

**CHURCH OF ST MARK THE EVANGELIST
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Parish Statistics, 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Households	272	275	268	N/A	219
Average Sunday Attendance	142	N/A	148	126	120
Christmas	314	287	251	241	218
Easter	314	281	280	289	225
Baptized	6	2	3	3	2
Confirmed	1	0	0	4	0
Marriages	3	1	5	3	1
Deaths	8	18	18	19	9

Burials

Richard Kenneth Beach
Bower Ernest Johnston
Edward George Patrick Cullum
Patricia Ann Davidson
Marianne Kirwan
John Stotesbury Kirby
Frances Burke
Eileen Beatrice Haig
Gladys Mary O'Ray

Marriage

Christina Pauline Marchese Ragona Beckstead
/ Andrew Kristopher John Orton

Baptisms

Landen John Richard
Paige Madison Wells

Wardens' Report

We were especially happy to welcome the Reverend Brian Kauk to our parish on February 1, 2008. Following his induction, we felt that we were moving ahead to an exciting new era.

It is particularly delightful to see the enthusiasm of the children at the Children's time in the service – they are learning why we do the things we do (and perhaps some adults are, as well) and how they, the children, fit into the service.

We were saddened in May to suffer some particularly destructive vandalism. It has led us to conduct a security audit on the building with the Community Policing Service. The Officer remarked that we lived in a nice neighbourhood, and that this type of event is common downtown, but less so here. Steps are underway to secure the building to provide fewer opportunities for a reoccurrence.

Following June's electoral vestry, your new Parish Council commenced its term. New members, Les Cundell (Deputy Warden), Marilyn Benn, Gillian Morris (Outreach) Cynthia Greer (Membership) joined Coralie Sheehan (People's Warden), Judy Corbishley (Rector's Warden) Joy Bowerman (Treasurer), Terry Frederick, Ann Matthews and Terry Thompson (Stewardship), David Whitman (Deputy Warden), Sheila Vaudrey, Bill Slaughter, and Allen and Gale Deering. David Matthews became the new Chairman and Coralie Sheehan became Secretary. Parish Council has renewed its commitment to Hospitality, building on one of St. Mark's strengths.

As we move forward to celebrate 60 years of St. Mark's, we will be struggling with a number of challenges. The decrease in our population for a variety of reasons has placed a significant financial challenge before us. While we ended 2008 in the black, there was not a significant surplus.

Happily, among some of the things that don't change is the commitment of St. Mark's people to the ministries that make us what we are: a praying church, with an active Prayer and Praise group, Something More, and Healing Prayer Team, e-prayer list, as well as a recognition that each of us is strengthened by the prayers of others; our Outreach ministries, including, but not limited to Debra Dynes Family House, contributions to the Bales for the North, Lenten outreach to projects selected by Vestry; Mothers' Union and the projects that they undertake on our behalf; the Choir, always faithful lending their support to our Liturgy and special events; Altar Guild and their special care for the objects of Liturgy. Other ministries not always recognized are the care of the Church Building and Property, opening and closing responsibilities, Counters and those who deposit collections; and Connie Bowerman and Helen McGill who almost singlehandedly maintain our beautiful gardens. Naming some almost always leads to forgetting others and our apologies to any that may not be mentioned. The Lord knows who you are.

In January, commencing the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we again hosted the choir and congregation of Madonna della Risurrezione at a joint service and reception following. In addition to creating new friendships, a great deal of fun was had by all, partially assisted by the addition of a chocolate fountain.

It has been a joy and a privilege to work with Father Brian on your behalf as the Corporation of St. Mark the Evangelist. We look forward with anticipation to an exciting year of celebration.

Faithfully,

Coralie Sheehan, People's Warden
Judy Corbishley, Rector's Warden

Synod Report 2008 (24-25 October)

The Ottawa Diocesan 2008 Synod began with a Eucharistic service at Christ Church Cathedral on the evening of 23 October. During the service Bishop John Chapman delivered his charge which can be found on the newly-designed Ottawa Diocesan web site. As well, the Bishop created five new canons, including lay canon Judy Darling of our parish. Synod sessions, held at St Elijah's church hall, began Friday morning with Morning Prayer, during which tribute was paid to those who died in the past year, including our own John Kirby.

The Uganda support group delivered its report on Dr. Carolyn Langford's three-year mission and thanked Synod for the overwhelming financial support received which helped to fund computers, malaria control, tuition, and the farm. The college (website www.ankoliwestern.com), which is seeking university status, is expanding its library to become a well-equipped facility; it now has computers for 325 students enrolled in education, business administration and agriculture. We were asked to consider inviting Carolyn to our parish when she returns in June 2009.

The synod heard a report from the Governance Task Force, affirmed the work accomplished so far, and approved a plan of action for the following year. This plan will see a new, easier to understand committee structure put into place, a smaller Diocesan Council in place of the current Diocesan Executive Committee, and will lay the groundwork for new ways of working that reflect the best practices of other Canadian not-for-profit organizations.

The Administration and Finance Committee reported a bad year overall financially, although one good thing was the Canadian Government's forgiveness of the Residential School Fund's remaining contribution of \$604,000. The Operational Fund is of concern with its accumulated deficit of \$403,586; however, in 2007 we reduced it by a fair amount, and in less than a decade it could be reduced to zero. It was not a good year for the Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF) due to the financial market meltdown; the 29.4 million-dollar CTF produced \$1.3 million in revenue and dividends of \$880,000, but there was a decrease of \$459,000 in capital.

