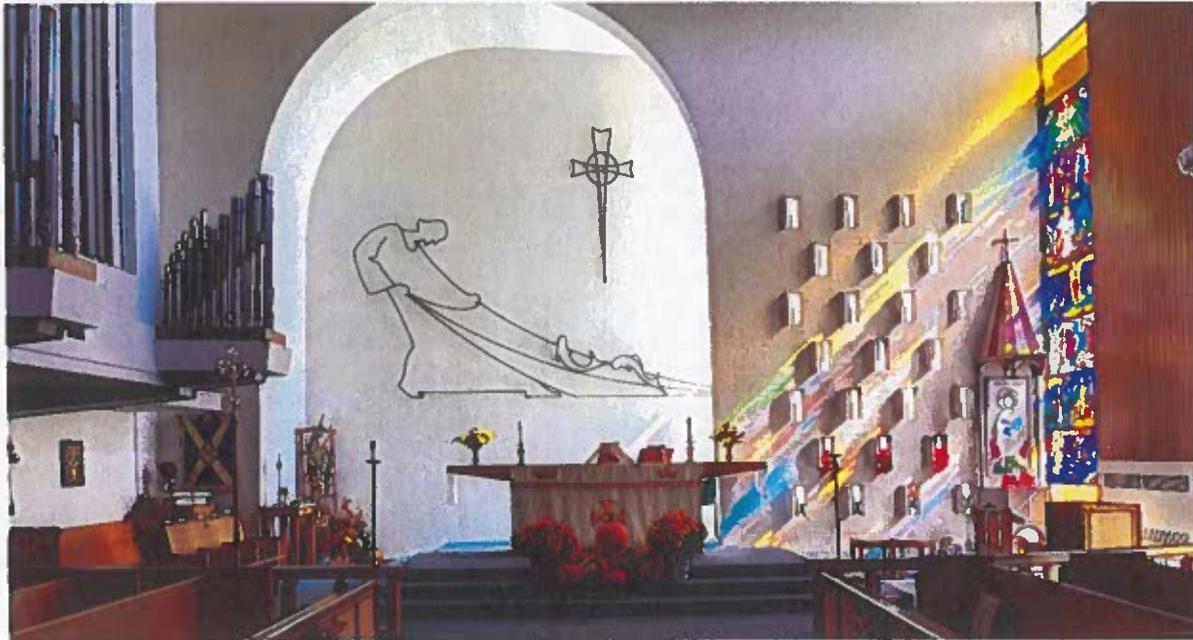


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THE 70th ANNUAL VESTRY

March 1, 2026
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REPORTS FOR 2025

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AGENDA

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13. General Business:
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Protecting and Expanding Harm Reduction in Ontario
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 - d) Ignite Family Ministry Annual Report 2025
14. Adjournment

The College of Bishops Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2026

to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

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

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

"So they cast [the net], and now they were not able to haul it in because of the quantity of fish." – John 21:6

God's goodness to the Diocese of Toronto amazes us every day. As your bishops, it is our joy and privilege to bear witness to the rich blessings, the varied gifts, the talents and skills, the sacrificial generosity, and the deep faithfulness of the Body of Christ in this Diocese. Every parish and community, and the many devoted Anglicans who make them up, inspire us. It has been a natural response for us to "Lift Up Our Hearts" in a spirit of gratitude and encouragement in 2025.

The very first Call of our [Cast the Net visioning process](#) was a Season of Spiritual Renewal. We heard over and over again that our Diocese is hungry to know and love God more deeply. During the season, more than 40 workshops were offered, geared to priests, deacons, lay leaders and people desiring to deepen their spiritual lives, hone leadership skills and discern God's call. We held five "Lift Up Our Hearts" worship services: at St. James Cathedral; All Saints, Whitby; Trinity, Streetsville; St. James, Orillia; and St. Paul, Bloor Street. Large crowds gathered to worship, sing and pray for the renewal of the Church. Each one was a moment of grace and joy. The Season of Spiritual Renewal officially draws to a close with the end of the season of Epiphany 2026. Now a small group gathers to discern how we continue to grow disciples, enhance ministry and form servants of the Gospel, building on the foundation of what has been offered. Stay tuned!

The Netminders is a group of clergy, lay leaders and staff who continue to help parishes engage with the Cast the Net Calls and to bring them to life in each community. Every parish was invited to choose three or four Calls from the 20 – those that reflect the ministry that they are a part of now or hope to be in the future – and to bring them to Synod for discussion and mutual encouragement. With each part of the Body engaging our common Calls in different ways, we move as one.

At the annual clergy conference last May at Trent University, our speaker, the Very Rev. David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury, offered reflections based on Jesus the Good Shepherd, an image that resonated with our clergy, particularly in this time of disruption and uncertainty. Our clergy work so hard at hauling in the nets, and we say to them now, to all our priests and deacons: we see you, and we are grateful to God for the ministry that you do. The annual clergy conference is always a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones, and this year was no exception. It was also our joy to host smaller clergy retreat days in the spring and fall. These were opportunities for clergy to gather in deanery groups for Bible study, to hear from their bishop and archdeacons, to deepen fellowship with one another and to share a meal. We want to respond to Call #12 to "continue and enhance support for all ordained people" as they engage in vital ministry.

Regarding shared ministry, our partnership with the Diocese of Brasilia continues to flourish, now entering our third year of seven. Our motto, “Partners in Christ, united in mission” (*Parceiros em Cristo, unidos na missão*) is grounded in Calls #4 and #13 regarding our participation in God’s healing work and ministries of service in the world. Dr. Paulo Ueti from Brasilia and the Rev. Canon Dr. Christopher Brittain from Toronto offered an online bilingual study day on liberation theology for clergy and lay leaders of both dioceses last March. The Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Espiuca from Brasilia invited us to seek signs of resurrection in his keynote address at the Outreach Conference in October. Bishop Mauricio Andrade participated in our bishops’ Advent series in December. Looking ahead, we will welcome Dr. Paulo Ueti as our guest speaker at this year’s clergy conference, and we can’t wait to receive a delegation of Brazilian youth for the ReCharge Youth Retreat. We also hope a small group of Toronto Anglicans can visit Brasilia this year.

We are pleased to be moving ahead with our work on equity, decolonization, diversity and inclusion with the hiring of our new EDDI Advisor, Dilesha Stelmach. Dilesha brings a strong experiential and educational background in this ministry, centered around Ephesians 4: 4-6: “there is one body, one Spirit, one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father, Creator of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” With support from our HR department and the Bishop’s Committee on Intercultural Ministries, Dilesha is mindfully engaging, both practically and theologically, with our people – volunteers, staff, clergy – and with our infrastructure – policies, practices and the constitution and canons of the Diocese. She will be helping us to see the familiar in unfamiliar ways as we build up the ministry of every single beloved child of God in our Diocese.

To all our faithful people in so many vital ministries in our Church: thank you. To our hard-working churchwardens and treasurers, children and youth ministry workers, parish musicians, office administrators and envelope secretaries, altar guilds and custodians, ACW and outreach volunteers, and countless committee members: thank you. To our diocesan volunteers, members of Synod Council and participants on bishop’s committees: thank you. To the staff team at the Synod Office: thank you. Together we all make up the strong net of the Diocese of Toronto, and together, by following the ways of Jesus, we receive “more than we can ask or imagine” – so many blessings collected in our net that we are barely able to haul it in.

When the nightly news seems especially dire, when anxiety is pervasive and the future seems uncertain, God’s reign can feel far away. Yet our commitment to our baptismal covenant, our tenacious acts of faith, persistent resistance to the powers of evil, small but powerful acts of kindness towards our neighbours, and a deep, unshakable, unwavering belief that “the earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it” (Psalm 24) will carry us through troubled times.

Please pray for us, as we pray daily for you.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

+ Andrew Toronto

The Right Rev. Andrew J. Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

+ Riscylla Shaw

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Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

+ Kevin Robertson

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MINUTES OF THE 69th ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

There were 36 in attendance. Attendance was taken on a separate sign-in sheet.

Review of Vestry Report 2024

Reverend Jake gave a prayer before starting the meeting. He stated that we are reviewing the Vestry Reports for 2024. We will talk about the past year and the year ahead. The Reverend spoke about the challenging times for the Church.

A motion by Laretta Brown-Hermanstynne to appoint Valerie Hennessey as the Vestry Clerk was accepted.

There was a reminder that all in attendance should sign in on the sheets provided and for those present with cell phones to turn them off during the meeting.

Everyone was asked to review the Minutes of the 68th Annual Vestry Meeting. The highlights of the Minutes reflected on the call for spiritual renewal through bible study and the influence of prayer. The Season of Spiritual Renewal is called "Lift Up Our Hearts" and there will be large worship service taking place across the Diocese on five Saturday afternoons at 2PM. The service on March 22 at St. James Cathedral was mentioned and everyone was encouraged to attend.

On motion by Wilbur Anderson, seconded by Millie Robb, the Minutes were approved by a show of hands.

Reverend Jake encouraged everyone to read the agenda and reviewed his Priest's Report to Vestry. He talked about looking ahead to new possibilities, and developing a vision and priorities for the coming years. He also spoke about the relationship with the Diocese and the support it is giving St. Andrew's.

