he had received emails, calls, and notes from 20 people who were in support of the motion but were unable to attend the meeting.

A **motion to adjourn** the meeting was made by Peter Nicoll.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

## All Saints' Westboro Incumbent's Report



This is my 13<sup>th</sup> report to the Vestry of All Saints' Westboro. While this past year has been called "strange" and "unprecedented", there are many moments in the course of the past year that are important to reflect upon. There are also all the people who share in the ministry of this wonderful place that give this Parish life and vitality.

When we began the year, Simone Hurkmans was on Maternity Leave and Adam Brown was assisting with the services and the pastoral work at All Saints' Westboro. Simone returned in mid-May, and Adam moved on to a new Curacy at Church of the Ascension on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We continue to be blessed with the presence of Jarrett Carty as our Deacon.

In the first 10 weeks of 2020, the Church Services, Church School, and general activities in the Church continued as they always do – that is, until March 14<sup>th</sup>. We had another successful Partnership Service and Potluck in January. There was the great kick-off

to Lent with the cooking of Shrove Tuesday Pancakes, the lighting of the old palms to create ashes for Ash Wednesday, when we held our usual services and had “Ashes to Go”. Sunday and Wednesday services and coffee hours continued. Jazz Vespers, Evensong and Taste and See Eucharists took place. The Young Professionals group held games nights and the Youth were still planning and fundraising for a trip to CLAY 2020.

Then everything changed. On March 14, 2020, we learned that all in-person worship would cease and that all Church buildings would be closed. There were no services held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, including the cancelation of that evening’s Celtic Vespers. We made a quick transition to recorded worship for Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and shifted into a new pattern that then carried us through the summer. Services were recorded and placed on our parish Facebook page for people to watch at a time that worked for them. This continued right through the summer until we were able to transition back to limited in-person worship on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Virtual Coffee Hour gatherings over Zoom started on April 19<sup>th</sup> and continued to be an interesting time to gather even after the return to some in-person worship.

During that period, we also saw the recording and posting of Church School videos and Puppet Stories. This continued with on-line videos for our Summer Sunday School and some wonderful craft projects created and shared by Barbara Robertson. Prior to the Pandemic Barbara had decided to retire at the beginning of September, and while she is greatly missed, she has not gone far. Julie Newlands has taken over the role of Children and Youth Coordinator and continues to create the crafts and produce the Church School videos. Our thanks to both Barbara and Julie for keeping all our families engaged.



During the summer, a number of things happened to move us forward. Simone Hurkmans, in her position as the Associate Incumbent, organized a Pandemic Response Team that took the various documents from the Diocese and created workable plans for our worship and life in the Parish. While working with Brian Cornelius of First United, Simone and the Pandemic Planning Team made arrangements for the installation of equipment to allow us to live-stream services over Zoom and to record them for later viewing. The Parish hired Mark Holmes, a wonderful young man from Algonquin College, to be our Video technician.

When the Diocese moved to allow “In-person” worship again on September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Parish’s Pandemic Planning Team had a plan. With the help and support of Debbie Holzman who manages our Parish Website we quickly transitioned to a “hybrid” model.

Some people gathered in-person in Church on Sunday morning for Worship; some watching live on Zoom; and others watched the service later over a recorded video placed on Facebook. The challenges of registering those who wished to attend, wearing masks, screening people who were present, ensuring safe practices for receiving Communion, and stopping people from singing together presented a number of issues but things moved quickly into a routine. By the time that I returned everything was running smoothly!

In October we added what we called “drive-in” communion for those who were following the Sunday Service on Zoom and then came to the Church parking lot for Communion between the service and the Coffee Hour. We also restarted Wednesday morning “in-person” worship on October 25<sup>th</sup> and many of our Wednesday regulars returned despite not being able to gather after the service for refreshments and conversation.

During the summer, Lamar and the members of the Joint Property Committee did a wonderful job organizing and overseeing the repairs and restoration of the old Chapel flooring. While many have not been able to go into the Chapel to appreciate the work that was done, you have a wonderful treat ahead of you.



Because of the Pandemic rules we were unable to hold the Spring Sale and Plant Sale, but in place of the November Bazaar we held the Very Virtual Village Fair. Our great thanks to Debbie Holzman for all her work on the e-store, and to Julie, Sharon, Diane and Simone for helping to put all of this together.

At the end of the year, we moved ahead with the installation of Television screens in the main Church. This was originally part of the plan for the major renovations that were completed in 2013, but the TVs and the accessible washroom were removed from the plan to save money at that time. Since then, we have completed the accessible washroom, and we have now added the TVs. Our thanks to Eric Lugtigheid who pushed for the completion of this part of the original plan.

Throughout all of this, the Westboro Region Food Bank continued to offer its essential service to the community. When we had to transition in March to a new way of operating, I had the opportunity to spend many hours greeting our neighbours at the door on Mondays and Thursdays, hearing their stories, and helping them to adjust to how it was going to work. I got to know many of those coming to the Westboro Region Food Bank in those first few months. My thanks to Lori Crawford, our Food Bank





Coordinator, for all her work to ensure that we were complying with both the Diocesan guidelines, the Ottawa Health Department guidelines, the Provincial guidelines, and the information sent out by the Ottawa Food Bank. We also want to thank the Ottawa Food Bank for their wonderful support of our program which is one of the 122 agencies that they work with in this great city. When I left in June, Paul Dumais' hours were adjusted so that he took over support of the Westboro Region Food Bank and he continues to work with

Lori at the door, screening those who enter, and receiving items as they arrive.

I was truly blessed this year to be able to take some significant time for rest, relaxation, and refreshment. Despite the Pandemic and issues around travel and where you could actually go, I had four months of a Sabbath-Sabbatical Leave and my annual holidays in one large block. Yes, we were restricted in what we could do, but we did succeed in travelling both in Ontario and on a road trip to the West Coast. I wish to express my appreciation to Simone and Helen for making sure that everything was taken care of so well that I did not need to worry, and to all the members of the Parish for this wonderful gift of time.

You may be surprised by our financial situation at the end of the year. We really appreciate the fact that the Diocese of Ottawa chose to "Share our Common Resources and Strength" with the Parishes; that means that for the months of April and May in 2020, the Diocese did not collect expected remittances for Salaries, Parish Fair Share, and Insurance. While the Clergy and Lay staff continued to be paid, this meant that the Parish saved over \$76,000 in expected remittances!

This has been a challenging year, but when I look back over 2020, I realize that despite the lock-down and numerous stay-at-home orders we have come through it as a community and responded with great generosity. My thanks to each of you for your continued support, encouragement, and love for this ministry as followers of Jesus the Christ.



Yours in Christ,  
The Ven. Christopher Dunn

## All Saints' Westboro Associate Incumbent's Report

*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!*  
(Psalm 27:13-14)

As I reflected on the last year serving as your Associate Incumbent, this verse came to mind. We sure have done a lot of waiting over this past year, haven't we? We've waited for things to improve. We wait for restrictions to ease. We continue to wait for the availability of a vaccine. Despite all the waiting, as I look back, I recall with amazement all we were able to accomplish over the past year.

At this time last year, I was still on maternity leave with little Hugo who was not quite three months old. I knew that returning to work with a six-month-old would be different, but I had no idea just how different it would be! Church looked much different than when I left you in late 2019, and we navigated the ups and downs together.

When Chris began his sabbath leave, we continued to offer filmed worship on Facebook through the summer, and included folks who came to read, lead prayers, and even make music in our lovely courtyard. When we learned that we would be allowed to reopen in a limited way in early September, we formed our intrepid Pandemic Planning Team, who guided our decision-making to ensure everyone was kept as safe as possible. A huge thank you to Julie Newlands, Amy Castle, Debbie Holzman, Helen Norman, and Doug Fisher who made up the team. We were fortunate to have connected with Mark Holmes who helped us get running on Zoom so that the most people possible could participate in live worship. We also used Zoom to connect with people through Men's Breakfast, Bible on Tap, and hymn sing gatherings.



One of the most challenging parts of this pandemic time has been not being able to visit you. I miss home and hospital visits and look forward to the day when these can be resumed. Funeral restrictions have meant less people can gather to celebrate the life of one of our own. Happily, I was able to preside at two pandemic weddings this year. Even though these did not look exactly like those of the past, they brought much-needed joy and celebration to all in attendance.

I continue to be active with Cornerstone Housing for Women, though in a different way than I have in the past. Instead of visiting and offering services at the Princeton house, I have become part of Cornerstone's Spiritual Care team and have helped put together a pre-recorded Christmas Eve service as well as helped lead Zoom Prayer Circles for the women of all of Cornerstone's houses.

As we look towards the new year ahead, I pray that we can continue to be creative in the way we minister to each other. I am excited about gathering via Zoom for three meals this Lent/Easter period, as well as the upcoming multi-parish book study beginning this week. I hope you will share your ideas with me for how we might continue to be strong and take heart as a faith community as the waiting goes on.

