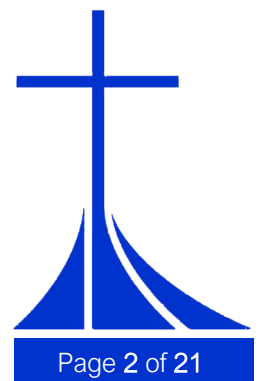


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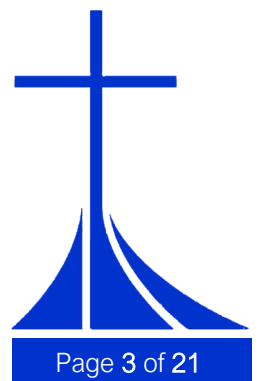
## MISSIONAL OBJECTIVES

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6. To better integrate new families and individuals into the life of the parish.  
**Objective:** To be a welcoming community to all who walk through the doors of our church.



## ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, January 26, 2020 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)

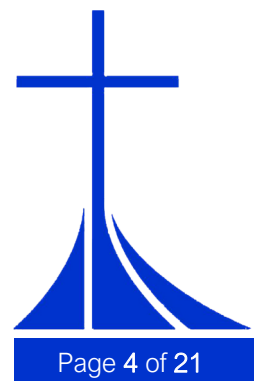
All persons shall be entitled to vote in the vestry of a congregation in the Diocese who:

- 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 27, 2019 meeting.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of January 27, 2019 meeting.
5. Presentation of annual statistical Reports.
6. Presentation and adoption of the 2019 Financial Statements by the Treasurer.
7. Presentation of the 2020 budget by the Treasurer.
8. Motion for the adoption of all published committee reports.
9. Presentation and adoption of the annual Screening in Faith Report.
10. Rectors Charge to Vestry.
11. Announcement of the Rectors Warden for 2020.
12. Vote of thanks to Board Members.
13. Approval of Lay Readers and Eucharistic Assistants.
14. Election of Peoples Warden and other officers.
15. Overview of Missional Objectives and Outcomes for the Coming Year.
16. New Business and Initiatives
  - Church Roof Project 2020
17. Motion for the adjournment of the meeting.

### Closing Prayers

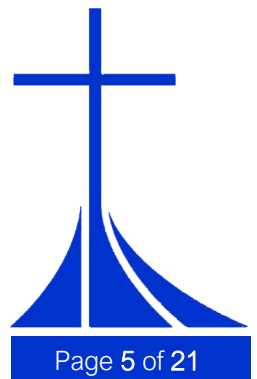


## MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2019 ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Attendance: Fr Aidan Armstrong, Jennifer Cawley Caruso, Audrey Penn, Marie Vitone, Michael Sheppard, Gladys Abigail, Betty McLeod, Ann Trimmer, Nancy Turner, Irene Gilchrist, Sue Bate, Ann Jaas, Ilmar Jaas, Gary Bate, Carol Lennox, Matt Walchuk, Jesse Clapperton, Sabrina Campbell, Jennifer Ames, Beaumont Nelson, Jim Gibson, Mickey McRae, Noella Fowler, Dave Fowler, Fraser Sammie, Neil Sammie, Lori Cameron, Roz Jones, Philippa Howard, Helen Wormington, Yvonne Nykilchyh, Jean Munro, Betty Bonas, Rob Caines, Kath Greenidge, Thelma Smith, Cathy Dionne, Cindy Caines, Bruce Heuft, Christopher Cawte, Dave Wells, Chantal Rozon, Pat Cunningham, Margaret Leigh, Marcia Leigh, W Brent Leigh, Clare Andrews, Marjorie Morton, Harley Moulton.