Synod's guest speaker was Dr. Douglas Leighton, a priest since the early 70's, a professor at the University of Western Ontario, and an expert on aboriginal history as well as early Church history. He spoke of the current state of the Church, Christianity in general and Anglicans in particular, as being under assault intellectually – in writings by Dawkins and Hitchens, and politically – with the killing of aid workers. Although society ignores us culturally, he sees a time of opportunity. There are challenges inside the Church - unity in diversity, dealing with human sexuality, questioning of Episcopal authorities, and Anglicans being only nominally so. He had questions to make us think:

- where is our leadership? We need more proactive leadership.
- where is the glue that holds us together? There is a decline in civility – we need to be courteous and listen to each other.
- Pentecost is an important season of questions and challenges:
 1. what do I really believe, deep down?
 2. how do I live out those beliefs to work and live with integrity?
 3. what does religion mean? People think it is private/personal, but its Latin meaning is 'those things that tie us together/restrain, guide us'.
- all humans are religious; how do we talk about it? – in simile and metaphor, poetic not analytic

Church provides a safe place to discuss these questions. Anglicans have always asked questions; it appeals to the adult in us. The three pillars of Anglicanism have been described as reason, tradition, and scripture. Questions are a blessing – there is nothing to fear or be angry about a faith that is living and growing; the Book of Acts is a good example of wrestling with questions. So, be patient and respond, proclaim our faith and force our growth. We must also enter into a dialogue to connect with other faiths.

Diocesan Program Reports

- Centre 454 depends on the Diocesan Services to operate properly. All who are involved are truly thankful, individually and collectively, for the support.
- The Well/ La Source at St. John's has been part of the Diocesan family for 25 years. They too are thankful for donations and emotional support. The facility, which serves 50,000 meals a year, will be gaining 2,000 square feet of new space.
- Cornerstone, which has given the Diocese credibility and respect in the broader community, including that of city politicians, plans to extend the shelter to serve twice as many women.
- The Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre is the smallest of the Diocesan ministries and has been operating for nearly 40 years. It serves the Diocese and the broader community and provides the clergy with an accurate source for referral.
- Temple Pastures' Director, Archdeacon Gordon Worden, highlighted the centre's features. It provides an inexpensive retreat/conference centre for up to 40 people; non-Anglicans are welcome. It had a \$12,000 surplus this year. Please visit the web site at www.templepastures.org

Youth Mission

Andrew Stevens, the new Diocesan youth coordinator spoke briefly about his aspirations for this new ministry. We need to listen to youths' questions and wants; we all have a ministry to bring youth into the Church. He is keen to be invited to all parishes to speak about youth and various initiatives: youth training sessions with other churches; New Beginnings retreat; the Jeremiah Project whereby youth build houses in New Orleans; the Youth Synod in spring 2009.

Synod Workshops

Stewardship (Georgia Roberts)

Workshop organizer Francis Christenson stated that the stewardship program in the diocese is NOT a top-down program. Rather, it is a parish-level program. Jane Scanlon, our new stewardship officer, defined Christian stewardship which, she said, goes back to Genesis. We have been given everything by God, and we are called to give back to God. It is a spiritual journey to determine how God wants us to give back. This workshop was in the form of a panel, with three people talking about their experiences in rural parishes; one person spoke about youth stewardship and another about planned giving.

Roy Mills, from South March, said that, before 2006, his parish did little about stewardship but was always worrying about balancing the budget. Deciding to do more about stewardship, they selected a stewardship officer (him) and a committee which included the rector; having the rector on the committee was key. The focus was on proportional giving, and they drew on what other churches had done. Their campaign was spread over approximately four months. They developed a unique and effective brochure which contained several testimonials by parishioners and a stewardship Sunday was followed up aggressively (to the 175 identifiable givers). At the end of the 2006 campaign (with a budget of \$1000) there was a free dinner for those who returned their pledge forms (~65%); givings went up by ~15%. Last year they had a campaign on time and talents, and now they will have a campaign on proportional giving.

Cornerstone (Allen Deering)

This workshop, "On a Healing Journey", was interesting and informative. It opened with resident Marion Ann singing some songs and telling us her story which brought a tear to many eyes. Cornerstone, which

has been in existence for approximately 25 years, provides a transition place for healing for women in need; most who use the facility are homeless or have other problems. On average, 1,337 women a year become homeless for one reason or other. Unfortunately, Cornerstone in its present facility can accommodate only 500 women; they turn away between 10 and 15 women a night. There are approximately 9,370 households waiting for affordable housing that involves up to a seven year-wait.

Cornerstone is in the process of looking for land in the downtown core on which to build a larger facility. There are not enough beds (only 55) to meet their demand; the kitchen is much too small, and there is no wheelchair accessibility. They provide around 50 meals twice a day. Women who are lucky enough to stay in the shelter stay anywhere from nine months to a year. Once completed, the new facility will have 70 beds. The new centre will also offer crisis counselling, care management, goal planning, life skills, post-treatment support, and health, medication and mental health support..

The new facility will provide 15 affordable units for “Transition Housing” as well as 20 units for Senior Supportive Housing. To date they have received \$100,000 in gifts and pledges but need at least another \$600,000 to put the plan into place. We are asked to help them reach their goal.

Hospitality (Fr. Brian Kauk and Coralie Sheehan)

This seminar was led by two parishioners from Christ Church, Aylmer. They emphasized the need for a mission statement; stewardship is the basis of hospitality – it is a culture of being people of God. The Church must be welcoming, sharing, inclusive and reach out – the Eucharist is at the core of hospitality. Our theology includes hospitality as scripture states that you must love your neighbour as yourself: we are called to be generous beings.

It is important to introduce newcomers to the congregation after the service, a task well- suited to the Wardens. Have well-informed greeters and think about whom we are serving: cradle Anglicans, young families, elderly, youth, newcomers to the faith. Look at what appeals to them and let people know that they can be themselves. There are many opportunities to make a difference at coffee hour, outreach, and rites of passage like baptism and funerals. We should attempt to bring joy back to the service and attract newcomers and younger people: contemporary music can be introduced gradually through a dialogue with parishioners; try different types of liturgy; invite guest preachers. They suggested having parents and their young children at the rear of the church, not separate in the nursery. Seek parishioners’ input for ideas on Christian education. A couple of books were recommended reading: “Welcoming” by Andy Week and “Purpose Driven Church” by Rick Warren. Other ideas for hospitality will be posted in the link.

Synod Reflections – Dr. Leighton

As Synod 2008 wrapped up, Dr. Leighton shared some reflections of the busy two days.. He congratulated the Diocese on a successful meeting and declared it an interesting experience. All presentations were very professional; questions were good and courteously received – we are respectful listeners. Unfortunately, there were few young people; in his diocese, Huron, they are facilitators.