In the meantime, I am yours in Christ, Simone+  
The Reverend Simone Hurkmans  
Associate Incumbent

## All Saints' Westboro Annual Report of Corporation

The Corporation of All Saints' Westboro is composed of the clergy, wardens and treasurer. In 2020, the members were the Ven. Christopher Dunn, the Rev. Simone Hurkmans, Debbie Holzman, Julie Newlands, Amy Castle and Barbara Fisher. The Rev. Adam Brown was also a member until moving to Church of the Ascension in the summer of 2020.

As the executive management committee of the parish, Corporation meets regularly to make decisions on financial and other matters in the parish. The members of Corporation also serve on Parish Council, which provides leadership on spiritual, stewardship, and other important business. We owe our gratitude to our clergy who have led us through an everchanging journey with a special thank you to the Rev. Simone Hurkmans who took the helm while the Ven. Chris Dunn was on sabbatical. Our other Parish Council members included Patricia Bays, Katy Burnett, Doug Fisher, Chris Kirch, Jason MacDonald, Ken McMillan, Joanne Rowlinson, Scott Sorenson, and Susan Stewart. Thank you for your dedication and contributions to the life of our parish.

In March, we found ourselves in the midst of a pandemic that required us to change much of what we do and our approach. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a suspension of in-person worship beginning in mid-March. In June, the Diocese issued "In This Together"—detailed guidelines to help parishes navigate the complicated steps around safe re-opening. The first step was for each parish to create a pandemic planning team, which for us included the Rev. Simone Hurkmans, Helen Norman, Doug Fisher and our three wardens, Debbie Holzman, Julie Newlands, and Amy Castle. In September we entered





the “amber” phase of the “In This Together” plan, allowing for limited in-person worship. To facilitate at-home participation in our services, we hired Mark Holmes to help us with our audio-visual transmission of services. The Ven. Chris Dunn joined the pandemic planning team upon his return from sabbatical. Thank you to those who assisted with in-person services and chapel openings.



We would like to thank Edith Troup for her support and commitment throughout the year. Edith was able to provide musical interludes during services, which was especially appreciated when singing hymns was prohibited during in-person worship. Edith also offered her talents during special musical events such as the virtual Advent Hymn Sing.

Barbara Robertson, our Children and Youth coordinator retired at the end of August and we thank her as well as the volunteer teachers for their many efforts. Barbara continued to engage our youth virtually through many wonderful Facebook videos. We welcomed Julie Newlands as our new coordinator in September and thank her for continuing to offer weekly videos, craft bags, and support to our Youth.

Property issues continued to be managed by Lamar Mason, Doug Fisher, and the Property Committee. Due to the pandemic, some things have been put on hold, while others have been addressed in a timely and efficient manner. We owe them a thank you as they continue to monitor issues during the pandemic.

Our support for the Westboro Food Bank continued throughout the year. The number of clients increased, the number of volunteers decreased, and the model of operation changed as the pandemic continued. The Food Bank space renovation project will continue in 2021.

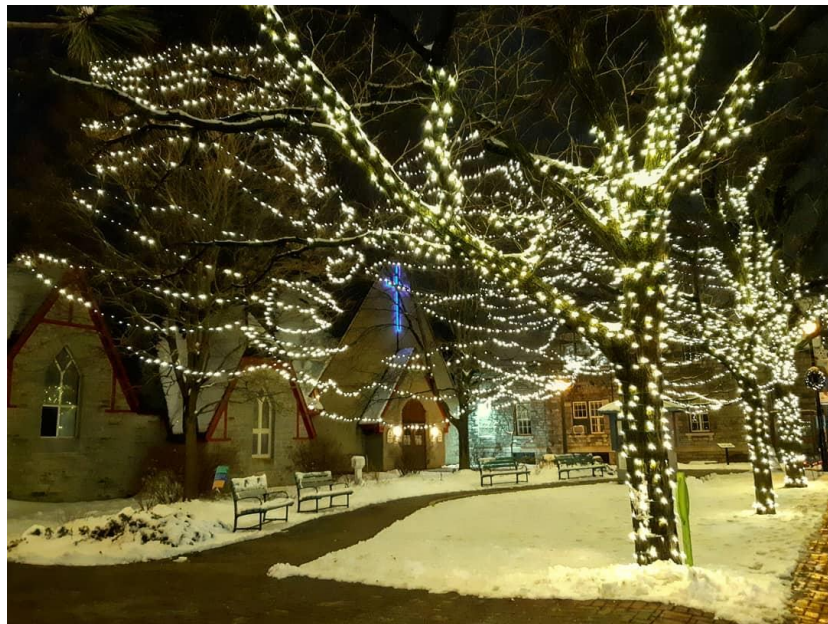
Our annual Village Fair, held each November, became an online store via our website. Our thanks go to the Rev. Simone Hurkmans, Sharon Chop, Diane Bays, Larry Chop, Amy Castle, Sarah Levesque, Barbara Fisher, Helen Norman, Julie Newlands, and Debbie Holzman for all of their efforts. Thank you to those who donated and purchased items and made our first virtual fair a success.

Many other aspects of parish life were put on hold due to the pandemic, including the New-to-You Shop and Movies with Meaning. Other events such as the Reading Circle, some Adult Education programs, Jazz Vespers, and Bible on Tap have been offered virtually. Thank you to all of those who helped within the parish.

The 140<sup>th</sup> session of the Diocesan Synod took place virtually on October 24, 2020. All proceedings were live streamed. Clergy, Corporation members and lay delegates attended virtually. The session included the Bishop's Charge to Synod, passage of a motion appointing members to Diocesan Council, the Advisory Panel on the Termination of Clerical Appointments, the Provincial Synod and Trinity College Corporation, and the Finance report.

As we move forward into 2021, the Corporation continues to look towards the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and our local and provincial governments for direction regarding the pandemic. With the promise of vaccinations coming, we look forward to a time when we can all gather once again in-person at All Saints' Westboro.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Holzman,  
Julie Newlands,  
Amy Castle



## Statistics for 2020

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Attendance 8:00 am. (average)*	18	27	26	25	26	23
Attendance 9:30 am. (average)*	138	171	169	162	162	144 32
Attendance 9:30 am Zoom	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51
Attendance Facebook (Average Engagements)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	138
Attendance Jazz Vespers (avg.)*	48	45	42	36	36	35
Attendance Evensong (avg.)*	22	23	21	23	19	18
Baptisms	7	7	9	9	10	4
Weddings	1	2	3	5	1	2
Funerals & Internments	39	56	33	43	30	22

\*For 2020, the 8:00 am average in-person attendance was only taken on Sundays between January 5<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>. The 9:30 am average in-person attendance was taken in two groups, the first from January 5<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup> and the second from September 6<sup>th</sup> to December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 2021 Report of the Nominating Committee

*(Debbie Holzman, Doug Fisher, Simone Hurkmans, Christopher Dunn)*

### WARDENS

Continuing and New Wardens:	Debbie Holzman	1 year	(Delegate to Synod)
	Amy Castle	2 years	(Delegate to Synod)
	Jason MacDonald	3 years	(Delegate to Synod)

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Continuing Members:	Susan Stewart	1 year
	Katy Burnett	1 year
	Ken McMillan	1 year
	Joanne Rowlinson	1 year

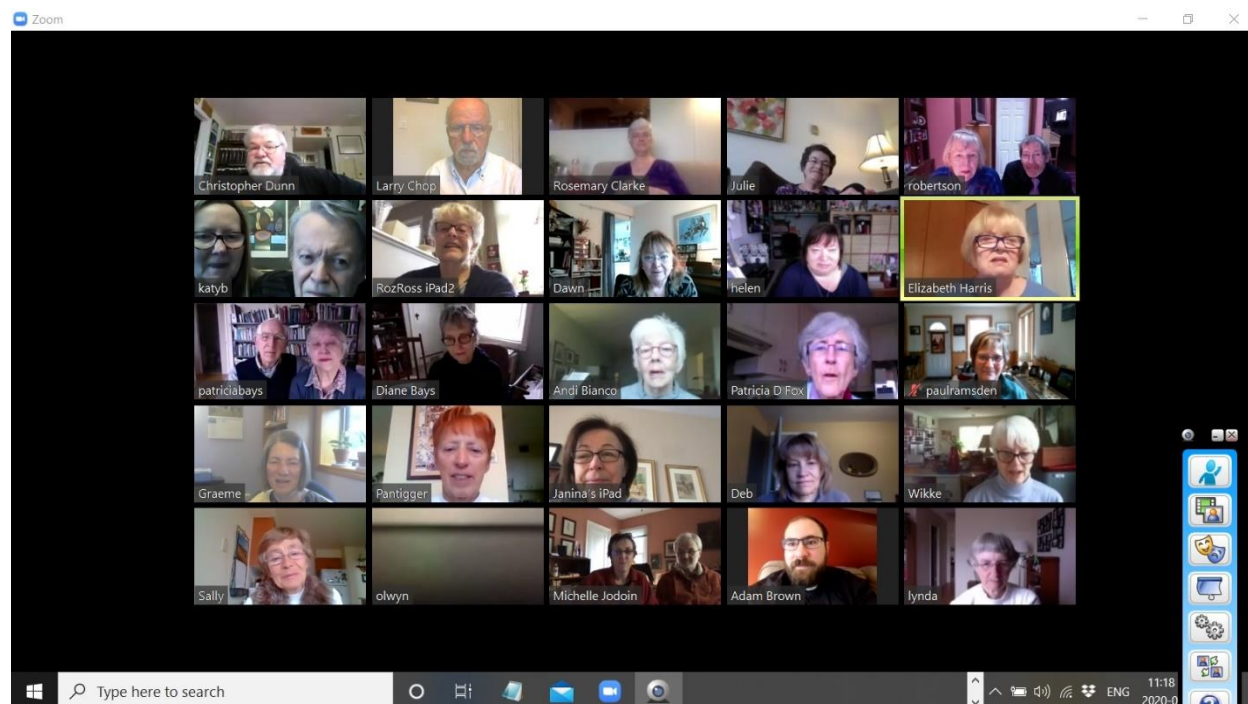
New Members:	Doug Fisher	2 years
	Chris Kirch	2 years
	Scott Sorenson	2 years
	Barb Robertson	2 years

