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The Anglican Parish of South Dundas

Exploring faith and serving the world God loves.

Annual Vestry Meeting to be held Sunday, March 3, 2024

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AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of Vestry Meeting: March 5, 2023
5. Business Arising from Vestry Meeting of March 5, 2023
 - a. Building Committee Update
6. Reports (non-financial)
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. 2024 Budget
9. Nomination Slate of Officers
10. Other Business
11. Notes of Thanks
12. Closing Grace

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Anglican Parish of South Dundas
 Sunday March 5th, 2023
 12:00PM St. James

IN ATTENDANCE: Rev. Mark Lewis, Jack Barkley, Wendy Lewis, Dave Millward, Jo-Anne Minish, Wally Baker, Joan Larocque, Lawrence Larocque, Carol Rumble, Esther Durant, Yvonne Rideout, Arthur Stuart Peters, Deb Swords, Pat Martin, Jim Millard, Melody Praine, Joyce Millard, Doug Millard, Mary Ann Whittaker, Lynne Levere, Chris Jarvis, Elizabeth Irwin, Ron Beaupre, Ruth Speer, Bill Rumble, Jill Dumaresq, Brenda Millard, Doug Jarvis, Owen Alguire, Rosemary Wells, Brenda Millard, Bruce Callan, Ann Barkley, Margaret Whisselle, Isobel Tuttle, Shirley Alguire, Wendy Gibb

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer from Rev. Mark Lewis at 12:04 pm

2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk

Jo-Anne Minish was appointed Vestry Clerk.

Motion to accept: Pat Martin

Seconded: Wally Baker

All in favour

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept: Doug Jarvis

Seconded: Jill Dumaresq

All in favour

4. Approval of minutes from 2022 Vestry Meeting

Motion to accept: Stuart Peters

Seconded: Doug Millard

All in favour

5. Business Arising from the February 2022 Minutes

Mark updated us on building project. Right now it's in the hands of the Architect. Architects are concerned over cost of building construction materials and recommending we hold off until prices of building materials come down in price.

Steeple still not able to be opened due to missing shingles and damage. We are currently trying to find a Steeple Jack. The Steeple Jack needs steeple dimensions. Jill said we had the information from the building project information. Mark will get that information and pass along to Steeple Jack.

6. Reports (non-financial)

a. Rector's Report

b. Statistical Information

i. St. James' 2022

ii. Holy Trinity Chapel 2022

c. Committee Reports

Motion to accept: Ann Barkley

Seconded: Yvonne Rideout

All in favour

7. Treasurer's Report

Started last year with deficit budget of \$45,000. Finished the year with a \$4900.00 deficit. Auditor Peter Krug approved the financials.

8. 2023 Budget

Deficit budget of \$13,118. Not included are the monies we will get from House of Lazarus pilot project. We are guaranteed \$6000.

Heat budget amount raised as a concern by Doug Millard. Isobel noted that Holy Trinity heat cost was almost \$2000 more than St. James'. Ron Beaupre suggested a programmable thermostat. Decision has been made not to change the budget but to monitor the heat.

Comment about maintenance of furnace by Ron Beaupre - filter needs to be replaced regularly as the prior filter had not been replaced in 3 years, which caused the furnace to quit working recently.

Motion to accept: Doug Millard

Seconded: Wally Baker

9. Nomination Slate of Officers

Rev. Mark Lewis reviewed the slate of Elections and Appointments, as previously distributed. The 2023 Slate is as follows:

APPOINTMENTS

Rector's Warden:	Jill Dumaresq
Deputy Rector's Warden:	Doug Jarvis
Treasurer:	Rosemary Wells
Envelope Secretary:	Elizabeth Irwin
Screening in Faith Officer:	Bonnie VanMoorsel
Chapel Steward:	Isobel Tuttle
Auditor:	Peter Krug
Lay worship leaders:	Wally Baker, Ann Barkley, Jack Barkley, Elizabeth Irwin, Doug Jarvis, Sharon Lang, Ruth Speer

Communion Assistants:	Wally Baker, Ann Barkley, Jack Barkley, Jill Dumaresq, Al Graham, Elizabeth Irwin, Chris Jarvis, Doug Jarvis, Judy Jacques, Joan Larocque, Jane Lee, Nick Lee, Doug Millard, Jim Millard, Dave Millward, Melody Praine, Dirk Testerink, Isobel Tuttle.
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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:	Jo-Anne Minish
Deputy Warden:	Wally Baker
Synod Members:	Sharon Lang, Ann Barkley
Alternate Synod Members:	Elizabeth Irwin, Wendy Lewis
Members at Large:	

Mark asked if there were any more nominations. No further nominations. All positions acclaimed.

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	Dorothy Houze, Shirley Alguire (deputy)
Apple Tree Ministry	Melody Praine
Card Convener	Elizabeth Irwin
Cemetery Board	Jack Barkley
Cemetery Treasurer	Bob Ruddock
Children and Family Ministries	Wendy Lewis
Christian Education/Training	Pat Martin
Christmas Dinner	Elizabeth Irwin, Candace Jamieson, Pat Martin, Ruth Speer
Cursillo	Jack Barkley
Communications	Mark Lewis
Facility bookings	Parish Office
Gardens	Shirley Alguire
Newsletter	Jim Millard
Martha's Closet	Wendy Lewis
Martha's Drop In	Pat Martin
Martha's Kitchen	
Martha's Well	
Organist	Margaret Whisselle
Pastoral Care Team	Ruth Speer
Building Our Future Task Force	Wally Baker, Jill Dumaresq, Doug Jarvis, Sharon Lang, Nick Lee, Mark Lewis, Rosemary Wells
Roster	Elizabeth Irwin
Sexton	Jack Barkley, David VanMoorsel

10. Other Business

Isobel Tuttle wanted to point out heating and grounds maintenance for HT at \$9500 and their priest worked for 1/4 of that amount.