Meeting called to order at 11:15

- Fr Aidan opened with prayer
- Adoption of minutes from the last vestry meeting.
- Matters arising - none
- Fr Aidan moved minutes to be accepted Seconded by Michael Sheppard
- Current we have 366 on our church roll.
- Fr Aidan read his report.
- Thank you to Dave and Noella Fowler for driving food to Elgin Mission.
- Warden Report: Brent spoke on the addendum for insurance. We have been revalued with an increase of around 3%. We will keep as is till next year, leaving at the old value. We need to advise the deanery that the congregation has been made aware.
- Brent moved that that "by and with the consent of the Vestry, the desired insurance coverage for the Church building, its contents, and the Rectory as a building, be left as is, and not increased for this year, and that we will visit the insurance revaluation again next year." Seconded by Gary Bate All in favour
- Fr Aidan moved all published reports be accepted. Seconded by Jesse Clapperton
- Screening in Faith Report no questions Fr Aidan moved report to be accepted Seconded by Rob Caines
- Rector's report Fr. Aidan read his report.
- Now have a donate button on the church website, no questions Moved by Fr Aidan to accept the report, seconded by Betty Bonas
- Announcement - Rector's Warden Pat Cunningham
- Official vote of thanks by Fr Aidan to all board members
- Approval of Eucharistic Assistants list read, no one missed
- Lay readers list read Now in training Jesse Clapperton
- Fr Aidan moved to accept lists as read seconded by Michael Sheppard
- Elections: Envelope Secretary Lori Cameron
- People's Warden Jen Ames acclaimed
- Deputy Warden Thelma Smith and Brent Leigh names where nominated
- vote scrutineers Pat Cunningham and Dave Fowler
- Brent Leigh elected
- Treasurer Cathy Dionne
- Vestry Clerk Cindy Caines
- Synod electing two delegates, names of nominees was read, no other names from the floor. Gary moved nominations be closed
- Fr Aidan explained the voting process Scrutineer Brent Leigh
- Elected Kath Greenidge and Clare Andrews, 1st Alternate Pat Cunningham, 2nd Alternate Lori Cameron
- Altar Guild names read
- Board members at Large nominees Gary Bate, Rob Caines, Pippa Howard, Sabrina Campbell, Chantal Lauzon, Michael Sheppard, Thelma Smith, Matt Walchuk nomination from the floor by Brent Leigh
- Cathy Dionne requested a discussion to move the members at large to a maximum of seven.



- Gary Bate added we have previously discussed the difficulties with larger sizes and how smaller sizes can be more manageable.
- Motion to change the members at large to 7 In favour 19 opposed 16
- Michael Sheppard asked for his name to be withdrawn
- Thank you to Dave Fowler for reviewing the books
- Overview of missional objectives Fr Aidan read our objectives and we have met all the objectives. No questions or comments Fr Aidan made a motion to accept Seconded by Chantal Rozon
- Dave Fowler moved to destroy the votes. Seconded by Brent.
- Cathy Dionne presented our finances and gave a breakdown of our fundraising efforts Thanks to everyone for their hard work No questions or comment
- Cathy made motion to accept the 2018 actual and 2019 budget as reported Seconded by Dave Fowler.
- New Business no items
- Motion to adjourned at 12:50 Seconded by Pippa

Meeting closed with a prayer.

## RECTOR'S REPORT

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ "1 Corinthians 12:12*

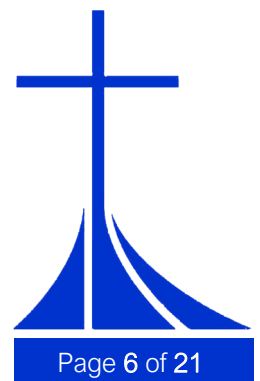
It is hard to believe that I am sitting down to write my third vestry report to you. It feels like the time has just flown by and it is still an honor each and every day to be the priest of this wonderful church. Vestry is a time when we take a look back at the past year and look forward to the year ahead. I am very grateful for our past year together at the Church of the Ascension and I look forward to the year ahead with a sense of excitement, hope and expectation!

The church and its ministries do not run themselves and there are many at the Church of the Ascension I am thankful for. I give thanks for the wardens and the hours of work that they put in to make sure that things are running smoothly around the parish. I also would like to give thanks for the members of the board who guide our church into the future and run the various ministries in which we all partake. Joan Servants time as parish assistant is coming to an end at the conclusion of this vestry meeting and we give thanks for her years of ministry in the church office and we wish her every blessing in her future endeavors.

The new doors arrived at the church last week and we are very thankful for the welcoming environment they create and that they make us more fully accessible to the wider community. A major property project that we hope to take on in the year 2020 is a new roof for the church, one that will last us for years to come.

We have welcomed a number of new families and individuals into the church over this past year. I would encourage you to reach out to those whom you have not yet met and welcome them into our wonderful community of faith. We can see God doing new things in our community and that is truly wonderful and inspiring to see. With all the new families at the church we have seen many new little ones in nursery, Godly play and youth group. The children's ministry and youth ministry teams have again done a wonderful job showing and teaching our young people about Christ's love for them and the world. We once again offered a Vacation Bible School this past summer and we had 40 children registered, our best attendance ever!