### LAY DELEGATES TO SYNOD

Steve Sibbald	2 years
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### APPOINTMENTS

Treasurer:	Barbara Fisher	(Delegate to Synod)
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# All Saints' Anglican Church, Westboro

## Annual Financial Statement

2020

### AUDITORS' REPORT

February 15, 2021

To the Vestry, All Saints' Anglican Church, Westboro

We have reviewed the balance sheet and statement of accumulated surplus/deficit of All Saints' Westboro as at December 31, 2020 as well as the statement of income and expenditures and the statement of accumulated surplus/deficit for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the management of All Saints' Westboro.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with the stated basis of accounting and that they fairly represent the financial position of the parish.

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Peter Nicoll  
Ottawa, Ontario

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Kim Chenger  
Ottawa, Ontario

# All Saints' Anglican Church, Westboro

## BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 2020 with comparative figures for 2019

(in Canadian dollars)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
GENERAL FUND		
Cash in Bank	8,105	(33,441)
Accounts Receivable	3,104	8,330
Pre-Paid Expenses	0	0
GST/PST/HST Paid on Purchases	<u>1,754</u>	<u>1,965</u>
	12,963	(23,146)
TRUST FUNDS		
Cash in Bank	453,728	264,384
Due from General Fund	0	33,441
Trust Accounts Receivable	0	2,342
Consolidated Trust Funds (Note 10)	626,037	626,037
	1,092,728	926,203
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>1,092,728</u>	 <u>903,058</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>		
GENERAL FUND		
Due to Trust Funds	0	0
Accounts Payable (Note 2)	<u>1,975</u>	<u>10,389</u>
	1,975	10,389
TRUST FUNDS		
Accounts Payable (Note 2)	11,599	13,363
Contributions for Distribution	443,676	283,998
Consolidated Trust Funds	<u>626,037</u>	<u>626,037</u>
	<u>1,081,312</u>	<u>923,398</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 1,083,287	 933,788
 <b>PROFIT</b>	 <u>9,441</u>	 <u>(30,728)</u>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES / ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>	 <u>1,092,728</u>	 <u>903,058</u>

(The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.)

All Saints' Anglican Church, Westboro

Statement of Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit)

General Account

As of December 31, 2020, with comparable figures at December 31, 2019

(in Canadian dollars)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balance, at the beginning of the year	(30,840)	(30,728)
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>112</u>	<u>40,171</u>
Balance, at the end of the year	<u>(30,728)</u>	<u>9,441</u>

STATEMENTS OF ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - DEFICIT - GENERAL ACCOUNT				
	<u>Opening</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Excess</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>Closing</u> <u>Balance</u>
1999	1,025	2,455		3,480
2000	3,480	2,257		5,737
2001	5,737	1,623		7,360
2002	7,360		(17,148)	(9,788)
2003	(9,788)		(22,562)	(32,350)
2004	(32,350)	3,821		(28,529)
2005	(28,529)		(7,305)	(35,834)
2006	(35,834)	675		(35,159)
2007	(35,159)	2,942		(32,217)
2008	(32,217)		(17,763)	(49,980)
2009	(49,980)		(32,394)	(82,374)
2010	(82,374)	18,303		(64,071)
2011	(64,071)	958		(63,113)
2012	(63,113)		(3,196)	(66,309)
2013	(66,309)	521		(65,788)
2014	(65,788)	13,442		(52,346)
2015	(52,346)	30,904		(21,442)
2016	(21,442)	238		(21,204)
2017	(21,204)	659		(20,545)
2018	(20,545)		(10,295)	(30,840)
2019	(30,840)	112		(30,728)
2020	(30,728)	40,171		9,441

(The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.)

# All Saints' Anglican Church, Westboro

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Income and Expenditures in the year ending December 31, 2020  
with comparative figures for 2019

	(in Canadian dollars)	
	<u><b>2020</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings (Note3)	428,945	447,006
Organizations (Note 4)	4,190	20,806
Bazaar	6,232	12,988
Rentals	12,035	16,398
Investments	22,139	21,562
Ministry Income	0	14,500
Curate	0	15,000
Sundry Income / Expenses	4,677	2,676
From First United	<u>50,550</u>	<u>60,588</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	528,768	611,524
 <b>Expenditures</b>		
Cost of Priestly Services	181,643	230,839
Lay Staff (Note 5)	129,357	147,869
Administration	19,305	21,622
Activities (Note 6)	10,539	19,868
Contribution to Parkdale Food Centre	5,000	5,000
Diocesan YIP Program	0	5,000
Contributions to Joint Building Improvement Fund	15,000	15,000
 <u>Building &amp; Property</u>		
Fuel	10,890	11,480
Phone (ASW)	8,164	9,175
Power, Phone, Water	11,282	13,355
Repairs & Maintenance (Note 7)	21,658	19,035
Insurance / Alarms / Security	13,070	14,395
Furniture & Equipment	0	0
Diocesan Fair Share	<u>62,689</u>	<u>98,774</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	488,597	611,412
 <b>Operating Surplus / Deficit</b>	<u><b>40,171</b></u>	<u><b>112</b></u>

(The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.)

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2020

	(in Canadian dollars)			
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
<b><u>SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECTS</u></b>				
Ottawa Inner City Ministries	0	842	842	0
Victoria's Quilts	0	842	842	0
Odawa Native Friendship Centre	0	842	842	0
Primate's World Relief & Development Fund	0	5,318	5,318	0
	0	7,844	7,844	0
<b><u>OTHER OUTREACH</u></b>				
Anglican Social Service Centre	0	270	270	0
Aboriginal Womens' Centre	0	75	75	0
Cornerstone Women's Shelter	0	1,100	1,100	0
Gran-Aid	22,758	10,266	4,000	29,024
Hospice at May Court	0	30	30	0
Parkdale Food Centre	0	7,945	7,945	0
Rector's Discretionary Fund	6,534	669	926	6,277
St. Matthias Community Meals	1,059	3,150	3,248	961
Westboro Regional Foodbank	71,414	104,248	57,895	117,767
	101,765	127,753	75,489	154,029
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS TRUST FUNDS</u></b>				
Altar Guild	7,566	255	305	7,516
Audio Visual Trust	14,793	750	12,000	3,543
Bill Christie Fund	0	5,000	5,000	0
Building Maintenance Fund	677	1,485	0	2,162
Bynoe / Devitt Scholarship Fund	302	2,013	0	2,315
Chapel Fund	906	0	0	906
Choir Fund	1,071	0	0	1,071
Clergy Vestment Fund	181	0	0	181
Colin Brown Fund	13,438	0	13,438	0
Doris Bradley Fund	0	128,400	2,050	126,350
Esme Puttick Fund	0	10,000	10,000	0
Joint Building Improvement Fund (Note 8)	0	24,227	24,189	38
Len Jeffs Memorial Organ Fund	9,383	0	0	9,383
Mavis Nichols Altar Fund (internally restricted)	1,146	0	0	1,146
Memorial Fund (internally restricted)	30,423	1,910	0	32,333
Micky Robinson Fund (internally restricted)	5,000	0	0	5,000



## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2020 (cont'd)

	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
Ministry Fund	20,588	555	0	21,143
Movies With Meaning	412	4	350	66
Nevitt Maybee Fund	0	10,000	10,000	0
Robert Church Fund	1,810	0	1,810	0
School Family Fund	0	2,500	0	2,500
St. Matthias Legacy Fund	68,403	0	0	68,403
Youth Special Event Program	6,135	1,131	1,674	5,591
	182,233	188,230	80,816	289,647
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUNDS ON HAND</b>				
<b>DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><u>283,998</u></b>	<b><u>323,827</u></b>	<b><u>164,149</u></b>	<b><u>443,676</u></b>

## All Saints' Anglican Church, Westboro

### Notes to the 2019 Financial Statements

#### 1. Basis of Accounting

The general fund and the trust funds are presented on the balance sheet. Trust funds comprise both externally and internally restricted funds. Detailed income and expenses of the general fund are presented in the income statement. Total receipts and total disbursements are presented for trust funds on page 6 and 7.

