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Isaiah 43:19



The Anglican Parish of South Dundas

Exploring faith and serving the world God loves.

Annual Vestry Meeting to be held Sunday, February 22, 2026

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Agenda

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Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes

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Anglican Parish of South Dundas

Sunday March 2nd, 2025

12:00PM St. James'

IN ATTENDANCE: Rev. Mark Lewis, Jo-Anne Minish, Doug Jarvis, Wally Baker, Martin Streit, Al Graham, Chris Jarvis, Mary Ann Whittaker, Judy Jacques, Graham Jacques, Pat Martin, Gayle Hines, Tim McLaughlin, Patty McLaughlin, Canace Jameson, Jim Millard, Brenda Millard, Lawrence Larocque, Joan Larocque, Doug Millard, Joyce Millard, Susan Bradley, Wendy Lewis, Bob Rudduck, Jill Dumaresq, Ruth Speer, Rosemary Wells, Melody Praine

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer from Rev. Mark Lewis at 12:15 pm

2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk

Jo-Anne Minish was appointed Vestry Clerk.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept: Doug Jarvis

Seconded: Wally Baker

All in favour

4. Approval of minutes from March 3, 2024 Vestry Meeting

Motion to accept: Doug Millard

Seconded: Wendy Lewis

All in favour

5. Business Arising from the March 3, 2024 Minutes

a. Building Committee Update

Update is in the package. The building committee's recommendation is that we find grants and other funding opportunities in order to move forward.

Joyce Millard asked where money from sale of St. John's has gone. - Some of the money is in CTFS and some has been used for architects. There is money still available to use.

6. Reports (non-financial)

a. Rector's Report

b. Committee Reports

Motion to accept: Wally Baker

Seconded: Jill Dumaresq

All in favour

7. Treasurer's Report

We had a great fundraising year. We started in a deficit and ended with a surplus.

Holy Trinity was thanked for their donation from the Whitney trust fund. This has helped the financial situation this year.

We are proposing a deficit budget for 2025 and hoping our fundraising continues to increase

Motion to accept : Rosemary Wells

Seconded: Candace Jamieson

All in favour

8. 2025 Budget

Mark thanked people who step up and give willingly.

Jill thanked Rosemary for all her hard work.

Motion to approve: Rosemary Wells

Seconded: Patty McLaughlin

All in favour

9. Nomination Slate of Officers

Rev. Mark Lewis reviewed the slate of Elections and Appointments, as previously distributed.

The 2025 Slate is as follows:

APPOINTMENTS

Rector's Warden:	Jill Dumaresq
Deputy Rector's Warden:	Doug Jarvis
Treasurer:	Rosemary Wells
Envelope Secretary:	Ruth Speer
Screening in Faith Officer:	To be handled by Parish Council
Chapel Steward:	Isobel Tuttle
Auditor:	Peter Krug

Lay worship leaders: Wally Baker, Ann Barkley, Jack Barkley, Elizabeth Irwin, Doug Jarvis,
Graham Jacques, Ruth Speer

Communion Assistants: Shirley Alguire, Wally Baker, Ann Barkley, Jack Barkley,
Jill Dumaresq, Elizabeth Irwin, Chris Jarvis, Doug Jarvis,
Judy Jacques, Joan Larocque, Jane Lee, Nick Lee,
Doug Millard, Jim Millard, Melody Praine, Wendy Lewis,
Isobel Tuttle

ELECTED OFFICES

The following persons are nominated for election by the Vestry. They have agreed to serve in these capacities and be members of Parish Council.

Thanks went to Jo-Anne Minish for her years as standing as the People's Warden.

People's Warden:	Wally Baker
Deputy Warden:	Patty McLaughlin
Synod Members:	Ruth Speer, Jill Dumaresq
Alternate Synod Members:	Elizabeth Irwin
Members at Large:	

Move to close nominations:

Moved: Pat Martin

Seconded: Doug Jarvis

All in favour

COORDINATORS

The following have agreed to serve as Coordinators or Parish Contacts in these areas. They are welcome to attend meetings of Parish Council to discuss their areas of concern.

Altar Guild	Shirley Alguire, Joan Larocque (deputy)
Apple Tree Ministry	Melody Praine
Card Convener	Lynn Levere
Cemetery Board	Jack Barkley
Cemetery Treasurer	Bob Ruddock
Children and Family Ministries	
Christian Education/Training	Pat Martin
Christmas Dinner	Candace Jamieson, Pat Martin, Ruth Speer
Cursillo	Jack Barkley, Ruth Speer
Communications	Ruth Speer
Facility bookings	Parish Office

Gardens	Deb Swords
Newsletter	Jim Millard
Martha's Closet	Wendy Lewis & Committee
Martha's Drop In	Pat Martin
Organist	Margaret Whisselle
Pastoral Care Team	Ann Barkley
Building Our Future Task Force	Jill Dumaresq, Nick Lee, Wally Baker, Rosemary Wells, Andy Bowers, Mark Lewis, Doug Jarvis
Roster	Pat Martin, Fay Donnelly, Ruth Speer
Sexton	Jack Barkley, David VanMoorsel

Motion to accept Coordinators:

Moved: Bob Ruddock

Seconded: Rosemary Wells

All in favour

10. Other Business

None

11. Notes of Thanks

Thank you's from Mark:

Thanks to all who volunteer to make our services run so smoothly. There are too many to name, but know that I really appreciate each and every one of you for all that you do.

