



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION 1476 SPARKS STREET, SUDBURY, ON ANNUAL VESTRY REPORT 2018



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MISSIONAL OBJECTIVES

Missional Objectives 2018 Review

1. Continuing our outreach to Barrydowne College, Out of the Cold Dinners, emergency food cupboard.
Objective: To fulfill the law of Christ to take care of the physical and spiritual needs of those who need it.
2. Increase worship opportunities in our church throughout the week.
Objective: Allow people opportunities to worship at the Church who may not be able to make it on Sunday mornings.
3. To continue Messy Church and offer the Alpha Course.
Objective: To teach the faith in innovative ways to the next generation and those who may not have any experience with Christ and his Church.
4. To be more intentional about communicating with and inviting those who live in the neighbourhood our Church is located in.
Objective: To better invite and welcome our neighbours and community to worship service, events and happenings at our Church.
5. Better the build up of fellowship and friendship between the members of the congregation.
Objective: To fulfill the law of Christ by building each other up as his body here on earth and holding each other accountable for our Christian conduct and practice.
6. To grow and expand the Church of the Ascension indigenous Outreach activities and learning.
Objective: to participate more fully in the church's work of reconciliation with indigenous peoples

Missional Objective for Year 2019

1. Continue with the missional objectives worked on in the year 2018.
Objective: To continue the good work and mission and continue to build on the success of the past year.
2. To offer confirmation and other sacramental preparation classes each year.
Objective: To offer new congregants teaching in the faith and better disciple young people.
3. To focus on stewardship and giving.
Objective: To build a financial stable community that will be able to do the work of Christ well into the future.
4. To continue to build up the youth group that was started in 2018
Objective: To have good discipleship and fellowship opportunities for our young people.
5. To better use social media platforms to reach out to our community with the gospel message.
Objective: To fulfill the great commandment to preach the Gospel to all peoples by using the platforms of our time.



ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, January 27th, 2019 at 11am

Prayer Before a Meeting

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life; when you act there is justice and love. Grant that your love may be present in our meeting so that what we do and what we say may be filled with your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving Him in his mission in the world, and together witnessing to His love on every continent and island.

Rules concerning eligibility to vote at Vestry meeting (Canon J-1: Vestries)

All persons shall be entitled to vote in the vestry of a congregation in the Diocese who:

- a) are baptized; and
- b) are of full age of 16 years; and
- c) are habitual attendants at Divine Service in the congregation; and
- d) have contributed during the year immediately preceding to the working expenses of the parish/congregation.

Agenda

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Election of a Vestry clerk.
3. Adoption of the minutes of the January 21, 2018 meeting and October 14, 2018 meeting.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of January 21, 2018 meeting and October 14, 2018 meeting.
5. Presentation of annual statistical Reports.
6. Presentation and adoption of the 2018 Financial Statements by the Treasurer.
7. Motion for the adoption of all published committee reports.
8. Presentation and adoption of the annual Screening in Faith Report.
9. Rectors Charge to Vestry.
10. Announcement of the Rectors Warden for 2019.
11. Vote of thanks to Board Members.
12. Approval of Lay Readers and Eucharistic Assistants.
13. Election of Peoples Warden and other officers.
14. Overview of Missional Objectives and Outcomes for the Coming Year.
15. Presentation of the 2019 budget by the Treasurer.
16. New Business and Initiatives
17. Motion for the adjournment of the meeting.

Closing Prayers



MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2018 ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Attendance: Aidan Armstrong, Philippe Howard, Maryann Kurchak, Cathy Dionne, Micheal Sheppard, David Fowler, Noella Fowler, Mickey McRae, Jim Gibson, Illmar Jass, Ann Jass, Sue Bate, Gary Bate, Doug Frozel, M.J. White, Marcia Lee, Victoria Lee (non voting), W. Brent Lee, Carol Lennex, Beaumont Nelson, Thelma Smith, Marie Vitone, Jennifer Ames, Cindy Caines, Chantal Rozon, Ashley Rozon, Kath Greenidge, Anne Trimmer, Betty McLeod, Gladys Abigail, Roz Jones, Cynthia E. Derrenbacker, Robert Derrenbacker, Harley Molton, Marlene Molton, Marjorie Morton, Irene Gilchrist, Christopher Cawte, Gene Monroe, Yvonne Nykelchyk, Helen Wormington, Betty Bonas, Neil Simmie, David Wells, Jane Cox, Robert Caines, Ralph Mounter, Bruce Heuft, Joan Servent, Cathy Jewell, Pat Cunningham

Opened with Prayer

Scrutineers: Fr. Bob Derrenbacker and Pat Cunningham

Election Vestry Clerk: Chantal Rozon by Kath Greenidge; Cathy Jewel from nominating committee elected as Vestry Clerk