All of us are grateful for the opportunity to attend Synod and to represent you, the parishioners of St. Mark’s. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Brian Kauk, Rector
Coralie Sheehan, People’s Warden & Member of Synod
Allen Deering, Member of Synod
Bill Slaughter, Member of Synod

Stewardship Report

*“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.
For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38 (NIV)*

We have served as Stewardship Officers since the February 2006 Vestry Meeting, having been appointed by, and answerable to, the Corporation. Shortly thereafter, the Diocese requested that stewardship officers be members of parish councils and, since that time, we have been a part of St. Mark's Parish Council. At the 2008 Vestry Meeting we were asked and agreed to serve an additional one year term.

Some background information: at the September 2006 Stewardship Conference related to the Diocesan Stewardship programme, *Letting Down the Nets*, we were advised that the Diocese planned to present nine workshops to assist parishes in their stewardship endeavours. In 2007 six workshops were offered: (1) *Visioning* (which was hosted by St. Mark's), (2) *Narrative Budgets*, (3) *Tithing* (for clergy only), (4) *Making it Happen*, (5) *From Scarcity to Abundance*, and (6) *Faithful Steward's of God's Creation*. These workshops were attended by David Matthews and/or Fr. Roger, as well as Stewardship Officers. In May 2007 St. Mark's held a *Visioning Session*. Some of the visions initiated that day are underway and some information will be outlined in separate reports, i.e., *Welcoming Church Vision*, which is now covered by the Membership Committee and New Members Committee (formerly the Evangelism Committee); *Youth Ministry Vision*, which was taken on by the Mothers' Union and, in particular, the restructuring of our Nursery; and *Praying Church Vision* from which stemmed the *Something More Prayer and Action Group* and St. Mark's *E-mail Prayer*. Also, the desire to maintain the present Parish Nurse and Debra Dynes Ministries and Increase the Pastoral Care Ministry has been observed by our parish.

On Friday evening, April 11, 2008, at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, the Rector and David and Ann Matthews attended a *Scarcity to Abundance* workshop, which was led by The Reverend David Ponting, author of the book *From Scarcity to Abundance: A Complete Guide to Parish Stewardship*. This session reinforced that everything comes from God, everything belongs to God, and we are required to give back to God out of thanksgiving from our first fruits rather than what we have left over.

On Saturday, May 24, 2008 the Diocese held a Stewardship Education Day at Christ Church Cathedral at which time the final three workshops were presented: (7) *The Theology of Money*, (8) *Financial Budgeting and Priorities*, and (9) *The Identification of Management and Volunteers*. These were attended by Terry Thompson, Ann Matthews, Fr. Brian and David Matthews.

On May 29, 2008, Terry Thompson and Ann Matthews met with the Rector to discuss stewardship at St. Mark's. (At the same time the *Stewardship Council Questionnaire* was completed and forwarded to the Diocese, at their request.) Four suggestions came out of that meeting: (1) *Narrative Budget*, (2) *Ministry Fair*, (3) *Parish Dinner*, and (4) *Testimonies*. A report was prepared and presented to Parish Council. It was also suggested that a Stewardship Committee be struck to include the Rector, Stewardship Officers, and David Matthews plus two others. Since that meeting the committee has expanded to include Suzanne and Keith Wilkins, and Judy Corbishley (Chair). The Committee met on November 30, 2008, to discuss a plan of action for the next two years.

As Stewardship Officers we would like to thank all the members of our congregation who give their time, talent, and treasure in so many ways to ensure that St. Mark's is all that it can be. May God bless you mightily in the year ahead as you seek to serve and glorify His name!

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thompson and Ann Matthews, Stewardship Officers

St Mark's Prayer Ministries

Healing Prayer Team

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God" Philippians 4:6

What wonderful advice the Scriptures give us, especially in the light of all the events of this past year! Our ministry of prayer undergirds our whole life together at St. Mark's. Through prayer we are blessed with healing, peace and unity because prayer helps us to focus on Jesus. He is the One who continues to pray for us, as recorded in John 17:22-24.

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their work, **that they may all be one.** As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

The Healing Prayer Team was formed in December 1999 and began to offer the laying on of hands with prayer for healing at the Sunday morning Eucharist. A time is provided for persons who have a prayer request for themselves, or a concern for someone else, to go to the prayer station before or immediately after receiving Communion. This is a joining of our hearts and minds to focus on Christ our Healer. It is a symbol of our Lord's compassionate Presence reaching out through the prayer team and the praying congregation to the person being prayed for. The healing ministry is a ministry of the whole community, not just a select few. For this reason, the congregation is invited to prayerfully support the prayer team and the people being prayed for.

Members of the team are and commissioned by the Rector. New members are always welcome and should contact the Rector if they are interested in pursuing this ministry.

Terry Thompson is the coordinator who prepares our "on duty" roster. Members are "on duty" approximately once every 4 or 5 weeks.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Stone

Prayer & Praise Group

This group has twelve members with an average attendance of nine or ten.

Our meetings are held throughout the whole year, generally on Tuesday evenings in the Choir Room, except during Lent when we met on Mondays to enable attendance of the Tuesday evening Lenten program. The evening's activities consist of worship, meditation, a short Bible Study and prayer for our Parish, the Church in the World and those known to us who wish prayer for healing and God's direction. Leadership at each meeting rotates among the membership.

Parish Prayer Cycle Phoning Team

Each week of the year one person of our four member team makes a phone call to each of the six persons/families on our Parish Prayer Cycle who are being remembered especially during the upcoming week and invited to share any requests for prayer that they might have. These special prayers are offered up to God at the Prayer & Praise Group meetings and daily at Morning Prayer in the Peace Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Dicks

Something More Prayer and Action Group

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Something More is a prayer and action group, which sprang from the St. Mark’s *Visioning* session held in May 2007: one of the expressed visions being the desire for St. Mark’s to become known as a praying church. The reference to Matthew 5:16, above, is key to the existence of the group as it attempts to reach out to our brothers and sisters in the best and worst of times in an effort to obey our Lord’s commandment to love one another. We ask that the congregation pray for the members of the group as they go out and meet in various locations with the intention of spreading a blanket of prayer across the city. New members are always welcome: as meeting dates, times, and places vary, for information please call Keith Guild at 613-248-1987.