Richard Moriah, Rector's Warden, presented the Wardens' Report for 2024 and noted the help we have received from the various Priests-in-Charge. In October 2024, Bishop Asbil appointed Reverend Jake Cunliffe to be our Priest-in-Charge for the coming years.

He stated that in February 2024, the Diocese originally appointed Varun Balendra, ODT to be the Canon Administrator to carry on the function of receiver and manager for our Parish. On December 1, 2024, the Diocese appointed Stephen Masson as the new Canon Administrator. Yvonne Murray was introduced as the Diocesan Volunteer. We have a new bookkeeper, Joycelyn Williams, who unfortunately could not attend this Vestry meeting.

Richard profiled the various activities that have taken place in the Church. The Royal Tea was held in June under the leadership of Lethel Shand and raised \$6,000 for the Parish. There was a Garage and Bake Sale on June 22 under the leadership of Laretta Brown-Hermanstyne. Our 2024 Rally began with the intent to receive additional donations for the Church Operations. Over \$6,000 was raised for Church projects and he thanked Laretta Brown-Hermanstyne for her leadership in this event. On November 23rd we had a Winter Magic Bazaar. The Wardens were grateful to everyone who worked on these projects and we will all work together in the future for greater success.

Richard thanked all the Wardens for their work, which is not always acknowledged. Special thanks was given to Paul Aitcheson who has been our Envelope Secretary for over 25 years and kept us going throughout the COVID times. Sixty-four commitments have been pledged, which is low as some of our members have passed.

Thelma Tappin asked Richard about the amount of money raised for a recent Rally and the answer was \$2,000.

Stephen Masson, Canon Administrator, then presented the Financial Reports, and mentioned that he was new to this position. He is retired from his career in education and attends St Paul's-on-the-Hill Anglican Church in Pickering. The new bookkeeper, Joycelyn Williams, resides in Peterborough and he is in contact with her through Zoom.

Steve noted the assets and cash restrictions. At one time there were 6-7 bank accounts; as of November 2nd, we have a chequing and a savings account that did not exist before. The GIC Memorial Fund is \$7,000 which was folded into the re-established savings account. Our long term liabilities are \$302,000. \$82,000 was zeroed out in 2024. Loan for the boiler last year was at a fixed rate, \$34,000 from the Diocese at an interest of 1.5%; the total is \$46,000 in repayment. Steve stated that we are paying our bills.

There was an observation from Paulette Athill that the printed Balance Sheet and attached pages were complicated and should be numbered.

Gail Smith asked about line 9 on the Balance Sheet "Major Renovations to Windows & Lighting", she wanted to know how long it takes to fix. Also on page 2 under "Restricted Funds" for 2024 there are no amounts. The Organ Fund should be \$15,000. It was stated that several subjects will need correction.

It was mentioned that a gift was purchased for Varun Balendra but was not listed and there were no figures under Hospitality. A check with the bookkeeper Joycelyn would clear up this matter.

John Lennox, People's Warden, took the podium to review pages 11 & 12 which were entitled "Proposed Income and Expenses budget for 2025 with Actual Figures for 2023 and 2024".

On line one – "Open Offerings" was down as there were fewer people filling out pledge cards and many did not commit to their pledges.

On line seven – the "Diocese Grant" – which supports Rev. Jake's stipend – decreases each year, over four years.

Line 22 – "Property Maintenance" was discussed. The expense includes cleaning, cut and plowing of property, health and safety Church inspection every year. Insurance is done in January.

A big expense is in the future and he will get an estimate. The east wall behind the Altar has to be inspected as the crack in the wall is getting bigger.

There is an annual Inspection of the Elevator and Boiler. A whole day is required for these inspections.

Gail Smith asked about line 12 – "Livestream Expenses" – as to whether the telephone expense was in this line.

Line 26 – "Heat" – we know why it has increased as prices have gone up. It was asked if there were cost saving ideas for various rooms in the church, as heating is different in each room.

When the parking lot is salted in the winter, the cost is \$225 every time. There have been a few complaints about the clearance of parking spots close to the church. John has approached three other companies for quotes.

Office expenses were discussed and an upgrade to the Office Computer is required. John Lennox and Stephen Masson are looking into this.

John noted the rental fee for "Jesus Is Lord" has gone up 4%. He also stated the Royal Conservatory of Music have over 50 people writing music exams several times a year. We also rent out several parking spots in the south parking lot.

The Church has supported the Scouts since 1958 and we support Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA). We have also had Federal and Provincial election balloting in the church.

He mentioned line 34 – Synod, it went from 70 to 40, as we had grants.

Gail Smith had a question about line 30 and 31. John stated that we rent a photocopy machine and we pay for security cameras. The cameras ensure security of the building but have been of great help to the police when there have been accidents and incidents

in the vicinity of the church. We have had vehicles towed away that were parked illegally in our parking lot.

Line 39 – “Loan Interest Expense” – this figure is in line with 2023. We were forgiven for 2023 for our recovery.

Gail Smith asked if the Parish Hall was rented out. It has been in the past, but it needs upgrades – re-painting, blinds repaired, and new flooring. John is getting estimates for all this work.

John stated that Health and Safety are number one with him. He knows work needs to be done on the parking lot, but it is very expensive.

Line 37 and 38 were discussed – “Memorial Donations” and “Request”. These were blank as we cannot count on these and they were zero this year.

There was a motion by Richard Moriah, seconded by Ruth Dwyer, to accept all Nominations for church positions. This was approved.

Lauretta Brown-Hermanstyne, Deputy People’s Warden, congratulated Helen Greer and David Talbert on their new responsibilities, and thanked Lethel Shand and her committee for another successful Royal Tea.

Lauretta went on to thank everyone who helped at the Winter Bazaar. Special thanks was extended to Joyce Myles who worked at the Bazaar after coming out of hospital. Lauretta also mentioned the great work done by Helen Greer in making jams and jellies for the Bazaar which were very popular this year and made a big difference to the success of the event. The Scouts were a great help as always, in setting up tables and helping with the clean-up and many other functions.

Parishioners were invited to volunteer for a cleaning day at the Church.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Altar Guild should contact Kathy Smith.

Reverend Jake talked at length about the Diocese’s Social Justice Vestry Motion. He invited conversations and one gentleman had a lengthy discussion with him. On motion by Dr. Lere Oladitan, the Social Justice Vestry Motion was approved and will be passed on to the Diocese.

The Vestry Meeting was adjourned.

REPORT OF THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE TO VESTRY 2026

“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.” - Matthew 9:37-38.

In my report to the Vestry last year I concluded with these words from the Gospel of Matthew, words that are frequently read at the ordinations of priests, as they were at mine. They carry a universal truth: the harvest is always plentiful, and the labourers are always few. We can compare the number of people in our pews to the number we had, say, ten years ago, and regret that we are now fewer. However, to read these numbers as a reason for mourning would be a mistake. We do, of course, mourn those who are no longer with us, whether they have died, or moved away, but we should not mourn the numbers themselves. The harvest is always too plentiful for the available labourers. Even in the days of this parish's plenty, when ministry teams were double, or triple, the size they are now, there is always more to be done; there are always opportunities to harvest more for the sake of the Gospel than we are presently doing, that are just beyond our capacity to reap.

Accordingly, we need to focus our efforts and direct our resources to where they are most urgently needed. On December 6, 33 of us came together to discuss our desires and concerns for our parish: not a bad turnout for a Saturday shortly before Christmas! The Vision Steering Group will give us an update on the process that began with that conversation, so I won't say more here. Suffice it to say, the work that started on December 6 is continuing and will give us a clear focus for our ministry, driven by what you said, for the next twelve to eighteen months.

Part of this conversation includes talking about how we might more effectively steward our building and our land. We are blessed with a sizeable plot of land, with two car parks, green space that is not currently being used, and a large church building with multiple spaces for various uses. The income we currently receive from renting our space and parking spots could be appreciably higher. As part of the Vision process, the Diocese has encouraged us to begin talking with their property experts about two things: (1) property resources and “anchor tenants” (e.g. finding a tenant, like a day school, who will rent a portion of the building for an appreciable amount of the week); and (2) land lease. Land lease refers to exploring possibilities for developing part of our land for something that will benefit the local community while giving us a regular and substantial income in perpetuity. I won't go into more detail here about what this could look like. Conversations are to be had, first between me, our Canon Administrator, Steve Masson, and the Diocese; and next with our church leadership. But, as our financial reports show, we do need to increase our income and diversify our income sources swiftly.

Our Envelope Secretary's report reveals that - not including the extraordinary bequest of Pam Bird, a gift that will be recognized and dedicated in 2026 - our annual giving for 2025 has fallen slightly from 2024. I am blown away, several times a week, by the generosity of our parish. In acts of hospitality, in acts of welcome, in checking-in with those who cannot get to the church, and not least by any means in giving of your financial resources.

I know, too, that so much time, effort and finances go into our Caribbean Night, Winter Bazaar, Royal Tea, and Summer Market events, all of which are celebrations of our community that raise important funds for our church. All of your generosity, in all its forms, is much appreciated and vital. But we have lost dear members, due to the passages of life and changes of circumstance. This makes a robust plan for increasing our income all the more important. Our property will be central to whichever plan we decide to follow.