11. Notes of Thanks

Pat wanted to thank Jack for shoveling and often being available at the last minute to help out.

Pat thanked the Wardens for making thing easier.

Mark had thanks for the following:

Jill, the Rector's Warden for helping him out.

Bonnie VanMoorsel and Jill for helping with vestry report.

Rosemary for financials and her hard work preparing the budget.

Music team.

Parish council for making meetings easy and for being a good group to work with.

Dianne Maddox for working in the office.

Special thanks to Elizabeth Irwin for being the editor on everything as well as being the envelope secretary, who overcame an entire data deletion this year.

Fran Aird for Taizé and helping Mark as a priest.

Peter Cazaly for leading HT services.

Pat for keeping him on the right path and for everything she does in the Parish and for him personally. The congregation for standing behind him with patience and support.

Wendy, who says she "Won't let me fail". For thinking ahead and helping him prepare for things. For helping him with a smile on her face and love in her heart.

Pat thanked Mark for steering, but not always knowing where he's going and for jumping in the deep end with us.

Motion to Adjourn: Jill Dumaresq

12. Closing Grace

Rev. Mark Lewis closed the meeting by leading the grace at 12:40 pm

Prepared by: Jo-Anne Minish

Vestry Clerk

March 5, 2023

RECTOR'S REPORT

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
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Dear Friends in Christ,

As I discerned the charge for this Vestry, I was looking for a verse that spoke to how we, as Christians, use our God given gifts and talents and resources. Peter's first letter jumped out at me for many reasons, and in particular this passage. We have all been given our various gifts by the grace of God and we ALL have gifts. Although some of us may have yet to find all of our gifts or developed them fully, we all, by the grace of God, have been given gifts that are to be shared. The challenge is, with whom do we share them and how much and how often do we share?

I feel that we are on the right path of sharing our gifts and talents by the many Outreach Ministries we are involved in. Our Martha's ministries, our Christmas dinner, our partnerships with the House of Lazarus and Centre 105, our Prayer Shawl ministry and our involvement with the Madagascar School Project are all examples of using our gifts to serve others in our community and abroad. As we move into this new year, my prayer is that we will be presented with new opportunities for us all to share our gifts while serving our community as well as those who require the most assistance.

As we move into this new year, we will be challenged by decisions regarding our building project and the restoration of our church building. Our ministries and service to the community have grown to the point that we have no more room or no more space. We have accessibility issues for those who find it difficult to navigate stairs. We have limited, and for some, no accessible washroom facilities. In order to continue to move forward with sharing our gifts and talents, these issues must be addressed. We will be asking for a people to discern and then commit to providing financial gifts and resources, above and beyond their regular financial giving's, to help fund these necessary improvements. To be good stewards of the gifts God has graciously provided each one of us, then we must also be willing to return these good gifts back to God's church and community. Will we give out of our wealth or out of our poverty? Can we ever give back to God all that has been provided to each one of us? That is a question each one of us will have to ponder when it comes time for these challenging decisions.

Jesus came to serve, not be served! We are called to serve God by using the manifold gifts, talents and resources we have each been provided. Every good thing we have is ours only by God's grace and intended to be used for God's purpose. To fail to use God's gifts to us to serve each other is to fail to be a good steward. Wisely using everything we have to serve each other is part of fulfilling our purpose as God's people. It is up to each one of us to choose. Please choose wisely!

I continually thank God to be in this place. To be surrounded by people who love God, love Jesus and live to serve others is a blessing beyond measure. I pray as we continue on this journey together, we will find added and greater opportunities to bring Jesus' light and love into this broken world by our example. May God's peace be with you always.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mark

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

St. James' 2023

Total Sunday attendance:	2868 (53 Eucharists)
Average Sunday attendance:	54.1
Total yearly attendance:	3322
No of services:	63 including funerals, Lent, Holy Week, and Christmas.
Funerals:	5
Baptisms:	2
Marriages:	5

Holy Trinity Chapel 2023

Total Sunday attendance:	425
Average Sunday attendance:	18
No of services:	24
Funerals:	0
Baptisms:	0
Marriages:	0

WARDENS' REPORT

Weekly Eucharist, special celebrations. Liturgies and messages prepared, music chosen. Congregations welcomed and fed, services live streamed. Weekly Morning Coffee Gospel Study. Services at the Hartford and Morris Glen. Bulletins and announcements prepared, website and Facebook kept up to date. Rosters of volunteers, arranged and maintained. Funds collected and disbursed. Supplies stocked.

Martha's Drop In Lunches, planned, prepared, served and cleaned up. Martha's Closet, monthly, pulled out, arranged and given. Family Night Out/ Kids' Church planned and held. Apple Tree ministry providing help. Bulletins and announcements prepared, website and Facebook kept up to date, newsletters sent out.

Food collected and funds raised for Community Food Share, mittens for kids at Christmas and Christmas baskets for folks who need them. A huge Christmas dinner involving the whole community. Light bulbs and furnace filters changed, floods mopped and floors repaired, church cleaned, kitchen cleaned, snow cleared, grass cut, gardens loved.