Moved by Pat to destroy Ballots, seconded by Chantal, motion carried

Changed: Minutes 2017-

- 2016 pg.7 – not Special Vestry Minutes: moved to be accepted by Gary Bates, Seconded Pippa Howard
- Official Statistics not from Diocese but some are included on pg. 27
- Parish Life to add name tags, cross logo
- Memorial magnet board for name tags pg. 30
- Nominations report- not auditor must be reviewed pg. 29
- Refugee sponsorship – out of date as family has arrived
- Moved Roz Jones, seconded by Beaumont Nelson to accept published Committee reports,
- Pg. 31-32 Screening in Faith Report, Fr. Aidan moved to be accepted, second Rob Caines
- Fr Aidan moved report pg. 10-11 be accepted, seconded Jane Cox
- Nomination for Board Members pg. 29 changes alternate delegates Kath Greenidge, Brent Leigh
- Layreader Eucharistic assistant pg. 19, add Kath Greenidge, Rachel Charette
- Last Year moved by Fr. Bob Derrenbacker that meeting be adjourned

Rector's Warden: Pat Cunningham to remain Rector's Warden for 2018

Nomination for Board Members: Micheal Sheppard nominated by Gary Bates. All positions acclaimed as listed.

Warden Elections: Nominations People's Warden, Marie Vitone stepped back, Jen Ames acclaimed, Deputy Warden, Brent Leigh and Thelma Smith, Brent Leigh Elected, Moved by Bob Derrenbacker that the ballots be destroyed, seconded by Cindy Caines

Envelope Secretary: Moved by Gary Bate, seconded by Beaumont Nelson that Ralph Mounter remain Envelope Secretary

Missional Objectives

- 1) To grow and expand the Church of the Ascension indigenous Outreach activities and learning. Objective to participate more fully in the church's work of reconciliation and indigenous peoples
- 2) To enhance community and fellowship within our parish family. Objective: to build up the body of Christ and heal relationships in the parish

Moved to be accepted by Beaumont Nelson, Seconded by Micheal Sheppard

Budget: Moved by Cathy Dione, seconded Brent Leigh to accept 2017 Annual Vestry Report as presented and 2018 budget as presented

New Business Initiatives: none

Closed in Prayer by Father Aidan Armstrong



MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2018 SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING

Prayer Before a Meeting

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life; when you act there is justice and love. Grant that your love may be present in our meeting so that what we do and what we say may be filled with your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1. Rules concerning the eligibility to vote at a Vestry Meeting.
 - a) are baptized; and
 - b) are of full age of 16 years; and
 - c) are habitual attendants at Divine Service in the congregation; and d) have contributed during the year immediately preceding to the working expenses of the parish/congregation.
2. Meeting Called to Order
3. Election of a vestry clerk
4. New business

Front Doors.

Motion: The Vestry of the Church of the Ascension gives approval to the Incumbent and Officers of the Parish to present to the Anglican Foundation an application for a grant towards the purchase and installation of new main doors to the Church, for aesthetic, security, and environmental improvement and to meet accessibility concerns and standards, and that monies presently unallocated in the Memorial and Special Projects funds be used to indicate our compliance with the application monetary requirements.

5. Motion for Adjournment
6. Closing Prayers

RECTOR'S REPORT

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" – Jeremiah 29:11

As I sit down to write my second vestry report to the Church of the Ascension it is hard to believe that another year has past and that we have been ministering together for just over a year in this place. Vestry is a good time to take stock of where we are as a Church, looking at the success and challenges of the past year while looking ahead to where God is leading us as a Church. Looking forward to 2019 I feel a real sense of gratitude for all of you and a great sense of hope in what God has instore for us in the year ahead!

There are so many people of thank at our Church for all the hard work that they do in various ways, but I would like to extend a thanks to the wardens Pat Cunningham, Jen Ames and Brent Leigh for the countless hours and all the hard work they have put into the Church over the last year. A thank you also to our board for the hard work that they have done to guide the church to another successful year. I would also like to extend thanks to Joan Servant the parish administrator for ensuring things run smoothly in the Church office. These are just a few of the countless people who make things run smoothly at the Church.

The theme of my vestry report is gratitude and hope, at last years vestry I announced that I was creating two new committee's in the Church, the media committee and the stewardship committee and they have given me hope. I would like to thank all the members of these committee's and the hard work that they have undertaken. We have done some work to our web presence and looked at how we can be better stewards of the resources we have to ensure that we have a sound financial future to minter for years to come. The work of these two committees will continue this year and I am very thankful for that.

As the Church we owe a large debt of gratitude to Jen Ames and all the members of the parish life team for the fundraisers they put on for the Church this year. Simply put, without the fundraisers that were held this past year we would be in financial trouble. They



also provide d us great times of fellowship and hospitality to be with one another and deepen our relationships as a community. This is a very hopeful and helpful to help us come together as we serve Christ together.

