

## Agenda

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Canon Pat Martin, Jill Dumaresq, Doug Jarvis, Wally Baker, Ruth Speer, Rosemary Wells, Jack Barkley, Melody Praine, Elizabeth Irwin, Patty McLaughlin, Isobel Tuttle

1. Welcome & opening prayer

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, January 13, 2026

3. Business Arising

a. Events Calendar

b. Vestry

c. Milk Mat Workshop

d. Eastlink

e. Snow Removal

f.

4. Rector' Report (see attached)

5. Warden's Report (see attached)

6. Treasurer's Report (see attached)

a. Approval of Budget

7. Holy Trinity Report (see attached)

8. Cemetery Report – No Report

9. Apple Tree Ministry – No Report

10. New Business

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

11. Grace.

Parish Council Minutes  
Tuesday January 13, 2026

Present: Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Canon Pat Martin. Ruth Speer, Doug Jarvis, Wally Baker, Elizabeth Irwin, Patty McLaughlin, Rosemary Wells, Melodie Praine, Isobel Tuttle, Jill Dumaresq

Regrets: Jack Barkley

Start Time: 7:32

1	Welcome & Opening prayer	Mark Lewis	
2a b	Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes 12/09/25	Moved; Wally Baker Moved: Patty McLaughlin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Melody Praine 2 <sup>nd</sup> Melody Praine
3	Business Arising a) Fund Raising Calendar  b) Vestry  c) Eastlink  d) Communication Coordinator	a) Jill  b) Mark  c) Rosemary will send Mark the number  d) Mark	a) Missing financial information. February 4 next Chamber breakfast. Christmas dinner is noted as mission. Change to an event calendar. b) February 27. Theme for this years vestry Warden will handle nominations.  d) Ruth has sent her resignation letter to the church. Asking Ruth to look at the job description to help going forward.
4	Rector's Report	Attached	
5	Warden's Report	Attached	
6	Treasurer's Report  a) Draft budget	Attached Moved by Rosemary  Not covered at this time.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wally Baker  Suggestion that we have a meeting near end of January to finalize a draft budget., to be presented at vestry. Date to be set at a later time.

7	Holy Trinity Report a. Musician	Attached a) Jill	Some discussions with Susan about the difference with being hired and getting an honorarium. Motion Jill Seconded: Wally We give Susan an honorarium of \$1000 for the calendar year of 2025.
8	Cemetery Report	No report	
9	Apple Tree Ministry	No report	
10	New Business a) Triannual Evaluation and Priority Setting Task Force b) Ash Wednesday c) Lenten Series d) Murder Mystery Fundraiser e) Milk Mat Workshop f) Holidays g) Snow Removal h) Retirement	a) Mark b) Mark c) Mark d) Pat d) Pat f) Mark g) Mark h) Mark	They want it done in February, Mark will do more research. February 18 <sup>th</sup> 2 services  c) Pat will lead.  d) Brian and Margaret have met with playhouse. Thinking an afternoon show might be easier.  e) Frankie would like to teach the mat making.  f) January 15-26 <sup>th</sup> g) Talk with the Sexton about snow removal. h) Transitioning Rev. Mark out of some items that he has been handling. Parish profile needs to be put together.
11	Grace	Mark	

Motion to adjourn Wally Baker.

Meeting end time: 8:39

Recorded by Wendy Lewis

## **Incumbent's Report**

February 10, 2026

Grace and Peace to you all:

It seems that this place never slows down. I journeyed on some holidays in January right after our last parish council meeting. Although it was great to see my daughter and her family. I spent some time ill and then had to cut my trip short for impending storms, both there and here. I was happy to be home safe and sound, and disappointed that I didn't get to spend more time with the grandchildren.

The time away gave me time to pause and reflect on the coming year as well as recent events.

