

# Annual Vestry Meeting

# Minutes

Anglican Parish of South Dundas  
Sunday February 22, 2026  
12:00PM St. James'

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IN ATTENDANCE: Rev. Mark Lewis, Jo-Anne Minish, Tim McLaughlin, Patty McLaughlin, Isobel Tuttle, Jill Dumaresq, Denise Banha, Susan Bradley, Joyce Millard, Elizabeth Irwin, Chris Jarvis, Rosemary Wells, Graham Jacques, Judy Jacques, Jim Millard, Lynne Levere, Deb Swords, Yvonne Rideout, Brenda Millard, Ellen Smith, Jack Barkely, Shirley Alguire, Pat Martin, Wendy Lewis, Mark Lewis, Bob Ruddock, Monique Patineaude

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer from Rev. Mark Lewis at 12:20 pm

2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk

Jo-Anne Minish was appointed Vestry Clerk.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept: Bob Ruddock

Seconded: Patty McLaughlin

All in favour

4. Approval of minutes from March 2, 2025 Vestry Meeting

Motion to accept: Wendy Lewis

Seconded: Rosemary Wells

All in favour

5. Business Arising from the March 2, 2025 Minutes

No new Business Arising

6. Building Committee Update

Many delays took place which prevented building committee meetings, such as illnesses and deaths. There are plans in place to move forward. Jill expressed that at some point we will have to fundraise as we don't want our building to fall down. There are fundraising resources that are available to help us and see what our possibilities are.

Mark said there are many ways to show stewardship.

7. Reports (non-financial)

a. Rector's Report

b. Committee Reports

Motion to accept: Pat Martin

Seconded: Doug Millard  
All in favour

8. Treasurer's Report

2025 finished in good shape. Projected deficit of approximate 12K and finished with deficit of approximate 2K.

Thank you to Holy Trinity for the benefits from the Sarah Whitney Fund  
Fund raisers helped us have a successful year.

Motion to accept : Rosemary Wells

Seconded: Monique Patenaude

All in favour

9. 2026 Budget

Budget approved has us facing a 2K deficit.

Holy Trinity did well with their financials which allowed us to transfer it to St. James

Motion to approve: Rosemary Wells

Seconded: Ann Barkley

All in favour

10. Nomination Slate of Officers

Rev. Mark Lewis reviewed the slate of Elections and Appointments, as previously distributed. The 2026 Slate is as follows:

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, 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, 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.

People's Warden: Wally Baker

Deputy Warden: Patty McLaughlin  
Synod Members: Jill Dumaresq, Elizabeth Irwin  
Alternate Synod Members:  
Members at Large:

Move to close nominations:  
Moved: Bob Ruddock  
Seconded: Tim McLaughlin  
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	Vacant
Christian Education/Training	Pat Martin
Christmas Dinner	Candace Jamieson, Pat Martin
Cursillo	Jack Barkley
Communications	Vacant (to be hired)
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	Jill Dumaresq, Nick Lee, Wally Baker, Andy Bowers, Doug Jarvis
Roster	Pat Martin, Fay Donnelly
Sexton	Jack Barkley, David VanMoorsel

Motion to accept Coordinators:  
Moved: Jill Dumaresq  
Seconded: Yvonne Rideout  
All in favour

#### 11. Other Business

Isobel Tuttle brought to attention that the St Lawrence Parks Commission held a meeting earlier this week for the residents of Riverside to hook up to their water/sewer. Isobel feels that because the

majority of residents of Riverside are not interested, the project will not go through, however Holy Trinity would have been interested as they are in need of a new septic.  
Bob Rudduck spoke about the possibility of having our parking areas paved at no cost, when High Street and St. James Lane get paved. This will be done at no cost.

## 12. Notes of Thanks

Thank you's from Mark:

Thanked Rosemary for all her hard work with financed.

Fay, Elizebeth and Pat for their roster work and keeping everyone organized,

Parish council for keeping him in line and keeping the Parish moving

Peter Cazaly, Peter Crosby, Marie ad Isobel for keeping Holy Trinity alive and thriving

Margaret, Graham and Jo-Anne for music.

Special thanks to Pat for support and being a sounding board.

Wendy for keeping Mark sane, laughing and walking the journey with him.

Thanks to all for allowing Mark to be the minister in this place. Mark is excited about new opportunities for him and Wendy and the Parish.

Thanks to God for the ministry and work that he does through Mark.

Jill sent a heartfelt thanks to Mark for leading and working extremely hard in the church community and the broader community and allowing us to make the many contributions that we do. Mark will be missed when he moves on.

Motion to Adjourn: Pat Martin

## 13. Closing Grace

Rev. Mark Lewis closed the meeting by leading the grace at 12:50 pm

Prepared by: Jo-Anne Minish  
Vestry Clerk

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