Our worship at the Church continues to be joyful and vibrant. We continue to add new services throughout the week so that there is always a praying community in the church – this year a service of Evening Prayer will be added on Thursday evenings at 8pm. The board decided to institute further use of the BCP last year at the 11am service, the BCP is now used the last Sunday of each month at the 11am service between September and June. This will continue this year. Last winter was a long hard winter for many in our community and did affect our church attendance. Although last winter was hard for many we can look forward with excitement as our church attendance has grown by six percent in the fall of 2019 compared to the fall of 2018, God is up to something at our church and we should all continue to pray that more come to seek Jesus out in this place. We have



countless individuals in the church who contribute to our Sunday morning worship in many different ways and we give thanks for them.

The parish life committee has put on a number of wonderful fundraisers and fellowship events this past year. All of these events were well attended and gave us an opportunity to deepen our relationships with one another. I am very grateful to parish life for all that they do around the church. The outreach committee which falls under parish life has also continued our outreach and service to the wider community and as always, they have done an excellent job!

We have so many other committees and groups at the church who continue on their great work. The pastoral care team, the Indigenous Relations group, the green team, and the ACW just to name a few. They all continue their ministries around the church with the love and joy of Christ. If you are interested in joining one of these groups please speak with me. We all have gifts to use in the building up of Christ's body, the church.

Along with the committees and formal groups around the church there is also countless hours of ministry undertaken quietly around the church by countless parishioners. I am very thankful for each one of you and thankful that God has brought us together to serve him in this place.

There are many exciting things that will be taking place in 2020 along with our usual worship and activities around the church. We will once again be having a confirmation class, and an ecumenical alpha program with other churches in the area which is exciting as we introduce new people to the Christian faith.

Overall, 2019 has been a year of stability which has set the parish up well to head into the year 2020 as we once again share the message of Christ afresh. This report is just a little glimpse into everything that our church does and is, if I were to mention everything that goes on at our church it would take pages. Each person who walks through our front doors brings gifts to use for the glory of Christ and his church and I and the leadership team of the church are thankful for each one of you.

As we move forward into 2020, I pray that God would continue to use our parish for his glory in the community. I count it an honor to be your priest and I am very excited to start this new year with all of you!

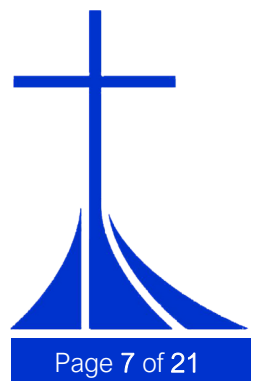
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Faithfully submitted: Fr. Aidan Armstrong

## WARDENS' REPORT

In some respects the year past was a quieter one than many that preceded it.

Our working relationship with the Rector continues to be excellent; we meet frequently to exchange ideas, stay ahead of matters at hand, confer with each other over concerns brought to our attention, and keep one another buoyed and grounded in meeting the challenges facing our Parish in the city, the deanery, the diocese, and the Church. We were pleased to help welcome the Armstrongs' second child in June, and grateful to Archdeacon Glen Miller, the Rev Patti Brace, and our Honorary Associate, the Rev Jeff Hooper, for covering services while Fr Aidan was taking time to be with his family. With their family growing, the Armstrongs looked to move out of the Rectory into a home more suited to their present and future needs, and so the Wardens negotiated a living allowance for Fr Aidan for 2020's budget, and will be preparing and showing the Rectory for rental occupancy once again.



The Wardens are pleased to report that our budget expenditures for the year were all at or under estimate targets, the only exception being the last of the repairs to the boiler line that were effected in January.

Weekly counting and garbage duties afford us the opportunity to meet face-to-face and discuss ongoing issues, and lately the Wardens have also taken on calendar scheduling, hall bookings, and user-group insurance processing. From mid-November until early December, the Wardens handled the weekly cleaning of the Church until a new cleaner could be contracted.