In 2008 the group held sixteen regular meetings in members’ homes with an approximate average attendance of ten. The format for these meetings is prayer, business, and fellowship, at which time members’ birthdays are celebrated from time to time. In addition to regular meetings, special meetings and events were held, as noted below:

Friday, January 18th: Meditating and walking the Labyrinth at St. Luke’s Anglican Church, led by Sally Griffin and John Price. At this time, donations were given by the members to the St. Luke’s Lunch Club.

Friday, February 29th and March 1st: Overnight retreat, theme: Oneness in Christ, based on the Gospel of John, at the home of David and Ann Matthews.

Saturday, March 29th: Visit to Centre 454 where the members led a service of prayer. Food was provided and served by members of the group to the Centre’s clientele.

Saturday, April 5th: Group’s Development Day, held in St. Mark’s basement.

Sunday, April 20th: Hosted Coffee Hour at St. Mark’s following the 10:00 a.m. service.

Sunday, May 18th: Following the 10:00 a.m. service, a potluck lunch to welcome The Reverend Brian Kauk and his wife Brenda was held at the home of David and Ann Matthews.

Sunday, May 25th: Following the 10:00 a.m. service, members of the group visited The Holy Well at St. Patrick’s Parish, Mount St. Patrick, near Renfrew, stopping for lunch first at The Antrim Truck Stop Restaurant.

Thursday, June 19th: A tour of The Ottawa Mission, led by The Reverend Margo Whittaker, followed by a worship service. Afterwards, lunch was served at the home of Heather and Keith Guild and a special meeting concerning the Concert for Ashley and the group’s participation.

Sunday, July 6th: Special meeting in the Board Room at St. Mark’s following the 10:00 a.m. service to finalize plans for the anniversary open house dinner and upcoming retreat.

Friday, July 11th: Open house anniversary dinner at the home of David and Ann Matthews.

Friday, July 25th and Saturday, July 26th: Retreat, with the theme, Ways to Christian Maturity, at the cottage of Earl and Bev McCarthy located near Campbell’s Bay.

Sunday, September 7th: Potluck and Quiet Time following the 10:00 a.m. service at St. Mark's, at the home of Gail Stone. This was an afternoon of scripture reading and prayer led by the Reverend Gregor Sneddon who shared a way of reading scripture called Lectio Divina, which is Latin for divine reading.

Sunday, September 28th: Hosted Coffee Hour at St. Mark's following the 10:00 a.m. service.

Sunday, October 19th: Multi-Faith service led by members of the group at Christ Church Cathedral.

Tuesday, October 21st: Multi-Faith breakfast at St. Mark's attended by some members of the group.

Sunday, November 2nd: Hosted Coffee Hour at St. Mark's following the 8:00 a.m. service.

Friday, December 19th: Christmas Party at the home of Heather and Keith Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Matthews, Member

St Mark's E-prayer

As St Mark's 'unofficial' e-mail-list-compiler, I passed on news, prayers and thanksgivings of parishioners and friends to my e-mail contacts. Due to a diocesan privacy policy, this changed in November of 2007, and St Mark's new E-prayer was born.

What is different? Apart from less pray-ers praying for less people, there is no difference for those who request to be prayed for, or those who ask to receive the E-prayer. For those who are NOT receiving the E-prayers or being prayed for – simple difference ... you've not asked to be included. 'Official' permission has to be given. What that means is that I can no longer name Jane Brown because Mary Green thinks she might need prayers, or send them to John Black because, as a parishioner, he should pray for others, or even give news on births or baptisms etc ... unless I have direct permission from the prayed-for and the pray-er.

Following the new E-prayer rules, the number of pray-ers plunged to a mere handful, but gradually by December 2008 we had 34 parishioners on the E-prayer receivers list, praying for those who had requested prayers.

In 2008 prayers have been for: single name, just initials to full name; simple description, partial description to complete details; some with no follow-up, some with lots.

- we prayed for successful surgeries, health, strength and support
- we prayed for quite a number of limbs - broken, repaired, replaced, corrected
- we prayed for peace – of body, mind and spirit
- we prayed for those working to bring peace
- we prayed for areas of the word devastated by war and nature
- we gave thanks for births and baptisms and marriages
- we gave thanks for former priests and new priests
- we gave thanks for recovery
- and we gave thanks for the life of those who journeyed to another plain.

As with all rules and regulations, sometimes 'heart' has to take over. This happened in August with the sudden illness, and untimely death of John Kirby. St Mark's E-prayer became the prayer-support link between John, Evelyn and the whole Kirby family and their 'St Mark's' family ... an extended E-prayer group that included other 'parish' e-mails, reaching across Canada and Europe. Instead of 30 people praying, 80 'parish' homes and 19 members of the Kirby family became part of a two-way e-mail

exchange of prayer and support. The E-prayer worked as a conduit between both groups – instant prayer, support and comfort when it was needed. The response I had from the family was one of feeling surrounded by love. The outpouring of support from the parish community was amazing and it reached the family immediately.

Also in 2008, as E-prayer co-ordinator, I was able to quickly pass on the message about the church closing due to the winter storm. I pray that 2009 will not require these kinds of e-mails – but it is there if needed.

Thank you to those who have used this service and have added people to their prayers. Thank you to those who saw the need and asked me to continue it. Thank you to those who are now using the E-prayer for their own prayers. St Mark's E-prayer is alive and well, and open for business via **drblodge@sympatico.ca** . If only one extra person offers their prayers for another it will be worth while. Please join us.