Assets and liabilities are measured at cost.

Revenue is recognized when received, except for revenue from First United, which is recognized when performance is satisfied. Expenses are recognized when paid, except for employee-related expenses and outreach contributions, which are recognized when the Church has an obligation to pay. The Diocesan Fair Share expense is recognized when paid.

Prepaid expenses are recognized when amounts are paid but the good or service has not yet been received. Fixed assets are expensed when purchased.

All amounts are in Canadian dollars.

#### 2. Accounts Payable

Represents disbursements for 2020, for which cheques were issued in early 2021.

**Notes to the 2019 Financial Statements** (Cont'd)

3. Offerings – General Fund

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Envelopes	417,052	424,426
Open	631	4,387
Initial	378	325
Lent	1,944	2,096
Easter	4,015	5,295
Thanksgiving	1,400	3,230
Christmas	<u>3,525</u>	<u>7,247</u>
	428,945	447,006

4. Organizations

New to You Shop	3,840
Quilters	0
Movies with Meaning	350

The New to You Shop contributes 10% of their revenue to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The balance is contributed to the General Fund.

Due to COVID the Quilting Group was unable to operate.

Movies with Meaning contributed \$350 to the General Fund.

5. Lay Staff

Includes full-time custodian, part-time custodial help, parish administrator, part-time Music Director, fill-in musical accompanist, part-time coordinator of Children's and Youth Ministries and Bookkeeping help.

6. Activities Expenses

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Children's Christian Education	788	1,305
Adult Christian Education	689	4,504
Healing Forest Courtyard	0	1,668
Hospitality	(97)	(907)
Jazz Vespers	1,288	1,363
Ministry Development	300	300
Miscellaneous Programs	1,230	1,462
Music	715	776
Pastoral Care	225	1,450
Synod & Conference Attendance	0	1,158
Westboro Fuse	0	230
Worship	<u>5401</u>	<u>6,559</u>
	10,539	19,868

**Notes to the 2020 Financial Statements** (Cont'd)

7. Repairs & Maintenance

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cleaning & washroom supplies	4,363	4,387
Lift maintenance	1,753	1,887
Heating repairs	1,877	4,045
Lock repair & key	1,754	0
Miscellaneous	6,615	1,065
Repairs & maintenance supplies	1,060	5,801
Snow removal	<u>4,235</u>	<u>1,850</u>
	21,657	19,035

8. Joint Building Improvement Fund

Balance at beginning of 2020	0
Contribution from First United	9,227
Contribution from All Saints' Westboro	15,000

Expenses

Cunliffe & Assoc. – H.V.A.C.	520
Don Brodie – Chapel Signs	132
Junk Metal Chairs	342
Hymn Rack Repairs	623
Nordik Windows	5,998
Brodeur Electric	7,428
Omni Constriction	4,455
Al Parsons Electric	1,715
Bytown Paving – Madison Entrance	2,027
Black & McDonald – Surge Protectors	<u>949</u>
Balance at end of 2020	38

9. Fixed Assets

The following are the original purchase prices of certain fixed assets, less depreciation up to and including 2008. The original purchase prices were expensed for accounting purposes.

Stained Glass Windows	10,000
Land	48,800
Church	220,677
Chapel	41,874
Steacy Hall	342,760
Furniture & Equipment	14,959

**Notes to the 2020 Financial Statements** (Cont'd)

10. Consolidated Trust Finds

Doris Broughall Bequest	1,240
Dr. James Fisher Bequest	5,000
L. Bynoe/R. Devitt Friendship Scholars	50,000
Lillis Rowles Music Fund	5,000
Marjorie K. Waterman Bequest	10,000
Mary Peacock Bequest	77,522
Sale of 47 Hampton Roughsedge House	220,214
Sale of Rectory	257,061



# All Saints' Anglican Church, Westboro

## Proposed 2021 Budget Compared to 2020 Results

	<b>Actual <u>2020</u></b>	<b>Budget <u>2021</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Offerings	428,945	435,000
Ministry	0	1,000
St. Matthias Legacy	0	16,000
Organizations	4,190	4,000
Bazaar	6,232	9,000
Apartment Rent	9,600	9,600
Rentals	2,435	4,000
Sundry	4,677	20,129
Income from Investments	22,139	22,722
Payments from First United	<u>50,550</u>	<u>57,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>528,768</b>	<b>578,451</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>		
Cost of Priestly Services	181,643	228,762
Lay Staff	129,357	157,190
Administration & Office	19,305	20,000
Activities	10,539	11,000
Parkdale Food Centre Donation	5,000	5,000
Youth Internship Program	0	5,000
<b><u>Buildings &amp; Property</u></b>		
Fuel	10,890	11,500
Phone (ASW)	8,164	9,000
Power, Phone, Water & Sewer	11,282	13,500
Repairs & Maintenance	21,658	19,000
Insurance & Alarms	13,070	17,000
Contribution to Joint Building Imp. Fund	15,000	15,000
Diocesan Fair Share	<u>62,689</u>	<u>81,069</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>488,597</b>	<b>593,021</b>
<b>Operating Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b><u>40,171</u></b>	<b><u>(14,570)</u></b>

## Ministries at All Saints' Westboro

### *Adult Education*

*Patricia Bays, Adult Education Coordinator*

2020 began with a series of three PAL hours by the Rev. Adam Brown on worship in the church, and with plans for a continuation of the series "Theophany—Experiences of God's Presence", given in the fall by John Wilker-Blakley, Linda Privitera and Ray Van Leeuwen. Unfortunately, with the coming of the pandemic, churches went into lockdown and all programming was suspended. Since that time, we have all been learning how to Zoom and



accustoming ourselves to the new possibilities for education. One continuing vehicle for adult education is the Reading Circle, which continues to meet virtually. Bible on Tap resumed in the fall over Zoom. A diocesan course on Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ* is planned for Lent 2021, and other plans are being considered.

### *Altar Guild*

*Sandra Coultish*

Thanks to the ladies from the Altar Guild who clean the brass and the silver. Due to the pandemic, the decoration of the Church was kept to a minimum in 2020, but our thanks to Joanne Bocking and her team for decorating in Advent and at Christmas.

### *All Saints' Westboro Village Fair/Bazaar*

*Diane Bays, Sharon Chop, 2020 Bazaar Coordinators*

The activities of the Bazaar Committee were curtailed by the coronavirus pandemic, which necessitated the cancellation of both the Spring Fair in May and the November Christmas bazaar. The Fisher Park Community Recreation Council also cancelled its December craft sale, where we sell preserves.

Despite the restrictions, we managed to hold a smaller online bazaar in November, which raised about \$5,000. Preserves, crafts, knitting, book bags, donated treasures, and specialty and food baskets were offered for online purchase and organized for curbside pick-up from the church a week later. We would like to note that we know of only one other church in Ottawa that managed to organize a similar online event.





The online bazaar was made possible by the work of many people. We would like to particularly thank Debbie Holzman, who found an online platform and organized the virtual store; Julie Newlands, who spent many hours in the Chapel organizing all the wares for sale and pick-up when volunteers were not allowed on church premises; Sarah

Levesque for her help with online marketing; and Amy Castle, who arranged for Simone to be interviewed about the bazaar on CBC Radio's Ottawa Morning. We also thank the Rev. Simone Hurkmans for her enthusiastic support for this venture and the many parishioners who made and donated items for sale and everyone who attended the event and shopped.

As well as raising revenue, the Bazaar and other events build community and bring many members of our neighbouring community into the church. This was particularly important in 2020 when we were all missing familiar routines and feeling isolated from one another. Many community members also commented favourably on the sale and were grateful



for the opportunity to stock up on reading material and jams and purchase a prepared dinner. Should we wish to hold a virtual sale in 2021, we are well positioned to do so.

### *Chapel Duty*

*Rosalind Ross, Chapel Duty Coordinator*

A devoted group of individuals look after welcoming folks to the chapel four days a week over the lunch hour. During the COVID pandemic, the chapel has been closed to the public. The floor was refurbished during the closure, and what an improvement it made! We all look forward to resuming this ministry in this sacred place.

## *Children and Youth—Church School*

*Barbara Robertson, Child and Youth Coordinator (January to August 2020)*



We started our year in fine form with a full teaching staff and lots of children. Suddenly in March, COVID interrupted our face-to-face classes. In the place of our usual Good Friday event for children, Barbara made a video about the events of Good Friday and Easter day. She demonstrated a craft about the light shining through. This began a pattern for us of making videos for our children and their families. We continued this way throughout the summer and had quite a lot of fun doing it. Chris and Helen made it all happen by acting as “film crew”.

Many of our children sent in photos of their work which we appreciated very much.

A special event during this time was that we presented hand made quilts to four of our Grade 12 graduates: Cody Chauvin, Jack Sorenson, Abby Reed, and Ciarn Smith.

I have enjoyed a rich time of ministry with the children and their families and am very happy to be handing over this work to Julie Newlands who began her ministry in September.