Two incidents in early and mid-summer brought to our attention the need for lighting and better security at the back of the Church. The first involved an incidence of graffiti-based vandalism on the siding at the north-east corner, as well as some empty liquor bottles and articles of clothing, the nature of all suggesting local neighbourhood teenagers; the second showed that the sad narrative of needle use and abuse in our city is not confined wholly to Sudbury's downtown, as used syringes and paraphernalia were discovered in the area, along with food packaging and camping supplies. In looking to handle these materials, the Wardens were in contact with Fred Dunham, who provided us with safe-handling suggestions and advice from his experience in managing these matters, which included specifically increasing lighting in that corner of our grounds. We look to address this in the coming year.

Envelope revenues continue to fall short of our budget targets, and the Wardens hope this will be a topic of conversation for the year going forward; not only to meet our self-set commitments, but also as a means to establish broader Parish outreach to the community outside our doors. Our general operating expenses and Diocesan obligations continue to be met however, largely in part to the enormous success our fundraisers enjoyed this year. We massively exceeded our goals, and wish to extend our appreciation to all of you for coming out to make our events a huge success; hopefully you had a bit of fun and enjoyed the fellowship at the 1st of July breakfast or January soup & sandwich luncheon, or at one of the many events hosted by Parish Life. The 'No-Work Fundraiser' saw 86% of all possible pledges claimed, and was a steady source of additional revenue during the year. We end the year with a financial surplus for the first time in a number of years, and this is due to your generosity and kind financial consideration and support.

In March, we were pleased to at last officially welcome and install Bishop Stephen Andrews as our Honorary Associate, and once again we hosted a BBQ lunch and reception following Spring Confirmation with Archbishop Anne Germond.

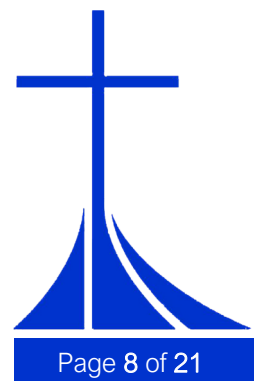
We end our report with the happy news that the project to replace our front doors is almost completed. The new doors have been installed, awaiting only a few final electrical touches, and in the Spring the interlock walkway will be re-installed. The Parish is grateful to the Anglican Foundation of Canada for its kind consideration in issuing the grant that made this project possible, and a special word of thanks is owed to Fr Aidan and to Deanery Lay Steward Mrs. Chantal Rozon, for shepherding our application through the Diocesan Executive process.

In closing, we wish to thank the Parish for its continued support and assistance: for being there with ready hands, names and contacts, expertise and experience, talents and time, and for your words of encouragement and appreciation - for sharing your concerns, worries, troubles, and your hopes, gladnesses, and stories of faith. And for your prayers. It has been our privilege to serve this Parish and Christ's Church and we commit ourselves once again, wholly, to the future of the Church of the Ascension as it is about God's work in the world.

Submitted in faith, Jennifer Ames (Peoples' Warden), Pat Cunningham (Rector's Warden), Brent Leigh (Deputy Warden)

## PROPERTY

It is impossible to completely enumerate all of the things that are done by so many in this Parish each month, each week, and every day to keep the Church building, property, and Rectory up and running, clean and safe, warm and welcoming. Can recycling, cupboard cleaning, refrigerator exorcisms, testing and logging and maintaining the smoke detectors and emergency lights, arranging for boiler and furnace and fire extinguisher inspections, endless vacuuming, sweeping, and spot-mopping by whomever might have a moment in





between weekly full-cleans: all of these tasks are dutifully attended to by those who want no credit or thanks, many of whom do so so dependably and quietly as to be almost unknown, but whose absence would be keenly felt and sorely missed. To each and every one of you, the Wardens, on behalf of the Parish, extend our sincere thanks and gratitude.

To the members also of the Property Committee, who readily step up whenever asked or needed, to help with repairs, replacements, fixes, and patch-ups, and who make the time to contact and meet with contractors and specialists; who volunteer countless hours - and often at what are inconvenient hours—and who are always ready to come and help, provide their expertise and much-needed advice, and who do so with humour and patience; to all of you is given our deepest thanks and appreciation.

A number of items stand out above the sort that are typical - if necessary - to the good maintenance and orderly operation of a Parish as busy as ours, and these are listed below to help keep Vestry abreast of major changes, or things of particular attention.

#### Winter 2019

Leak in roof in Fellowship Hall, owing to ice build-up and thaw/freeze drainage from Sanctuary roof. Managed by snow removal during winter; exterior repair and future-issue control done by GMG Contracting, Ltd in the Fall of 2019.