Margaret Lodge

E-prayer Co-ordinator

The Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is responsible for beautifying the Altar and the Church during the different seasons. We have 4 teams that rotate every 2 weeks and double up during Easter and Christmas to ease the workload. Teams are responsible for keeping the Linen on the Altar clean, changing the candles, washing and polishing the vessels, flowers, changing the banners for the different seasons. We look after getting the Church ready for Weddings; Funerals, Baptisms and any other major service/events that are going on at the Church.

I would like to thank Betty Gillham for all her years of commitment and dedication to God's work on the Altar Guild. I would like to welcome Jane Delroy to our Altar Guild Team and Jennifer Morphew for offering to help with services on Wednesday morning and the 8:am service on Sundays when needed. Thanks again to all the members of the Altar Guild for their dedicated service to God's work.

We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in joining our team please contact Father Brian or myself Gale Deering.

Respectfully submitted by

Gale Deering, President

Choir Report

Our three choirs of St Mark's are the regular adult choir, the junior choir and the "Requiem" choir. The regular adult choir sings on every Sunday morning of the year, as well as for any additional services, including those during Lent, Holy Week and Christmas. We rehearse on Thursday evenings, with a break for the summer months.

The senior choir experienced some changes in membership in 2008: George McCaul retired in the fall; Wayne Blatchly has also retired from the senior choir, but is a member of the Requiem choir; Doug Vavasour worships at St George's on Sunday mornings, but joins us for Evensongs and other services which are at other times; and we were joined by Dave Commandant from Waterloo while he was in Ottawa working on two separate university co-op placements.

Our first few Sundays of the year were still part of the interim period between incumbent priests, but Margo Whittaker's long standing relationship with this parish ensured that everything went smoothly. The choir launched the year with an enjoyable pot-luck and carol-singing party at Jenny Morphew's house, and Margo joined us.

The first extra service of 2008 was the January 20th Joint Ecumenical Service with our friends at Madonna della Risurrezione across the street. A large contingent joined their choir members in the choir loft and got some practice singing in Italian. Margo's presence as a woman priest was an interesting ecumenical phenomenon for our Catholic friends, as shown by the many questions they asked me! After the service we enjoyed their hospitality and feasted on Italian treats and wine.

On Ash Wednesday we sang our first evening Eucharist of the year, and Lent culminated in the Holy Week choral services including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

We welcomed Brian Kauk as our new pastor at a reception after his first service on February 3, with a Wassail song of welcome complete with kazoos written especially for the occasion by members of the choir. Brian's official induction was a special service on the evening of April 13th which included music he had specially requested.

We also this year celebrated Ray Davidson's 40 years as a choir member. Keep on singing, Ray!

In June, the senior choir gathered at the home of John and Mary Hancock for a lovely pot-luck dinner with a little singing as well. During the summer, Lorne Bowerman found the time to come and insulate the choir room floor from below, and to install new linoleum tiles.

The choir reconvened after Labour Day, ready for the challenges of the fall. On September 6th, we sang for the funeral of long-standing choir member John Kirby, who had meticulously chosen the music in advance. John's son Scott (trumpet) and Bruce Lodge gave a moving rendition of Handel's The Trumpet Shall Sound. We sang the Remembrance Day morning service on November 9th, and were again joined by trumpeter Scott Kirby who played the Old One Hundredth, Last Post and the Reveille, as well as many of the hymns. Thank you, Scott! In the evening we sang the Evensong for Peace and Remembrance.

I would like to thank Claudette, who has made us a gift of her electronic piano, which has transposing capabilities, and other possible sonorities. It has worked well in the church, and has allowed us to avoid moving the piano.

Our Advent Carol Service and pot-luck was held on the afternoon of November 30th, followed three weeks later by an afternoon Nine Lessons and Carols preceding a delicious soup and chili meal. We were joined by former choristers Deirdre Sheehan-Laxton and Doug Vavasour. A few days later, the senior

choir sang the 10pm Christmas Eve service, and several members came to sing on Christmas day in the morning.

The Requiem choir, which consists of former and current senior choir members and other musically-inclined parishioners, convenes to sing for funerals, occasional weddings and other events. This choir is mostly led by our organist parishioner Carol Dicks, as I am often unavailable to play for these services. Carol also led the Requiem choir for the Retired Clergy Eucharist on May 29th.

The Junior Choir continues to thrive, and sings an anthem every Sunday; there are now eight members. Sarah Dee, our Head Chorister continues with her excellent leadership and ever-growing musicianship, and Jemma Joly shares her deep knowledge of the choral repertoire and supports the younger members. Alex Dee ably carries a second part and provides the lovely treble high notes where needed. Delaney McGill continues to grow as a musician and confidently takes her turn at solos. Fletcher McGill has gained in assurance and has managed well as his voice has begun to change. Quinn McGill is also gaining in assurance and continues to delight with her sunny nature and boundless enthusiasm. We have two new members, Kathleen Pirnat, who is cheerfully and rapidly learning the repertoire, and more recently Thomas Pilson (a 3rd generation St Mark's chorister), who is quickly learning the ropes and loves to sing out. Most choir members are capable of singing a solo part which they take every opportunity to do. They contributed carols at both Carol services, and were responsible for the music of the 7pm Christmas Eve service, for which they also helped present the Christmas story and its ancient roots. The junior choir welcomes new members; the only requirement for membership is the ability to read English.

My thanks go to Carol Dicks, David Huddleson, Bobbi Jean Huff, Don Marjerrison and Barbara Hallam-Price, who have substituted for me this year. I also want to express my gratitude to all the members of the choirs for faithfully volunteering their time, their energy and their voices to praise God in song. In addition, I would like to thank Joy Bowerman for her work with the juniors, for help with sectionals and for occasional accompanying as well as for making the prototype of the new choir gowns and test-driving it; Ray Davidson for taking on the job of Choir President after Wayne Blatchly's retirement; Jenny Morphew for her efficient and cheerful organizing of musical scores, choir robes and hymn board numbers; our convenor Cynthia Greer for sending emails, phoning people and taking care of cards when necessary; Coralie Sheehan for keeping track of our finances and for taking minutes of our meetings; Brenda Zanin for straightening our robes to keep us smart-looking; and Bruce Lodge for leading some sectionals and turning pages for the organ voluntaries.

