Parish Council Agenda

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

1. Welcome & opening prayer
2. Approval of Agenda
   Approval of Minutes from Tuesday, September 8, 2026
3. Business Arising
   a. Events Calendar
   b. Snow Clearing
   c. Change message on answering machine
   d. November No Bake, Bake Sale
4. Interim Priest's Report (see attached)
5. Warden's Report (see attached)
6. Treasurer's Report (see attached)
7. Holy Trinity Report (No report)
8. Cemetery Report – (see attached)
9. Apple Tree Ministry – No Report
10. New Business
    a. Live Stream thank you – see report
    b. In memoriam
    c.
    d.
11. The Grace.

Parish Council
Tuesday Sept 8, 2026
St. James Anglican Church – Meeting

Attendance: Canon Pat Martin, Doug Jarvis, Elizabeth Irwin, Wally Baker, Rosemary Wells, Isobel Tuttle, Jill Dumaresq, Patty McLaughlin

Regrets: Jack Barkley, Melody Praine

Start time: 7:27

1.Welcome/opening prayer	Doug Jarvis Canon Pat Martin led opening prayer	
2.Approval of Agenda	Moved: Wally	Seconded: Jill
2aApproval of Minutes	Moved: Jill	Seconded: Elizabeth
3.Business Arising	Events Calendar - reviewed	.
4. Interim Priest's Report	Canon Pat – questions surrounding the incumbent 'leaving' the parish.	
5. Warden's Report	Jill Dumaresq – thank you for completing so thoroughly. No questions from wardens	
6.Treasurer's report	Rosemary Wells Report from Mark – Parish Commitments Motion – Elizabeth Second – Rosemary St. James Cash Flow Comparison New piano: Proposal to take out of the memoriam fund - once reduced to zero - take out of Martha's Motion by Rosemary Second Wally To take dollars out of Martha's acct Close the renovations acct (we are paying for fees at this time only) Motion to close the acct Rosemary Move Wally – Second	
7. Holy Trinity report	Isobel Tuttle In a negative position Isobel met with a painter – extensive amt to be completed (mostly exterior) may have to wait until 2027. May have to go to the CTF for dollars. Rosemary helped with above statement Last Service with Mark on Aug 4th, 2026. Enjoyed by all who attended.	

8. Cemetery report	Jack Barkley – Absent – no report	
9. Apple tree ministry	Melody Praine -Absent – no report	No Report
10. New Business	Ministry Transition discussed above. Not having a plan and an incoming incumbent may be fearful to parishioners. **Adult Ed** Lectio Divina starts on this Thursday – see the last bulletin Following Monday until Oct 5 – Rediscovering and reclaiming Jesus – Randy Woodly author. Consider Stewardship Sunday Nov 22 – diagram to show people where the $ goes. What does it look like for parishioners to understand. We have access to TENS resources which could lay out the steps for Stewardship (why would you give to the church) etc. Excellent idea. Create a pie chart (Isobelle suggested) to show during PP presentation to give parishioners an idea of 'giving's' suggestions. PC Meeting – meetings can fluidly change (weather). Message Service – Mark's voice message needs to be changed. Patty to record the message. Bill's 80th Birthday – Create card and have it signed by parishioners. Snow Removal – ramp and steps need to be done as well as a path to the back door. Quote – Jill will reach out. Pat will reach out to Mark to see who reached out to the 'snow plowing'. Two quotes would be nice – Wally will reach out to a contact.	
11. Motion to adjourn	Elizabeth	
12. The Grace.		

Meeting Adjourned:
Recorded by:

Interim Priest Report

Blessed are the flexible, they will not be bent out of shape,

according to St. Michael and All Angels, Maxville (2005).

September was a period of flexing and adjusting as we began both our fall programs and the journey into *in-between times*. Our computers seemed unsettled by Mark's retirement – but – thanks to Derick Casselman, Nick Lee and a few calls to Mark, things *seem* to be sorted and livestream back up and functioning. Apparently, it was not the computer but a connector that was the issue. We now have a couple of back ups going forward.

Under new business: While Derick says he does not h to be paid, the team is suggesting a thank you card and a $100 gift certificate – maybe one that works at Canadian Tire, Mark's or Sportcheck.

In terms of our Adult Ed programs, Jane Lee led our first two Lectio Divina's in September. Those attending found it an interesting way to reflect on a piece if Scripture.

Our Monday afternoon group exploring; *Rediscovering / Reclaiming Jesus and Replacing a God of Fear with a Spirituality of Healing* (Randy Woodley) was extended by one week to October 19 because of the depth of the content and conversation.

The parish sent in a Commendation Report for Ruth Speer to the Assessment Committee for Postulants for Ordination. Ruth will be attending ACPO at the Sisters of St John the Divine Convent in Toronto on Oct 23 -24.

Jill, Elizabeth and I will be attending our Diocesan Synod in Ottawa Oct 23-24.