*Julie Newlands, Child and Youth Coordinator (beginning September 2020)*



It has been almost a year since Church School has met in person. Our annual celebrations have been severely curtailed, but we were still able to celebrate two baptisms on November 1<sup>st</sup> and had a small, but beautiful Christmas Eve liturgy in which a few All Saints' Westboro parishioners, including six families, participated, in person. The service was shared widely on Zoom and recorded for later viewing.

Church school continues to meet weekly with a video and craft. Craft bags are being delivered to the children, grades 1-6, to encourage their participation. We are also very fortunate to have guest speakers and crafters. And thank you to parents have sent us pictures of the children with their completed crafts. It is wonderful to see you.





Of course, my report would be incomplete without mentioning the greatest change to the Children and Youth ministry this past year, the retirement of Barbara Robertson. Barbara led this ministry for 20 years and it has grown and thrived under her committed stewardship. Thanks to the organizational skills of the Rev. Simone Hurkmans and Sarah Brown, the enthusiastic participation of our children, and the sewing prowess of Blanche Dunn and Patricia Fox, a beautiful quilt was presented to Barbara

in the fall. Helen Norman also provided a framed group picture of the Church School class, which had been taken a few years earlier by Karen Blackie. Small, but heartfelt tokens of our community's gratitude for all that Barbara has done to inspire and enliven family ministry.

### *Children and Youth—Teen Ministry*

*Julie Newlands and Steve Sibbald*

The objective of the All Saints' teen ministry is to put adult faith role models into the lives of teens. Like every ministry, 2020 was an odd year for the teens.

At the beginning of the year, we were continuing a furious pace of fundraising for the biennial national youth gathering, CLAY. In February, we gathered for a fun night of beading and pizza, and the bead jewelry sale was a big hit with our parishioners at coffee:



But CLAY was a victim of COVID, much to the disappointment of the eight teens who has signed up and worked so hard to earn the money needed to fly to Calgary. Instead, in August we watched CLAY Interrupted, an online highlights video. It wasn't the same, of course, but we watched many of the fabulous songs, talks and skits that make CLAY so great.

Throughout the summer, we kept in touch with emails and zoom, including a Zoom games night in July. Who knew there were so many fun online games?

In the fall, the CLAY organizers announced that there would not be a CLAY gathering in 2021 either, which was awful news for those teens who will age out by 2022. (CLAY is aimed at High School students.) But we also saw this as an opportunity and started brainstorming what we could do with our hard-won funds instead.



After some discussion, we decided that we should contribute to the Anglican-Lutheran National Youth Project, which this year is devoted to helping homeless youth. We teamed up with another Anglican parish that was to go to CLAY—St. Helen's, Orleans—so this became an Ottawa-wide initiative. We chose two local charities, Restoring Hope and Operation Come Home, and in November they gave us an excellent

presentation on what youth homelessness looks like, and what it is that homeless teens need most.

In December, we bought goodies and backpacks to put them in, and assembled 20 care packages for Restoring Hope and 12 more for Operation Come Home. It was a bitterly cold day, which taught us all how difficult living on the streets can be. But 32 local homeless youth were able to have a slightly nicer Christmas, and our teens gained insight and compassion, and tasted the joy of helping others!



## *GranAid Project*

*Sally Baycroft*

In 2020, GranAid sent \$4,000 to Fikelela, the HIV/AIDS outreach program of the Anglican Diocese of Cape Town, South Africa. Information about Fikelela is readily available online.

Our main fundraising events (the Christmas Cookie Sale in December, and the Perennial Plant Sale in May) did not happen due to the pandemic. However, many people continue to make regular donations (pledges) and there were some one-time donations in response to a rather late special appeal made in December. Thank you all

for generously supporting GranAid in these extraordinary times. Please keep in mind that donations can be made at any time of year, to commemorate special occasions, or in memory of a loved one.

Thank goodness for the tireless efforts of Janet Holgate! She continues to handle the sale of Loblaws gift cards with great alacrity. \$3,527.25 was raised for GranAid in 2020. If you do not already do so, please consider buying these cards regularly. As you can see, they bring in a significant portion of our revenue.

We look forward to returning to our normal fundraising events when it is safe to do so. If you would like to join our group in 2021, please do not hesitate to contact Sally Baycroft

### *Jazz Vespers in an Unusual Time*

*Elizabeth Brown, Coordinator*

I promise not to use the word “unprecedented.” It seems to me that when you are a species that’s been around for a while, there’s likely a precedent. Jazz, I think, lives on the edge between precedent and un. John Coltrane (St. John Coltrane?) was known for his obsession with practicing scales and modes, even at the height of his career.



So—where are we in these odd times? A year ago, we’d just had the very great pleasure of hearing from Ginny Simonds and friends for the first time and were looking forward to hearing from her again in the coming years. And we were looking forward to hearing from old friends: Mike and Mark, Peter Woods, the London Trio+, and Steve Boudreau. Well, Mike and Mark were wonderful, as always, and the reflection from Stan Johnstone (one of our

Lutheran friends) was illuminating, too. And then . . . April’s Vespers was cancelled, and then so was May, and then we entered the watch and pray phase.

So, while I didn’t end up planning for a full season of Jazz Vespers, I did keep in touch with our usual musicians, letting them know what our situation was and hoping to keep up to date with how they were managing to weather the storm. I have heard from a few



of them and they are, I think, finding a way through, and looking forward to when they can share their considerable gifts with us once more.

In an effort to keep Jazz Vespers alive in the hearts and minds of our tiny following, and in hopes people would consider supporting our musicians or Jazz Vespers in some small way, I created a YouTube channel and have posted a few videos that I created using music from our friends' CDs and texts that I have used for Vespers past. Please check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5k7yYX9-Cvct4wPyKFgyFA>.

I expect we will continue to gather in spirit only for the rest of this season, but I hope and pray we will see each other come October and that we will all share in the great joy to be found in the ministry of showing up.

And, as always,  
God bless all those whom you love.  
God bless all those who love you.  
God bless all those who love those whom you love  
And all those who love those you love you.

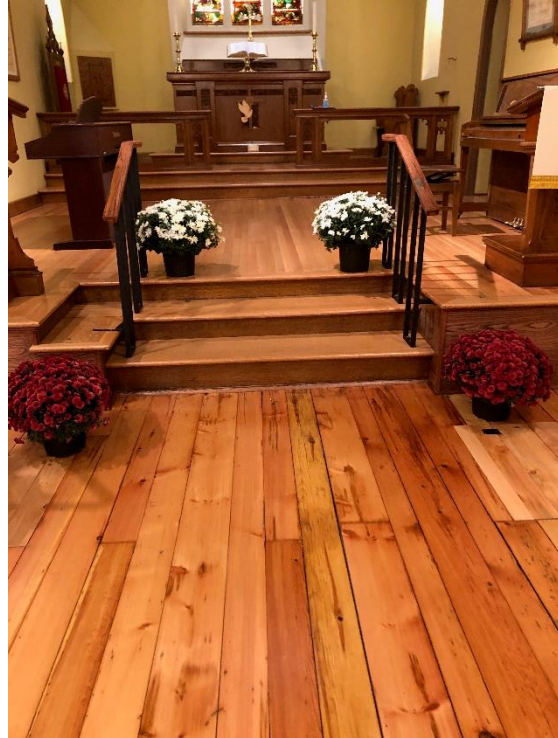


### *Joint Property Committee*

*Lamar Mason, Chair of the Joint Property Committee*

The members of the Joint Property Committee in 2020 were Doug Fisher, Peter Newlands, and Lamar Mason from All Saints' Westboro, and Howard Clark, Don Brodie, and Roger Barliszen from First United. I would like to thank the members for their ongoing efforts to ensure completion of both large and small projects throughout 2020. Much of the work of the Joint Property Committee is invisible to the congregations at large, but it is essential. We are fortunate to have such dedicated members with the expertise we require to research projects, carry them out, oversee them and obtain the information needed to make sound decisions.

Joint Property Committee had expected a relatively quiet year having completed most major projects on its three-year plan. However, COVID-19 quickly changed that. With little traffic through the church, the Ven. Chris Dunn decided it was the perfect time to replace the Chapel floor. Thanks to the wonderful resources offered by Brendan Fauzel of Roots Restorations and Designs, this project was accomplished in record time. It is amazing just how much of a difference the restored wood floor makes to the feeling of the space. Brendan did a magnificent job releveling, repairing, replacing, and refinishing the original floor. The work also involved repairing a major hole in the foundation wall that had been created in past renovations to add heating, as well as some water damage. The insulation added to the crawl space under the floor should make things much warmer when we can again make use of this wonderful space.



A number of minor repairs were also accomplished:

1. Realigning eavestrough along the Madison roofline
2. Repairing vents on the church roof to prevent water damage
3. Refinishing the west entry door from Richmond Road
4. Upgrading the WiFi connection to the Chapel
5. Upgrading automatic door operators on both washrooms to address ongoing issues
6. Performing a full maintenance audit of the church to identify areas for future action.