It has been a pleasure to work with Father Brian in his first year at St Mark's. My task was made much easier because he has been open, supportive, respectful, funny and available. I would also like to thank Claudette for her helpfulness, cheerfulness and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,
Ariane Dind

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union, (M.U.) is a world-wide society of Prayer, Service and Mission, with almost 4 million members in 76 countries.

Aim of M.U: to share Christ's love and teachings, by strengthening, and supporting marriage, children and family life; to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians, united in prayer, worship and service, and to help the less fortunate in society.

St. Mark's M.U: we wear many hats, fitting in where we see a need. We have 15 members, but we rely on your generosity to help us carry out our mandate. So thank you for all the contributions you all make throughout the year.

It would seem from reading our minutes, that we are actually the catering side of the Anglican church, but that is only part of our mission.

Nourishing & Nurturing

We held our Epiphany dinner at Mr B's, inviting this time, partners, (sitting together at a separate table!) and some of those who have helped us so often but aren't members. This is the continuation of what was a family potluck supper.

We organized various events during the year, beginning with a **Welcome to Father Brian Luncheon**, followed by his **Induction**, the **Diocesan A.C.W. Annual Lunch**, the **Diocesan Executive Committee** meeting supper, the **Advent Carol Service potluck supper**, the **Nine Lessons and Carols supper**, and the **Christmas Eve Reception**. This latter was started so that those attending the Christ+Mass could stay past midnight to greet each other on Christmas Day. It also allowed our offspring, whom we may have cajoled into attending church, to chat with the kids they had grown up with at St. Mark's. These same 'kids' are now parents, and can't attend that service. However in spite of our concerns 'that no-one will attend' there were 50 people enjoying the social hour.

We provided **Simmel cake and flowers as usual**, on **Mothering Sunday** (4th in Lent) and Father Brian presided over a 'home communion' at Kay's just before Christmas. This was our first corporate communion, and we thank Father Brian for joining us that day and thus enabling it. For fun we organized a **Social Tea** at **Billings Estate** for M.U and A.C.W. member, and a birthday party tea in the link garden for Kay.

Outreach

From an outreach perspective, we always organize two family events each year, with the proceeds sent to an outreach need of our choice.

We ran the **June church picnic** and **Fall B.B.Q.** As a result of these 2 events we sent \$370 to the P.W.R.D.F. for the Burma and China disasters, and \$300 to Grannies for Africa campaign, (grandmothers raising their grandchildren because of the AIDs epidemic in Africa.). We also invited Mary-Jane Sterne from Canadian Grandmothers for Africa, to preach in September, (with Father Brian's permission).

Jointly with the Outreach representative, we encouraged the collection of 39 boxes, and 4 backpacks for **Operation Christmas Child**, a worldwide initiative begun by Billy Graham's son.

As usual, we ran a small table at the **November Bazaar**, and received \$140. We thank Diane McCaul for her lovely afghan, and Valerie Day for her collector's doll.

Through Advent we received your donations to several outreach projects via our **Advent Givings Tree**. The recipients were **Centre 454, The Mission, Hope Outreach, The Well, Operation Go Home, Harmony House** and the **Debra-Dynes Family House**.

We also raise funds for specific charities through **our book table**. This is available every Sunday during coffee hour, thanks to Jenny for organizing, and you for bringing and buying books. We sent \$1,000 in total, to **PWRDF, Northern Families Fund**, (both M.U. mandated recipients), **Mary Sherwood** - to the **Madagascar orphanage and day training centre**, and to the **Travel funds for Canadian**, and our **branch M.U.**

M.U. Meetings

Our meetings are now held on the 4th Thursday of the month at the home of Kay and Lawrence Peever, starting with a potluck lunch. We changed last year in order to allow Kay to continue to be part of our meetings and decision making. This has been a good decision, as most of us were already available during the day, and now we get to enjoy the comforts of a home. Members of our group also visit Kay each Tuesday to give her more visitors. Anyone, - not just M.U. members, - who wishes to be part of that group should speak to Margaret Lodge, the list maker, or me.

In May, Jennifer and Cynthia attended our National Conference in New Brunswick, and came home much more knowledgeable about world-wide M.U. and their work in Africa in particular. We also were happy to meet again a member from Scotland, Angela, who actually has a son living in Fisher Heights.

M.U. Stewardship – Youth Initiative

One of our immediate concerns is for the young families in the parish, and the children who attend our Nursery. Cynthia is nursery co-ordinator, and has a roster of 16 willing helpers, two people working together. It has become evident that we really need an extra class for 3-5 year olds, who aren't ready for church school, but who need a story and craft. This necessitates a third teacher-helper.

Since November Cynthia has prepared a story and craft for the older ones, while supplying a 3rd helper. This is in its initial stages, but it seems to be filling a need. To make this successful, we need up to 8 more helpers. If you feel this is your calling to serve St. Mark's, please see Cynthia or Father Brian.

M.U. Parish Membership Committee

This year we have also been busy wearing the hat of Parish Membership Committee, with Cynthia agreeing to be on Parish Council, until the elections at the June Vestry, at which time she and we were elected for a 2 year term. This enabled M.U. to look at, discuss and give many suggestions as to what constitutes the 'Membership' position at St. Mark's. We found that it seemed to be a big job, that, no matter which way you looked at it, had many facets, involving all our parish life.

Once more I would like to thank you all for enabling us to fulfill our mandate, both at St. Mark's and in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Greer, Branch Leader

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee at St. Mark's is yet another hat of the Mothers' Union. We accepted this position because there had been no active committee for 3 years, and we believed it was too important a job to let slip. Cynthia agreed to be chair, at the end of 2007, with support from all the M.U. members. She was duly elected to that position in 2008.

The Stewardship Committee had several new proposals as a result of a stewardship meeting in 2007. One was a nursery / family initiative, taken on by M.U., but obviously involving membership. Another was a 'welcoming church' ministry. Since the people who took this on were unable to continue, the membership committee agreed to take this over also, in January of 2008, since welcoming is part of membership. This gave us a varied mandate.