Snowplowing by Whole Nine Yards.

#### Spring 2019

Lawn-care and yard maintenance by Whole Nine Yards.

New rain barrel donated and installed.

Flower bed planted and maintained by Ms Joan Servent.

#### Summer 2019

Sanctuary, Narthex, and Kitchen floors cleaned, stripped, waxed by Mr Ilmar Jaas.

Quotes gathered for prospective metal roof installation before Fall 2019 or for Spring/Summer 2020.

Measurements and installation details finalised for installation of new Main Doors.

#### Fall 2019

Leak in Rectory roof over main floor washroom lead to discover that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Rectory roof needed immediate shingle replacement before onset of winter. Exterior repair effected and entire roof re-shingled by GMG Contracting, Ltd.

Furnace and boiler maintenance and inspection by Rolly's Heating.

Snowplowing contract issued to PRM Property Corporation.

New weekly cleaner contracted.

#### Winter 2020

Vacant Rectory being checked daily for insurance purposes. Assessment made for painting and some minor repairs, in order to let Rectory for rental in February 2020.

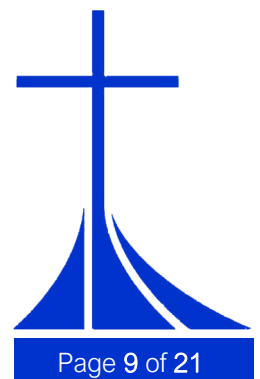
New Main Doors installed by Flynn Canada.

Submitted in faithful service, The Churchwardens

## 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. We have also continued our visiting and relationship with the local L'Arche community, which has been a privilege to participate in.



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. I would like to thank all of our pastoral visitors as your visits mean so much to those who receive them!

Faithfully Submitted: Father Aidan Armstrong

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We continue to see new faces in our nursery and Godly play rooms. The young people enjoy building relationships with each other and God.

Without everyone on our children's ministry team, Sabrina Campbell, Gary and Sue Bate, Caitlin Germond, Michelle Taylor, Clare Andrews, Pippa Howard, Heather Mannella, Rob Caines, Kylie Moulton, Terry and Jennifer Ames we would not be able to offer such valuable programs. You cannot imagine how many Godly Play stories Jennifer has memorized. Kudos to you Jen! Thanks to Kylie Moulton who is helping in the nursery while getting her volunteer hours for high school.

We added a lovely pond and animals to our nursery. Thanks Sue for giving of your talents.

Thanks to Lori Cameron and Jesse Clapperton for leading the Christmas pageant.

On behalf of the children's ministry team we gave thanks to those who continue to bring their children, children's friends and grandchildren to church. We are blessed to have them all at the Church of the Ascension. Thanks be to God.

Submitted by: Cindy Caines

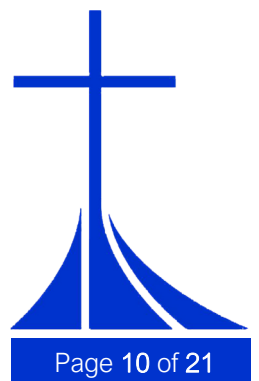
## YOUTH MINISTRY

Discipleship through small but consistent and relation-oriented groups has been called the way of the future for church growth in the Canadian culture of the 21st century, and our youth group bears witness to this. Youth Group is not meant to replace involvement of Christian youth in the church community, but to provide additional opportunity to increase scriptural literacy and to strengthen relationships, and to create a sense of belonging in the church. As well, it is meant to provide a bridge for non-Christian youth to the church and the Gospel. It is designed to spiritually challenge the mind and heart within a comfortable and fun environment. The ultimate goal of You Group is to build strong relationships, to provide a foundation for Christian scriptural literacy, and to know who Jesus is more fully, for "this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3).

This year we tackled "big life questions," the basic questions of God, human existence, and the interaction between the two. We asked questions such as what God is like, from whence God came, if it is possible to know God, and the purpose of human existence. We sought to understand the answers to these questions as provided from the Christian perspective.

A massive thank you to those who have helped Youth Group by providing food, acting as co-leaders, providing transportation consistently, and by supporting us by praying for us. "God is not unfair. He will not forget the work you did or the love you showed for him in the help that you gave and are still giving to other Christians" (Hebrews 6:10).