This year's stewardship campaign will be tied to our parish's 70th Anniversary year, which we are celebrating from Fall 2026 to Spring 2027, to fit the anniversary of our church's first service of Holy Eucharist, October 28th 1956. We will kick-off with a celebratory Eucharist led by Bishop Andrew Asbil on Sunday, November 8, and have a special gala dinner in Spring 2027. Other events are hoped for and envisaged. Volunteers and organizers are requested for the 70th Anniversary Planning Committee – please join this work to make our celebrations of this landmark worthy of our Church of St. Andrew!

In 2026, we need to do new things. In many ways we are in an ideal spot for ministry: surrounded by residences, many of them housing families including children; in an accessible building with ample parking; and with the space and facilities to host a wide range of fellowship, worship, and education activities. We need to be creative and audacious in offering our local neighbours chances to gather, give praise, and learn about the good news in Jesus Christ. To welcome new friends, we will need to invite them to gatherings that fit with work and school schedules. As we try to find the timings, and programs, and fellowship ideas that engage and draw in our neighbours, we won't always get it right. But by trying and not being afraid to return to the drawing-board when necessary, we will be learning all the time, and, God willing, coming closer to the programs and gatherings that our neighbours want and need. I ask your support, and involvement, in these things. Let's see where God is leading us together!

It is nearly two years since our church last had a regular Music Director. Quirino Di Giulio fulfilled an interim role for the majority of this time, before stepping down in December. I am enormously grateful to Quirino for his leadership during this period, and we will look to find an opportunity for the congregation to thank him in-person one Sunday. We were very glad to have Damien Macedo directing our Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve services with great skill, working with the choir and soloist Gail Smith. And, since December 2025, Peggy Wong has been our regular Sunday organist. I'm delighted that Peggy will be with us until Easter Sunday. In order to provide consistency of musical leadership, to help direct our worship in creative and fresh ways, and to grow our choir in terms of recruitment and in terms of its role in the service, we need to have a permanent Music Director.

Our Budget for 2026 outlines the financial resources we have made available to support this position. We believe this will allow us to attract and keep the right person, who will have the experience and expertise we need and expect, for around eight hours a week, including Sundays and Holy Days. A search committee for our new Music Director, headed by Gail Smith, is being formed and will begin its work shortly. Thanks to Gail and all those who will be involved in finding our new musician!

Another pressing need is to expand our program for children and young people. This year, we are calling this area of ministry "Family and Youth", and Noreen Basso is leading the team to prepare a structure for a regular Sunday School, as well as events and activities. In December, Noreen and the team responded brilliantly to new arrivals in the church, offering Sunday School, inviting the children to assist the sidespeople, and more. We also had a very successful Christmas Party and a Movie Night. These offerings for our young people are possible: we just need the numbers to make them possible on a regular basis. Family and Youth is another area alongside Music that we have increased our budget in this year, along with, for example, Outreach and the returning Meet and Mingle program (formerly Seniors Ministry), led by Loraine Jackson and the team. We have more resources available. We just need people who can participate on a rota and get the confidence they need from our leaders to lead activities for the children.

Having begun this report talking about congregation size, I will take the opportunity to share here some numbers from 2025:

- 2025 average Sunday attendance: 59 (up from 49 in 2024).
- 2025 average Weekly attendance, including online-only services: 89 (59 in 2024).
- 2025 Christmas Eve and Christmas Eve combined attendance: 128 (80 in 2024).
- Our two 2025 Ministry Fairs, in March and September, saw 23 new volunteer sign-ups.

Numbers themselves never tell the whole story, nor can we take a growth in attendance to be an indication that everything is going smoothly. But I take encouragement especially from the response to the Ministry Fairs. It is wonderful that a good number of people, whether they were volunteering for the first time or if they were existing volunteers joining a new ministry, accepted the call to get involved in a new way. I am most grateful, and so that we may continue to grow our congregation and do the things we would like to do in 2026, I will rely on everyone in our parish being open to exploring involvement in a new ministry. Moreover, if you are asked, by me, a Churchwarden, or a ministry leader, to consider taking part in something new, I ask that you please be willing to pray and think on it, if it is something you might possibly be able to do. And – if you see an area where you can make a difference, an area where you feel called to be involved – please don't wait to be asked! Speak to someone, tell someone. We will be pleased to welcome you into ministry! The ministry teams are listed in this booklet, in the Nominations Committee report.

There is not space here for me to give all my thanks, nor to praise all of the many, many successes of 2025 in the Royal Tea, Caribbean Night, Winter Bazaar, and Summer Market, and in our weekly and monthly programs. Thank you to all who have led ministries and events in 2025, for your commitment, determination and love of this church and its people. Thanks to all those who will do likewise in 2026! Thanks to the continuing Wardens: Richard Moriah, Laretta Brown-Hermanstynne, and Helen Greer for your consistency and skill in preparing for and reacting to all of the realities of parish life; thanks to our Canon 24 Administrator, Stephen Masson, Diocesan volunteer, Yvonne Murray, and our Treasurer, Joycelyn Williams. Congratulations to Paul Aitcheson on his

well-deserved naming to the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. And thank you to all those who have accepted the invitation to be appointed or elected this Vestry, and to those who will volunteer for the positions we need to fill.

Special thanks to Nancy Rickford, for all of your work on daily and weekly tasks, and special projects, such as this Vestry booklet, too. A big thank you to Lethel Shand, who is passing on the reins for the Annual Afternoon Royal Tea after over a decade of being the inspiration and chair of that unmissable event. And finally, thank you John Lennox as you conclude this term of service as a Warden, your fifth term over a period going back nearly 50 years. We will be thanking those ending their terms, and praying for the Wardens as they begin a new term, on a Sunday during March.

There is much more to say, of course, and I have already gone far past my word limit! You may remember the five areas of parish ministry we presented during our stewardship campaign: Service, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral Care. It is my responsibility to balance my time among these, as well as administration, which is vital to support each of our ministries and our functioning as a whole. To effectively serve a parish of our size with only a single priest, we have to consider my time as a finite resource, and to figure out how best to distribute it. Speaking personally, I'm still learning to balance this for myself, and I thank you for your patience on the occasions I don't quite get it right. As I mentioned earlier, we've seen our volunteer numbers steadily increase over the past year, and our new Volunteer Coordinators, Cindy Browne and Shreena Talbert, communicating with ministry leaders, will help me and the Wardens to assess the areas in which our energies are most needed. I hope too to grow again the Spiritual Care team in 2026 – we had a new Lay Pastoral Visitor, Shreena, trained in 2025 – so that, while I will not be any less present, we will have the resources to make sure all those who cannot regularly be here in-person will know they are thought of and fully included in our community.

Thank you, everyone, for the warmth, kindness and support you have shown me in my first full year as your Priest-in-Charge. Let's go out into the harvest as a team, united by our courage and our faith that God is with us!

Yours in Christ,
Jake+

2025 LIST OF BAPTISMS AND DEATHS

Baptism (Child)

Janis Marcelle Etienne

Sadie Maeve Wilson

Baptism (Adult)

Jim Andersen

Michael James Tomkins

In Memoriam

The Reverend Joan Waters-Garner

Terrence Morgan

Ibrahim Hussary

Theslyn Liscellie Miller

WARDENS' REPORT FOR 2025

Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Peace be with you! As Wardens, we truly appreciate the support you have given to each of us and to St. Andrew's this past year.

Our Church has continued to grow and expand. Church attendance has steadily increased in addition to your participation in our events and activities.

We also wish to express our appreciation to all who continue to provide leadership in our various parish ministries and during Sunday services. Rev. Jake completed his first year as our Priest in Charge and we are thankful for God's blessing on his leadership and stewardship of our parish throughout the past year.

Outlined below are some of the highlights of church activities this past year:

- Our Lenten and Advent services, which included Bible Studies after each Sunday Service, have been a highlight this past year.
- Easter Week and Christmas Services were well attended.
- We now have on-line Bible Study and Compline on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and Morning Prayer on Tuesday morning at 9:00am.
- The Wednesday 10:00am Service is now followed by Fellowship Time.
- On the first Monday of each month we have a new event - Meet and Mingle beginning at 10:00am in the Parish Hall.

We wish to recognize the major fundraising events of 2025 and express our thanks to the organizers and to the many people who gave so much of their time and talents to make them so successful. Thank you also to our Scout Group (20th Scarborough West) for your assistance.

- The Royal Tea in June, organized by Lethel Shand and Val Hennessey.
- The Summer Market in July, organized by Laretta Brown-Hermanstyne and Helen Greer.
- Caribbean Night in September, organized by Cherry Walters and Lethel Shand.
- Winter Bazaar in November, organized by Laretta Brown-Hermanstyne and Val Hennessey.

Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign began on Sunday, November 16 and concluded on Sunday, December 7, 2025. We wish to thank all our members who have pledged financial support for 2026.

During the year we have been supported by our Diocesan Administrator, Stephen Masson; Yvonne Murray, Diocesan volunteer; and Joycelyn Williams, our Treasurer. We greatly appreciate their support and assistance in ensuring the financial stability of our church.

Thank you to our Administrative Assistant, Nancy Rickford, for all her work and support throughout the past year.