After much thought and discernment, I changed the vestry theme to Isaiah 43:19:

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”*

It reminds me that God is always working for us, although we might not see or understand how. The moving on of Ruth and I certainly has created a space of transition. The election of a new Bishop for our diocese will also bring a new thing for us all. The insensitive termination of Taylor Seguin at Centre 105 has caused much divisiveness, frustration and anxiety, both at the Centre and at the diocesan level. And yet, God is working in this and will bring about a new thing, although we might not be able to perceive it at this time.

As I journey through the wilderness of this liminal space I occupy, my faith buoys me knowing that God is making a new way and will open up new streams to explore. As we journey as a parish in the coming months tackling the many transitions that will occur, restarting conversations about our building and our stewardship, and planning for the future, know that God is creating a new thing. Our job is to listen to the many voices, discern their wisdom, and be open to the Spirit moving in this place. As I get older, it seems harder to do this, but I know that God knows best and provides wisdom from the most unexpected places and from some of the most unexpected people. Be faithful in your trust in God and be open to the Spirit that will guide us!

Thank you for being such a wonderful council and congregation. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this place. Thank you for the support you provide and the generosity you give. God is good and continues to do marvellous things in this place. Praise God from whom all blessing come!

As always, I love serving in this place and serving with all of you!

Yours in Christ,

Mark+

## **Warden's Report**

January services began on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> with the celebration of the Epiphany which was live streamed. Live streamed services were continued on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> (Baptism of the Lord), Jan 18th (Epiphany 2) and Jan 25th (Epiphany 3). A Contemplative service (a new initiative of Reverend Mark's) was held on Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

Reverend Mark took a much-deserved holiday in the middle of January. His parish obligations were covered by Reverend Pat Martin who we are very lucky to be able to rely on for a large variety of activities for the parish. Thank you, Reverend Pat.

Morning coffee time took place before each Sunday service, and it continues to be well received by the congregation. Thank you to those who continue to provide this service each week.

A Hartford Worship Service was led by Reverend Mark on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. It continues to be well received by the Hartford community. Coffee Morning Gospel conversations were held by zoom on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Education for Ministry (EFM) took place on Jan 6th and 21<sup>st</sup>. Martha's Drop in Lunch was served upstairs in the church on Jan 15th (a much-appreciated outreach program). A Community Kitchen with Shelly from the House of Lazarus was presented at the church on Jan 16th.

The Community hub and Warming Center at Martha's House continues to operate from Mon.-Fri. each week from 8:30 am-4 pm. Programs include a drop in breakfast on Mondays, 8:30-10 am. A drop-in lunch on Thursdays from 11:30-1pm. On Monday and Friday, the Advocacy Center is available from 11am-4pm to help clients find support from various community services.

Martha's Closet will take place on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> downstairs in the church hall.

The House of Lazarus offered a Lunch and Learn workshop at St James on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. The topic was Fire and Safety Prevention. A free lunch was provided.

The church continues to collect milk bags which will be used by Community Living to weave mats for the homeless. Bread and milk bag tags continue to be collected at the back of the church in support of Center 105.

In addition to the services mentioned above the Church community continues to support Center 105, Community Food Share, The Madagascar School Project and Orphanage, the Pastoral Care team at Winchester Hospital, The Parish Emergency Prayer team, The Prayer Shawl Ministry, The Apple Tree Ministry, The Greeting Card Ministry, a Jigsaw Lending Library and Stamps for Oxfam.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dumaresq, Patty McLaughlin, Doug Jarvis and Wally Baker

## **Holy Trinity Report for February 10, 2026 Parish Council Meeting**

Nothing earthshattering to report this month from Holy Trinity. Things are pretty quiet during these cold months.

We did have a nice time of fellowship after our last service on February 1st. I think everyone stayed behind this time to enjoy a hot tea or coffee gratefully provided by Maria and baked treats and fruit provided by many hands. We are looking to moving the back two pews downstairs to give us more “walking around” room for these special times in our fellowship. We just need to get the approval of the Rector, and a couple of strong fellas to git er dun.