Thank you to Shirley Alguire for organizing and leading the Altar Guild.

Rosemary for all her work with finances.

Elizabeth and team for their work with creating the roster for Sunday's. also, her work as the Envelope secretary. She has retired from both of these positions to spend more time in Toronto with Paige, her new granddaughter. Thank you to Ruth and Pat and Faye for stepping up to take on these valuable roles in the church.

Thanks to Ruth for all of the hard work and dedication she brings as our communication coordinator. Without her, there would be no bulletins, announcements, or PowerPoint. However, she also volunteers much time and effort in our Parish ministries.

Parish Council for their work and support. Thanks to Lynn for her service this past year. A special thank you to Jo-Anne for being the People's Warden these last four years. I appreciate all of your wisdom and guidance.

Thanks also to Lynn for her work as the Card Convenor.

Mark thanked Peter Cazaly for all his work at Holy Trinity. Retired and seamless transition to Peter Crosby. Thank you to Peter Crosby for stepping in to this new role.

The music team, Margaret, Graham and Jo-Anne.

Thanks to Jack for all the work he does with the building and caring for this place. And thanks to Jack and bob for taking care of the cemetery work in the Parish. This is a thankless job but one that is vitally important to our community.

Special thank you to Pat, for her support for being a sounding board, helping with the roster, picking music, and organizing and running our adult education programs and her time and energy that she gives up because she loves this place.

Wendy, for being his rock and not letting him fail.

Mark thanked everyone for all of the work they do.

Jill thanked Mark for his incredible amount of dedication that he has. He inspires us and has a heart as big as the state he comes from. We are lucky and blessed to have Mark here.

Motion to Adjourn: Pat Martin

12. Closing Grace

Rev. Mark Lewis closed the meeting by leading the grace at 12:46 pm

Prepared by: Jo-Anne Minish

Vestry Clerk

Incumbent's Report

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
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~ Isaiah 43:19 ~*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The theme for Vestry describes what I feel we are facing this year. And we can only face this knowing, trusting and believing that deep down God is in all things and at all times. God is constantly working to create new things. Those new things spring up around us in the most unassuming people and places. God is making new ways for us to see the world and act to bring God's kingdom into this world and into our community. Will we be courageous enough to look for and listen to God and see God's new creations?

With the announcement of my impending retirement, and the loss of Ruth as our Communications Coordinator, we will be in a transitional time. a time where it would be easy to worry and to be fearful and to have anxiety about what is next. But I know that God is always doing new things. And these transitions will cause things to spring up. They will be new and better and keep God's kingdom moving forward. When I arrived as the priest in this place, I was the new thing. God had formed me to be in this place at this time and to minister to this people. When God sent Ruth to us, it was God's new creation in her and through her that blessed us with her presence. And whatever comes after us will be God's new thing that will be best for this place and in this time. We should be waiting with joyful expectation to see what God provides in this place.

We have journeyed far and have endured the challenges that we have faced with great faith and trust that god is moving in this place. Our ministries have grown; we have met the trials of deficit budgets; we have welcomed the stranger with a warm hospitable place; and we have fed those in need. We have tried to follow the way of Jesus and learned that this is not always the easy road. Through our trust and faith in God, we have worked, and continue to work, to bring Jesus to the world. And the journey is far from over. It is not something we achieve, but rather something we aspire to with our limited time here in this world. I pray we continue to follow the way of Jesus to bring his teachings into this vey secular world. As we enter this year of transition, we will be Jesus' hands and feet in building this new thing. We will face more challenges, but not ones that we have not faced before. And the new thing will be good and vibrant and even better than it was before. We must have faith and trust in this. It is an opportunity for new people to step into new roles. It will be an opportunity to find the gifts of those we may not have seen before. It will be an opportunity to grow in places and people that we have experienced or seen before. We must allow ourselves to dream and dream big; to be invitatory to the new and embrace the unknown. It will be finding God in people and places we never imagined. It will be exciting and challenging, and we will find new things and new ways and streams in the wilderness.

Thank you for all you have done; for all you are doing and for all that will be done. Thank you for loving God and for loving me!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Mark

Statistical Information

St. James' 2025

Total Sunday attendance:	2595 (52 Eucharists)
Average Sunday attendance:	49.9
Total yearly attendance:	3176
No of services:	63 incl. Funerals, Lent, Holy Week, & Christmas
Funerals:	7
Baptisms:	4
Marriages:	6

Holy Trinity Chapel 2025

Total Sunday attendance:	457
Average Sunday attendance:	20
No of Sunday services:	23
Funerals:	1
Baptisms:	0
Marriages:	0

The Warden's Report to Vestry 2025

We invite you to pause for a moment and think about this past year in the Parish of South Dundas and at St. James'. What were the highlights for you? What was especially meaningful?