On November 30 our Interim Organist, Quirino DiGiulio, retired. We thank you, Quirino for the strong support you have given us during your time at St Andrew's.

It is now time for us to look forward as we enter our Seventieth Year of service under the leadership of Rev. Jake, along with the support and participation of our Parishioners. It is our prayer that we continue to live out in our lives the St. Andrew's mission statement: **"To love and worship God as one family in Jesus Christ; to extend this love into Christian action in the community."**

Thank you everyone, and God Bless.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Moriah
Rector's Warden

John Lennox
People's Warden

Helen Greer
Deputy Rector's Warden

Lauretta Brown-Hermanstyne
Deputy People's Warden

THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, SCARBOROUGH
2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT & 2026 BUDGET

The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough
Balance Sheet
As at December 31, 2025
(With Comparative Figures as at December 31, 2024)

	2024	2025
	Dec. 31	Dec. 31
Assets:		
Current Assets		
Cash- General Fund	\$ 25,370	\$ 29,214
Cash- Savings Account (New)	130,874	199,893
Cash- Restricted Funds	-	-
Petty Cash (Marketplace)	210	-
Accounts Receivable	4,275	37,723
Prepaid Expense		
GIC (Memorial Fund)	-	-
Long-Term Assets		
Rectory Fund (at market value)	501,484	586,998
Fixed Assets		
Church Building and Land	295,055	295,055
Church Furnishings & Fixtures	146,787	146,787
Front Entrance Improvement	54,446	54,446
Church Addition	236,027	236,027
Major Renovations to Windows & Lighting	29,295	29,295
Sound Systems	34,161	39,500
Boiler	101,126	101,126
Furniture	1,725	1,725
Major Renovations to Windows & East Wall	70,457	70,457
Elevator	247,749	247,749
Roof	85,693	85,693
Organ Repairs and Additions	38,577	38,577
Kitchen Renovations	66,580	66,580
Chair Lift and Powered Doors	23,007	23,007
Major Renovations to Front Steps	14,036	14,036
Accumulated Depreciation	- 1,367,692	- 1,383,796
	77,028	66,264
Total Assets:	\$ 739,241	\$ 920,093
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities		
	255,846	235,659
Long-Term Liabilities		
Rectory Loan Payable	46,070	24,053
Total Liabilities:	301,917	259,711

The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough
Balance Sheet
As at December 31, 2025
(With Comparative Figures as at December 31, 2024)

	2024	2025
	Dec. 31	Dec. 31
Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	\$ 437,324	\$ 660,381
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 739,241</u>	<u>\$ 920,093</u>
Restricted Funds:		
Bequest Fund	\$ 30,043	\$ 119,662
Building & Kitchen fund	5,490	5,490
Memorial fund	21,861	21,861
Organ fund	10,014	9,624
Our faith Our hope	19,117	19,117
Student bursary & Yasuko fund	3,793	3,793
Altar Guild fund*		500
Total restricted funds	<u>\$ 90,317</u>	<u>\$ 180,046</u>
Unrestricted funds:		
Investment in fixed assets	\$ 24,967	\$ 11,452
Rectory fund	501,484	586,998
General fund	- 179,444	- 118,115
Total unrestricted funds	<u>\$ 347,007</u>	<u>\$ 480,335</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 437,324</u>	<u>\$ 660,381</u>

* During the year, the activities and balances of the Altar Guild were consolidated into the Church's operating accounts. Any necessary adjustments will be reflected in the auditors' final statements.

The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough
Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditures - December 2025 YTD

	2024 Actual Jan-Dec	2025 Actual Jan-Dec	2025 Budget Jan-Dec
<u>Operating Income</u>			
Open Offerings	\$ 15,513	\$ 17,557	\$ 10,000
Envelopes Committed	87,325	94,451	100,000
Envelopes Non-committed	29,284	19,100	22,000
Special Offerings	10,252	12,582	8,000
Parish Organizations	21,098	22,827	20,000
Space Usage Donations	88,548	93,358	80,000
Diocese, Grant	40,657	57,429	57,429
Housing Allowance- Dividend Income	-	5,344	-
Miscellaneous and Designated Income	7,180	3,794	-
Total Operating Income	\$ 299,857	\$ 326,442	\$ 297,429
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Music			
Honoraria/Assistant	2,077	3,000	1,500
AV- Livestream Expenses			-
Music and Robes			500
Organ/ Piano tuning		-	1,200
Total Expenses for Music	\$ 2,077	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200
Christian Education			
Adult Christian Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Church School/Youth			200
Total Expenses for Christian Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700
Parish Ministries			
Outreach			500
Hospitality (Coffee Hour, Parish Receptions)		579	500
Communications			500
Stewardship			500
Parish Organizations	253	2,238	2,000
Worship	477	4,333	1,500
Total Expenses for Parish Ministries	\$ 729	\$ 7,150	\$ 5,500
Property			
Maintenance	\$ 23,746	\$ 52,657	\$ 40,000
Health and Safety	1,084	706	2,000
Power and Water	9,437	12,283	12,000
Heat	7,074	7,066	9,000
Telephone and Internet	4,900	3,115	3,500
Insurance	11,439	14,981	13,500
Capital Improvement		-	10,000
Total Expenses for Property	\$ 57,679	\$ 90,808	\$ 90,000

The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough
Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditures - December 2025 YTD

	2024 Actual Jan-Dec	2025 Actual Jan-Dec	2025 Budget Jan-Dec
Payroll Expenses			
Personnel Costs	126,833	130,221	123,800
Total Expenses for Payroll	\$ 126,833	\$ 130,221	\$ 123,800
Office			
Office Supplies and Equipment Rentals	3,205	13,658	10,700
Miscellaneous and Designated Expenses	8,386	-	8,299
Legal & Professional Fees - Accounting/Bookkeeping	3,233	-	411
Total Expenses for Office	\$ 14,825	\$ 4,949	\$ 20,792
External Expenditures			
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 27,108	\$ 29,168	\$ 29,168
Synod		540	750
Total External Expenditures	\$ 27,108	\$ 29,708	\$ 29,918
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 229,251	\$ 265,836	\$ 273,910
Net Operating Income	\$ 70,606	\$ 60,607	\$ 23,519
Other Income			
Parish Outreach - We Care	\$ 257	\$ 150	\$ 400
FaithWorks	8,733	4,738	4,000
Memorial Donations	515	-	
Bequest			
Total Other Income	\$ 9,504	\$ 4,888	\$ 4,400
Other Expenses			
Loan Interest Expense	\$ 702	-\$ 1,497	\$ 3,000
FaithWorks	6,241	2,764	2,500
Parish Outreach			300
Total Other Expenses	\$ 6,943	\$ 1,268	\$ 5,800
Net Other Income	\$ 2,561	\$ 3,621	-\$ 1,400
Total Income less Total Expenses	\$ 73,167	\$ 64,227	\$ 22,119

Jan- Dec 2025 Statement of Details

Line 5	Parish Organizations Income		<u>\$ 22,827</u>
	Bazaar	\$ 5,234	
	Caribbean-International Night	8,464	
	Royal Tea Party	7,205	
	Christmas Concert	-	
	Spring Concert	-	
	Spring Rally	-	
	Farmer's Market/Bake Sale/Garage Sale	1,924	
	Total Parish Organizations Income	<u>\$22,827</u>	

Line 7-9	Miscellaneous and Designated Income		<u>\$ 3,840</u>
	Miscellaneous Income		
	Miscellaneous Income	1,765	
	Interest income	-	
	ACW	-	
	Canada Summer Jobs Grant		
	Altar Guild	45	
	Rector's Discretionary Fund	-	
	Donation for Youth Group	-	
	Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$ 1,810</u>	

	Designated Income		
	Driveway Repair		
	Receptions		
	Community Garden		
	Paschal Candle		
	Books, Calendars, Envelopes	49	
	Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings	1,980	
	Total Designated Income	<u>\$ 2,029</u>	

Line 20	Parish Organizations Expenses		<u>\$ 7,150</u>
	Hospitality	\$ 579	
	Worship	4,333	
	Garage Sale	394	
	Bazaar	198	
	Caribbean Night	1,646	
	Total Parish Organizations Expenses	<u>\$ 7,150</u>	

Jan- Dec 2025 Statement of Details

Jan- Dec 2025 Statement of

Line 28	Personnel Costs		
	Clergy		<u><u>\$ 130,221</u></u>
	Stipend	47,651	
	Housing	20,700	
	Benefits	20,434	
	Honoraria	2,210	
	Travel		
	Total Clergy	<u><u>\$ 90,994</u></u>	
	Non - Clergy		
	Administration	22,810	
	Caretaker/Custodian	5,700	
	Musician/Organist	9,960	
	Summer Camp		
	Payroll Expenses	757	
	Total Non-Clergy	<u><u>\$ 39,227</u></u>	
Line 30	Miscellaneous and Designated Expenses		<u><u>-\$ 8,745</u></u>
	Miscellaneous Expenses		
	Miscellaneous Expenses	-\$ 411	
	Bank Charges	528	
	Emergency Repairs		
	Diocese Interest Expense	- 8,976	
	Summer Day Camp	-	
	Screening in Faith	113	
	Total Miscellaneous Expenses	<u><u>-\$ 8,745</u></u>	
	Designated Expenses		
	Community Garden		
	Receptions		
	Mother's Day Brunch		
	Total Designated Expenses	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	

Jan- Dec 2025 Statement of Details

Jan- Dec 2025 Segregated

Bequest Fund

Balances as at December 31, 2024:		\$ 30,043
Add: Donations:	\$ 89,619	
		89,619
Deduct: Bank Charges	\$ -	
Transfer to General Fund	\$ -	
Withdrawals		-
Balance as at December 31, 2025:		<u>\$ 119,662</u>

Note: The parish received in 2025 a generous donation of \$89,618.74 from Pam Bird.