Much of membership activity over the past year can be found under the Mothers' Union report. The special meal events were part of this: Welcome to Father Brian Luncheon; followed by his Induction; the A.C.W. Annual; the Diocesan Executive Meeting supper; the Advent Carols pot luck, and the Lessons and Carols supper.

There was much discussion over the year on how to not only welcome newcomers, which we seem to do well, but how to keep people once they arrive, which isn't so successful. In the Fall, Parish Council looked at the 5 visions of the stewardship meeting, and decided that the one that should receive our full attention was the ministry of welcoming. Father Brian has spoken about this several times from the pulpit, because in the end, we, our parishioners are, by our actions, or inactions the ones who will influence people in their decision to make St. Mark's their spiritual home.

At our meeting in January we brain-stormed in every possible direction, so we likely covered ground that another group is already doing.

The membership committee sees itself with many functions, including communications (a big one and necessary). This would be in the form of regular phone calls, a parish visitation, likely by phone, reaching out into the neighbourhood, updating the parish list, and welcoming visitors. Also there is a need to make sure that information is passed around freely.

Socially we saw, annual new-members lunches, parish events, in home gatherings, house- church meetings, and coffee hour.

In the church itself, greeters, as well as sides-people to welcome visitors and make them comfortable. Also a welcoming policy, with a new members follow up, home visit or letter to follow their visit to St. Marks.

There is presently a trifold in the church to give visitors an idea of what we do, but it could extend to Carleton University, or community notice boards. We could make up a welcome package for visitors, or give them an extra insert for newcomers only, with information on annual events etc.

We could prepare a questionnaire to ascertain the interests of present members, and where they would like to help the church. We could fill this in at in-home lunches of small groups of people. Is a seniors' afternoon, or movie time possible?

We had concerns about accessibility for the handicapped, door-opening, and bathroom access. Some of that has been solved with a higher toilet in the women's washrooms, and removing the heavy door opener.

We actually envisaged the evangelization committee / new members committee, renamed, since there was no active membership committee, as part of the overall membership team, but with its own mandate, of making sure people knew about us, with ads, signage and so on. So far this hasn't come to be, so we work alongside each other. Our aim is to make St. Mark's a vibrant place of worship and praise, caring about all our members, and bringing new ones into the fold.

Respectfully submitted ,

Cynthia Greer, Membership Chair.

Coffee Coordinators

One position that started through a past membership committee is that of coffee coordinator after the 8 a.m. service. We have 2 coordinators , Jean Cobb at 8 a.m. and Cynthia Greer at 10 a.m. Coffee hour has been part of St. Mark's for ever at the later service. Jean decided to try it at the early quiet service, and found that many stayed behind to enjoy a drink and goodies.

There is a roster from September to June, but over the summer months people are encouraged to sign up for a Sunday at the 10 a.m.

Helping at coffee hour is a very important and necessary service, as it provides a chance to chat and get to know each other better. We can always use more helpers, so if you would like to join a team, or make up your own group, please let us know. The job is easy and very rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cobb & Cynthia Greer.

New Members Committee

The New Members Committee continued its work in 2008, with a general mandate to attract new members to St. Mark's. In fact, all parishioners are called to bring people to Christianity through the gospel and our committee is one manifestation of this calling.

Our efforts in 2008, focused mostly on two activities. First, we continued our advertising in EMC, the News. In our ad, which appears monthly, we invite people to join us for Sunday and Wednesday services, and provide information on our address, phone number and website. EMC The News is distributed to about 240,000 households.

Second, we sought a proposal and made a presentation to Parish Council regarding our new sign. The proposal was accepted and we were able to put together some independent funding to cover a fair share of the cost. We are grateful to the Sign Committee (Fr. Brian Kauk, Sheila Vaudrey, Coralie Sheehan, and Brian Harrison) for involvement in the parish consultation and recommendations for modifying the final design. We believe that the sign, which also shows our service times, makes St. Mark's much more visible to passersby.

Towards the end of 2008, we did some work on the idea of putting together a "Welcome Table" for St. Mark's. This table, which has now evolved into a "tract rack" or upright structure on wheels, would provide guests with documents relating to St. Mark's (flyer, brochure, vestry report, etc.) and with an opportunity to talk to someone who is looking after the table that day. We have visited other parishes where welcome tables are used and they find it a very useful tool for connecting with guests and informing them on parish activities.

The New Members Committee welcomes any suggestions that you might have to make people aware of our parish and encourage new members to join us.

At the end of 2008, the committee consisted of Marilyn Benn, Stephen Coaker, Donna Evans and Brian Harrison. Cynthia Greer also attended our meetings and we are grateful for her contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harrison

Slim and Trim

Slim and Trim started the year with several sessions cancelled due to severe weather. We even had to cancel one session this Winter. In spite of this we have had a successful year. Our numbers were slightly up. Income was also up due to steady attendance.

We donated \$525 to the church and \$25 to charity.

Thank you Gail for carrot cake and coffee on the last day.

Once again we would like to express our thanks to Gail Denton our instructor, and to Rose who keeps the floor clean for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M Morphew

St Mark's Ladies Guild

Financial Statement January 23, 2008 – January 20, 2009

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance	\$1,752.02
Calendars ACW 2008	182.50
Circle 2	4,500.00
Donations	290.00
Interest	.19

	\$6,724.71

EXPENSES

St Mark's Church	\$4,500.00
Diocesan ACW	500.00
Rector's Office	729.41
Funeral Expenses	44.00
Expenses	40.00
Bank Charges	3.00
Bank Balance	908.30

	\$6,724.71

CIRCLE 2

Circle 2 continues to meet on the first Monday of the Month at noon in the Conference Room. We have 18 active members.

We held the 40th Annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings by local artists in April of 2008. In the Fall, the Christmas Puddings were made again.

The Circle has worked before our regular meetings on two occasions to help with the preparation of the stamps before sending them to Toronto for the Leprosy Fund.