Support for Martha's House warming centre, drop in breakfast and other services, as well as for the people who use it. Packages for the North. Prayer shawls made and delivered. Volunteer time at Centre 105. Education for Ministry classes and graduates; multiple learning programs each year. Pancakes for breakfasts and pancakes for supper.

Tilted Steeple Coffee House, Small Halls concerts, the annual fun(d)raising play. A huge yard sale and barbeque, a huge dinner in support of the Madagascar School Project. A building project. And that isn't all that happens here in our Parish! There is more detail in the rest of this Vestry report.

It takes an army of special people for all this to happen. We are thankful for the outstanding leadership and care provided by our incumbent the Reverend Mark Lewis, with wonderful support from Wendy Lewis, and from the Reverend Canon Pat Martin, our Honourary Assistant, who is incredibly generous with her time and talent. We are thankful for those who take on the leadership of this work, and our Parish Council. We are particularly thankful for each of you, who are His hands and feet in caring for and serving each other, and the broader community, and make the words "more than we could ask or imagine" come to life.

We will continue to have significant challenges ahead in the maintenance and improvement of our buildings and in meeting our financial obligations. We appreciate and count on your support as we look forward to continuing together in faith and service to meet the needs of our church and broader communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dumaresq, Jo-Anne Minish, Doug Jarvis, and Wally Baker

ADULT EDUCATION

EfM (Education for Ministry): We have 3 participants in year 3 and 4 people in year 2, plus a previous graduate is a participant observer. Mark and Pat were both recertified as mentors in the fall of 2023.

Mark continues to function as the diocesan co-ordinator for EfM Canada.

Coffee Morning Gospel Study: This weekly, one hour conversation about the upcoming gospel reading happens on Tuesday mornings at 9 am via Zoom. It continues to be a very simple, accessible, informative, and popular practice that helps prepare us for the upcoming Sunday and leads to some serious theological conversations.

Lent 2023: This program was offered via Zoom and in person. We looked at What is the Way of Jesus.

Going into 2024, we plan to continue EfM and our Gospel study, and run a Lenten series on

How to stay grounded in God when the world around is in chaos.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Martin

ALTAR GUILD

2023 was the year of being back for the Altar Guild. We have had a consistency that we have not experienced in the last several years and it was wonderful.

Chair of the Altar Guild, Dorothy Houze, extends her heartfelt thanks to Shirley Alguire, her number 2 and to the rest of her hardworking team of about 12 people. We are always looking for new members and would welcome and all people to experience this important role in the liturgy 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 Dorothy for what we think is over 38 years of faithful service. While Dorothy cannot get out to the church, she carries the wisdom and history of the Altar Guild and continues to manage the team with compassion and care.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Houze and Shirley Alguire

APPLE TREE MINISTRY REPORT

This year we were able to help 11 Seniors, 2 teens and 8 families.

Revenue		Expenses	
Bank Balance Jan 1, 2023	\$2648.45	Discretionary Community Support	\$1579.83
Cash on Hand Jan 1, 2023	\$ 101.00	Bank Charges	\$ 0
Christmas Dinner 2022	\$4562.72	Cash on Hand Dec 31, 2023	\$ 502.75
Donations	\$ 200.00	Bank Balance Dec 31, 2023	\$5429.59
Total	\$7512.17	Total	\$7512.17

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Praine

APPLE TREE MINISTRY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Thankfully, this year we were again able to hold an in person dinner at the Legion. Between eats ins, take outs and deliveries, we fed about 208 people. Special thanks to the Morrisburg Legion and to everyone who contributed with their time, talent and treasure.

Respectfully submitted by the Community Christmas Dinner team: Elizabeth Irwin, Candace and Jim Jamieson, Pat Martin and Ruth Speer.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM 2023

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 2023 who prepared 258 individual income taxes for a variety of clients throughout SD&G and Cornwall – Daphne Hall, Robert Regnier and Rosemary Wells. We support centre 105 and their client base with an on-site tax preparer. The CRA has provided some funding for our group to expand, and we are hoping to align with Martha's house (hub) to provide in-person tax clinics in Morrisburg, Iroquois and Ingleside this year. We also have a new tax preparer joining the group, Daniel Kenny.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary wells

Co-ordinator

CVITP – South Dundas Anglicans

MARTHA'S CLOSET

2023 has been an exciting year for Martha's closet. We lost donations from the Mark's store in South Keys early in the season. We created a partnership with Bayshore and Bell's Corner stores, and South Keys came back on board. The ladies in our program are amazing, every month our basement is transformed into a boutique.

In October we gave away 100 winter coats. We had a special event on October 16th. The community food share, Martha's house, and the church office had tickets to give to anyone needing a winter coat. We will return to this method again in 2024.

We would like to have a few more people volunteer as supplies. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me 613-213-2121.

Blessings+

Wendy Lewis

MARTHA'S DROP-IN

This simple soup lunch takes place at the back of the church on the first and third Thursday of the month. Doors open at 11:30 am, people chat over coffee / tea and soup is served at noon. We average around 25-28 people each week, with regulars bringing new folks in for the food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Martin

FUN(D)RAISER MYSTERY - THE VICAR OF DIBLEY RETURNS TO MORRISBURG

In the spring of 2023, The Vicar of Dibley returned to Morrisburg with her now *celestial* crew and led us in an evening of comedy and gospel singing in the church. Our intrepid director, Wendy Gibb, and music leader, Margaret Whisselle, had our actors laughing, singing and dancing their way through this tribute cabaret.