To date the account balance consist of both Bequest & Memorial Fund:

Bequest Fund:	\$119,661.75
Memorial Fund:	21,861.23
	<u>\$141,522.98</u>

Building Fund & Kitchen Fund

Building Fund

Balances as at December 31, 2024:		\$ 4,525
Add: Donations	\$ -	
Interest Earned	-	
HST Rebate	-	\$ -
Deduct: Withdrawals		
Transfer to General Fund	\$ -	
Bank Charges	-	\$ -
Balance as at December 31, 2025:		<u>\$ 4,525</u>

Kitchen Fund

Balances as at December 31, 2024:		\$ 965
Add: Donations	\$ -	
HST Rebate	-	
Transfer to General Fund	-	
Deduct: Withdrawals	\$ -	
Balance as at December 31, 2025:		<u>\$ 965</u>

Total Building Fund & Kitchen Fund		<u>\$ 5,490</u>
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Jan - Dec 2025 Statement of Details

Jan - Dec 2025 Segregated Funds (continued)

Memorial Fund

Balances as at December 31, 2024:		\$	21,861
Add: Donations	\$	-	
Redeemed GIC		-	
Due from General Fund			
Interest Earned			
Deduct: Withdrawals			
Transfer to General Fund	\$	-	
Adjustment from prior years	\$	-	
Bank Charges	\$	-	\$ -
Balance as at December 31, 2025:			<u>21,861</u>

Bank Balance	\$ 21,861.23
GIC (at cost)	-
	<u>\$ 21,861.23</u>

Organ Fund

Balances as at December 31, 2024:		\$	10,014
Add: Donations			
HST Rebate	\$	-	
Interest Earned	\$	-	\$ -
Deduct: Withdrawals	\$	-	
Expenses	-\$	390	
Transfer to General Fund	\$	-	
Bank Charges	\$	-	-\$ 390
Balance as at December 31, 2025:			<u>9,624</u>

Jan- Dec 2025 Statement of Details

Jan - Dec 2025 Segregated Funds (continued)

Our Faith - Our Hope Fund

Balances as at December 31, 2024:		\$	19,117
Add: Deposits (Parish Distributions)	\$	-	
HST Rebate	\$	-	
Interest Earned	\$	-	
		<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>
Deduct: Withdrawals	\$	-	
Transfer to Gen Fund	\$	-	
		<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance as at December 31, 2025:			<u><u>19,117</u></u>

Student Bursary Fund & Yasuko Fund

Student Bursary Fund

Balances as at December 31, 2024:		\$	3,493
Add: Donations	\$	-	
Adjustment from prior years	\$	-	
Interest Earned	\$	-	
		<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>
Deduct: Withdrawals		-	
Transfer to General Fund	\$	-	
Bank Charges (\$2 50/month)			
		<u></u>	<u>-</u>
Balance as at December 31, 2025:			<u><u>3,493</u></u>

Yasuko Fund

Balances as at December 31, 2024:		\$	300
Add: Donations	\$	-	
Interest Earned	\$	-	
		<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>
Deduct: Withdrawals			
Transfer to General Fund	\$	-	
		<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance as at December 31, 2025:			<u><u>300</u></u>
Total Student Bursary Fund & Yasuko Fund			<u><u>3,793</u></u>

**The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Month Ended December 31, 2025**

1. Rectory Loan Payable

In 2021, the Church financed a portion of the purchase of a new boiler through a rectory loan from the Diocese of Toronto under the following terms:

Fixed interest rate of 1.5% per annum

Quarterly payments of \$3,402.30 over a seven-year term

Loan payments for 2024 and 2025 were made in accordance with the agreed repayment schedule. The outstanding loan balance was **\$24,052.67** as at December 31, 2025.

2. Diocese Monthly Billing

As at December 31, 2025, the outstanding balance payable to the Diocese for allotment and salary expenses was **\$238,371.39**. The Church is currently remitting the regular monthly billing amount plus an additional \$100 toward the outstanding balance.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT
NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**

The Church of St Andrew, Scarborough
Proposed General Fund -Income and Expenses Budget for 2026
with Actual Figures for 2025

	<u>2025 Actual Jan-Dec</u>	<u>2025 Budget Jan-Dec</u>	<u>2026 Budget Jan-Dec</u>
<u>Operating Income</u>			
1 Open Offerings	\$ 17,557	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
2 Envelopes Committed	94,451	100,000	100,000
3 Envelopes Non-committed	19,100	22,000	22,000
4 Special Offerings	12,582	8,000	10,000
5 Parish Organizations	22,827	20,000	25,000
6 Space Usage Donations	93,358	80,000	84,736
7 Diocese, Grant	57,429	57,429	42,216
8 Housing Allowance- Dividend Income	5,344	-	20,700
10 Miscellaneous and Designated Income	3,794	-	5,000
Total Operating Income	<u>\$ 326,442</u>	<u>\$ 297,429</u>	<u>\$ 319,652</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Music			
11 Honoraria/Assistant	3,000	1,500	1,500
12 AV- Livestream Expenses	-	-	2,000
13 Music and Robes	-	500	250
Organ/ Piano tuning	-	1,200	-
Total Expenses for Music	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,200</u>	<u>\$ 3,750</u>
Christian Education			
14 Adult Christian Education	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
15 Church School/Youth	-	200	2,000
Total Expenses for Christian Education	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 700</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Parish Ministries			
16 Outreach	-	500	3,000
17 Hospitality (Coffee Hour, Parish Receptions)	579	500	1,000
18 Communications	-	500	1,500
19 Stewardship	-	500	500
20 Parish Organizations	2,238	2,000	2,500
21 Worship	4,333	1,500	4,500
Total Expenses for Parish Ministries	<u>\$ 7,150</u>	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
Property			
22 Maintenance	\$ 52,657	\$ 40,000	\$ 56,278
23 Health and Safety	706	2,000	1,200
24 Power and Water	12,283	12,000	13,000
25 Heat	7,066	9,000	9,000
26 Telephone and Internet	3,115	3,500	3,500
27 Insurance	14,981	13,500	15,000
Capital Improvement	-	10,000	-
Total Expenses for Property	<u>\$ 90,808</u>	<u>\$ 90,000</u>	<u>\$ 97,978</u>

**The Church of St Andrew, Scarborough
Proposed General Fund -Income and Expenses Budget for 2026
with Actual Figures for 2025**

	2025 Actual Jan-Dec	2025 Budget Jan-Dec	2026 Budget Jan-Dec
Payroll Expenses			
28 Personnel Costs	130,221	123,800	140,000
Total Expenses for Payroll	\$ 130,221	\$ 123,800	\$ 140,000
Office			
29 Office Supplies and Equipment Rentals	13,658	10,700	14,000
30 Miscellaneous and Designated Expenses	8,299	10,092	3,796
31 Legal & Professional Fees - Accounting/Bookkeeping -	411	-	-
Total Expenses for Office	\$ 4,949	\$ 20,792	\$ 17,796
External Expenditures			
32 Diocesan Assessment	\$ 29,168	\$ 29,168	\$ 36,224
33 Synod	540	750	-
Total External Expenditures	\$ 29,708	\$ 29,918	\$ 36,224
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 265,836	\$ 273,910	\$ 311,748
34 Net Operating Income	\$ 60,607	\$ 23,519	\$ 7,904
Other Income			
35 Parish Outreach - We Care	\$ 150	\$ 400	\$ 400
36 FaithWorks	4,738	4,000	5,000
37 Memorial Donations	-	-	-
38 Bequest	-	-	-
Total Other Income	\$ 4,888	\$ 4,400	\$ 5,400
Other Expenses			
39 Loan Interest Expense	-\$ 1,497	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,800
40 FaithWorks-Diocese (85%)	2,764	2,500	4,250
41 Parish Outreach (We Care+ 15% FW)	-	300	1,150
Total Other Expenses	\$ 1,268	\$ 5,800	\$ 7,200
Net Other Income	\$ 3,621	-\$ 1,400	-\$ 1,800
41 Total Income less Total Expenses	\$ 64,227	\$ 22,119	\$ 6,104

The Church of St Andrew, Scarborough Proposed Capital Improvement Budget for 2026

Improvement Detail:

Hall Renovations Floor, Wall, etc.	\$ 39,000
Parking Lot	10,000
Stained Glass Window	20,000
Total Capital Improvement	<u>\$ 69,000</u>

Note, This budget is not included in the General operating budget

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT 2025

This report is based on receiptable offerings received between January 1 and December 31, 2025. Receipts are only issued to donors whose annual offerings are greater than \$20 and have provided a valid mailing address.