I am also very thankful for the outreach committee at the Church and all the work they do for Out of the Cold Dinners and to help Barrydowne College among countless other activities. Thank you to Marie Vitone for organizing all of us and the countless others who help with outreach and bring the light and hope of Jesus to our community.

We had another year of dynamic worship here at the Church of the Ascension thanks to Philip Balson, the choir and cantors. This past year will give thanks to God that our attendance remained stable, we had six baptisms and ten confirmations. It is a great sign of hope that we will be having another confirmation class this year with a large group of confirmands. This year we said goodbye to Fr. Bob and Cindy as they took on a new post in Australia, they will be sorely missed. But we give thanks for the ministry of Fr. Jeff and that Bishop Andrews will be joining us from time to time to lead worship. Thank you to the lay readers and everyone who has offered a mid-week service for those who are not able to join us on Sundays. There are countless people who participate in Sunday morning and we owe them all thanks. As always, we owe a huge thank you to the Altar Guild for all their hard work and making sure the Church is always beautiful and ready for worship.

We have a wonderful pastoral care team here at the Church of the Ascension who make sure that all who are not able to join us for Church are visited is taken care of. We give thanks as we continue to undertake this very important ministry in the Church.

We have a few large property items that were dealt with at the Church this past year. We got a new culvert in the parking lot thanks to a very generous donations and had a large repair on our heating system. We look forward to this year as we hopefully get new doors and make the church even more accessible. Thank you to everyone who serves on the property committee.

We give thanks this year that the Ark Committee has successfully helped Manar and her family settle into Sudbury. It is very hopeful to see this family blossom in their new life in Canada. Thank you to the members of the Ark Committee and everyone at the Church of the Ascension who supported this very important work.

The ACW did a lot of great work around the Church again this year as they always do with their wonderful teas and times of fellowship that we all have together. Thank you for your donations to projects around the Church and helping us get on a steady footing as we move forward as a community.

The Indigenous Relations group also continued its work this year with the highlight of the year being the teaching event that was held in June to mark National Indigenous Day. Thank you to this faithful group for sticking with this important work in the Church.

The children's ministry at the Church had another very successful year with the Godly Play program, nursery and Messy Church. Thank you to Cindy Caines and all the teachers and helpers for organizing this very important ministry. What a hopeful sign it has been for our church to see more a more children every week over the last number of months! We also had another very successful and fun Vacation Bible School this past summer and will be having another one again this summer 2019.

This year we also started a youth group at the Ascension for eleven to fifteen-year olds. Thank you to Jesse Clapperton for providing this opportunity for the youth of our parish. Again, how hopeful it is that we have a youth group!

Finally, this year we owe a very large debt to our faithful treasurer Cathy Dionne as she has kept our books in order. We continue to face some slight financial challenges, but



offerings slowly continue to increase and for that all the leadership of the Church is thankful so that we can continue the great work that is going on at this parish for years to come.

The missional objectives that we set out for ourselves as a Church last year and those we will add this year give me great hope as they all help us to better offer Jesus to the community and that is our ultimate mission to make Jesus known to everyone – so thank you to all who have helped us fulfill those missional goals and objectives!

These are just a few of the happenings at the Church this past year and a bit of a glimpse of where we are going in the year ahead. There is so much good work that goes on at the Church that has not been mentioned here and I am certain that I have forgotten to thank someone. Know that it is the honour of my life to serve as your priest and I very much look forward to another year ahead with all of you and I thank God each day for every single one of you. So, I invite you to join me in giving thanks for everything that goes on in our parish and together let us look to the future with gratitude and hope!

Your Servant in Christ,

Fr. Aidan Armstrong

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WARDENS' REPORT

We look back on the year that has passed with a mixture of many feelings: humble pride in meeting the goals set for 2018, gratitude for the many, many people who gave so readily of their time and talent to help realise those goals, and continuing optimism for health and future of this parish.

This year marked our first full year working with Fr Aidan in his new incumbency; we consider ourselves quite blessed to be working with him on your behalf in the stewardship and care of Christ's Church. Sincere prayerfulness, a healthy dose of humour, and an honest exchange of ideas and concerns comprise the centre of our relationship, and we wish to assure the Ascension that the care of souls in our parish is in very good hands indeed. Fr Aidan was able to take vacation time this summer, and in his absence, we were pleased to see Sunday services taken by the Rev Dr Derek Neal (who is rector in the parishes of Temiscaming and Tamagami) and our Honorary Associate, the Rev Dr Bob Derrenbacher. We helped the Incumbent with his neighbourhood outreach, dropping off postcard invitations to our Easter-week services.