This year (2024), we will be at the Playhouse on April 12 for The Curse of the Black Walnut. Special thanks to Donnie Bowes (Upper Canada Playhouse) for his support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Martin

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Pastoral Care Team: Ann Barkley, Elizabeth Irwin, Mark Lewis, Wendy Lewis, Pat Martin, David Millward, Melody Praine, Ruth Speer.

Pastoral Care finally met regularly for most of the year. The group took a break from meeting together for about seven months, but has begun meeting again. Each member attempted to stay in regular contact with people in need. Team members meet with individuals and families as needed or by request. There are many informal pastoral visits as well with those who reach out in times of difficulty and need.

The monthly eucharists at the Hartford Residence occur regularly when they are not in lockdown. Services at Morris Glen Court continue as well. We are thankful to be worshipping with them on a regular basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mark Lewis

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

2023 has been a year of change for the Family and Children's Ministry. We changed the name of Family Night to "Kid's Church". We also introduced an age category. However even with the changes we were not able to create interest in the program. Our December 8th event was cancelled due to low numbers. We were able to have a Christmas Program on Advent 4, December 24th at the 10:30 service.

At this time I would like to extend my thanks to all the people who came out to support our events, either by donations, attendance, or prayer. We are open to new ideas for special events, or programs that would work in our community.

Respectfully submitted & Blessings+

Wendy Lewis

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY REPORT – 2023

In 2023, 49 prayer shawls, prayer covers, and baby carrier covers were blessed, and 46 shawls were distributed. Prayer shawls and covers are delivered to individuals who are experiencing challenges in their lives and would benefit from receiving a shawl. Baby seat covers and small blankets are given to children who are baptized in our parish, visit our church, or are associated with our parish in some way.

Many generous people from our parish and beyond support the prayer shawl ministry by sharing their talents, time, and resources. Contributors donate yarn, give money, knit/crochet shawls, and suggest possible recipients. Monetary donations are used to buy yarn, gift wrapping supplies, cards, laminating materials, and sometimes mailing costs. This year, 12 talented people created shawls which have been blessed at the church and given to people in our parish and elsewhere. People who receive prayer shawls are comforted by their warmth and the knowledge that others care and are praying for their well-being. They are often overwhelmed by this gesture of kindness, love, and generosity.

PRAYER SHAWL FINANCIAL REPORT – 2023

Balance forwarded from 2022	\$191.45
Donations	\$355.00
Expenses	\$506.30
Balance – December 31, 2023	\$ 40.15

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lapensee and Joyce Millard

HOLY TRINITY, RIVERSIDE HEIGHTS, CHAPEL STEWARD REPORT FOR VESTRY 2023

Well, that's another year under our belts! Services at Holy Trinity were well attended and we ended the year with a healthy bank balance once again. This year, I requested that we retain \$2,000.00 in our bank account and deposit \$3,000.00 to the CTF for future capital projects. It has been our practice to reverse those figures, but sending a bit more to our savings is a better idea and everyone was in agreement with that arrangement.

It has been a somewhat quiet year, but there's nothing wrong with that. At least we had no vandalism.

Our folks continue to be happy with what is going on at Holy Trinity. Of course, for me, the highlight was being able to have family and friends present on June 4th to witness Jim and I renewing our wedding vows 40 years on. We gathered downstairs for some light refreshments afterwards. What a lovely hall we have for these purposes. We enjoy gathering after services too to share some coffee, sweets and laughs during the year.

We recently purchased a second-hand keyboard for Susan to practice on at home so that she doesn't have to drive from Winchester every other Saturday to do so at the church. I hope this will turn out to be a better arrangement for her. The keyboard will remain the property of Holy Trinity and will, therefore, be available for use downstairs or maybe even outside with a long enough extension cord.

I have had no luck finding someone to repair the eaves-trough on the bell tower, despite making numerous phone calls. This has been a problem for more than three years now. It seems that no one wants to touch it when they find out how high they have to be to get at it. I am at a loss as to where to look next.

In the spring, I will obtain a couple of estimates to rebuild the two fence posts that are crumbling. I fear that the cost will be about \$4,000 per post, but they are very noticeable as they are at the front of the property and are quickly becoming an eyesore.

We continue to support Centre 105 in Cornwall in various ways. Our "mitten tree" was absolutely smothered with warm woolly items this Advent season.

It has been very nice to have Peter Crosby with us to assist on special feast days and provide us with much-welcomed Eucharist when he can. "Our" Peter continues to serve us and the community so very well, God bless him.

Respectfully submitted,

Isobel Tuttle, Chapel Steward

CEMETERY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR VESTRY 2023

Jack Barkley, Bob Ruddock, Stephen MacDonald, Stephen Law

After a number of years of working on the cemetery board, Doug Millard has decided to step away from this position. I would personally like to thank Doug for all of his hard work in ensuring the maintenance and overall upkeep of St. John's and St. James cemeteries ran smoothly. I am happy to report that Stephen MacDonald and Stephen Law have agreed to sit on the South Dundas Cemetery Board.

I wish to compliment Don Tryon and Wes Long who continue to do a great job with the grass cutting and maintenance of our cemeteries.