In 2025 there were 54 pledges totaling \$94,842. At the end of the year, 68.5% of the pledges were met or exceeded, and 31.5% less than pledged. Overall, total donations were 96% of total pledges or \$3,677 less than pledged total.

As of January 26, 2026, there were 55 commitments totaling \$94,882, an increase of \$80 compared to 2025.

The following table shows a comparison of receiptable offerings received during the past five years. Comparing the total of 2025 to 2024 it shows a significant increase, but if the bequest is removed it will be seen that offerings are down, year over year.

Thanks to Wilbur Anderson for taking on the Envelope Secretary ministry.

COMPARISON OF ANNUAL RECEIPTABLE OFFERINGS

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
General Offering (Committed)	92,285	87,325	89,708	102,432	126,774
General Offering (Non-Committed)	18,190	29,284	21,017	12,905	8,200
General Offering (Open)	12,200	11,924	7,736	6,156	8,375
Christmas Offering	5,515	5,825	1,690	2,970	3,800
Easter Offering	2,640	1,180	2,975	2,530	210
Thanksgiving Offering	1,325	1,270	545	565	170
Altar Guild	2,702	2,734	1,471	265	755
FaithWorks	5,833	8,961	3,780	4,678	4565
We Care / Outreach	165	210	335	330	0
Building Fund	0	0	2,000	0	240
Memorial Fund	50	20	240	3,535	200
Organ Fund	0	0	0	3,000	0
Offertory Envelopes	145	170	185	200	350
Bequest	89,679	0	0	0	0
Boiler Fund	0	0	0	0	625
Driveway Repair	0	0	0	0	19,065
Other	8,951	9,315	12,648	12,261	8,311
TOTAL	\$239,680	\$ 158,218	\$ 144,330	\$ 151,827	\$ 181,640

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Aitcheson / Wilbur Anderson
Envelope Secretary

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO 2026 VESTRY

The Nominating Committee convened to present a slate of names for the Appointed and Elected Officers for the year 2026. We appreciate the willingness of those individuals who will continue to serve another year in their present capacity, and also those individuals who have agreed to let their names stand to fill a vacant office.

Several Volunteer positions are currently vacant, and all of the current ministry teams are listed. Volunteers for all of these are welcomed: please register your interest by speaking to Rev. Jake or one of the Wardens.

APPOINTED OFFICES

OFFICE	2025	2026
Rector's Warden	Richard Moriah	Richard Moriah
Deputy Rector's Warden	Helen Greer	Helen Greer
Bookkeeper/Treasurer	Joycelyn Williams	Joycelyn Williams
Altar Guild Chair	Kathy Smith	Kathy Smith
Building Maintenance Chair	John Lennox	John Lennox
Communications Coordinator	Rev. Jake Cunliffe	David Talbert
Counters Chair		Elaine Ramprasad
Envelope Secretary	Paul Aitcheson	Wilbur Anderson
Assistant Envelope Secretary		Paul Aitcheson
Hospitality Convenor(s)	Lauretta Brown-Hermanstyne, Valerie Hennessey	
Outreach Chair	Noreen Basso	Noreen Basso
Family Ministry Coordinator		Noreen Basso
Sidesperson Chair	Millie Robb	Millie Robb
Stewardship Committee Chair(s)	John Lennox	John Lennox, Joycelyn Williams
The Network Editor	Noreen Basso	Noreen Basso
Verger	Jeff Davey	Jeff Davey
Assistant Verger		Barbara Sisnett
Vestry Clerk	Valerie Hennessey	Dorothy Roberts
Landscaping Coordinator	Helen Greer	Helen Greer
Librarian	Loraine Jackson	Loraine Jackson
Liturgical Team Coordinator(s)	Richard Moriah	Richard Moriah
Screening in Faith Coordinator	Cindy Browne	Cindy Browne
Volunteer Coordinators		Cindy Browne, Shreena Talbert
Meet and Mingle Coordinator		Loraine Jackson

ELECTED OFFICES

OFFICE	2025	2026
People's Warden	John Lennox	Lauretta Brown-Hermanstyne
Deputy People's Warden	Lauretta Brown-Hermanstyne	David Talbert
Auditor	Janice Charko	Janice Charko
Archivist	John Lennox	John Lennox

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AND TEAMS

OFFICE	2025	2026
Winter Bazaar Coordinator – <i>possible date Saturday, November 21</i>	Lauretta Brown-Hermanstyne, Val Hennessey	
Winter Bazaar Team		
Caribbean Night Coordinator – <i>possible date Saturday, September 26</i>	Cherry Walters	
Caribbean Night Team		
Annual Royal Afternoon Tea Coordinator – <i>possible date Saturday, June 6</i>	Lethel Shand	
Annual Royal Afternoon Tea Team		
Summer Market Coordinator – <i>possible date Saturday, July 11</i>	Lauretta Brown-Hermanstyne, Helen Greer	
Summer Market Team		
Altar Guild Team		
Counters Team		
Hospitality Team		
Sidesperson Team		
Outreach Team		
Family & Youth Ministry Team		
Spiritual Care Team		
Meet & Mingle Team		
70 th Anniversary Planning Committee		
Men's Friday Fellowship		
Spring Concert Coordinator		
Communications Team		

The Nominations Committee: Richard Moriah, Cindy Browne, Rev. Jake Cunliffe.

ALTAR GUILD REPORT FOR 2025

The Altar Guild was very happy to accept four new members in 2025: Fay Hamilton, Jasmine Alexander, Yvette Davey and Paulette Athill. They are energetic and willing to do whatever is asked of them, and are a great addition to our existing members: Maxine Sylvester, Thelma Tappin, Helen Greer and Kathy Smith.

If you are approached to join the Altar Guild, please give the request prayerful thought. If you would like to join us, please speak to Rev. Jake or any Altar Guild member. We would love to have more new members.

The Altar Guild is responsible for setting up every service that happens in the church and for ensuring that we have everything necessary to do so. We clean silver, order and arrange altar flowers, launder linen, order wine, wafers, candles, and decorate for Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

The bank balance as of December 31, 2025, was \$547.93. We gave the Wardens one cheque for \$500.00 in 2025.

It is a pleasure to work with Rev. Jake, who is kind, thoughtful and helpful.

It is an honour for me to work with the Altar Guild members in the Sanctuary of The Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Smith, Directress

BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPORT FOR 2025

Regular maintenance continued throughout 2025. This included:

- . Fire and safety inspection as required.
- . Boiler maintenance and inspection.
- . Elevator service and maintenance.
- . South Parking Lot painting to clarify parking spaces for rentals.
- . All inside stairways were inspected and painted for safety reasons.

For the first time in many years, all Stained Glass Windows were inspected. Several repairs will be necessary in the coming year.

New Property Maintenance Companies have been employed:

- Outside property maintenance – Pleasantview Property Services began taking care of our property beginning May 1, 2025. This contract includes winter maintenance.
- Indoor Cleaning and Maintenance – Reoboth Cleaning Services will begin cleaning our Church February 1, 2026. This Company was recommended to us by several Anglican churches in our area and we are looking forward to much better cleaning in the coming year.

Maintenance Priorities for 2026 include:

- A Building Condition Assessment as required by the Diocese. Our last inspection took place in 2017.
- Continuing to work with the Diocese on East Wall repairs.
- Pothole repairs in both North and South Lots.
- Front Entrance steps repairs.
- Completion of Sound System improvements.

A special maintenance project for our 70th Year celebration will be a renovation to our Parish Hall, including floor tile replacement and repainting.

Respectfully submitted,
John Lennox, Property Chair

HOSPITALITY REPORT FOR 2025

On behalf of the Hospitality Team, comprising Valerie Hennessey, Lethel Shand, Paulette Athill, Gertrude Okeke, Hannah Wanjuhi Ticha, Fay Hamilton, Shreena Talbert, Peace Mwebaze, and myself, I am pleased to submit this report.

Hospitality started off with a team of eight persons. Early in the year Peace relocated and the team continued to serve tasty and delicious treats at coffee hour on Sundays and Wednesdays in the St. Andrew's Room. Coffee hour provides a welcoming, relaxed and informal atmosphere for all to meet, greet and share ideas and conversation. Coffee hour on Sundays outgrew the St. Andrew's Room and we moved to the original Sunday coffee hour spot in the Parish Hall.

The Hospitality Team provides support for various church activities, including Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, the Royal Tea, Caribbean Night, Winter Bazaar, Summer Market, Clerics Meetings, Church Development Day, Town Hall meetings, Kids Christmas Party, Maundy Thursday supper and Vestry meetings.

Thanks to all team members for their dedication and hard work.

We are grateful for the support of our parishioners who have donated and supported this vital ministry. You are encouraged to join the team so that we can continue to present and make this important ministry a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauretta Brown-Hermanstyne
Co-ordinator

LITURGICAL TEAM REPORT 2025

The first duty of Christians is to express our love of the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and strength and mind; and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The Liturgical team performs that service to our congregation on a weekly basis through – reading the word, intercession prayers and altar service.

I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the team whose efforts enhance our spiritual experience here at the Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Philippians 4:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Moriah
Co-ordinator, Liturgical Team

LIBRARY RE-OPENING REPORT 2025

The mission of the library is to acquire, store and make available materials in various formats which will encourage the development of Christian living, and support the ministries of the Parish.