Blessings, Pat

Warden's Report

Wardens' Report for Parish Council October 20, 2026 (September)

The Reverend Canon Pat Martin, now as Interim Rector, led our worship through the month of September. We celebrated the Season of Creation from September 1st through to October 4th, with the theme of Living Water, based on Ezekiel 47: 9-12. Pat celebrated the services on the four Sundays at 10:30 a.m., Pentecost 15, 16, 17 and 18 on September 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th respectively, with the addition of 9:00 a.m. Contemplative services on the 13th and 27th.

Services were livestreamed only on September 6th and 20th due to ongoing issues with the equipment. There was a service at the Hartford Retirement Centre on Tuesday September 2nd. The church services were ably supported by our wonderful cast of lay assistants, greeters, readers, chalice bearers, musicians, counters, altar guild, and more. The 10:30 services at the church are preceded by a coffee time for fellowship.

Tuesday mornings September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th the Gospel Conversations continued by Zoom, hosted by Pat and attended by a small but regular crew.

On Thursdays September 3rd and 17th, Martha's Drop in Lunches were held at 11:30. Kudos to the team who faithfully prepares food, sets up and clears up for this ministry.

Martha's Closet was held in the church hall on Saturday, September 26th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., with coffee and treats in the church. The Closet carries an amazing amount of clothing that seems to meet a real community need. Our thanks to the busy sorters and set up and take down crew who support the Closet every month.

Jack Barkley and team hosted the busy and much enjoyed Iroquois Applefest Breakfast on Saturday, September 19th from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Delicious pancakes were made with apples donated and prepared by Shirley Alguire and helpers. The pancakes were supplemented with butter and real maple syrup, coffee or juice and sausages. Donations of food and money were appreciated and help make this free breakfast possible.

The study program Rediscovering/Reclaiming the Way of Jesus and the God of Love and Healing started on September 14th and continued at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays through September, finishing October 5th. The sessions were How we Reclaim Jesus from Empire; Better Ways to Read the Bible; How Western Christianity Got It Wrong; and on Oct. 5: Replacing the God of Fear with a Spirituality of Healing. Thank you Pat for facilitating this.

The program of Lectio Divina, a prayerful reading of scripture that involves four distinct steps, began Thursday, September 10 and 24 at 2 pm at the church. Thanks to Jane Lee and Pat for leading the Lectio Divina sessions.

The 50 knapsacks provided, to be filled with a specific list of contents and donated to single people as part of the Christmas exchange are almost completed. The last are in the back of the church to be finished.

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

St. James Financials

StJamesCashFlowComparison
2025-01-01 to 2026-09-30

Category	2025-01-01-2025-09-30	2026-01-01-2026-09-30	2026 BUDGET
INFLOWS			
Cemetary	$7.91	$0.00	$0.00
CTF	$14,000.00	$10,000.00	$0.00
Fund Raisers:Beef Dinner	$970.00	$0.00	$0.00
Fund Raisers:Calendars	$0.00	$5.00	$180.00
Fund Raisers:Catering	$0.00	$1,103.24	$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	$315.00	$905.00	$2,100.00
Fund Raisers:Garage Sale	$1,800.45	$2,256.55	$2,000.00
Fund Raisers:Income Tax Prep	$630.00	$725.00	$0.00
Fund Raisers:Music Concert	$0.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
Fund Raisers:Pancake Breakfast	$1,242.08	$884.90	$1,200.00
Fund Raisers:Play	$1,760.00	$2,469.18	$2,000.00
Fund Raisers:Playhouse Lunch Money	$1,979.78	$2,160.05	$2,500.00
Fund Raisers:Rectory Furnace	$250.00	$0.00	$0.00
Fund Raisers:Small Halls Festival	$0.00	$0.00	$750.00
Fund Raisers:Symphony	$1,500.00	$190.00	$3,000.00
Fund Raisers:Thanksgiving	$0.00	$0.00	$1,500.00
Fund Raisers:Tortieres	$0.00	$0.00	$2,000.00
General Givings	**$85,904.45**	**$98,302.44**	**$125,000.00**
General Givings:General Givings-non envelope	**$12,150.00**	**$1,220.00**	**$5,200.00**
General Givings TXFR HT	$0.00	$0.00	$8,000.00
HST Rebate	$5,023.88	$3,799.45	$7,900.00
Incumbent Discretionary	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00
Invest Inc	**$6,743.57**	**$6,454.16**	**$7,000.00**
Mission Income:Christmas Dinner Income	-$127.50	$0.00	$0.00
Mission Income:Food Bank	$100.00	$50.00	$0.00
Mission Income:Madagascar	$870.00	$1,595.00	$0.00
Mission Income:Madagascar Fund Raiser	$0.00	$185.00	$0.00
Mission Income:PWRDF	$340.00	$385.00	$0.00
Mission Income:Tilted Steeple	$863.33	$0.00	$0.00
Open	$530.00	$955.15	$2,000.00
Rental Income	$0.00	$0.00	$400.00
Rental Income Martha's House	$14,400.00	$14,880.00	$20,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	**$151,452.95**	**$148,525.12**	**$200,730.00**
OUTFLOWS			
Business:Ecops	$82,974.78	$73,830.64	$110,745.96
Business:Insurance	$10,510.47	$8,786.00	$13,179.00
Business:Parish Fair Share	$9,314.28	$8,061.12	$11,884.08
Business:Salary, Wages	$8,165.76	$2,589.00	$7,767.75