We give thanks for Gerry Gurnhill, who continues to provide our snow removal in a timely fashion and for a reasonable price. That man must really love driving his tractor, as he also grooms all the local snowmobile trails!

Peter 2.0 continues to lead us very well, and Peter 1.0 tries to join us when he can. Two Peters are always better!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Isobel Tuttle, Chapel Steward

<b>St James Cash Flow Comparison</b>				
<b>2025-01-01 through 2026-01-31</b>				
<b>Category</b>		<b>2025-01-01- 2025-01-31</b>	<b>2026-01-01- 2026-01-31</b>	<b>Budget 2026</b>
<b>INFLOWS</b>				
Fund Raisers: Calendars	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$180.00	
Fund Raisers: Catering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
Fund Raisers: Christmas Appeal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
Fund Raisers: Church Dinners	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Fund Raisers: Easter Appeal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	
Fund Raisers: Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Fund Raisers: Music Concert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
Fund Raisers: Pancake Applefest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	
Fund Raisers: Play	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Fund Raisers: Playhouse Lunch Money	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
Fund Raisers: Small Halls Festival	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	
Fund Raisers: Symphony	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$3,000.00	
Fund Raisers: Thanksgiving	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	
Fund Raisers: Tortieres	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
<b>General Givings</b>	<b>\$9,124.00</b>	<b>\$8,913.87</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	
General Givings: TXFR HT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	
General Givings - non envelope	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00	
HST Rebate	\$1,555.43	\$2,918.00	\$7,900.00	
Invest Inc	\$2,250.55	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	
Mission Income: Christmas Dinner	-\$127.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Mission Income: Madagascar	\$260.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	
Mission Income: PWRDF	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Open	\$181.00	\$90.00	\$2,000.00	
Rental Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	
Rental Income Rectory	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$20,000.00	
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$14,893.48</b>	<b>\$13,706.87</b>	<b>\$200,730.00</b>	

Category	2025-01-01- 2025-01-31	2026-01-01- 2026-01-31	Budget 2026
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>			
Business: Ecops	\$9,219.42	\$9,228.83	\$110,745.96
Business: Insurance	\$1,167.83	\$1,098.25	\$13,179.00
Business: Parish Fair Share	\$1,034.92	\$990.34	\$11,884.08
Business: Salary, Wages	\$863.08	\$863.08	\$7,767.75
Business: Synod	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Fund Raiser Expense: Calendar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$216.00
Office: Bank Fees	\$59.83	\$22.50	\$660.00
Office: Envelope Secretary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Office: HST	\$231.89	\$726.68	\$5,000.00
Office: misc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Office: Office Phone	\$303.23	\$26.96	\$1,188.00
Office: Office Supply	\$217.80	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Office: Treasurer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Rectory: Grounds Maintenance	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00
Rectory: Heat	\$0.00	\$164.65	\$2,000.00
Rectory: Hydro and Water	\$242.23	\$250.00	\$3,000.00
Rectory: Property Tax	\$163.78	\$84.29	\$1,100.00
Rectory: Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Rectory Security	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
St James: Custodian Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
St James: Custodian Supplies	\$0.00	\$74.99	\$60.00
St James: Grounds Maint	\$600.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00
St James: Heat Ex	\$0.00	\$535.26	\$7,200.00
St James: Kitchen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
St James Security	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
St James: St James Elec	\$260.39	\$388.13	\$4,000.00
St James: Maintneance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Worship Adult Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Worship: Advertising	\$0.00	\$353.60	\$650.00
Worship: Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Worship: Music Director	\$823.33	\$823.33	\$9,674.13
Worship: Music License	\$162.00	\$0.00	\$165.00
Worship: Misc	\$79.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$15,728.73</b>	<b>\$19,230.89</b>	<b>\$202,959.92</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$835.25</b>	<b>-\$5,524.02</b>	<b>-\$2,229.92</b>