There is a lot to reflect on! We made a list of all (or at least many) of the ministries and activities we have supported, and it's about two lined pages long. Some of these are listed in the table of contents of this Vestry report, but there are many more! We have worshipped together, often with special services the Reverend Mark Lewis and the Reverend Canon Pat Martin prepare for us, enhanced by music from our dedicated team, and supported by Liturgical Assistants, Readers, Prayer Leads, Counters, PowerPoint and YouTube folks, to name only some. The Pastoral Care Team and the Emergency Prayer Team supplement our prayers. There is opportunity for fellowship before Sunday service, and in Martha's Drop-In, and many less formal opportunities like working together for Martha's Closet, Playhouse Lunches, the Annual Garage Sale, the Roast Beef Dinner (this year for the Legion), the annual play and our special concerts, support for Martha's House (the Hub) again to name only a few. The amazing Christmas Dinner is a big effort – this year serving an astounding 297 delicious meals. All your contributions to our congregational life in its many aspects, and that of our broader community life, are important and appreciated.

This focus on serving the community keeps us more than busy. We haven't made as much progress as we would wish on a stewardship plan for our congregation, as well as learning some basics about major fundraising, so we can make good decisions about work on our building. We have some excellent resources, and you will be hearing more about them in this new year. You will see in the financial report that we reduced our budget deficit considerably this year, with lots of hard work serving and fun(d)raising, and topped with a couple of particularly generous donations, and a contribution from Holy Trinity. We are thankful!

As you think about what is meaningful for you in this community, we invite you to consider if you might volunteer or contribute in some new ways as we have the sad task of easing Mark and Wendy out of their roles and on to happy retirement. Speak to any of us about your ideas. Also, as we work on serving the community, are you able to review your annual givings? Do they, as much as possible, reflect how you value your church?

We will miss Ruth Speer whose contributions as our Communications person far exceeded the job scope, and we wish her well in her internship. We are blessed with our wonderful and hard-working incumbent and his partner, Mark and Wendy, as well as with Pat, who does so much to keep things happening. It's a privilege to serve you, in this vibrant community, as your wardens.

Thank you for your support.

Jill Dumaresq, Doug Jarvis, Wally Baker, and Patty McLaughlin

Adult Education

EfM (Education for Ministry) Our final 2 participants graduate this summer. We are developing a one-year program for the parish for 2026-27. The new adult ed program will be free and open to all.

Gospel Conversation: This weekly, one hour conversation about the upcoming gospel reading happens on Tuesday mornings via Zoom. It is very simple, accessible, informative, and relatively popular practice that helps prepare us for the upcoming Sunday, while leading to some serious theological questions and conversations. The conversation also includes people from outside of the parish / country, which opens the door to different perspectives.

Lent 2025: Last year's Lenten program was a 4-week Lenten study on a painting based on the characters in Luke's story of The Return of the Prodigal. On March 15, Joshua Zentner-Barrett, MSMus, ARCCO, then Director of Music, Anglican Studies, Université Saint Paul University led us in a Music Workshop that included things like: why songs words matter and music animation.

Looking ahead to Lent 2026: Beginning Feb 25 at 1:00 pm, we will be holding four weekly conversations on How to Be Salt and Light in/to a Broken World? (Matthew 5:13-16)

Apple Tree Ministry Community Christmas Dinner

Between eat ins, take outs and deliveries, the Christmas Dinner teams worked together to successfully feed about 296 people. Special thanks to the Morrisburg Legion for allowing us to use their premises and to John Ciampaglia, the master Chef and Carver who worked with kitchen team to debone the turkeys for faster cooking and easier carving. Thank you to everyone who contributed with their time, talent and treasure.

Respectfully submitted by the Community Christmas Dinner Team Leaders:

Candace and Jim Jamieson, Ruth Speer, Ann and Jack Barkley, and Pat Martin

Martha's Drop-in Lunch

This simple lunch (usually soup) continues to take place at the back of the church on the first and third Thursday of each month from September to June. Doors open at 11 am, coffee is ready by 11:15 am and lunch is served at 11:45 am. We average around 20 - 30 people each week, (some new, some regulars, etc) coming for food and fellowship.

Beginning Jan 2026, we will be holding Martha's downstairs on the first Thursday of each month and upstairs on the third Thursday. This is a response to concerns about the cold and heating costs balanced with concern for those who are uncomfortable going downstairs.

Thank you to the amazing team of volunteers who cook, serve and clean up to keep this ministry going. During the summer we switch to a mid morning coffee time with muffins and cheese.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Martin

Fun(d)raising:

On Saturday, April 5th, 2025 we held a Celtic Rainbow Cabaret in the church on - no murder involved. It was an evening of music and comedy with three Old Men Muppets running commentary and jokes. Thank you to Margaret and all the musicians and songbirds who participated.

On April 25 (rehearsal April 24), we will be holding a Seaway Mystery Cabaret at the Upper Canada Playhouse. Without the creative presence of our intrepid director, Wendy Gibb, this will be a very different experience for all of us. However, Wendy gave approval of the script before she died with VERY clear directions that it should go ahead and the final scene be exactly as she wrote it. Thank you to Brian Speer who has agreed to be both actor and co director on this adventure.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Martin

Altar Guild

2025 was a good year for the Altar Guild.

Shirley Alguire has dutifully and gracefully stepped into the role as Chair, and Joan Laroque has served as the vice chair. Shirley would like to thank the hardworking team of about 12 people for their continued support of this valuable ministry. We had a few new members join the Guild as Rob Whythe and Evett Hurst came on board, and sadly lost one in the passing of Wendy Gibb.