We would like to thank Julie Cross for her continued work in the Courtyard Gardens. This year, she not only had to deal with no Pentecost flowers but also with many days of having to work around trailers parked in her workspace as the Chapel floor was removed and replaced. We are very fortunate to benefit from her calm, steady contribution to the beauty of our building. Julie can always use more volunteers to assist her with this valuable mission, so please consider putting your green thumb to work at church!

The day-to-day cleanliness and physical operation of the building depends on the hard work of our dedicated custodian, Paul Dumais. David McGeachie serves as Paul's back-up during winter months and vacations. We thank them for their dedication to ensuring the sidewalks are clear, the rooms clean and the heat on, even if we were not there that often this year. Their work is vital to our enjoyment of our worship space.

We all hope that 2021 will see the return to more normal use of the church building. Please let the members of the Joint Property Committee know if you have any concerns or suggestions for making our worship space better for everyone.

### *Movies with Meaning*

*Sharon Chop and Patricia Fox*

Movies with Meaning has been a successful and self-sustaining program of All Saints' Westboro since 2007. Movies with Meaning offered good food, great films, engaging discussion, and a chance to socialize with friends and meet new people. Our January 2020 movie was *The Grizzlies*. There was no movie in February, as the scheduled date fell on Ash Wednesday; shortly after this, all church programs, including our movie nights, were cancelled for the foreseeable future. Nevertheless, Movies with Meaning was able to contribute a "Dinner and a Movie" basket to the virtual bazaar in November, and donated \$350 to the General Fund of the church at the end of 2020.

### *Music at ASW*

*Edith Troup*

There were three notable events early in 2020 before COVID hit:

- ASW led the music for our Partnership Sunday with First United on January 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a snow day, but both churches came out in full force and we had a choir of 35 singers to lead the service.
- Due to its success in 2019, we again designated the First Sunday of Lent as "A Cappella Sunday" (March 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Our last Choir Practice (though we didn't know it at the time) was held on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. We practiced "socially distancing" (a new term for us all back then) as we prepared for the Third Sunday of Lent on March 15<sup>th</sup>, only to find out that the lockdown would shut all churches starting Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Services pivoted several times through the Spring, Summer, and Fall. Chris, Jarrett, and Adam led the hymns during the recorded live services of Lent and Easter up to Pentecost. When Simone returned from maternity leave, the services were recorded in advance, then skillfully edited and uploaded each Sunday to the website. Simone led all the hymns during the summer, with guest appearances by Linda Privitera and Eric and Patricia Bays. Wikke Walop played her Indigenous flute for the Indigenous Day of

Prayer service on June 21<sup>st</sup>, which was recorded from Grandmother Rock in the Healing Garden.



September saw the return to in-person worship. During the Amber Stage, no congregational singing was allowed, but a soloist could lead the hymns for those singing along at home. Anyone who has tried singing while wearing a mask will attest to the discomfort of this endeavour. It is difficult to express the texts when the face is covered, let alone get enough air to sustain a line. I commend those who graciously stepped up to be our Cantors through the Fall: Dawn Conway, John Hunter, Karen

Blackie, Mary Van Leeuwen, Patricia Bays, and Wikke Walop. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, Stephen Rouble lifted the service with the sweet sound of his violin.

The last five days of 2020 saw the start of another lockdown. But, luckily, not before we enjoyed a sumptuous spread on Christmas Eve: at the 4:00 pm Pageant, the Hume Family sang all the carols (accompanied by Doug on guitar), Catharine played a magnificent violin solo (Fritz Kreisler's Praeludium and Allegro), and our 10:00 pm service featured Stephen Rouble, on violin and viola; Dawn, John, and Karen leading the Carols; and "Away in a Manger" sung a cappella by Sarah Hume.

Through the magic of Zoom, we held two Hymn Sing events in December for the whole Parish. Simone and Chris led the Advent Hymn Sing on December 10<sup>th</sup> which was well attended and a lot of fun. For the Christmas Carol Sing on December 31<sup>st</sup>, Chris led the singing, and included a COVID version of We Three Kings.

When it was scientifically proven that COVID has a greater likelihood of spreading when people are singing, rather than talking, the "war on choral singing" began. Many have had to forego the physical, spiritual, social, and mental health benefits of singing with others this year, but it was in the worthy cause of keeping everyone safe. We must pray for the speedy arrival of the day when, as a Parish, we can sing together in church again . . . **and what a day that will be!**



## *Partnership Management Committee*

*Catrina Tapley*

The role of the Partnership Management Committee is to oversee the partnership with First United and ensure it is working well. The Partnership Management Committee also provides a forum for resolving any issues that arise. The composition of the committee is equal in numbers and role, thus including the All Saints' Westboro and First senior clergy; All Saints' Westboro's Senior Warden and the Chair of First's Executive; the treasurers (ex officio); and two members-at-large make up the committee. The committee meets as required to advance the necessary work identified by the Joint Property Committee and to ensure expenses are shared equitably between our two congregations.



2020 started strong with a wonderful joint celebration of our partnership on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which followed the Anglican order of service and ended with a potluck lunch. The rest of the year was not particularly active for the Partnership Management Committee, but efforts between the parishes focussed on refining and improving our shared worship space (see the report of the Joint Property Committee for details).

## *Pastoral Care*

*The Venerable Christopher Dunn*

The Parish list of those who are in Nursing Homes, in Retirement Residences, those who are "shut-in", and those who are living in the community but benefit from extra



contacts from others, shows a list of 57 names with varying levels of need. We have a small Pastoral Care Team that follows many of these people.

The team includes Sally Lees, Eleanor Conn, Patricia Fox, Sue Wise, Jarrett Carty, Katy Burnett, Valerie Knowles, Elizabeth Reicker, Marolynne Capstick, Simone Hurkmans and Chris Dunn. There are many other Parishioners who keep Chris and Simone informed on how other individuals are doing as well.

If you are interested in becoming involved as a Pastoral Care Visitor, please speak to Chris or Simone about an upcoming training course.

### *Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)*

*Joanne Rowlinson*

Due to COVID, there is not much to report from PWRDF. A few leftover Christmas cards, in support of the PWRDF, were sold by Chris Dunn when people came to pick up their purchases from the Very Virtual Village Fair. For more information on a variety of interesting topics, please visit the PWRDF website: <http://www.pwrdf.org>

### *Quilters*

*Patricia Fox*



At the time of writing this report, the members of the Wednesday Quilters group have not been able to work together at the church for almost 11 months; but they have certainly not stopped sewing and quilting in their own homes. At the beginning of the year, some of us were involved in making quilts for the high school students from

the church who graduated later in the year; and in the early months of the first lockdown, many of us put in many hours of work sewing masks and gowns for a variety of non-profit organizations, including Cornerstone. Others have been making quilts for charities like Victoria's Quilts, and Quilts of Valour, and many have been making use of all the extra time at home to work on their own quilts and fabric art. We have been sharing pictures of our finished pieces via email; and since early May, we have been meeting virtually on Zoom every Wednesday morning to share news and get feedback from one another about our individual projects. We had a lovely picnic together at Andrew Haydon park in August, but we were unable to have our much-anticipated annual retreat in the fall.



We were able to contribute two previously completed baby quilts to the Virtual Bazaar in November. However, we have raised no additional money for All Saints' Westboro in 2020, since we have unfinished tasks awaiting us at the church. We all look forward to being able to gather around the quilt frames again at some point in the future; but in the meantime, the sewing continues on the home front and we are staying connected and supporting one another "virtually," and individually, wherever possible.

## Reading Circle

*Diane Bays*

The women's book discussion group normally meets on a Wednesday evening once a month in the Chapel. This year, we held our first three meetings in the Chapel. Unfortunately, the coronavirus lockdown led to the cancellation of the April meeting. With the widespread adoption of Zoom, we have been meeting virtually since May. Attendance is down slightly, but we have had some excellent discussions, and all enjoyed the social contact.

This year we are reading four novels, three memoirs, and three works of nonfiction that address faith or social and moral issues. We selected the year's booklist at an online meeting in July. While we are usually able to obtain sufficient copies of the books from the Ottawa Public Library, we are grateful to the parish for supplying funds to purchase additional copies as necessary.

Books chosen for 2020/2021 are:

- September: *From the Ashes: My Story of Being Metis, Homeless, and Finding My Way* by Jesse Thistle
- October: *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue
- November: *Falling Upward: How To Be a Christian in the Twenty-first Century* by Richard Rohr
- December: *I've Been Meaning to Tell You: A Letter to My Daughter* by David Chariandry
- January: *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo

- February: *Bootstraps Need Boots: One Tory's Lonely Fight to End Poverty in Canada* by Hugh Segal
- March: *The Northwest is Our Mother: The Story of the Louis Riel's People, The Metis Nation* by Jean Teillet
- April: *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tocaczuk
- May: *The Salt Path* by Winn Raynor
- June: *Pilgrims* by Mathew Kneale.