Quite a bit of our work this year was hands-on in many practical ways. As Del Gates and Ken Winfield officially retired from counting, the Wardens took up the task, using the opportunity to meet together to discuss parish matters and share thoughts. We continued to work with the Treasurer and Incumbent to address our envelope revenue deficit; while this still remains a challenge, we made good headway towards our budget target. We are very pleased to share that we managed to keep our property maintenance expenses inline with the year's budget, and much of this is due to the many people who so readily share their expertise, talents, and community connexions. Responding to a suggestion from the Bishop, we worked with the Incumbent and members of the Property Committee to draught a proposal for a grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada for new front doors to the Church, which we hope to see realised in the coming year.

The Wardens hosted two fundraiser breakfasts this year—one on the first of July and another at the end of November; the breakfast in honour of Canadian confederation was especially well-attended. We also organised the reception for the Bishop and new confirmands in April. In November, we launched a coin-drive, originally targeted to match



Fr Aidan's weight, in exchange for his shaving his notorious beard, and while we were a bit short of the goal, with your help and enthusiasm, we did manage to raise #70 (!) of coin, in light of which Fr Aidan graciously conceded defeat.

Of special note, the Rector's Warden orchestrated and facilitated the enormous undertaking of updating and arranging appointments for our Parish Photo Directory, in the Fall and early Winter. This Fall we also bade farewell to our long-time friend, Honorary Associate, and former Interim Incumbent, Fr Bob Derrenbacher and his wife Cindy, who left for Australia, and we approved the Bishop's appointment of Bishop Stephen Andrews as our new Honorary Associate.

An insurance audit of the Church and Rectory was made in August, and we're pleased to report that things were found to be in satisfactory order. The Deanery Stewards and Regional Dean also conducted their annual inspection in December, and were pleased with the state of our books, attendance, earnings, and buildings.

We'd like to close with our thanks to Fr Aidan and to all of you for your support, consideration, and for taking the time to express your concerns, hopes, fears, and stories of faith, sorrow, and joy. We consider it a privilege to have served you and the Church in our offices during this past year, and we commit ourselves wholly to Christ and to this parish in the year ahead, as it unfolds according to God's plan.

Submitted by: Pat Cunningham (Rector's Warden), Jennifer Ames (Peoples' Warden) and Brent Leigh (Deputy Warden)

PROPERTY

With one major exception, Property management of the Parish went smoothly this year.

The Whole Nine Yards continued the third year of a contract to tend to our winter snowploughing, and also successfully tendered a bid to maintain our lawns and grounds in summer. Denis Michaud also continues to provide four hours of cleaning to the Church each week, with spot-cleaning, garbage/recycling, and can-collection handled by the Wardens and members of the Property Committee.

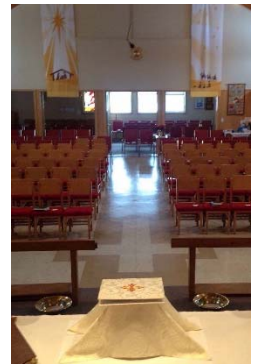
We are grateful to Ilmar Jaas for once again stripping and waxing the floors in the Sanctuary, Narthex, Kitchen, and Fellowship Hall, and to Joanie Servant for contributing her significant talents to our gardens, and to Chris Cawte for maintaining our smoke detectors and monthly testing of our fire alarm system. Property Committee members Ralph Mounter, Rob Caines, and Harley Moulton also gave much in terms of time, talent, and expertise to the maintenance and upkeep of the Church, seeing to repairs both large and small, and working quietly in the background to keep things looking and operating as they should.

Arrangements for the installation of a new culvert in the west end of the parking lot entrance were made by Chantal Rozon, and Eric Jacobsen was contracted to once more re-gravel the lot.

We escaped July's fierce storm with minimal structural damage to the Church and Rectory, but it has become evident that within the next year or two (at most) the roofs of both buildings will be needing close attention, and re-shingling at the very least. Further landscaping is required of the trees and hedges at the Rectory, as well.

Both an insurance audit in August, and the annual Deanery inspection in December resulted in clean bills of health.

Our boiler/furnace proved to be the sole outstanding source of unexpected frustration and cost. The water pump on the boiler had to be replaced in the Spring, and there was a failure in a regulator valve in the radiator pipe in the Sanctuary in early winter, that necessitated a major repair. Taking the opportunity afforded by the repair, shut-off valves



were installed in the Sanctuary pipes that should make future maintenance and repair (if necessary) easier and more efficient. A new thermostat was also installed in the Sanctuary at this time. Harley Moulton devoted considerable time and attention to overseeing and facilitating these repairs, and we're grateful for his contribution in this regard.

Shortly before Christmas, the stove at the Rectory had to be replaced, as the thermometer in the oven was no longer operating. Arrangements, through donations, have been made to purchase a new stove, and in the interim one of the stoves from the Church was conveyed to the Rectory.

So many other jobs are seen to so often by so many, whose only concern is the quiet upkeep and maintenance of God's Church, from the repair and cleaning of chairs, carpets, floors, cupboards, sidewalks, counters, tables, and storage areas, as well as setting up for functions and events--each of you, known and unknown, are so important in ensuring our Church is safe, welcoming, clean, and well-kept, and we are sincerely grateful to all of you for all that you do.