## 2026-2027 Budget

St James Budget 2026-2027		2025-01-01	2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET
Category		2025-12-31		
<b>INFLOWS</b>				
CTF		\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raisers: Church Dinners		\$2,948.53	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00
Fund Raisers: Calendars		-\$71.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
Fund Raisers: Catering		\$1,464.88	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Fund Raisers: Christmas Appeal		\$2,298.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fund Raisers: Easter Appeal		\$365.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Fund Raisers: Garage Sale		\$1,800.45	\$2,100.00	\$2,000.00
Fund Raisers: Music Concert		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Fund Raisers: Pancake Apple Fest		\$1,242.08	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Fund Raisers: Play		\$1,760.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Fund Raisers: Playhouse Lunch Money		\$3,519.78	\$4,700.00	\$2,500.00
Fund Raisers: Small Halls Festival		\$438.50	\$1,100.00	\$750.00
Fund Raisers: Symphony		\$3,431.35	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Fund Raisers: Thanksgiving		\$25.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Fund Raiser: Tortieres		\$2,777.47	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
<b>General Givings</b>		<b>\$116,729.77</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>
<b>General Givings: TXFR HT</b>		<b>\$10,440.31</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>General Givings - non envelope</b>		<b>\$14,927.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$5,200.00</b>
HST Rebate		\$8,340.78	\$7,900.00	\$7,900.00
Invest Inc		\$11,425.03	\$6,900.00	\$7,000.00
Open		\$900.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Rental Income		\$400.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Rental Income Rectory		\$19,200.00	\$19,200.00	\$20,000.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>		<b>\$218,362.93</b>	<b>\$191,280.00</b>	<b>\$200,730.00</b>

<b>OUTFLOWS</b>			
Business: Ecops	\$110,633.04	\$110,633.00	\$110,745.96
Business: Insurance	\$14,013.96	\$14,014.00	\$13,179.00
Business: Parish Fair Share	\$12,419.04	\$12,056.00	\$11,884.08
Business: Salary, Wages	\$10,854.51	\$10,357.00	\$7,767.75
Business: Synod Meeting	\$286.44	\$300.00	\$300.00
Fund Raiser Expense: Church Calendar	\$0.00	\$95.00	\$216.00
Office: Bank Fees	\$705.96	\$660.00	\$660.00
Office: Envelope Sec	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Office: HST	\$6,214.90	\$3,750.00	\$5,000.00
Office: misc	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Office: Office Phone	\$2,316.59	\$2,000.00	\$1,188.00
Office: Office Supply	\$2,916.69	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Office: Treasurer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rectory: Heat	\$1,992.65	\$1,700.00	\$2,000.00
Rectory: Hydro and Water	\$3,062.00	\$2,900.00	\$3,000.00
Rectory: Property Tax	\$1,094.58	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
Rectory: Rectory Maint	\$11,409.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Rectory: Rectory Security	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$420.00
Rectory Grounds Maintenance	\$3,275.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,000.00
St James: Custodian Care	\$1,988.17	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
St James: Custodian Supplies	\$29.98	\$60.00	\$60.00
St James: Grounds Maint St James	\$7,150.50	\$2,200.00	\$6,000.00
St James: Heat Ex	\$6,997.15	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
St James: Kitchen St James	\$835.95	\$5,500.00	\$1,500.00
St James: Security St James	\$1,947.50	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
St James: St James Elec	\$4,109.64	\$2,900.00	\$4,000.00
St James: St James Repair & Maint.	\$2,121.74	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Worship: Adult Education	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Worship: Advertising	\$360.40	\$650.00	\$650.00
Worship: Flowers	-\$386.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Worship: Music Director	\$9,879.96	\$9,674.13	\$9,674.13
Worship: Music License	\$162.00	\$160.00	\$165.00
Worship: Organ	\$527.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
Worship Misc	\$2,525.58	\$450.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$220,964.68</b>	<b>\$203,729.13</b>	<b>\$202,959.92</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$2,601.75</b>	<b>-\$12,449.13</b>	<b>-\$2,229.92</b>