The Altar Guild is always looking for new members and would welcome any and all people to experience this important role in the liturgy of the church. We would especially welcome any male members into this group who perform this respected work of the church.

Altar Guild members generally work in teams of two. As we are up and running, a schedule will be distributed so that members know when they are assigned to set-up and clean up.

Mark and the Parish Council extend their heartfelt thanks to Shirley and all the members for their dedicated faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Alguire

Apple Tree Ministry

This year we were able to help 3 Seniors, 10 adults and the House of Lazarus Community Hub. This money helped pay some utility bills, cover costs of motels, food and travel for the homeless and transient people. Some funds were directed to Reverend Mark for the discretionary fund

Revenue		Expenses	
Bank Balance Jan 1, 2025	\$3212.45	Discretionary Community Support	\$3474.06
Cash on Hand Jan 1, 2025	\$ 237.50	Bank Charges	\$ 35.00
		Transfer to Community Hub	\$1000.00
Christmas Dinner 2025	\$3250.00	Cash on Hand Dec 31, 2025	\$ 206.15
Donations	\$ 0.00	Bank Balance Dec 31, 2025	\$1984.74
Total	\$6699.95	Total	\$6699.95

Respectfully submitted,
Melody Praine

Communications Coordinator

It was an enjoyable year working as the Communication Coordinator for our Parish. I have learned a great deal in my two years of serving in this capacity and I will miss being in the parish office on a regular basis.

In looking back at the emails, files and interactions that took place over the course of the last year, it shows how active and vibrant we are in our parish and in the broader community as we strive to keep people informed of all the events and happenings that were taking place.

Thank you to everyone for your support of this role as we strive to share the life and work of our parish community.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Speer

Community Christmas Exchange

In 2025 we created 45 Christmas Exchange hampers for single people in our community. Our donations are added to the South Dundas Christmas Exchange food donations and Community Food Share donations to create a hamper for single people in need in our community. People register for these hampers through the Community Food Share. The hamper were handed out on Thursday December 17th during the Food Share hours.

Many people sign up but some items did not get donated in the end. We also had the hats, mittens and gloves that we collected go missing before the hampers were put together. Due to this I have started the collection process and will house the items at our home. This year we will do a monthly item and see how that goes. I have started collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for February. Attached you will see a table of items I hope to collect this year.

Blessings+

Wendy Lewis

March	Mitten
April	Hats
May	Soap
June	Warm socks
July	hairbrushes
August	Deodorant
September	Shampoo
October	Neck warmers.
November	Candy Bars
December	Hand warmers

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program 2024

This program provides income tax assistance to seniors, students, families, and single parent households. Sponsored by South Dundas Anglicans - St. James, we work closely with the Canada Revenue Agency who provide program guidelines, income tax software and volunteer training.

Volunteers go through a vetting process and once approved prepare taxes for clients, in-person, through drop off or virtually (over the phone), a service which supports the disabled communities.

There were three active volunteers in 2024 who prepared 568 individual income taxes for a variety of clients throughout SD&G and Cornwall — Daphne Hall, Robert Regnier, Daniel Kenny and Rosemary Wells. We support Centre 105 and their client base with an on-site tax preparer.

We have a new tax preparer joining the group, Rashid Kasim who will be working on virtual returns.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Wells

Coordinator, CVITP — South Dundas Anglicans

Developing Our Future Task Force

The work of the Building committee and the Developing our Future Task Force was put on hold for many and various reasons. Primarily the business of the parish and the untimely deaths of some significant community members and parishioners, as well as the Bishop Shane leaving and a transition occurring at Ascension House.. Reverend Mark will take the responsibility for this transpiring as it was his schedule that interfered with the group gathering together. There is nothing to report at this time, but meetings will be scheduled in the near future to re-assess the direction of and the stewardship of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mark Lewis

Emergency Prayer Chain

The emergency prayer chain continues to offer emergency or short-term prayers for all. The chain continues to operate in confidentiality, while lifting those in need, up to the Lord. The chain can be started by calling 613-213-2121.

Blessings+

Wendy Lewis

Envelope Secretary's Report

As the envelope secretary for 2025, I would like to express my thanks to all who assist in the record keeping that is required so that official income tax receipts can be generated. It was a year of learning the ins and outs of tracking all the various donations methods that are made to our parish. Among them are the weekly offering envelopes, automatic bank or credit card withdrawals (PAR), e-transfers, and Canada Helps.

It was in doing this work, I was privileged to see the generosity of this Parish and this community as we strive to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted us with.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Speer

Winter Coat Give Away

On Wednesday October 15th, 2025, we ran our Winter Coat Give Away. We had two time slots. First one at 1p.m. and the second at 5pm. In total we had 3 people that attended. The remaining coats became available at the Martha's closet at the end of October, November and January. Due to the cold weather this winter we will have them available in February.

We will start collecting for 2026 winter season, in March. We will not run a separate day. However, we will use the ticket method and have the coats available at the October 31st Martha's starting from 8:30am. The ticket will allow those needing a coat to select one before the regular Martha's hours 9-11.