Submitted by: Jesse Clapperton



## EUCCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS & LAY READERS

**Eucharistic Assistants 2020:** 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, Connie Lee, Pippa Howard and Kath Greenidge

**Lay Readers 2020:** Dave Fowler, Lori Cameron, Brent Leigh, Thelma Smith, Jesse Clapperton

Submitted by: Fr. Aidan Armstrong

## INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

The Church of the Ascension is located on the traditional Anishinaabe territory of the Atikameksheng and Wahnapitae First Nation. We are situated within the boundaries of the Robison-Huron Treaty of 1850. We would like to acknowledge those who came before us on this land.

Our Indigenous book facilitator Sarah Gartshore guided a rich discussion on Sunday Dec 1st. Fr Aidan was called to the hospital for an important pastoral visit. We missed you Gary Bate! The rest of us passed around a 'talking stone' in respect to each others' voices/opinions. The book '7 Fallen Feathers' by Tanya Talaga starts with the 7 Grandfather Teachings. Love. Respect. Bravery, Honesty. Humility. Wisdom. Truth. The 7 Fallen Feathers refers to 7 student youth who disappeared/died while going to high school in Thunder Bay. They were from remote reserves in Northern Ontario. Investigations into their deaths have been unsatisfactory for families and their communities. The book reveals systemic racism.

Our group discussed the French term; 'les sauvages', and the concept of Western culture's ongoing belief in 'superiority'. This was demonstrated in the film Doctrine of Discovery-commissioned by the Anglican Church of Canada and available for free online. We discussed the importance and responsibility we as Canadians hold for a good public education system for all children within their communities. (We've got to get creative!) We discussed 'The Land' and its meaning for our Indigenous neighbours. We talked about alcohol, vulnerabilities, and the concepts of power/autonomy. Sarah frequently used the word 'love' during our 1 1/2 hour time. Sarah demonstrated ongoing Indigenous generosity with her time and warmth.

Despite the intense topics springing from this book, there was a definite Advent spirit of 'Hope' in our meeting.

Thanks everyone who came out to watch and then discuss the documentary, 'Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts' on Sunday afternoon, Nov 3rd. 500 years ago, Pope Alexander VI ruled that the lands being discovered by Europeans were "empty" and its millions of Indigenous inhabitants were "non-human." This is called the Doctrine of Discovery. This doc helps us to understand how Doctrine of Discovery has historically impacted Indigenous peoples, and where we see it alive and well today.

Our discussion finished with the prayer on the back of the bulletin, for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples as we are called to a loving relationship with one another.

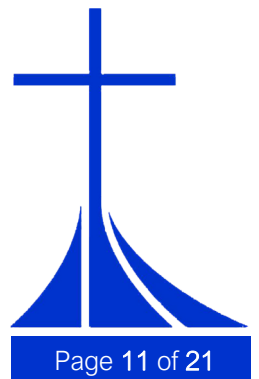
For anyone interested in viewing the worthwhile documentary, it is available online by googling 'Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts'.

It was agreed by all present at the movie, that Indian Horse was excellent. This was shown on Thursday, April 4th. The movie reflects the experience of Saul Indian Horse at an Ontario residential school. The movie gives subtle messages of kindness but also shows outright child abuse/suffering. There are scenes of ugly racism in the hockey culture and in the wider community. After seeing the film, there were comments to the effect that the movie should be shown again at the Ascension. The evening ended with a prayer.

Thank you to the Indigenous Relations Committee for organizing this event. It is a effort to fulfill a commitment to Truth and Reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours.

Senator Murray Sinclair spoke beautifully at the Glencore Lecture at Laurentian University <https://videostream.laurentian.ca/Mediasite/Play/b61a8e14d12f4f358f0869c0146910501d>

Submitted by: Lori Cameron and Jane Cox



## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

2019 was another busy and rewarding year for our ladies and we give thanks for all women and men who continually support our various functions allowing us to continue supporting our causes both locally and abroad.

After 2 very successful Teas, we were able to contribute \$1000 towards the Church Furnace repair, \$700 to the AWBF Rectory loan, \$500 to the Rectory stove and \$750 to Barrydowne College for bursaries. Further afield, we supported Operation Smile, Zawadi La Tumaini Orphanage, PWRDF and Sleeping Children Around the World.

The ACW Annual was held in Sault Ste Marie with 6 members attending. This year the Thank Offering was given to the Council of the North. The guest speaker this year was Roberta Bondar who spoke about her love of photography from both space and earth to study our environment.