ST JAMES CEMETERY - MORRISBURG

ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 2023

1. Vault casket Elizabeth Anne Soudant Oct. 21, 2023-11-17

ST JOHN'S CEMETERY – IROQUOIS

ACTIVITIES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 2023

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| 1. | Niche sold to Floyd and Ruby Ann Latulippe | July 2023 |
| 2. | Burials - Joann Marin- | cremation June 2023 |
| | Gail Dombrowski (Noel Risk) - | cremation July 2023 |
| | Keith Smith - | cremation Sept. 2023 |
| | Tony Hill - | cremation Sept. 2023 |
| | Doris Trayner - | casket Nov. 17, 2023 |

2. A huge thank you goes out to Judy Lapensee for providing the refreshments and organizing the memorial service at St. John's cemetery. Thirty-five letters and 22 emails were sent out inviting people to the service.
Net Contributions to Cemetery \$2380.00
3. A huge thank you goes out to David Van Morsel who repaired the bricks, which had begun to lift and become uneven surrounding the columbarium at St. John's Cemetery. Fantastic job Dave.
4. Two incidents of vandalism occurred in the South west corner of St. John's Cemetery resulting in the fence being broken both time. The cost of repairing the fence the first time was \$825.00, and the second time the cost was \$250.00.
It was felt that the vandalism occurred due to the fact that people were driving through the cemetery, so they could unload their canoes, kayaks, etc. over the south west corner of the cemetery fence, in order to access the St. Lawrence River. The board made the decision to put a lock on the gate to the cemetery and post a no trespassing sign. Stephen McDonald took care of this. Even though there will be an extra cost involved, we are planning on mowing a 6 foot walkway on the West side of St. John's cemetery. This is our property and it will help beautify the cemetery as well as provide a path for people to take their boats down to the water. The gate will be unlocked at the beginning of 2024 and the board will continue to monitor the situation.
5. The Board is also looking into installing a welcome sign at St. John's informing people that it is private property, hours of operation contact info, etc.
6. The Board is in the planning stages of holding a Decoration day in 2024 at St. John's cemetery. Stephen McDonald and Stephen Law have already held two meetings with people in the community and are well underway to making this day a success. More info to come.
7. Stephen McDonald is looking at the possibility of installing an Old Soldiers Memorial plaque at St. John's cemetery. More info to come.

DETAILS INVOLVING BOTH CEMETERIES

1. A facebook page explaining the location of cemeteries, services we have to offer, who to contact regarding questions about the cemeteries, etc. has been developed by Stephen McDonald.
2. 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. We will be composing a list of email contacts for both St. James and St. John's Cemeteries and sending out a request for funds for the general upkeep of the cemeteries.
3. The cemetery board contacted three other local cemeteries to obtain their price list for services held at their cemeteries. The board then held a meeting in November to establish a new price list for both St. James and St. John's cemeteries, If anyone wishes to obtain a price list for St. James or St. John's cemeteries, please contact Jack Barkley at 613-543-3908 or jackbarkley@persona.ca.

Respectfully Submitted by Jack Barkley, President of Cemetery Committee

CEMETERY AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

	Actual 2023
INFLOWS	
Burial	
TOTAL Burial	\$1,300.00
Dividend Inc	\$1,195.14
Donations	
TOTAL Donations	\$8,180.00
Marker	\$300.00
Plot Sale	
TOTAL Plot Sale	\$2,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$12,975.14
OUTFLOWS	
Bank Fees	\$5.00
Ground Maintenance	
TOTAL Ground Maintenance	\$7,592.49
GST	\$632.62
Misc.	\$36.80
Perpetual Care	\$1,100.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$9,366.91
OVERALL TOTAL	\$3,608.23

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

During 2023, 107 parish families or individuals were issued with donation envelopes. 83 envelope-holders were attached to St. James', Morrisburg and 24 to Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights. 100 receipts were issued for donations over \$10. 31 families or individuals donated through PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) for St. James and 3 for Holy Trinity. All parishioners are encouraged to sign up for PAR as an easy way to provide consistent support for the ministry of our parish. For more information on the PAR program please contact me or Rosemary Wells, the Parish Treasurer. All these statistics are up from last year, for which we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Irwin

FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2023

- full year rental income from Martha's House (HUB)
- dividends from Sarah Whitney CTF provided larger Holy Trinity Y/E transfer.
- increased fundraising activity after pandemic cancellations

FINANCIAL CHALLENGES IN 2024

- conservative estimate of offerings – last year non-envelope donations rose while envelope and PAR offerings declined.
- increased Diocesan monthly allocation - insurance.
- addition of communications staff
- increase in building maintenance and grounds maintenance.
- increased expenses for kitchen as catering and mission demands increase.