Blessings+
Wendy Lewis

Mitten Tree

Our Advent Mitten tree was a great success this year. We collected a total of 212 pairs of mittens and gloves. We divided them up into three groups and delivered a batch to Morrisburg Public, Iroquois Public and St. Mary's Catholic school, along with a box of hats and a box of neck warmers. 2025 saw our tree going up at Advent 3, due to events taking place at the church. The response was overwhelming collecting the most mittens we have ever collected. We received many pairs to the heavy thermal mittens which are more expensive but greatly appreciated by the school.

Blessings+
Wendy Lewis

Martha's Closet

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

It was another successful year for Martha's Closet and it felt that we lived out the theme for the 2025 Vestry from 1 Peter 4:10. We are honoured to be good stewards and to be the recipient of good stewardship from others as we continue to meet the people of our community on the last Saturday of the month.

This ministry is blessed with a regular group of volunteers who bring their gifts of time and talent to lead in the sorting, preparation, promotion, and serving on Saturday mornings. We are also thankful for the members of our group who assist upstairs offering coffee, cookies, and conversation to those who come through our church doors.

As our church hall becomes more active and is used for a variety of church and community events, we have been working to streamline our process as much as possible. After presenting our needs to Parish Council in December, we were given permission to look at ways the children's room downstairs could be a multi-use space that would serve the needs of children & families, as well as Martha's Closet and other church initiatives.

Our numbers average about 70-75 people per month and while we didn't have a closet in July or December, it was decided we would have a Martha's Closet in July going forward. The only month we will not be open is December.

We are grateful to both the Bayshore Mark's and Barrhaven Mark's stores as they continue to donate along with many people in our community. It seems we are becoming quite well known. The St. Mary's Closet that operates in the Anglican Church in Russell has been a wonderful resource for donations and ideas as we continue to strive to meet the needs of our community and the needs of our parish.

We pray that this ministry will continue to represent Jesus Christ in all that we do and say as we continue to serve with the gifts we have been given.

Blessings+

Wendy Lewis, Ruth Speer and the Martha's Closet Team

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our prayer shawl ministry continues to be an important part of the parish's fabric. In 2025, 39 prayer shawls were knitted or crocheted, and blessed, and 28 shawls were distributed to individuals in our parish and elsewhere. Prayer shawls are given to people who are sick, in hospice care, experiencing difficulties, transitioning to a new situation, mourning a loved one, or travelling for medical treatment, to name a few reasons. People who receive prayer shawls appreciate them, and the prayers they represent. They often open the bag and wrap the shawl around them immediately. The warmth, comfort, and knowledge that people whom they don't even know are offering prayers for them is often overwhelming and wonderful at the same time. The prayer shawl ministry has become an integral part of what the Anglican Parish of South Dundas is all about.

Prayer Shawl Financial Report - 2025

Balance fwd. From 2024	\$ 14.35
Donations	\$ 350.00
Expenses	\$ 329.10
Balance December 31, 2025	\$ 35.25

Respectively submitted,
Judy Lapensee and Joyce Millard

Pastoral Care Team

The Team meets four times a year to support one another in the work we do in our community. At the request of individuals, members of the team may do home visits, telephone check-ins, emergency visits or offer support when a need arises. The focus of each meeting is on learning and enhancing our skills in Pastoral Care. This past year we worked on improving our Active Listening Skills, looked at what our definitions of Pastoral Care are and learned about, then discussed Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

If you would like to have someone from the team come to visit you or make a regular phone call to check-in we are here to serve. I encourage members of the Parish to reach out to either Mark or I to utilize this wonderful resource that is available to each of you.

Submitted by Ann Barkley
Pastoral Care Team Leader

Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights Report

The most significant matters to report on at Holy Trinity were:

1. Fence Removal - It was with a heavy heart that the decision was made to have the stone and wrought iron fence surrounding the property removed. This just made the most fiscal sense after many years of trying to maintain the crumbling pillars at significant costs. Our mandate is not to maintain a fence, but the congregation and the building that houses it as much as our resources allow. Almost all comments we received post fence removal were positive, i.e. it opens up the property and doesn't look like anything is missing. A small group of "gardeners" assisted in the spreading of grass seed, which grew in very nicely. The Lych gate and attached pedestrian gate remain on the property as a focal point, and some work will have to be undertaken in 2025 to rebuild the one post that holds the pedestrian gate as it is crumbling badly.
2. Eaves Trough Repaired - I was finally able to secure Mike Cross Construction of Chesterville to reattach the hanging eaves trough on the bell tower. Due to the delay in finding someone to conduct this work, there was damage done to the stonework on the tower and it was necessary to have the same repaired by DeJong Masonry. It is very satisfying to be able to use local specialists to attend to maintenance and repairs whenever possible.
3. Peter Cazaly Retires - Having advised Rev. Mark that he would finally hang up his Chaplain hat at the end of October, Peter did agree to stay on until the end of the calendar year, as his replacement would not be available until that time. At our last service of the year, we enjoyed a delicious pot luck lunch and bid a fond farewell to our dear Peter and thanked him for eight years of service at Holy Trinity.
4. Miscellaneous Matters - Our finances were in excellent shape again in 2024 and the parish benefitted from over \$10,000.00 in unused Sarah Whitney monies. No investments were made as, quite frankly, the Chapel Steward dropped the ball on that one! Due to Wes Long's ill health, we had to secure the service of a new grass cutting service which costs a good deal more than Wes was charging. Luckily, Gerry Gurnhill agreed to take care of our snow removal again this winter season. This may not happen for much longer as Gerry recently celebrated his 80th birthday!! We continue to support Centre 105 in Cornwall in various ways and now have a basket at the back of the church to receive any needed items for the Centre throughout the year. Our "mitten tree" was once again blanketed with warm items during the Advent season.