This year saw the ordination of Beverly van der Jagt as Deacon. Bev has served as our Deanery ACW President for many years and has now passed those duties on to Sherry Steeves-Beaudoin of Coniston. We look forward to working with Sherry in her new role.

And finally, we give thanks for and fondly remember the lives of Cathy Jewell, Jean Munro and Velma Tansley who all passed on this year. May you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Dionne

## OUTREACH

Thanks to our outstanding and dedicated volunteers, our Out of the Cold suppers went well in 2019. Donated coats, gloves, mitts, scarves, and hats were handed out at the OOTC meals. A big thank you to the donors and the knitters from the Ascension! We thank the cooks, dishwashers, and the volunteers!

Our outreach for Barrydowne College remains an experience of hope for us. Five area churches [including the Ascension] ensure a sandwich meal for students on the 3rd Wednesday of each school month. We also assist with canned food, clothing etc. In June, the Church and the ACW donated 5 scholarships [\$250 each] for the Convocation. For Christmas, thanks to your \$20 gift cards, we gave the Principal at BC 27 gift cards that she presented to needy students. The students are very appreciative! Thank you for your generosity!

During the Christmas Season cookies or a plant were delivered to our shut-ins and people living in nursing or retirement homes. Fr Aidan wrote each a Christmas Card! Thank you bakers, packers, and visitors!

Ten food hampers were prepared and delivered for needy families. Each hamper had canned goods and all the fixings for a Christmas dinner. Thank you for the volunteers who bought, packed, and delivered this food!

The Jesus like people at the Ascension make our outreach great and possible! Thank you! All this outreach makes a healthier community! Thank you!

Submitted by Marie Vitone

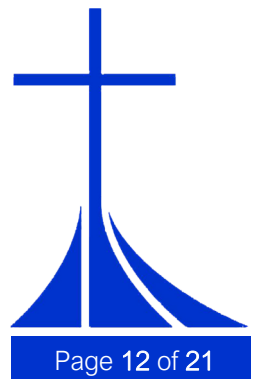
## PARISH LIFE

What another fabulous year here at the Church of the Ascension! Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to organize, help out, and grow our ministry within the Church and outside our walls. And thank you so much to everyone who came out to see just what we had to offer!

### Events Summary:

*Winter (Jan to Mar 2018):* February '50s Dance (Valentine's), Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

*Spring (Apr to May 2019):* Maple Syrup (spearheaded by Betty and Pat Cunningham), Senior Luncheon, Spring Yard Sale, Rain Barrel installed for garden



*Fall (Sep to Nov 2019):* Annual Golf Tournament, Pie Sale, Autumn Yard Sale, Thanksgiving supper at Swiss Chalet, Hallowe'en Haunted House (spearheaded by the Manilla family), Chili Cook-off

*Winter (Dec 2019):* Christmas Cookie Drop

We have fun new events planned for 2020, with a focus on 'faith, fun, and fellowship'! Stay tuned!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Parish Life, 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 2020 and we hope to expand our weekday service schedule. There is already plans to expand on Morning and Evening Prayer in order to always have a prayerful presence in the church.

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 Bishop Andrews and Fr. Jeff for all of this assistance this past year. This past year in Holy Week we offered the stations of the cross throughout lent, which was very well received both by members of our parish and those from other churches in the community.

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

### 2019 by the Numbers

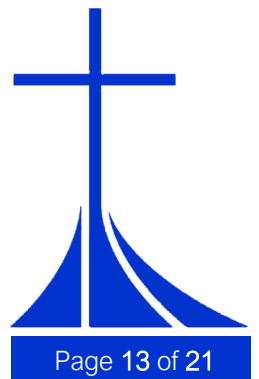
Average Sunday Attendance: 86

Average Weekday Attendance: 5

Easter Sunday: 177

Christmas: 232

Faithfully Submitted: Father Aidan



## ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Summary of all Donations by Donor Category

Category	Number	Amount
Envelope	46	\$ 43,368.58
EOP	50	\$ 78,887.78
EDP	19	\$ 12,404.00
OCCASIONAL	36	\$ 4,513.00
2019 TOTAL:	151	\$ 139,173.36
2018 TOTAL:	147	\$ 134,647.77