PARISH CASH FLOW & PROPOSED BUDGET

Parish Cash Flow 2023 and Budget 2024				
2022-01-01 through 2023-12-31				
Category	2022-01-01- 2022-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET
INFLOWS				
CTF	\$9,831.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raisers: Birthday	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Fund Raisers: Bakeless Bake Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Fund Raisers: Calendars	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$130.00
Fund Raisers: Catering	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00
Fund Raisers: Christmas Appeal	\$1,138.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Fund Raisers: Easter Appeal	\$0.00	\$770.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Fund Raisers: Fish Fry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Fund Raisers: Garage Sale	\$1,603.15	\$1,979.30	\$2,000.00	\$2,183.00
Fund Raisers: Ham Supper	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Fund Raisers: Income Tax Prep	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Fund Raisers: Kitchen Appeal	\$0.00	\$2,120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raisers: Pancake Apple Fest	\$1,070.00	\$1,251.08	\$1,200.00	\$1,021.00
Fund Raisers: Play	\$1,493.99	\$1,615.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00
Fund Raisers: Rory Gardiner Concert	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Fund Raisers: Santa Breakfast	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
Fund Raisers: Small Halls Festival	\$470.00	\$1,206.28	\$550.00	\$1,000.00
Fund Raisers: Thanksgiving	\$0.00	\$1,455.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Fund Raisers: Video Equipment	\$0.00	\$410.26	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Givings	\$131,816.57	\$117,249.14	\$135,446.00	\$125,000.00
General Givings: TXFR HT	\$6,266.39	\$15,556.74	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
General Givings - Other non envelope	\$0.00	\$11,040.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
HST Rebate	\$4,587.91	\$5,066.73	\$7,500.00	\$5,500.00
Incumbent Discretionary	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Invest Inc	\$10,667.18	\$9,324.56	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Mission Income: Apple Tree Ministry	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Centre 105	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Christmas Dinner	\$4,876.00	\$3,193.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: FAMILY MINISTRY	\$300.00	\$359.06	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Food Bank	\$2,875.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Hartford Piano	\$0.00	\$920.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Madagascar	\$915.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Madagascar Dinner	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Martha Drop-In	\$45.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Martha's House (HUB)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: PWRDF	\$475.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Income: Tilted Steeple	\$0.00	\$3,547.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
One Time Funding: Jubilee	\$4,208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Open	\$1,535.00	\$1,552.35	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
Rental Income	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Rental Income Rectory	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$186,238.19	\$198,571.05	\$167,626.00	\$189,144.00
Category	2022-01-01- 2022-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET
OUTFLOWS				
Business: Ecops	\$104,121.96	\$106,276.91	\$106,277.00	\$110,370.00
Business: Insurance	\$10,563.48	\$12,264.00	\$12,264.00	\$15,782.00
Business: Parish Fair Share	\$19,194.00	\$18,528.01	\$18,528.00	\$14,420.00
Business: Synod Meeting	\$257.64	\$259.59	\$300.00	\$300.00
Fund Raiser Expense: Church Calendar	\$121.94	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$130.00
Fund Raiser Expense: Ham Supper	\$38.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Incumbent Discretionary Expense	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Anglican Mission	\$50.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Mission Expense: Apple Tree Expense	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Centre 105	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Christmas Dinner	\$4,809.00	\$3,193.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Community Food	\$2,875.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Family Initiative	\$300.00	\$359.06	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Hartford Piano	\$0.00	\$920.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Madagascar	\$915.00	\$4,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Martha Drop-In	\$45.00	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Martha House (HUB)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: PWRDF Expense	\$475.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Expense: Tilted Steeple	\$0.00	\$3,547.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office: Bank Fees	\$463.92	\$534.35	\$500.00	\$600.00
Office: Envelope Sec	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Office: HST	\$3,418.02	\$4,032.41	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Office: misc	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Office: Office Phone	\$1,780.98	\$1,765.77	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00
Office: Office Supply	\$2,535.86	\$3,591.61	\$2,100.00	\$3,900.00
Office: Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$130.00
Office: Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,360.00
Office: Treasurer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rectory: Heat	\$1,827.99	\$2,223.90	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00
Rectory: Hydro and Water	\$2,478.29	\$2,131.65	\$2,800.00	\$2,500.00
Rectory: Property Tax	\$886.54	\$843.17	\$875.00	\$900.00
Rectory: Rectory Maint	\$4,420.95	\$1,304.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Rectory: Rectory Security	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rectory Grounds Maintenance	\$0.00	\$525.82	\$0.00	\$650.00
St James: Custodian Care	\$2,984.50	\$5,478.20	\$3,000.00	\$2,200.00
St James: Custodian Supplies	\$186.83	\$32.97	\$140.00	\$100.00

St James: Grounds Maint St James	\$3,897.50	\$3,791.65	\$3,300.00	\$3,900.00
St James: Heat Ex	\$1,787.28	-\$829.31	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
St James: Kitchen St James	\$1,110.12	\$799.82	\$300.00	\$1,500.00
St James: Security St James	\$1,907.35	\$2,160.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,300.00
St James: St James Elec	\$4,027.53	\$3,603.02	\$2,500.00	\$3,900.00
St James: St James Repair and Maint	\$33.26	\$4,262.23	\$500.00	\$5,000.00
Category	2022-01-01- 2022-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET
Worship: Advertising	\$470.40	\$312.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
Worship: Flowers	\$82.80	-\$159.50	\$100.00	\$100.00
Worship: Kid's Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Worship: Music Director	\$9,879.96	\$9,674.13	\$9,880.00	\$9,880.00
Worship: Music License	\$205.94	\$147.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Worship: Organ	\$354.00	\$427.14	\$200.00	\$500.00
Worship Misc.	\$894.76	\$450.27	\$0.00	\$500.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$191,191.69	\$199,380.42	\$180,744.00	\$203,772.00
OVERALL TOTAL	-\$4,953.50	-\$809.37	-\$13,118.00	-\$14,628.00

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Auditor's Report

I have reviewed and audited the financial statements and activities, including receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 2023 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, 2023.

The Treasurer and Committees to be commended for their good work.