Respectfully submitted,

Isobel Tuttle, Chapel Steward

Cemetery Committee Annual Report For Vestry

Jack Barkley, Bob Ruddock, Stephen MacDonald, Stephen Law

St James Cemetery - Morrisburg

ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 2025

A company by the name of Country Side Lawn Care was hired to cut the grass at St. James Cemetery and the church property.

St. James Cemetery

Plot VII Burial of Robert Hessel's urn

Installment of headstone for Maurice and Melody Praine Nov. 6th

A letter was sent to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to see if Private Charles Casselman would be a candidate for a commemorative plaque that would be placed in St. James cemetery. No response was received. A letter was sent out to the contacts that we have for St. James Cemetery explaining our financial situation (requested a donation if possible) and asked for any volunteers to help in organizing a decoration day in hopes of beautifying the cemetery. We received one donation and no response to helping organize a decoration day at St. James.

On Oct. 12th a large branch fell from one of trees on East side of cemetery. Our municipality (David Jansen) was contacted and they agreed to pay for removal of the tree due to the safety hazard it represented. Mr. Jansen pointed out that there were 3 other trees along with which should be removed within the next year as they provide danger to individuals and tombstones. The board contacted Top Notch and had the three trees removed at a cost of \$4000.00.

St John's Cemetery – Iroquois

ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 2025

I wish to compliment Don Tryon, who continues to do a great job with the grass cutting and maintenance of St. John's cemetery.

Niche sold to Sandra and Gordon Hodges – niche for father and mother

Plot #229 Burial of Wendy Leckie's urn on June 6, 2025

Update on vandalism of the fence in the South West corner of St. John's Cemetery

Don Tryon continued to bush hog the weeds along the West side of the cemetery fence and the gate to the cemetery was left open. This resulted in people using this path, throughout the summer, to reach the St. Lawrence. No issues of vandalism occurred until a group of hunters, once again damaged the fence. In Aug., Stephen Law and Stephen McDonald personally repaired the fence and left a small opening to allow people to walk through. The gate will be unlocked for 2026 and the board will continue to monitor the situation.

Decoration Day

A huge thank you goes out to Stephen McDonald, Stephen Law, and their committee who planned a very successful Decoration Day at St. John's cemetery. The event was attended by 40 people, even though the weather was a little damp and chilly. Rev. Mark Lewis lead the attendees in a short service which stressed remembering their loved ones in a special way. The event also included an information speech regarding how to restore buried tombstones from Kevin Allen, the owner of Eastern Memorials as well as an informative message regarding the cleaning of tombstones from Erin Stone. Tom Smith, the councilor in charge of cemetery operations, brought greetings from the municipality and expressed his satisfaction as to how well St. John's cemetery is maintained. Many people shared positive comments with me regarding the day and are definitely expecting to attend the Decoration Day which will be held in 2026.

Mapping of St. John's Cemetery information

Stephen Law undertook the monumental task of gridding off St. John's Anglican Cemetery in order to have an accurate map of where individuals have been buried.

His group of volunteers: Chris Stone, Erin Stone, Doug Bueley, Jack Barkley, Marilyn Crabtree, Olga Nikolajev, Shirley Alguire and Stephen McDonald recorded the information on the visible tombstones and unearthed many more. Some were legible but others are unreadable. The recorded information has been entered into a spreadsheet, which also includes information from the Manson report (Hydro 1956) and information Stephen McDonald has collected on veterans in the cemetery. Photos have been taken of most of the cemetery and linked to the individuals buried there.

Planned work for next year:

1. Unearth more tombstones that have been overgrown.
2. Decide the best method to mark the unearthed tombstones and implement it.
3. Complete the photos and linking to tombstones.
4. Do a ground verification of the information in the spreadsheet against the tombstones and their location.
5. Expand the labelling to all four fences.
6. Expand/complete the markers of the 50' grid corners.

If any wishes to be part of this project, please contact Stephen Law.

Details Involving Both Cemeteries

We have small investments from which we continue to draw from in the short term, but they will not sustain the cemeteries in the condition to which we have become accustomed. The board is planning to meet with South Dundas Council and with the person in charge of cemetery operations for the diocese, to see what steps we need to take in the future if we cannot sustain the upkeep of our cemeteries.

Respectfully Submitted by Jack Barkley, President of Cemetery Committee

Audited Financial Report for 2025

INFLOWS		
TOTAL Burial	1,200.00	
Dividend Inc	1,989.09	
TOTAL Donations	4,613.54	
TOTAL Plot Sale	3,300.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS	11,102.63	
OUTFLOWS		
Grave Markers	-200.00	
TOTAL Ground Maintenance	9,066.00	
GST	1,143.52	
Perpetual Care	570.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	10,579.52	
OVERALL TOTAL	523.11	
Ending Bank Balance	18,594.96	

Financial Report 2025

Fundraising events increased significantly in 2025 with numerous concerts, the Beef Dinner at the Morrisburg Legion, several Playhouse lunches, the Garage Sale and generous Appeals around Christmas and Easter. A new Tortiere fundraiser was added to the calendar as well. Combined with the Holy Trinity contribution at year-end of \$10,440.31, our projected deficit shrunk and we ended the year with a small deficit of \$2,601.75. Thank you to all who helped reduce our projected deficit to this small amount.