Submitted by: Pat Cunningham (Rector's Warden), Jennifer Ames (Peoples' Warden) and Brent Leigh (Deputy Warden)

PASTORAL CARE

As a Church community we are blessed to have a very faithful and prayerful pastoral care team who visits many in the community and those who are unable to join us for Church on Sunday's. The pastoral care team was very successful at continuing its ministry of visiting and providing communion to those who are not able to join us on Sunday. Many on the pastoral care team also participated in the cookie drop at Christmas and bringing flowers on Easter. Many are always very appreciative of this at those special times of year.

This past year we continued our services at Finlandia Village and restarted the service at the Westmount, this too is very much appreciated by those who are unable to join us or another Christian community on Sunday's.

This year the pastoral care team also started a prayer chain to pray for those who have private prayer requests. If you would like confidential prayer for yourself or someone else, please speak with Father Aidan and he will pass on the details to the prayer chain. We are always looking for new members and if anyone would like to join this faithful team please speak with Fr. Aidan.

Faithfully Submitted: Father Aidan Armstrong

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This past year we welcomed new faces in our nursery and in Godly Play.

For the first time we heard the Story of Jacob and the Story of Moses. We are looking forward to hearing the story of Isaiah, the synagogue, the story of Daniel, Paul's Discovery and the Holy Trinity in 2019.

In February the children made cookie pizza and candy kabobs to sell at a bake sale. All proceeds were used to purchase gifts for the new immigrant family that were given to the family on April 14.

In May, we hosted a child identification program. Thank you to Gary Bate and his friends. Our year end BBQ was held at the end of May.



In October, we enjoyed a potluck and games evening, where we were able to meet and get to know the new youth leader, Jesse Clapperton. The youth group started meeting in October on Sunday evenings.

In November the children's ministry team enjoyed an evening out and said good bye to Cindy Derrenbacher. Thank you, Cindy for the years you so graciously gave of your time and talents.

Thanks to Clare Andrews and Luke Norton for leading the Christmas pageant. It was wonderful to see all the children participating.

We were all so happy to be able to add a beautifully made shelving unit to our Godly Play area, thanks to the memorial fund.

We are so blessed to have children of all ages attend the Church of the Ascension.

Special thanks to everyone on the children's ministry team for all that you do to make our programs so enriching.

Submitted by: Cindy Caines

YOUTH MINISTRY

Purpose: To provide Christian Scriptural literacy for children and young people aged 11-14 which can provide tools necessary to endeavour in Christian discipleship.

Short-term Goal: To form a small yet consistent youth group that consists of positive and respectful relationships and engaging interactions with Christian spirituality.

Principle Goals:

1. To provide *Christian Scriptural literacy* in an engaging and thought-provoking manner, respectful of students' backgrounds, personal beliefs, and spiritual journeys.
2. To provide students with *opportunity to ask questions regarding spirituality* in a safe and comfortable environment.
3. To foster *critical-thinking and discussion* regarding spirituality at an age-appropriate level.
4. To build *strong relationships* both amongst youth and between youth and mentor based on trust, respect, and working for the well-being of one another.
5. To provide opportunity for *intergenerational and communal spiritual formation* for those who desire this.
6. To provide opportunities for positive interactions and to bond through enjoyable and engaging activities and games. In other words, *to have fun!*

Submitted by: Jesse Clapperton

EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS & LAY READERS

Eucharistic Assistants 2019: Chris Cawte, Dave Fowler, Marie Vitone, Thelma Smith, Gladys Abigail, Betty Bonas, Anne Trimmer, Rachel Charette, Jennifer Cawley- Caruso, Audrey Penn, Lori Cameron, Brent Leigh, Maggie Leigh, Cathy Jewell, Connie Lee, Pippa Howard and Kath Greenidge

Lay Readers 2019: Dave Fowler, Cathy Jewell, Lori Cameron, Brent Leigh, Thelma Smith

Lay Readers in Training: Jesse Clapperton

Submitted by: Fr. Aidan Armstrong



INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

The Indigenous Relations group proposed that they become an official committee with the following motion...

The Indigenous Relations committee would like to be recognized as a permanent committee by the Board of Directors of the Church of the Ascension. The mandate of this committee is to develop respectful and meaningful relationships with our Indigenous neighbours. Moved by Jane Cox. Sec ond by Lori Cameron. Carried

The group has interacted in a number of Indigenous related activities during the past year...

A Blanket Exercise was performed which tells the story of the territorial land that was originally occupied by the Indigenous People and how that land that was taken away.

A Sacred fire, drumming and story telling by DJ McGregor was performed on the front lawn of the church to celebrate Indigenous Day June 21 was also very well received.

We look forward to the future events continuing in reconciliation and interaction with our Indige nous Neighbours.