Peter Krug

Peter Krug
 January 15, 2023

CASH FLOW PARISH – 2023

Category	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
INFLOWS	
Cemetary	0.00
Fund Raisers	
Fund Raisers: Christmas Appeal	1,750.00
Fund Raisers: Easter Appeal	770.00
Fund Raisers: Garage Sale	1,979.30
Fund Raisers: Income Tax Prep	0.00
Fund Raisers: Pancake Breakfast	1,251.08
Fund Raisers: Play	1,615.00
Fund Raisers: Small Halls Festival	1,206.28
Fund Raisers: Thanksgiving Appeal	1,455.00
Fund Raisers: Video Equipment	410.26
TOTAL Fund Raisers	10,436.92
General Giving's	117,249.14
General giving's: General Giving's-non envelope	11,040.00
General Giving's: Transfer from Holy Trinity Chapel	15,556.74
TOTAL General Giving's	143,845.88
HST Rebate	5,066.73
Invest Inc	9,324.56
Kitchen Appeal	2,120.00
Martha's House (HUB)	500.00
Mission Income	
Mission Income: Apple Tree Ministry	150.00
Mission Income: Christmas Dinner Income	3,193.00
Mission Income: Family Ministry Income	359.06
Mission Income: Food Bank	150.00
Mission Income: Hartford Piano	920.00
Mission Income: Madagascar	50.00
Mission Income: Madagascar Fund Raiser	
Mission Income: Madagascar Fund Raiser: Madagascar Dinner	4,000.00
TOTAL Mission Income: Madagascar Fund Raiser	4,000.00
Mission Income: Martha Drop-In	160.00
Mission Income: PWRDF	195.00
Mission Income: Tilted Steeple	3,547.55
TOTAL Mission Income	12,724.61
Open	1,552.35
Rental Income	1,000.00
Rental Income HUB	12,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	198,571.05
OUTFLOWS	
Business	
Business: Ecops	106,276.91
Business: Insurance	12,264.00
Business: Parish Fair Share	18,528.01
Business: Synod Meeting	259.59
TOTAL Business	137,328.51
Fund Raiser Expense	

Fund Raiser Expense: Church Calendar	5.00
TOTAL Fund Raiser Expense	5.00
Misc.	0.00
Mission Expense	
Mission Expense: Anglican Mission Service	500.00
Mission Expense: Apple Tree Expense	150.00
Mission Expense: Christmas Dinner Mission	3,193.00
Mission Expense: Community Food Share	150.00
Mission Expense: FAMILY INITIATIVE EXPENSE	359.06
Mission Expense: Hartford Piano	920.00
Mission Expense: Madagascar	4,050.00
Mission Expense: Martha's House (HUB)	500.00
Mission Expense: Marths Drop-In	160.00
Mission Expense: PWRDF Expense	195.00
Mission Expense: Tilted Steeple	3,547.55
TOTAL Mission Expense	13,724.61
Office	
Office: Bank Fees	534.35
Office: Envelope Sec	300.00
Office: HST	4,032.41
Office: Office Phone	1,765.77
Office: Office Supply	3,591.61
Office: Treasurer	500.00
TOTAL Office	10,724.14
Rectory	
Rectory: Grounds Maintenance	525.82
Rectory: Heat	2,223.90
Rectory: Hydro and Water	2,131.65
Rectory: Property Tax	843.17
Rectory: Rectory Maint	1,304.00
Rectory: Rectory Security	420.00
TOTAL Rectory	7,448.54
St James	
St James: Custodian Care	5,478.20
St James: Custodian Supplies	32.97
St James: Grounds Maint St James	3,791.65
St James: Heat Ex	-829.31
St James: Kitchen St James	799.82
St James: Security St James	2,160.00
St James: St James Elec	3,603.02
St James: St James Repair and Maint	4,262.23
TOTAL St James	19,298.58
Worship	
Worship: Advertising	312.00
Worship: Flowers	-159.50
Worship: Music Director	9,674.13
Worship: Music License	147.00
Worship: Organ	427.14
Worship: Worship Misc	450.27
TOTAL Worship	10,851.04
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	199,380.42
OVERALL TOTAL	-809.37

HOLY TRINITY CASH FLOW

Category	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
INFLOWS	
Fund Raisers	
Fund Raisers:Christmas Appeal	15.00
Fund Raisers:Easter Appeal	20.00
TOTAL Fund Raisers	35.00
General Givings	20,334.50
General Givings - Other non envelope	150.00
Invest Inc	19,615.64
Mission Income	
Mission Income:PWRDF	30.00
TOTAL Mission Income	30.00
Open	200.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	40,365.14
OUTFLOWS	
Business	
Business:Ecops	0.00
Business:Insurance	3,077.04
Business:Parish Fair Share	4,699.92
Business:Priestly Services	4,200.00
TOTAL Business	11,976.96
Consolidated Trust Fund	3,000.00
General Givings YE Transfer to Parish	15,556.74
Holy Trinity	
Holy Trinity:Building Maint	650.14
Holy Trinity:Custodian C	1,821.50
Holy Trinity:Ground Maint HT	2,542.50
Holy Trinity:HT Heating	2,382.46
Holy Trinity:HT Security	433.65
Holy Trinity:Hydro	1,046.49
TOTAL Holy Trinity	8,876.74
Mission Expense	
Mission Expense:PWRDF Expense	30.00
TOTAL Mission Expense	30.00
Office	
Office:Bank Fees	26.50
Office:HST	897.70
TOTAL Office	924.20
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	40,364.64
OVERALL TOTAL	0.50

RENOVATIONS ACCOUNT

Category	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
OUTFLOWS	
Office	
Office:HST	2,127.00
TOTAL Office	2,127.00
RENO St James	16,361.50
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	18,488.50
OVERALL TOTAL	-18,488.50