## *St. Matthias Community Meals*

*Susan Gates*

In January of 2020, St. Matthias Community Meals presented its regular monthly community meal at the Parkdale Food Centre. We had 48 attendees for our menu of Chicken Vegetable Stew with Gnocchi Dumplings, Salad, Maple Pudding Chomeur, and Fruit. Nine of our volunteers were present to prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal. February's meal of Guacamole, Beef Chili Con Carne, and Pound Cake and Berries with Whipped Cream was enjoyed by 36 participants thanks to the efforts of 8 St. Matthias Community Meals volunteers.



About 10 days before our scheduled March meal, it became obvious that the global COVID-19 pandemic would drastically affect our ability to host monthly community meals. Not long after our decision to cancel our March meal, our partners the Parkdale Food Centre closed their beloved, welcoming hub and community kitchen to the public. The Parkdale Food Centre had to completely re-imagine how they offered their vital food security services. “Community Meals” are, for the time being, made by the Parkdale Food Centre staff and delivered alongside food parcels to the neighbours.

Until we can work side-by-side again in a common kitchen, St. Matthias Community Meals forwards our monthly budget of \$240.00 to the Parkdale Food Centre to assist them in preparing healthy, nourishing food for our friends and neighbours in the Hintonburg community. It isn't the same as gathering around a common table, getting to know one another, and sharing a delicious, home-made meal. We dream of days to come when we can resume these evenings, pulling up one more chair to welcome another person to the party.

When you are contemplating your post-pandemic life, please consider joining our organizing team. Planning and managing these dinner parties for our neighbours is a

fulfilling and fun way to give back to your local community. Team leaders operate on a rotating basis, so joining this ministry does not have to interfere with your pent-up travel plans! After four plus years of operation, St. Matthias Community Meals has lots of recipes, work plans and shopping lists from which new team leaders can draw for this role.

While we become weary of our own home cooking and look askance at the rising cost of food, please remember our neighbours who live with too little income. If you are able, we welcome additional donations to St. Matthias Community Meals and the Parkdale Food Centre—as a special one-off or memorial gift or as part of your regular tithe to the church.

### *New-To-You Shop*

*Debbie Gillen and Peter Robertson*

Just when the New-to-You Shop was heading into a new year of activity, the advent of the pandemic in March 2020 resulted in the closure of the Shop until further notice. We thank all the Shop's donors, volunteers, and customers for their support, and look forward to the time when we will be able to re-open for business and welcome all of you back to the Shop once again.

### *Truth and Reconciliation*

*Diane Bays, Julie Cross, Susan Gates, Sally Lees, and Marcie Taylor*



Over the year, members of the team have continued to develop their knowledge of Indigenous issues, including both the historical and present role of the Anglican Church.

Winter: “Your Portal to Indigenous History” was a full day workshop given in January for those interested in researching their birth places and other places where they had lived, in order to learn about the Indigenous people who had once lived there. Using technology, participants learned about indigenous languages, reserves, and residential schools in their areas; 28 people attended. Presentations were given by



Margaret Lemaire (Cree heritage) and Susan Gates. Follow-up materials were distributed. We were grateful to all those who contributed their time to make this happen.

In February, we started to put together resource material on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, LGBTQ+Two Spirited people. This was to be made available at the Resource Table during coffee hour.

In March, as part of the Lenten program, the first two presentations of the Doctrine of Discovery were held in conjunction with First United. Following the viewing of the documentary, small groups were formed to discuss a particular section of the documentary. The remaining sessions were cancelled due to the pandemic lock down.

Spring: We began meeting via Zoom. We added short reviews on Canadian Indigenous Films to the All Saints' Westboro website. The resource sheet was also updated.

Summer: We met virtually to discuss and share our individual learning about Indigenous-related topics. We set goals for the coming year in the ongoing context of COVID-related restrictions. We continued to plan to have Albert Dumont (Indigenous adviser to the Bishop) give a reflection at a service and attend a virtual coffee hour to answer questions from individuals.

The Pop-Up Art Event, that was in the early planning stages, has had to be postponed until face-to-face communication is possible. We will involve Indigenous people in further planning and execution of this event.

Autumn: We invited Debbie Grisdale, co-chair of the Diocesan "All My Relations Committee", to a virtual meeting to explain the work of that group in relation to parish reconciliation groups such as ours. She suggested we offer parish education about the formation of the Anglican Indigenous Church in Canada, as well as getting involved with Cornerstone or Minwaashin Lodge to have more contact with Indigenous people.



In November, Eric Bays (retired bishop) presented the chronology of the development of the self-governing province for Indigenous Anglicans, including the current status. There was no meeting in December.

## Website


*Debbie Holzman*

This past year was a challenging one as we adapted to a pandemic. Web team members the Rev. Simone Hurkmans, Helen Norman, and Debbie Holzman responded initially by providing online COVID guidelines, which were developed by the All Saints' Pandemic Team, and information from the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. We also provided a list of email updates from clergy and links to Worship Services, Church School videos, and Puppet Shows.

All Saints' has been able to offer in-person attendance for Sunday services, and we have provided online registration. One important development was the migration of the Fall Bazaar to an entirely virtual platform. The Very Virtual Village Fair offered hundreds of items for purchase, through a special store page on the website. This initiative was hugely successful as it allowed for fundraising and for the community to come together to put on this favourite annual event. The website continues to evolve and adapt, especially during this pandemic.


**Father Chris and the Puppets**


Join them weekly on [Facebook](#).



**Virtual Sunday School**

You can find all of our Sunday School programming on our [Facebook page](#).






**Virtual Connections on Facebook**


Join us for prayers, services and stories and get up-to-date information on our [Facebook page](#).

\* Our Facebook page is available to the public.

**New-to-You Shop**

The New-to-You Shop is closed until further notice.







**Social Connections while we are physically distancing**

[Connect with us](#) at All Saints' while we're physically apart. See our list of services, emails and other ways of connecting while we're physically apart.

**Jazz Vespers**

Join us for for our virtual Jazz Vespers on YouTube.



 [Jazz Vespers on YouTube](#)



## Westboro Region Food Bank

*Lori Crawford, Coordinator*

The mandate of the Westboro Region Food Bank is to provide three days worth of emergency food once per month to anyone in need, who lives between the Ottawa River to Dovercourt Avenue and between Broadview Avenue and Island Park Drive. Although this has been the mandate of the Ottawa Food Bank, this year in response to the pandemic, the member agencies are providing seven days worth of emergency food assistance to our food insecure neighbours.

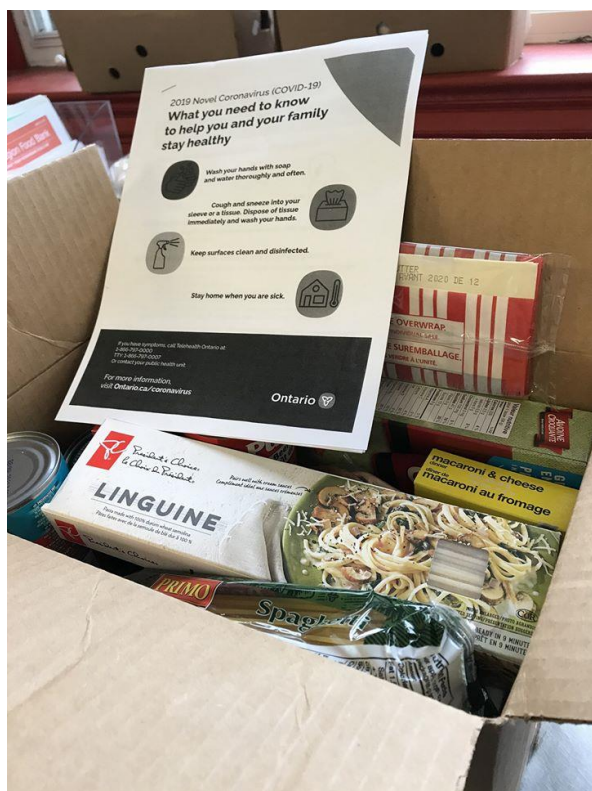
### *A Year Like No Other:*

The year started out busier than usual. We were already experiencing an uptick in demand for food security in our neighbourhood. The cost of living, in comparison to social assistance is becoming tighter for more households to manage. Then the pandemic emerged.



COVID changed our agency overnight. The unknowns of the virus forced our agency to act quickly and restructure how we distributed food to keep everyone safe by abiding by

Ontario and Ottawa Public Health regulations. Volunteers retired or suspended their assistance, and client caseloads rapidly fluctuated. Overnight the waiting room was suspended, social distance measures would be put in place. COVID screening replaced simple salutations and hand sanitizer, disinfecting and masking became more and more essential.



In March, a healthy roster of 52 volunteers diminished to 12 in one week, forcing those who stayed on to volunteer many extra hours to keep the centre open. Volunteer management during the pandemic has proven to be challenging, as interest in volunteering ebbs and flows along with the infection rates and the ongoing duration of the virus. We saw participation levels diminish at first, then a surge in interest as people were desiring to help, to a hesitancy as the cases rose, to back to a steady

volunteer engagement. We currently are operating the agency with one parttime paid coordinator, one All Saints' Westboro staff member, Paul Dumais, and 32 volunteers

Clients accessing the agency declined in usage at first, primarily due to the lockdown, extra food assistance in the community and the general fear of the virus. Although, during the early months of the pandemic (pre-CERB) we welcomed new families that we have never served before. These households typically resided outside community housing addresses, emergency shelters, and supportive housing. For many new users, they would consider themselves "donors" to a food bank and not beneficiaries of a food bank. For the volunteers at the agency, or the families requiring assistance, the experience was very humbling for all.