The St. Andrew's church library continues to provide materials which support the Christian life of the Church. Following a meeting with Rev. Jake, the library was officially re-opened on Sunday, October 5, 2025.

A display was mounted in the library to remind parishioners of the purpose of the library, the procedure for borrowing material, and the acquisition and maintenance of material. The library operates on the honour system, and borrowed material is not as closely monitored as in public libraries. The policies outlined in the policy document, which was unanimously approved by Parish Council in 2009, continue to be used. These policies outline the authority, responsibility and criteria for material selection, and can be made available to parishioners on request.

The library also mounted a display for Remembrance Day in Canada, which included information on John McCrae and his poem *In Flanders Field*. On Sunday, November 30, we commemorated the *Feast of St. Andrew* with a special display which included information on Barbados, one of the countries of which Andrew is the Patron Saint.

Our thanks to Millie Robb, Thelma Tappin and Nirmala Jogie, who have made donations of books to the library. Parishioners are encouraged to make donations of gently-used material to the library. All material will be examined by the Priest-in-Charge and the Librarian before being added to the collection.

I encourage you to continue to use the library and welcome your donations, as well as your suggestions. Together, I am confident that we can build a resource centre which will ably support the vibrant ministries and the parishioners here at St. Andrew's.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Jackson,
Church Librarian

MONTHLY MONDAY MORNING MEET AND MINGLE 2025

I would first like to acknowledge the work of the late Rev. Vernon Duporte and Rev. Dr. Monique Taylor in establishing a Seniors' Ministry here at the Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough. When Rev. Duporte left St. Andrew's to take on his own parish, Rev. Monique assumed the leadership of the group. On her departure, she asked me, one of the members of the original Steering Committee, to act as co-ordinator of the group, which continued to meet until its suspension due to the COVID pandemic.

In July 2025, I approached Rev. Jake, who welcomed the idea, and immediately gave it his full support. A team, comprising Rev. Jake, Marjorie Fawcett, Sandy Albrecht, Joyce Myles and myself, held planning meetings in July, August and September. The first Monthly Monday Morning Meet and Mingle was held on October 6, 2025 in the St. Andrew's Room and was attended by 18 persons (including a baby). Rev. Jake gave an interesting and informative presentation on Wales, followed by a lively question and answer session. The second meeting on November 3 was a National Geographic video presentation on Jerusalem by Sandy Albrecht. There were 21 persons in attendance. The meeting on December 1 was a huge success. 28 people attended. It took the form of carol singing with accompaniment by a professional pianist. The Parish Hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the Christmas Bazaar, was further decked out with festive table linen and other table decorations.

The group meets on the first Monday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meetings start and end with a prayer, and light refreshments are served along with coffee and tea. Attendees and team members set up the room, help with refreshments, and tidy up after meetings. All future meetings will be held in the Parish Hall and begin with a welcome, a prayer, and an informal session which encourages attendees to talk with each other, and share ideas and information.

In November, two new committee members, Helen Greer and Yvette Davey, were added to the team. We are grateful to Paulette Athill, Chuck Myles, Lethel Shand and Jeff Davey for assisting wherever help is needed, especially in the preparation of refreshments and room setup. There has been positive feedback from attendees, with the December meeting even gaining a 'shoutout' on Facebook from a parishioner!

Rev Jake's guidance and dedication to this ministry has contributed in no small way to its success, and the committee is grateful to him for his advice and leadership. He uses every opportunity to promote this ministry, and to emphasize to the congregation that the aims and objectives of the group are not limited to seniors, and everyone is welcome, respective of age.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Jackson, Co-ordinator

SIDESPERSIONS' REPORT 2025

Sidespersons (ushers) are vital greeters responsible for welcoming parishioners and guests attending services at the Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough. We are the 'first impression' people get when they arrive at the Church, so taking care of their needs before, during and after the service is essential.

Sidespersons also assist at special services, during Holy Week, Easter, Christmas, funerals and other events, as needed.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers for your time, support, co-operation and commitment over the years. Our current team is: Jasmine Alexander, Danielle Brathwaite-Lynch, Laretta Brown-Hermanstyne, Yvette Davey, Yvonne Francis, Beverley Jacobs, Elmond Jackson, Gertrude (Happy) Kampirwa, Moreen Morris, Millie Robb and Hannah Wanjuhi.

More members are needed. If you are interested in joining the team, I would be delighted to hear from you. No experience is required. Detailed training is provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Robb,
Chairperson

THE ROYAL TEA

The first Royal Tea was held on June 3, 2012 in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was an afternoon of English and Canadian teas, a variety of homemade scones with clotted cream, jams and jellies; sandwiches of ham, cream cheese and watercress, egg, salmon and asparagus, and pinwheel. There was also a large Celebration Cake. So many worked hard to make it a "Tea fit for a Queen"! Team spirit is one of St. Andrew's strengths and it was obvious on that Sunday afternoon.

There have been Royal Teas over the years that were celebrated as a 'special occasion' within the British royal family, e.g., to celebrate Prince Harry and Megan's first child, everyone was asked to bring to the Tea a baby gift that would be donated to Moreland Camp, an Anglican charity. We have also celebrated Canada's 150th Anniversary and the Coronation of King Charles.

The Royal Tea has continued to be a successful event attended not just by parishioners and guests within the community, but by visitors from across Canada and other countries.

Today, I would like to say a special "thank you" to the following people: Val Hennessey for the centre pieces, making sandwiches and baking – you are irreplaceable! Paulette Athill for making sandwiches and cleaning up afterwards. Helen Greer and Val also bought china teapots and we now have a good supply of teapots in our cabinet. Marjorie Fawcett for years of support. Thanks also to the Alleyne family for donating canvasses of London scenery – Big Ben, London Bridge, Buckingham Palace and double-decker buses – that we use to decorate the hall.

I would also like to say a very special "thank you" to our community donors: Ogden Funeral Home, Highland Funeral Home, Metro Parkway Mall, Metro Bridlewood Mall; and to the new Committee members: Joan Alleyne, Ruth Dwyer, Moreen Morris, Dorothy Roberts, Barbara Sisnett, Thelma Tappin, Barbara Taylor, Cherry Walters, Marie Walters. Thanks also to the Scouts, the Wardens, staff and clergy for their prayers and support. Last, but not least, to our families and friends who, over many successful years, have supported us in so many ways.

Our 2025 Royal Tea raised \$7,205. This will be my last Royal Tea as I am unable to continue any longer due to health issues. It has been many years of hard work, but also extremely rewarding. I hope, therefore, that one of the Committee members will step up to continue this very popular and exciting fundraising event.

To our Lord Jesus for his wisdom, guidance and blessing as we continue to work together in God's grace and love. May we continue to blossom here at St. Andrew. To God be the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

Lethel Shand

2025 CARIBBEAN NIGHT REPORT

Caribbean Night was held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 and was a vibrant cultural success. Attendance of 140 exceeded expectations, and prizes and dessert were all donated by parishioners and community sponsors.

No stone had been left unturned in preparing the food, the venue, in decorating, and more. Everyone who served, donated, played or contributed in any way brought their best, and it culminated in a very special night.

A special thank-you to all the members of the 2025 Caribbean Night Committee. Months of endeavour, thought and prayer went into the planning and running of the evening, and it achieved its goal to foster community awareness, enrich the culture of our church, and fund raise. The event raised approximately \$7,000.

It is recommended that this event be changed to the afternoon in order to accommodate our aging population.

Respectfully submitted.

Cherry Walters
Co-Chair, 2025 Caribbean Night Committee

SUMMER MARKET AND WINTER BAZAAR 2025

The Summer Market and Winter Bazaar were two highlights of our church this year that brought parishioners and community members together under one umbrella to display and sell their wares for a small fee. Both events were co-ordinated by Helen Greer, Laretta Brown-Hermanstyne and Val Hennessey, and were generously supported by family, friends, parishioners and community.

The inaugural Summer Market was held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, in the south parking lot, and featured an array of colourful tents displaying household items, food, beverages, fruits, jams, baked goods, ice pops, plants, and clothes. The tantalizing smell of burgers and hot dogs filled the air while shoppers moved around the stalls to shop and converse. This event net approximately \$1,500.

The Winter Bazaar brought together over 20 parishioners to assist with this annual event. Due to a scarcity of items to sell, vendors were invited to sell their own wares to bring some variety and breathe new life into the event. Seven vendors displayed and sold their goods. Jam Junction had an array of tasty jams and gift baskets beautifully displayed, as did Pastry Paradise with their delicious baked treats. The Food stall in the Parish Hall sold out early as everyone showed up to get their special treats! The Bazaar made approximately \$5,000.

Both events were a success due to the teams involved. We thank the organizers, helpers and supporters for your hard work and dedication. Special thanks to Geoff Ellis and his scouts troop for their assistance at both events.

We look forward to continuing this partnership with you as we move forward in our efforts to grow our church.

Respectfully submitted

Laretta Brown-Hermanstyne

Social Justice Vestry Motion 2026: Recommitting to “protect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth.”