Submitted by: Lori Cameron and Jane Cox

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

The ladies of the ACW had another busy and successful year and would like to thank all those who helped in any way to support our various functions.

The Strawberry Tea and the Snowflake Tea, our two main sources of income, help us to support our international causes such as Zawadi La Tumaini Orphanage, PWRDF, Sleeping Children Around the World and Operation Smile and closer to home to support Barrydowne College Bursaries, the Seniors Luncheon, Godly Play and the Rectory Loan and CLAY.

We give thanks for the continued dedication and commitment of all the Anglican Church Women at the Ascension.

Submitted by: Cathy Dionne

ACW Financial Report 2018 (Submitted by Carol Lennox)

Income		Expenses	
S.C.A.W. Donations	\$ 151.65	World day of Prayer	\$ 481.05
Snowflake Tea tickets 2017	\$ 20.00	Bishop's Discretionary fund	\$ 200.00
Other Donations	\$ 978.60	Rector's Discretionary fund	\$ 200.00
Catering	\$ 1530.00	Fr. Aidan Christmas gift	\$ 200.00
Strawberry tea	\$ 1131.50	P.W.R.D.F.	\$ 200.00
Snowflake tea	\$ 2508.00	Godly Play	\$ 300.00
Total Income	\$ 6319.75	Baptism Bears	\$ 225.00
		Rectory Loan	\$ 1000.00
		C.L.A.Y	\$ 1000.00
		ZLT (African Orphanage)	\$ 400.00
		Strawberry Tea expenses	\$ 169.05
		Seniors lunch expenses	\$ 200.00
		ACW Annual/ Operation Smile	\$ 400.00
		Barrydowne College Bursaries	\$ 750.00
		Travel to ACW Annual meeting	\$ 124.63
		Catering expenses	\$ 279.71
		S.C.A.W. Bed Kits	\$ 175.00
		Snowflake Tea expenses	\$ 235.09
		Total Expenses	\$ 6539.63

Carried forward from 2017 \$ 7,528.52



Plus income	\$ 6,319.75
	\$ 13,848.27
Less expenses	\$ -6,539.63
Balance December 31 2018	\$ 7,308.64

OUTREACH

OOTC had another busy year. The number of guests has increased. With generous volunteers, all meals went well. In November and December, many hats, scarves, mitts, and socks were handed out. All Nations Church, The Ascension and the Ascension knitters donated these items. The meal cookers were: Jane, Gary, Sheila, Randy, Nicole, Albert and Marie. Thank you everyone for your donations and your volunteering! You are a crew of Jesus people!

The Outreach for Barrydowne College is an experience of hope for us! Three surrounding parishes ensure a sandwich meal for the students on the third Wednesday of the month. Our parish regularly supplies canned goods and clothing for the needy students at BC. [these are donations from all generous parishioners! Thank you!] Last spring, we had an art fundraiser for the students at St Andrew's Church. Art students and gifted parishioners spent a morning painting. The art pieces were auctioned off the next day by Gerry Loughheed. \$1200 was raised for BC art program. Awesome! The Ascension and ACW donated five \$250 scholarships for the June Convocation! Then, during the Christmas season parishioners donated thirty-two \$25 gift cards to needy BC students. They were so thankful for this! And again, thank you for your generosity!

During the Christmas season, we delivered cookies or a plant to our shut-ins and residents living in nursing homes. Fr Aidan wrote individual Christmas cards and visited all these people. Thank you to bakers, packers, visitors and deliverers! Thelma regularly sends parish news and bulletins to these people. Thank you, Thelma!

Twelve food hampers were prepared and delivered to some needy families. Each hamper had canned goods and all the fixings for a Christmas dinner. Thank you to the donors, the packers, and the drivers for this outreach!

All this outreach makes you wonderful kind people! You make life a little gentler for many people!

Submitted by Marie

ARK REFUGEE STEERING COMMITTEE

This has been a very busy and rewarding year for our ARK Refugee Steering Committee and all our volunteers. Our ARK Committee has been working together since the fall of 2015 to bring a Syrian refugee family to safety in Canada. After much preparation and waiting we were thrilled as Manar and her four children filed off the plane in Sudbury on January 19, 2018. Many of you witnessed the joy and relief and gratitude that day. Father Aidan and Bob Derrenbaker joined the welcoming team at the airport. Many newcomer Syrian families and their sponsors greeted new members to their community.

In the year since that plane landed, we have witnessed a courageous family embracing this new life in Sudbury. The days, weeks and months have been full: dental, medical, and government appointments, banking and shopping, setting up cell phone and computers, registering at the Library, learning about the YMCA, swimming lessons, language assessment, school and homework, children's activities, and so much more.

The family has been very dedicated to learning English - Maryam is in grade 5, Zayd in grade 3, Mohammad in grade 1 and Haitham started JK this year. Manar has been doing



very well in the LINC program; she is steadfast in her insistence that the children focus on learning English.