### Summary of all Donations by Category

Category	Amount	No. of Donations	No. of Donors
Christmas Envelopes	\$ 2,092.01	41	39
Easter Special	\$ 1,899.00	40	39
General	\$ 122,223.48	1555	121
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,717.00	25	24
Special Donation	\$ 2,126.34	3	3
PWRDF	\$ 720.00	55	7
Property	\$ 620	29	3
Anne Germond Fund	\$ 2,240.53	31	6
Special Projects	\$ 4,853.00	62	46
Thanksgiving	\$ 682.00	20	20
Total	\$ 139,173.36	1861	
Total Distinct Donors across all Categories			151

Submitted by: Lori Cameron, Envelope Secretary

## NOMINATIONS

Rectors Warden (Appointed):	Pat Cunningham
People's Warden (Elected):	Jen Ames
Deputy Warden (Elected):	Brent Leigh, Lori Cameron
Treasurer (Appointed):	Cathy Dionne
Assistant Treasurer (Appointed):	Pippa Howard
Envelope Secretary (Appointed):	Lori Cameron
Vestry Clerk (Elected):	Courtney Schram
Synod Delegates (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of term):	Clare Andrews, Kath Greenidge
	1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate: Pat Cunningham, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate: Lori Cameron

### Representatives of Church Groups

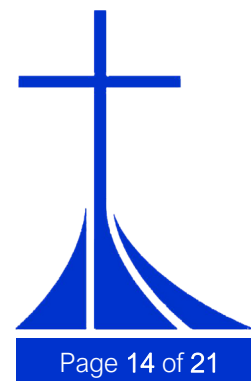
Altar Guild:	Anne Trimmer	Parish Life:	Jen Ames
Children's Ministry:	Cindy Caines	Pastoral Care:	Father Aidan
Indigenous Relations:	Jane Cox/Lori Cameron	Property:	Pat Cunningham
Media:	Father Aidan	Stewardship:	Pat Cunningham
Memorial:	Pippa Howard	Worship:	Father Aidan
Outreach:	Marie Vitone	Youth: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

### Members at Large (Maximum of Five)

Rob Caines, Sabrina Campbell, Chantal Rozon, Thelma Smith, Pete Marshall

### Other Positions (Attendance at Meetings Not Required)

PWRDF Rep.:	Pippa Howard
Parish Reviewer:	Ilmar Jaas



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 - Sudbury

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

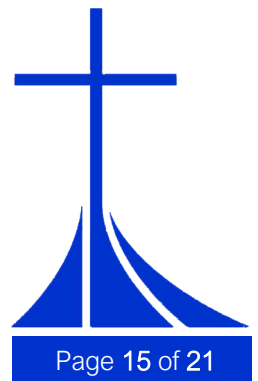
ADDRESS: 121 Plumtree Cres.

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](http://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		✓		✓	✓		✓
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.

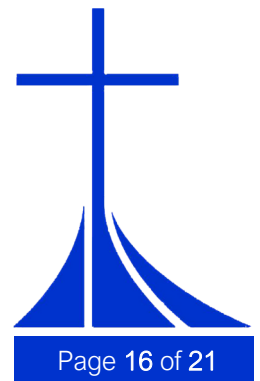
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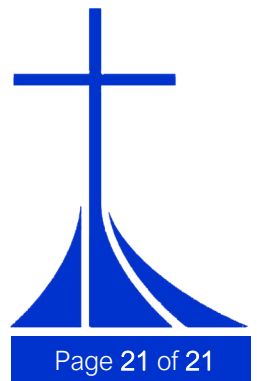
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## APPENDIX A - ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM

Diocese of Algoma Donor Registration/Amendment Form Attached (1 page)



**DONOR REGISTRATION/AMENDMENT FORM**  
**Electronic Offering Program**

Ref # \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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On the 15<sup>th</sup> of \_\_\_\_\_ please \_\_\_\_\_ start  
(month) \_\_\_\_\_ amend my electronic offering.  
\_\_\_\_\_ suspend/cancel

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My monthly donation will be as follows:

Parish Operating Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Property/Building Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other church ministries you may wish to contribute to:**

Anglican Mission Service Committee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Gitchigomee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Manitou \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Temiskaming \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mission to Seafarers \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Primates World Relief & Development Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHEQUE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please fill in this form and put on the collection plate at your church or give to your church office or mail to the Diocese of Algoma office.**

Diocese of Algoma—Electronic Offering Program  
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Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 2M6