We, the parish of St. Andrew, Scarborough, in the Diocese of Toronto,

- **Pledge to honour our baptismal commitment to “safeguard the integrity of God’s creation” and**
- **urge the Government of Canada to honour its commitments to the Paris Accord, 2015: to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.**

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In our baptismal covenant, we pledge to “safeguard the integrity of God’s creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth.” This is part of our duty of care for our neighbour, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the ravages of climate change, and for whom Christ had a preferential bias.

Over 88,000 peer-reviewed scientific studies on the damage caused by CO₂ point in the same direction: that the planet is warming at a rate that poses significant threats to Creation.¹

The consequences of the warming include:

1. More frequent and more severe weather events (hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes)
2. Increased desertification of land and acidification of the oceans
3. Reduced food production capability from the land
4. Rising sea levels from glacial melt
5. Loss of freshwater resources
6. Loss of habitat and sustainability for plants, animals, and other organisms.

Secondary consequences of global warming are already massive.

1. Wars over resources
2. Increased numbers of people displaced by climate impacts
3. Diminished biodiversity
4. Increased numbers of invasive species of plants and insects due to the changing climate zones
5. Increased economic inequality (the most vulnerable nations and people will suffer the most.)
6. Increased health issues from heat, smoke, and water scarcity.

Our lived experience of 2025 offers independent confirmation of the science. It was the hottest summer on record (following the previous hottest summer of 2024)² It was the second most destructive forest fire season in Canada, with attendant smoke hazards for much of the country.³ While harder to quantify, we have also experienced many significant floods following torrential rains.⁴

Despite these growing impacts, and the overwhelming scientific evidence, the amount of CO₂ has increased every year.⁵ Scientific data alone has failed to persuade governments and industry to protect the most vulnerable and future generations by ensuring a livable planet. As Christians, we must embody our faith commitment with actions that show our care for those whom we may not know, but who will be most susceptible to the climate emergency.

¹ <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2021/10/more-999-studies-agree-humans-caused-climate-change>

² <https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/risky-heat-climate-central-1.7636309>

³ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/climate/wildfire-season-2025-1.7606371>

⁴ <https://www.theweathernetwork.com/en>

⁵ <https://ourworldindata.org/co2-emissions>

Our faith informs the way we act. We proceed in hope – not fantasy, not wishful thinking – but Christian hope, which means living ‘as though’ we already dwell in the kingdom of God. Consistent with living this way, we celebrate all of creation, and protect woodlands and animals, birds and sea creatures, oceans watersheds, clean air and the rains, thanking God for their variety and working to ensure their vitality.

If we live this way, we will plant more forests, not chop them down⁶. We will use less energy, particularly in transportation, industry and agriculture. We will not consume more than our basic needs. We will recycle and repurpose, sharing more with our neighbours who have less.

We will also advocate for governments to honour their climate commitments. In 2015, 196 countries adopted the landmark Paris Agreement, a legally binding international treaty on climate change. The goal of the Paris Agreement is to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, relative to pre-industrial levels. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to achieve this goal and a net-zero-emission world by 2050, countries must significantly reduce their greenhouse gas emissions without delay. **Yet, current global commitments fall far short of this, leading to projections of warming by 3 degrees Celsius by 2100.**³

Since 1990, the Government of Canada has made many domestic and international commitments to address climate change, including commitments to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.⁷ Yet Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions have decreased by only 8.5% in the 19 years since then.⁸ Oil production from the tar sands generates as many CO² emissions as all Canada’s other human-generated sources combined.⁹ Canada is the worst performing of the G-7 countries in terms of meeting its targets.¹⁰

In June 2025, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada passed Resolution A200 endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and urging the federal government to:

- **End expansion of any new coal, oil or gas production** in line with the best available science as outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme;
- **Phase-out existing production of fossil fuels in a manner that is fair and equitable**, taking into account the respective dependency of countries on fossil fuels and their capacity to transition; and
- **Ensure a global just transition to 100% renewable energy globally**, support dependent economies to diversify away from fossil fuels, and enable all people and communities, not least the Global South, to flourish.¹¹

This vestry motion, which urges the government of Canada to honour its commitments to the 2015 Paris Accord, aligns with General Synod’s Motion. Moreover, it aligns with our Diocesan Cast the Net Call #8 “Intensify advocacy and action in response to the climate crisis,” and our own baptismal commitments.

There are many ways in which we can bring action and advocacy to bear on the climate crisis. To learn more, please refer to the additional resources in support of this motion, which will be made available on the Diocesan website at www.toronto.anglican.ca/vestrymotion

⁶ <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/creation-care/communion-forest-movement/>

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-plan/climate-plan-overview/healthy-environment-healthy-economy.html#toc14>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-indicators/greenhouse-gas-emissions.html>

⁹ Nature Briefing, January, 2024

¹⁰ https://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/att__e_43947.html

¹¹ <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter#faith-letter> laying out a binding global plan to:

THE 163rd SESSION OF SYNOD 2025

(Friday, November 4 – Saturday, November 5)

DAY 1

Father Jake and I arrived at the Sheraton Hotel where the Synod Meeting was being held and made our way to registration. The foyer was alive and friendly with members chatting and generally catching up with each other. I was also pleasantly surprised to bump into some familiar faces. There were many interesting stalls and displays along the way where you could stop and browse or buy. Definitely not the quiet, sombre atmosphere I expected.

The session for this year's Synod was to encourage parishes to engage with 'Calls from Cast the Net' voted upon by members in 2023. There are 20 Calls that parishes were invited to choose from or they may continue with Calls that are already in progress. We also had ten Breakout Sessions that every member had to choose from and register in advance for one of these sessions. The Breakout Sessions were to enable everyone to have meaningful conversation and exchange of ideas with each other.

My Breakout choice was "To embrace diversity and faithfully live out equity, inclusion and anti-racism in our churches and neighbourhoods. What might it look like to be more intentional in our actions as people of faith to ensure all have a seat at the table." Quite a lot was disclosed during the session in the limited time we were given for engagement, discussion and suggestions.

The subject of accessibility for seniors and those with mobility issues was brought up and discussed. Someone spoke about church doors and that they should be made of glass to feel more welcoming than the big wooden doors familiar to most churches. I highlighted these discussions because I shared with the group that our church was built with a glass frontal and glass doors. We also have wheelchair access and a lift that was installed many years ago. (Clearly St. Andrew's had some visionaries back then.)

In conclusion, these Sessions confirmed that conversation and exchange of ideas can and do allow people to have a voice.

Day One concluded. In the evening we attended the Banquet and enjoyed Fellowship and Prayers.

DAY 2

The second day wrapped up with voting, announcements and appreciation to all the hard-working, dedicated members who successfully helped to bring this 163rd Synod Meeting together.

We gave thanks and praise to Bishop Andrew Asbil (who had the daunting task of keeping the agenda under control and soldiering on for the two days whilst suffering from a cold), and to our guest speaker, Archbishop Shane Parker. Both led us in faith, prayers, encouragement and humorous anecdotes.

In conclusion, Bishop Andrew spoke of the crisis many churches are still experiencing since COVID. However, he announced that there is a significant improvement in membership of approximately 70% due to online worship. Good or bad, technology has now become a source of survival for many of our churches!

My first attendance as a Lay Member at Synod 2025.

Prayerfully yours,
Paulette Athill

REPORT FROM THE VISION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

The congregation steering committee under the guidance of the diocesan facilitators David Krause and Susan Graham Walker, met on December 6, 2025 to begin the process. The raw data is being analysed to aid in the discernment of a plan for the church moving forward. Once the committee has collated the information gathered from the congregation with the neighbourhood data and census information provided by the Diocese, we will begin planning specific actions to be taken, some short term and some long term. These will reflect the values and priorities that we at St. Andrew's have identified.

We will begin work as soon as possible to bring the plan to fruition. It is our hope that we, as a faith community, will serve both our members and the community at large.

The committee: Joan Alleyne, Cindy Browne, Gail Smith, Alexander Solomon, David Talbert, and Rev. Jake Cunliffe.



Vestry Report 2025

Summary of Ignite by the Numbers

Dates	Topic	Host Parish	#Children
Jan. 15 – Feb. 26	That's Really in the Bible!	St. Jude's	10
Mar. 19 – Apr. 23	Miracles of Jesus	Holy Wisdom	10
Apr. 30 – June 4	Come to the Water	St. Timothy's	10
Sept. 17 – Nov. 26	Famous Trees in the Bible	St. Jude's Holy Wisdom	16

Our summer camp was held at St. Timothy's, Agincourt on July 21–25. We had a summer student leader paid for by a Canada Summer Jobs grant. We had five campers and six young youth helpers. We had a wonderful time, including a trip to the zoo. The kids enjoyed themselves and learned a lot.

We did our Children's Stations of Holy Week service on Good Friday again this year. Church of the Holy Wisdom hosted and it was well attended and deeply meaningful for all present.

In the fall we were hosted at St. Jude's by both St. Jude's and Holy Wisdom as the two parishes are sharing space this year. Being at one location for a longer period of time certainly helped with the retention of families. We recognize that our mandate is to move around the deanery; we might have fewer, longer blocks going forward to build consistency.

In our fall block, we have had families bringing friends and a family dropping in after walking past the sign and checking us out. These new families have become regular participants.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Vanderwerf