These many activities count on many helping hands. Our wonderful volunteers are giving their time and encouragement as Manar and her children adjust to a new city and a new language. Many of you have helped the children with English and settling in to new school routines as well as driving Manar to English class and supporting her learning through practice. Manar is now making her own way to LINC by walking or taking the city bus. She has learned so much in such a short time.

By now Manar and her family have experienced all of our beautiful seasons. Her first introduction to winter was eye-opening but after being outfitted with all the proper winter clothing they have learned to love this season also and marvel at how beautiful the snow is. They also had many experiences on our area lakes which included a trip to Camp Manitou in the summer and a hike at Onaping Falls in the autumn.

This year has been the result of an abundance of financial and moral support from our church and community. For all of us meeting Manar and her children has been an absolute blessing. We are grateful for the leadership given by our then minister and current bishop Anne Germond, the church board, Father Aidan, members of the congregation and the wider community. We are grateful for the support of all of our volunteers. We have been blessed to be part of a circle of support witnessing the achievements of this family. That circle includes many who give support each in your own way. You have given gifts of your prayers, moral support and encouragement, offers of time, monetary donations and practical goods.

Big thank you's to Marie Vitone, Carole Lennox, Jesse Clapperton, Aisha Ali, Alannah Guyon, Megan Trimmer, Chloe Derrenbaker, Darlene Lennox, Angie Demarco, Stephanie Doveton, Paulette Roslyn, Soheila Homayed and Sonia Del Missier for language and education support. Thanks to Marilyn Boileau for helping facilitate medical appointments.

Specific thank you's to Laking Toyota for the use of a loaner van for the first week's family transportation and to the Lougheed family who have supported the needs of the home. Thank you to our Arabic Interpreters: Tahani Joubaily who has been with us since our first volunteer event here in the church and in our calls with Manar since fall 2016, and Maha Dabliz who assisted us on Manar's arrival. The Parish Life Committee, Kath Greenidge and the church's children were instrumental in hosting the welcome reception in April at the Church.

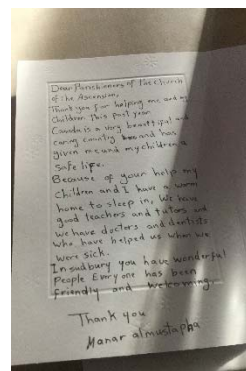
We are a small community with a huge heart and although our sponsorship of Manar, Maryam, Zayd, Mohammad and Haitham officially finishes on January 18, 2019 we have made some lifelong friends and will continue to support this family of new Canadians on their journey. Through the generosity of many people we have been able to meet all of our financial obligations required in the sponsorship agreement.

Submitted by: Jane Cox on behalf of the ARK Committee (Jane Cox, Carolyn Thain, Jennifer Cawley-Caruso, Heather Jeramaz, Erma Howe, Gwen Bonas)

PARISH LIFE

2018 was a very busy year for Parish Life. As the saying goes, "many hands make for light work". Our fabulous and talented team, with extra support from throughout the Parish, made that happen!

We put the "fun" in fundraiser and were able to exceed our fundraising goal! The best part of doing these events was the fellowship within our parish, and welcoming so many new faces from our neighbourhood and community.



Events Summary:

Winter (Jan to Mar 2018): Games Night, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Spring (Apr to May 2018): Senior Luncheon, Dinner and Dance, Spring Yard Sale, Community Welcome/Reception for Manar and her family

Fall (Sep to Nov 2018): Annual Golf Tournament, Pie Sale, Thanksgiving Supper at Swiss Chalet, Autumn Yard Sale, Chili Cook-Off

Winter (Dec 2018): Gifts of Story and Song, Fr Bob and Cindy’s Farewell, Christmas Cookie Drop

Thank you to everyone for all your support, hard work, humour, and patience, and we’re looking forward to more fun and fellowship, and building bonds of Christian love, understanding, and learning more about each other.

Submitted by: Jennifer Ames

WORSHIP

Worship is very much at the heart of what we do as the Church and there is a lot that is involved in it. This past year at the Church of the Ascension our regular worship services were on Sunday Mornings, Wednesday Mornings and we offered Morning and Evening Prayer Services six times a week, along with various Eucharist services at special times of the year. All these services will continue into 2019 and we hope to expand our weekday service schedule.

Many participate in the worship at the Church of the Ascension – the choir, greeters and sides people, lay readers, readers, intercessors, Eucharistic assistants, servers, and the alter guild just to name a few. We owe all these people a large debt of thanks for making sure we can worship and keep our focus on God. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please speak with Father Aidan.

I am very grateful for all who participate in the worship of the Church and give a special thanks to Fr. Bob and Fr. Jeff for all of this assistance this past year. This past year in Holy Week we offered a few more services such as Tenebrae and the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, these were very well received as new services and will be held again this year.