The agency has also modified their hours and delivery model to mitigate crowding due to the increase in use of the agency. The food bank now has extended their hours on Thursday, implemented an appointment-based service to complement their existing drop-in service. For those who may not want to or can't enter the building or simply want to facilitate their visit faster, the Westboro Region Food Bank has also developed an online ordering option.

Home delivery for our neighbours who are medically fragile, disabled, or required to self isolate or quarantine, continues to be a challenge as we currently do not offer this service. Currently, for any neighbour who requires home delivery, the Westboro Region Food Bank will coordinate with the Ottawa Food Bank directly to provide assistance.

Overall, the Westboro Region Food Bank is weathering well! The volunteers have been unbelievably dedicated, well . . . simply amazing in their passion to help out their neighbours. Our clients, even through being in crisis are receiving a warm smile, hope and a nutritious, generous amount of food and assistance. We, together, will get through this!

*About the Westboro Region Food Bank Agency:*

The Westboro Region Food Bank is an agency of the Ottawa Food Bank which means we receive support and food from the Ottawa Food Bank. In 2020, the Ottawa Food Bank provided an estimated 80% of our required food. All Saints' Church generously supports the operational costs of their food security program.

The Westboro Region Food Bank receives its funds by donations from the congregation and the community. In 2020, we have been able to cover our weekly shortfalls of essentials such as milk, oil, and protein in eggs and meat. The budget enables the agency to provide more nutrition and essential needs to our neighbours. This includes more fresh fruit and vegetables, provide more culturally appropriate food items and keep a solid inventory of personal hygiene supplies (dental care, feminine hygiene, soap etc).

*2020 has been another busy year for the Westboro Region Food Bank:*

Some statistics from 2020:

- We distributed 1,370 Household food hampers in total.
- We provided food assistance to 3,717 individuals; 2,636 adults and 1,081 children under the age of 18.
- There were 193 existing registered households at the start of the year. An additional 93 new households registered in 2020, for a new total of 286. (67% of households continued to access our agency with an additional 33% new households accessing our agency for help)
- We continue to assist 30 families residing in Emergency shelter at the Richmond Plaza Motel.
- We assisted 25 New Immigrant households to Canada that arrived in the past year.
- There were 52 individuals that we served who self identified as First Nation, Inuit or Metis
- We worked more than 3500 hours in our fight to relieve hunger!



### Great Initiatives and Extra Services:

#### Westboro Region Food Bank Garden and Wood Park Community Garden:

We cultivated a lot of wonderful produce from our 5 small plots on the west side of the church in 2020. Under the tireless dedication of our returning volunteer gardener, Ellen Bobet our clients were able to cook with tomatoes, zucchini, carrots, rhubarb, peppers, peas, and a variety of fresh herbs. The Wood Park Community garden, for their third year provided us weekly, a nice supply of freshly grown produce from their community plots as well as their own gardens. The Woodpark Community representative Jan and the Westboro Region Food Bank have been working collaboratively to grow and provide ethnically-diverse produce to better meet the needs of our clientele.



#### *Grocery Carts:*

Due to the pandemic crisis, the Ottawa Food Bank increased the amount of food assistance from three days of emergency groceries to seven days. This directive was to enable clients to extend their visits and to ensure that they could stay at home and stay safe. In response to the increased volume in food distribution to households, the Westboro Region Food Bank supported their clients by purchasing large carts so they could be supported in getting their food home

safely and comfortably. The other unintended consequence of doing this was that it promoted physical and mental wellbeing for the clients by walking and socializing (yet limited) to get their groceries.

#### *Westboro Region “Cook-Up”:*

With the overwhelmingly generous amount of donated food, especially the fruit and vegetables received from the Food Bank Farm, and our community gardens, the Westboro Region Food Bank was encountering a surplus of fresh food in the summer and autumn months. After thoughtful planning and keeping with strict adherence to public health, we were able to access the closed kitchen and have four physically distanced, masked and sanitized volunteers prepare nutritious snacks and prepared meals to the clients. The initiative has helped prevent food waste, has kept volunteers engaged and provided an “easy” extra nutrition for struggling families, older seniors and at home learners.

*Carlington Community Health Services, Ottawa West Community Health and Westboro Beach Community Kitchen:*

During the pandemic, Westboro Region Food Bank has strengthened communication and support to our clients through Carlington, Ottawa West and Westboro Beach Community Kitchen. We have been working closely with our public health services team members to ensure any client in crisis gets help. We are an integral part of our clients wellbeing so if we identify any needs during our clients visit, we can engage our community partners. The Westboro Region Food Bank has also been working with Westboro Beach Community kitchen. The Westboro Region Food Bank supports the community kitchen by supplying food for their prepared meals, and they support the Westboro Region Food Bank by providing home delivery of prepared meals to our isolating, or medically fragile neighbours.



#### *Holiday Hampers:*

In 2020, the “Christmas Hamper” program was an issued grocery store voucher due to the pandemic. The neighbours registered for Holiday Assistance and received a generous gift card to the Superstore. The gift card enabled the clients to purchase their protein (turkey, ham, etc.) fresh fruits, vegetables and other holiday needs. The gift card was invaluable as it empowered them to provide food that is unique to their celebration and gave them the flexibility to plan when and how they wanted to celebrate. This year, it also helped to keep both volunteers and clients safe; limiting a lot of contact.

In addition to the hampers, the Westboro Region Food Bank also provided “Holiday” upgrades to the shelves for regular distribution for the month of December. The upgraded products were items requested

throughout the year but due to budgetary constraints the food bank does not typically purchase. The Westboro Region Food Bank was excited to be able to provide the clients offerings such as olive oil, butter, honey, tahini, brown sugar and spices! These “extra” items were really well received! In total, we distributed 150 Christmas hampers to our neighbours and are grateful for the generous support of the Church, and the Ottawa Food Bank

### *School Programming in December:*

Churchill School outdid themselves again; we received over 20 boxes of donated food from their Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive as well as much needed grocery vouchers. Thanks to our volunteer, Ed, who transported all the donations from school to our food bank agency.

### *Notable Donations:*

- *West Village Church*—Physically distanced, community food drive first Tuesday of every month (depending on COVID restrictions)
- *10,000 Villages*—Generous coffee and dried food donations until the store closure.
- *Westboro Beach Community*—A socially distanced Christmas food drive with lots of food donations, community donations of money and gift cards.
- *Gainsborough Avenue*—A Volunteer of Westboro Region Food Bank, Ed, and his street neighbours hosted a socially-distanced, holiday food drive.
- *Barley Mow*—Conducted a fundraiser for the holiday season in honour of the Westboro Region Food Bank! A monetary donation and loads of donated food items.
- *Through Food Rescue*—Mama Clafoutis donates a generous amount of their beautiful breads.
- *Piggy Market*—Weekly artisan bread donations. Amazing!
- *Capital Printing*—Assisted in prepare signage for our food bank shoppers, carts.
- *Westboro Village BIA*—donated a \$1,000.00
- *Ollie Quinn*—donated their services to one of our clients' in need.
- *Starbucks on Baseline Road*—Continually donates their extra baked goods.
- *The generous residents of Metropole!*—Their 10th annual fundraiser, raised over \$6,200 for our Food Bank. We are so grateful to have the continued support of these great neighbours.
- *The Ottawa Food Bank*—We received a grant of \$50,000 to assist in COVID related expenses and provided gift cards in April. This was to allow for financial and operation relief for agencies

- *Overall increase in private donations from our immediate neighbourhood.*



The Westboro Region Food Bank is committed to providing personal, caring and inclusive food security for their neighbours in Westboro. We are so grateful for the continued support of All Saints' Westboro and First United Churches,





All Saints' Westboro:  
Baptisms, Weddings, and Deaths

*The following individuals were baptized into the Body of Christ*

MacKayla Rae Begin  
Jacob David Oliver  
Hugo Pascal Hurkmans  
Eve Keeva Aston

*The following individuals were joined in Holy Matrimony*

Heather Holmes and Vincent Lussier  
Zina Putrus and Domenic Madonna

*The following members of All Saints' have died since our last Vestry Meeting*

Rae Armstrong  
Kathryn Bailey  
Mary Bradley  
Maurice Brush  
Martha Leslie Elizabeth Clark  
Lillian Evelyn Couvrette  
Carol Donnelly  
Bette Haining  
Herbert "Bert" Eric Jones  
Margaret Lee Klassen-Church  
Miriam Kumagai  
Eric Arie Lugtigheid  
Moreen Ursula Miller  
Esme Puttick  
William "Bill" Rowberry  
Olwyn Penrick Schoorl  
Aldert Jan "Allan" Schoorl  
Timothy "Tim" Aldert Jan Schoorl  
Philip Seabrook  
Frank William Taylor