Business:Synod	$0.00	$0.00	$300.00
Fund Raiser Expense:Calendar	$0.00	$0.00	$216.00
Mission Expense:Anglican Mission Service	$0.00	$500.00	$0.00
Office:Bank Fees	$505.19	$417.55	$660.00
Office:Envelope Secretary	$0.00	$0.00	$300.00
Office:HST	$4,822.03	$5,831.75	$5,000.00
Office Misc	$0.00	$0.00	$350.00
Office:Office Phone	$1,621.89	$1,118.20	$1,188.00
Office:Office Supply	$2,242.52	$2,889.24	$3,000.00
Office: Treasurer	$0.00	$0.00	$500.00
Rectory:Grounds Maintenance	$2,375.00	$2,900.00	$3,000.00
Rectory:Heat	$1,446.19	$1,198.40	$2,000.00
Rectory:Hydro and Water	$2,190.69	$2,791.40	$3,000.00
Rectory:Property Tax	$750.02	$779.85	$1,100.00
Rectory:Rectory Maint	$11,430.00	$8,770.63	$1,000.00
Rectory:Rectory Security	$315.00	$315.00	$420.00
St James:Custodian Care	$1,468.17	$1,360.00	$2,000.00
St James:Custodian Supplies	$29.98	$74.99	$60.00
St James:Grounds Maint St James	$4,750.50	$6,800.00	$6,000.00
St James:Heat Ex	$5,094.52	$8,993.22	$7,200.00
St James:Kitchen St James	-$93.83	$726.83	$1,500.00
St James:Security St James	$1,582.50	$3,127.00	$2,500.00
St James:St James Elec	$2,903.25	$3,048.51	$4,000.00
St James:St James Repair and Maint	$89.24	$672.90	$3,000.00
Worship:Adult Education	$300.00	$0.00	$0.00
Worship:Advertising	$360.40	$458.32	$650.00
Worship:Flowers	-$257.00	-$66.53	$100.00
Worship:Music Director	$7,409.97	$7,409.97	$9,674.13
Worship:Music License	$162.00	$167.00	$165.00
Worship:Organ	$224.00	$0.00	$0.00
Worship:Piano	$0.00	$4,075.00	$0.00
Worship:Worship Misc	$2,364.58	$466.44	$500.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	**$165,052.10**	**$158,092.43**	**$202,959.92**
OVERALL TOTAL	**-$13,599.15**	**-$9,567.31**	**-$2,229.92**

Holy Trinity Cash Flow Comparison
2026-09-30

Category	2025-01-01-2025-09-30	2026-01-01-2026-09-30
INFLOWS		
Cemetary	$0.00	$8.52
Fund Raisers		
Fund Raisers:Calendars	$20.00	$0.00
Fund Raisers:Easter Appeal	$50.00	$0.00
TOTAL Fund Raisers	**$70.00**	**$0.00**
General Givings	$9,702.30	$10,239.15
General Givings:General Givings-non envelope	$60.00	$60.00
TOTAL General Givings	**$9,762.30**	**$10,299.15**
Invest Inc	**$9,363.12**	**$14,414.63**
Mission Income		
Mission Income:Madagascar	$0.00	$25.00
Mission Income:PWRDF	$160.00	$165.00
TOTAL Mission Income	**$160.00**	**$190.00**
Open	$223.00	$150.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	**$19,578.42**	**$25,062.30**
OUTFLOWS		
Business		
Business:Insurance	$2,628.00	$2,928.64
Business:Parish Fair Share	$2,328.75	$2,687.04
Business:Priestly Services	$2,405.00	$3,402.00
Business:Salary, Wages	$0.00	$2,231.44
TOTAL Business	**$7,361.75**	**$11,249.12**
Holy Trinity		
Holy Trinity:Building Maint	$242.00	$0.00
Holy Trinity:Custodian C	$1,290.00	$720.00
Holy Trinity:Ground Maint HT	$1,455.00	$2,940.00
Holy Trinity:HT Heating	$2,457.19	$2,897.55
Holy Trinity:HT Security	$291.52	$319.55
Holy Trinity:Hydro	$874.86	$827.50
Holy Trinity:Kitchen Holy Trinity	$0.00	$52.49
TOTAL Holy Trinity	**$6,610.57**	**$7,757.09**
Office		
Office:Bank Fees	$12.50	$29.00
Office:HST	$870.24	$850.70
TOTAL Office	**$882.74**	**$879.70**
Worship		
Worship:Flowers	$0.00	$86.61
Worship:Worship Misc	$182.52	$247.94
TOTAL Worship	**$182.52**	**$334.55**
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	**$15,037.58**	**$20,220.46**
OVERALL TOTAL	**$4,540.84**	**$4,841.84**