Our worship is always uplifting and reverent at the Ascension and we thank God for this place to come and encounter him!

2018 by the Numbers

Average Sunday Attendance 90

Average Weekday Attendance 4

Easter Sunday 173

Christmas 199

Faithfully Submitted: Father Aidan



ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of all Donations by Category

Category	Number	Amount
Envelope	49	\$ 37,244.23
EOP	51	\$ 77,773.54
EDP	14	\$ 15,690.00
OCCASIONAL	33	\$ 3,240.00
2018 TOTAL:	147	\$ 134,647.77
2017 TOTAL:		\$ 133,233.84

Submitted by: Lori Cameron, Envelope Secretary

NOMINATIONS

Rectors Warden (Appointed): Pat Cunningham
 People's Warden (Elected): Jen Ames
 Deputy Warden (Elected): Brent Leigh, Thelma Smith
 Treasurer (Appointed): Cathy Dionne
 Envelope Secretary: Lori Cameron
 Vestry Clerk (Elected): Cindy Caines
 Synod Delegates: Pippa Howard, Lori Cameron, Clare Andrews,
 Jesse Clapperton, Kath Greenidge

Representatives of Church Groups

Altar Guild: Anne Trimmer
 Children's Ministry: Cindy Caines
 Indigenous Activities: Jane Cox & Lori Cameron
 Media: Father Aidan
 Memorial: Pippa Howard
 Outreach: Marie Vitone
 Parish Life: Jen Ames
 Pastoral Care/Visiting: Father Aidan
 Property: Pat Cunningham
 Stewardship: Pat Cunningham
 Worship: Father Aidan
 Youth: Jesse Clapperton

Members at Large (Maximum of Five)

Kath Greenidge, Gary Bate, Rob Caines, Lori Cameron, Pippa Howard, Sabrina Campbell, Clare Andrews, Michael Sheperd, Chantal Rozon, Thelma Smith

Other Positions (Attendance at Meetings Not Required)

PWRDF Rep.: Pippa Howard
 Parish Reviewer: Dave Fowler



SCREENING IN FAITH

Diocese of Algoma

Screening in Faith Parish Participation Report

Our parishes are sacred spaces in which volunteers can develop their leadership gifts and vulnerable people can be part of a safe and loving family. Appropriate screening of volunteers is an essential part of maintaining that ministry, so that we can ensure the safety of our volunteers and their ministries. This "Parish Participation Report" serves as an *annual record* of the process developed by your parish to screen its volunteer leaders.

Complete the following report and provide a copy to the **parish Vestry, your Territorial Archdeacon, and the Synod Office**. This report is due the last day in February for the year preceding. Thank you for continuing to make the safety of your volunteers and ministries a priority.

I. Contact Information

PARISH: Church of the Ascension

INCUMBENT: Rev. Aidan Armstrong

If a person in the parish is assisting the Incumbent with the Screening in Faith process then please give their:

NAME: Cindy Caines TELEPHONE: 705-524-5394

ADDRESS: 121 Plumtree Cres. Cindy Caines
Sudbury, ON P3B 4G7

E-MAIL: cindycaines@hotmail.com

YOUR FEEDBACK: What kind of help, if any, does your parish need to develop its Screening in Faith Process?

N/A



II. Parish Position List:

Please list all the positions in your parish, along with their Level of Risk, and the Screening Requirements set by your parish. This includes wardens, advisory board members, treasurers, lay readers, and all other parish ministry positions. (Incumbents are screened at the Diocesan level.) Photocopy this page if more space is needed.

Useful Resources:

The requirements of a parish screening process are outlined in Canon H-5 of our Diocese. This model is based on the 'Screening in Faith' manual produced by Volunteer Canada, and the Parish Screening and Program Management Kit for the Diocese of Algoma, available online at www.dioceseofalgoma.com.

Level of Risk (check one box only)

- L = low
- M = medium
- H = high

Screening Requirements (check all that apply)

- INT = Interview/application form
- REF = Reference check
- PRC = Police Record check
- TFU = Training/follow-up

(See examples of possible positions and job descriptions on the Diocesan [website](#))

Parish Position	Level of Risk			Screening Requirements			
	L	M	H	INT	REF	PRC	TFU
Wardens			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Board Members	✓			✓	✓		✓
Treasurer		✓		✓	✓	/	✓
Childrens Ministry			✓	✓	✓	/	✓
Pastoral Visitors			✓	✓	/	/	✓
Lay Readers			✓	✓	✓	/	✓
Outreach Team		✓		✓	✓		✓
Youth Ministry			✓	✓	✓	/	✓

Police Record Checks are required for all High Risk Ministries and must be renewed every three years. They are optional for Mid and Low Risk ministries.

III. Declaration

We declare that the information contained in this report is accurate and complete.

Date January 27, 2019

Incumbent C. Carter

Warden [Signature]

Warden [Signature]

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