The challenges facing us in the coming year include continuing the fundraising momentum, addressing ongoing maintenance issues and increasing utilities costs.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Wells, Treasurer

Parish Cash Flow & Proposed Budget

St James BUDGET 2025-2026			
Category	2025-01-01 to 2025-12-31	2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET
INFLOWS			
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 Raiser: Rectory Furnace	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raisers: Santa Breakfast	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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
General Givings	\$116,729.77	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
General Givings: TXFR HT	\$10,440.31	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
General Givings - non envelope	\$14,927.00	\$500.00	\$5,200.00
General Givings - Other Non-envelope	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
HST Rebate	\$8,340.78	\$7,900.00	\$7,900.00
Incumbent Discretionary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Invest Inc	\$11,425.03	\$6,900.00	\$7,000.00
Kitchen Appeal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Apple Tree Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Centre 105	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Christmas Dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: FAMILY MINISTRY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Food Bank	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Madagascar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Madagascar Dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Martha Drop-In	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Martha's House (HUB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: PWRDF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Tilted Steeple	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$218,612.93	\$191,280.00	\$200,730.00

OUTFLOWS			
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
Incumbent Discretionary Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Anglican Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Apple Tree Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Centre 105	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Christmas Dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Community Food	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Family initiative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Hartford Piano	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Madagascar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Martha Drop-In	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Martha House (HUB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: PWRDF Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Tilted Steeple	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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: miscellaneous	\$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 Maintenance	\$11,659.00	\$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 Maintenance 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 & Maintenance	\$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
OVERALL TOTAL	-\$2,601.75	-\$12,449.13	-\$2,229.92

Audited Financial Statements

I have reviewed and audited the financial statements and activities, including receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 2025 for the accounts of the Anglican Parish of South Dundas. This includes the following accounts:

Main Account of the Parish of South Dundas

In Memoriam Account

Martha's Kitchen Account

Parish Apple Tree Ministry Account

Anglican Parish of South Dundas Cemetery Account

Holy Trinity Riverside Heights Account

Renovation Account

All accounts were found to be in excellent order and correct. In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Parish as of December 31, 2025. The Treasurer and Committees are to be commended for their good work.

Sincerely,

Peter Krug

Peter Krug

January 24, 2026

St. James Cash Flow Parish – 2025

St James Cash Flow - 2025	
2025-01-01 through 2025-12-31	
Category	2025-01-01-
INFLOWS	
CTF	14,000.00
Fund Raisers	
Fund Raisers: Beef Dinner	2,948.53
Fund Raisers: Calendars	-71.00
Fund Raisers: Catering	1,464.88
Fund Raisers: Christmas Appeal	2,298.00
Fund Raisers: Easter Appeal	365.00
Fund Raisers: Garage Sale	1,800.45
Fund Raisers: Pancake Breakfast	1,242.08
Fund Raisers: Play	1,760.00
Fund Raisers: Playhouse Lunch Money	3,519.78
Fund Raisers: Rectory Furnace	250.00
Fund Raisers: Small Halls Festival	438.50
Fund Raisers: Symphony	3,431.35
Fund Raisers: Thanksgiving Appeal	25.00
Fund Raisers: Tortiere Sales	2,777.47
TOTAL Fund Raisers	22,250.04
General Givings	116,729.77
General Givings: General Givings-non envelope	12,150.00
General Givings: Transfer from Holy Trinity Chapel	10,440.31
TOTAL General Givings	139,320.08
HST Rebate	8,340.78
Invest Inc	11,425.03
Open	3,677.00
Rental Income	400.00
Rental Income HUB	19,200.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	218,612.93

OUTFLOWS	
Business	
Business: Ecops	110,633.04
Business: Insurance	14,013.96
Business: Parish Fair Share	12,419.04
Business: Salary, Wages	10,854.51
Business: Synod Meeting	286.44
TOTAL Business	148,206.99
Office	
Office: Bank Fees	705.96
Office: Envelope Sec	300.00

Office: HST	6,214.90
Office: Office Phone	2,316.59
Office: Office Supply	2,916.69
Office: Treasurer	500.00
TOTAL Office	12,954.14
Rectory	
Rectory: Grounds Maintenance	3,275.00
Rectory: Heat	1,992.65
Rectory: Hydro and Water	3,062.00
Rectory: Property Tax	1,094.58
Rectory: Rectory Maintenance	11,659.00
Rectory: Rectory Security	420.00
TOTAL Rectory	21,503.23
St James	
St James: Custodian Care	1,988.17
St James: Custodian Supplies	29.98
St James: Grounds Maint St James	7,150.50
St James: Heat Ex	6,997.15
St James: Kitchen St James	835.95
St James: Security St James	1,947.50
St James: St James Elec	4,109.64
St James: St James Repair and Maintenance	2,121.74
TOTAL St James	25,180.63
Worship	
Worship: Adult Education	300.00
Worship: Advertising	360.40
Worship: Flowers	-386.00
Worship: Music Director	9,879.96
Worship: Music License	162.00
Worship: Organ	527.75
Worship: Worship Misc	2,525.58
TOTAL Worship	13,369.69
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	221,214.68
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,601.75