MARTHA'S MISSION

Category	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
INFLOWS	
Mission Income	
Mission Income:Martha Drop-In	1,905.41
TOTAL Mission Income	1,905.41
TOTAL INFLOWS	1,905.41
OUTFLOWS	
Mission Expense	
Mission Expense:Marths Drop-In	248.14
TOTAL Mission Expense	248.14
Office	
Office:Bank Fees	30.00
Office:Office Supply	56.48
TOTAL Office	86.48
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	334.62
OVERALL TOTAL	1,570.79

IN MEMORIAM ACCOUNT

Cash Flow - 2023	
Category	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
INFLOWS	
donation	8,107.20
TOTAL INFLOWS	8,107.20
OUTFLOWS	
Consolidated Trust Fund	5,000.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5,000.00
OVERALL TOTAL	3,107.20

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Net Worth - As of 2023-12-31	
Account	2023-12-31 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Chequing	21,310.53
CVITP Tax	4,892.50
Holy Trinity Riverside Heights	3,388.83
In Memoriam	15,054.13
Martha's	2,169.94
Renovation Account	51,142.22
GIC 1	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	97,958.15
TOTAL ASSETS	97,958.15
LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	97,958.15

VESTRY APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS, MARCH 2024

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

Appointments

Rector's Warden:	Jill Dumaresq
Deputy Rector's Warden:	Doug Jarvis
Treasurer:	Rosemary Wells
Envelope Secretary:	Elizabeth Irwin
Screening in Faith Officer:	Bonnie VanMoorsel
Chapel Steward:	Isobel Tuttle
Auditor:	Peter Krug
Lay worship leaders:	Wally Baker, Ann Barkley, Jack Barkley, Elizabeth Irwin, 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, Dave Millard, Melody Praine, Dirk Testerink, 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:	Jo-Anne Minish
Deputy Warden:	Wally Baker
Synod Delegates:	Ruth Speer, Jill Dumaresq
Alternate Synod Members:	Elizabeth Irwin
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	Dorothy Houze, Shirley Alguire (deputy)
Apple Tree Ministry	Melody Praine
Card Convener:	Elizabeth Irwin
Cemetery Board	Jack Barkley
Cemetery Treasurer	Bob Ruddock
Children and Family Ministries	Wendy Lewis
Christian Education/Training	Pat Martin
Christmas Dinner	Pat Martin, Candace Jamieson, Ruth Speer
Cursillo	Jack Barkley
Communications	Ruth Speer
Facility bookings	Parish Office
Gardens	Shirley Alguire
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, Doug Jarvis, Rosemary Wells, Andy Bowers, Mark Lewis
Roster	Elizabeth Irwin
Sexton	Jack Barkley, David VanMoorsel

THE DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE TASK FORCE UPDATE

Back in March of 2023, we reported that Robertson-Martin Architects (now RMA+SH Architects) were working on project designs and costing for us.

Kovar Contracting had been hired to inspect, remove loose tiles, and wrap vulnerable areas of the steeple with an impermeable barrier to prevent further water damage. The plan was that when that work was successfully completed we would be able to re-open the east door. In September, Kovar reported that they had inspected the roof and, in their opinion, the slate roofing on the steeple would need to be removed and disposed of. They quoted on replacing the covering materials on the steeple, for which they would require scaffolding. They did not address any underlying issues with the tower. It proved difficult to find a company willing to quote on scaffolding, and when we received a quote in December, the cost of the scaffolding was as much as replacing the roofing on the steeple. So, any work on the steeple and tower will only be considered as part of the larger renovation/construction project as it is just not practical to do otherwise.

On December 5th, members of the Task Force met by Zoom with the Architectural Technologist working on our project. The firm had prepared sketches - very high-level views - of three different, successively more involved, approaches to our project. The objective was to identify a preferred option for further development by the architects. We asked lots of questions, and commented on the strengths and weaknesses of each sketch. We reminded ourselves and the Technologist that we eventually need to present three project options to the Diocese. The Task Force has since received copies of the sketches and notes from the meeting as a basis for our further discussion and reflection.

The architects are in the process of putting together Order of Magnitude costs for the three proposals they created, and creating detailed drawings for one of the proposals. We will eventually be able to present that detail to the congregation, along with the Order of Magnitude costs of the other options, for their input.

The financing of the project will be a cooperative effort between the diocese and the parish. When the architects give us the order of magnitude of costs, and we have consensus on our preferred path forward, we will approach the Bishop and the Property & Finance Committee to discuss financial responsibilities. Understanding what work is needed for safety reasons, and to comply with building codes, will impact those discussions. The Bishop wants us to 'dream big' and will do much to help us finance this project, and we will pursue various grants as well. We certainly will have to pay our fair share, as we will receive the benefit and use of the new (and newly maintained!) facility.

You will see the Renovation account in the Vestry financials. This fund was established, with the approval of a special Vestry, to pull money from the Consolidated Trust Fund, to pay for preparatory work as required. That has included safety work, such as much improved electrical wiring and panel, and safety lights, as well as preparation for construction including a survey, building and site drawings, etc. We are paying the architects from this account.

The Building Study of St. James' Anglican Church, conducted by Barry Padolsky Architects (now GRC Architects) in 2019-2020 started us off on this path. Somehow it seems a lot longer that we have been working on this! We have dealt with COVID and its ramifications, changed priests, the architects have merged firms and some of their key people had leaves of absence, and we have had holidays and health issues among our Task Force. In spite of all that, we have improved the safety of the church, accomplished a fair amount of preparatory work, and are ready to move forward as the architects prepare us to do so.