Holy Trinity Cash Flow – 2025

Holy Trinity Cash Flow - 2025	
2025-01-01 through 2025-12-31	
Category	2025-01-01-
INFLOWS	
Cemetery	7.91
CTF	12,000.00
General Givings	14,034.30
General Givings: General Givings-non envelope	60.00
TOTAL General Givings	14,094.30
Invest Inc	20,268.77
Open	266.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	46,636.98
OUTFLOWS	
Business	
Business: Insurance	3,504.00
Business: Parish Fair Share	3,105.00
Business: Priestly Services	3,515.00
TOTAL Business	10,124.00
General Givings YE Transfer to Parish	10,440.31
Holy Trinity	
Holy Trinity: Building Maintenance	14,613.83
Holy Trinity: Custodian	1,485.00
Holy Trinity: Ground Maint HT	1,455.00
Holy Trinity: Holy Trinity Security	35.00
Holy Trinity: HT Heating	4,117.80
Holy Trinity: HT Security	361.52
Holy Trinity: Hydro	1,178.24
TOTAL Holy Trinity	23,246.39
Office	
Office: Bank Fees	14.00

Office: HST	3,060.99
TOTAL Office	3,074.99
Worship	
Worship: Worship Misc	182.52
TOTAL Worship	182.52
Worship Misc	82.43
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	47,150.64
OVERALL TOTAL	-513.66

Renovations Account

Category	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31
OVERALL TOTAL	696.38

Martha's Mission

Category	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31
INFLOWS	
Mission Income	
Mission Income: Martha Drop-In	2,030.00
TOTAL Mission Income	2,030.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,030.00
OUTFLOWS	
Mission Expense	
Mission Expense: Martha's Drop-In	180.00
TOTAL Mission Expense	180.00
Office	
Office: Bank Fees	30.00
TOTAL Office	30.00
St. James	
St. James Kitchen	2,777.00
TOTAL St. James	2,777.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,987.00

OVERALL TOTAL	-957.00
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In Memoriam Account

Cash Flow - 2024	
Category	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31
INFLOWS	
donation	2546.91
TOTAL INFLOWS	2546.91
OUTFLOWS	
Office	
Bank Fees	30.00
TOTAL Office	30.00
TOTAL St. James	30.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	30.00
OVERALL TOTAL	2516.91

Account Balances

Net Worth - As of 2025-12-31	
Account	2025-12-31 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Chequing	20,782.40
CVITP Tax	5,507.87

Holy Trinity Riverside Heights	2,000.00
In Memoriam	2,542.22
Martha's	580.65
Renovation Account	696.38
GIC 1	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	32,109.52
TOTAL ASSETS	32,109.52
LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	32,109.52

Vestry Appointments & Nominations

February 22, 2026

“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.”

Isaiah 43:19

Appointments:

Rector’s Warden: Jill Dumaresq

Deputy Rector’s Warden: Doug Jarvis

Treasurer: Rosemary Wells

Envelope Secretary: Sue Parkes

Screening in Faith Officer: Bonnie van Moorsel

Chapel Steward: Isobel Tuttle

Auditor: Peter Krug

Lay worship leaders: Wally Baker, Ann Barkley, Jack Barkley, Elizabeth Irwin,
Graham Jacques, Doug Jarvis, Ruth Speer

Communion Assistants: Shirley Alguire, Wally Baker, Ann Barkley, Jack Barkley,
Jill Dumaresq, Elizabeth Irwin, Chris Jarvis, Doug Jarvis, Judy Jacques,
Joan Larocque, Jane Lee, Nick Lee, Doug Millard, Jim Millard,
Melody Praine, Isobel Tuttle.

Nominations:

The following persons are nominated for election by the Vestry. They have agreed to serve in these capacities and be members of Parish Council.

People's Warden: Wally Baker
Deputy People's Warden: Patty McLaughlin
Synod Members: Jill Dumaresq, Elizabeth Irwin
Alternate Synod Members: Patty McLaughlin
Members at Large:

Coordinators:

The following have agreed to serve as Coordinators or Parish Contacts in these areas. They are welcome to attend meetings of Parish Council to discuss their areas of concern.

Altar Guild	Shirley Alguire, Joan Larocque (Deputy)
Apple Tree Ministry	Melody Praine
Card Convener:	Lynn Levere
Cemetery Board	Jack Barkley
Cemetery Treasurer	Bob Ruddock
Children and Family Ministries	VACANT
Christian Education/Training	Pat Martin
Christmas Dinner	Pat Martin, Candace Jamieson
Cursillo	Jack Barkley
Communications	VACANT (will be hiring)
Facility bookings	Parish Office
Gardens	Deb Swords
Newsletter	Jim Millard
Martha's Closet	Wendy Lewis
Martha's Drop-In	Pat Martin
Organist	Margaret Whisselle
Pastoral Care Team	Ann Barkley
Building Our Future Task Force	Andy Bowers Jill Dumaresq, Doug Jarvis, Nick Lee, Wally Baker, Mark Lewis,
Roster	Pat Martin, Fay Donnelly
Sexton	Jack Barkley, David VanMoorsel