The members also help with the two Rummage Sales. Some members help with the Retired Clergy dinner in May, and some members help out at receptions after Funerals. During the year, we hold two Baby Showers for the Debra-Dynes House, supplying clothes and other useful items for babies.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Sorfleet

Carleton University Ecumenical Chaplaincy

Calendar year 2008 covered two quite different academic years at Carleton, two quite different seasons in the life and ministry of the Ecumenical Chaplaincy. The Winter Term was dark and difficult as students coped with the effects of a staff strike, violence on campus, tragic deaths and interim leadership. Two of the events were in the news: in January, three students were killed in a terrible traffic accident; in March and April, another student was missing for six weeks before her body was found. It was perhaps the most demanding year the Chaplaincy has known with respect to crisis response and pastoral follow-up. The whole year felt like the first few weeks after 9/11 in terms of the students' sense of being vulnerable and overwhelmed. For example, we offered two different grief groups in the late winter.

In September, however, we welcomed 4000 new students, the Class of 2011 – most of them born in 1990. In the Fall Term we had a full program of Bible Study, worship, discussion groups, social activities, drop-in pastoral care and counselling. During exam periods, we offered The Pause Table as a practical and symbolic expression of our caring for the students.

2008 was also a year of changes. Marion Stalter began her ministry as the Chaplaincy Administrator in January, at the end of the summer I announced that I will be leaving the Chaplaincy after June 30, 2009, and Fr. Chris Dunn (who chairs the Board) moved from Trinity Anglican Church to All Saints' Westboro.

St. Mark's became more involved in the Chaplaincy during 2008: Fr. Brian, Marion and St. Mark's people participated in both the April and December Pause Tables, providing bagels, juice, coffee, etc. to more than 300 students each day. Keith and Heather Guild painted the Chaplaincy Centre lounge over the summer. Thanks!!! And I preached at the October 26 services.

Thank you, St. Mark's for your support.

Tom Sherwood

Lenten Outreach 2009

As part of our Lenten program since 1999, we have included almsgiving envelopes to support outreach initiatives. This has allowed us to broaden our outreach in a way which our church budget will not allow. We are planning to continue this program for the year 2009. Please prayerfully consider the projects listed below. **It is our intention to support only two of these projects. The two projects will be chosen at vestry.** We feel that by supporting only two projects, each of the projects gets a larger contribution and is able to do more with it. Offering envelopes will be included with the newsletter and there are some available at the back of the church during Lent. These should be used in addition to your regular offering envelopes. All money received in these envelopes will be divided evenly between the outreach projects chosen at vestry. If you wish your offering to be directed specifically to one of the projects or to a different project, please write the name of your choice on the blank line at the bottom of the label on your lenten offering envelopes. If nothing is filled in on this line, it will be assumed that the money should be split evenly between the two projects chosen. Don't forget to write your name or envelope number on the envelope to receive tax credit for your donation!

Previous Projects Supported

- 2004 Carlington Chaplaincy, Centre 454
- 2005 Centre 454, Carlington Chaplaincy, South African Hospice
- 2006 Carlington Chaplaincy, Mary Sherwood
- 2007 Centre 454, St. Jude's Iqaluit
- 2008 Centre 454, The Mission

Carleton University Ecumenical Chaplaincy

The Carleton University Chaplaincy welcomes all who come to its doors. The Chaplain, Reverend Tom Sherwood, spends 60% of his time in pastoral activity - counseling, support and advisory services. He also helps colleagues of others faiths as they arrange worship services on campus and arrange multi-faith panels on social issues such as racism, gender roles, public policy and ethics. The chaplaincy also hosts Pause Tables where students writing exams can take a break and some refreshment.

Carleton University, like many post-war schools, was established independent of organized religion. As such, student fees and taxpayer dollars cannot be legally diverted to the chaplaincy. A coalition of area churches, including the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa provides the major funding for the chaplaincy. Other funds are donated by parishes and individuals.

Your financial support would enable it to do more in the way of support for students, including hospitality and programs, and would be a source of encouragement to the students, the staff and the Chaplain.

The Carlington Community Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy has been part of the Carlington area for over twenty years. We are a Christian ministry of presence. We have a specific focus and responsibility for those living in social housing. We work in a multicultural and multifaith environment to improve social conditions and to promote justice. The Chaplaincy is a ministry of presence to those in need, wherever people are in life. We are caring and understanding and have a listening and confidential presence so that people are free to share with us their stories, their pains and their hopes. Our initiatives are community led with the support of churches and service providers. We offer skills development and workshops to our volunteers. The Carlington Community Chaplaincy is sponsored by the Carlington Social Action Committee.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers

Under the umbrella of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign has now surpassed 200 grassroots groups spanning most of the provinces and territories of Canada, two US states and the UK.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign seeks to build solidarity, raise awareness and mobilize support in Canada for Africa's grandmothers. The campaign was launched on March 7, 2006, on the eve of International Women's Day.

Since the launch, some 200 groups of Canadian grandmothers have taken up the call to action. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$4 million for African grandmothers and the children in their care. SLF has directed these funds to community-level organizations in 15 sub-Saharan African countries that provide grandmothers with much needed support, such as food, housing grants, school fees for their grandchildren and grief counseling.

Africa has become a continent of orphans – as many as 13 million children have been orphaned by AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. In the midst of this devastation, grandmothers have emerged as the 'unsung heroes' of Africa. They bury their own children and then in their 50s, 60s and 70s begin to parent again, raising their grandchildren with little or no support. In some countries, 40-60% of orphans live in grandmother-headed households.

St Jude's Cathedral, Iqaluit (rebuilding)

St Jude's, Iqaluit Nunavut unique "Igloo Cathedral" of the Diocese of the Arctic of the Anglican Church of Canada, was destroyed by arson in November 2005. The Cathedral's Vestry and the Diocese are making an urgent appeal for funds to rebuild the igloo-shaped cathedral. Since the fire, services have been held in the nearby parish hall. As well as a place of worship, St Jude's was a community centre and home base for everyone in the community – Anglicans and non-Anglicans alike. Its outreach programs have addressed the crises of severe alcoholism, drug abuse, hunger, homelessness, suicides and hopelessness brought on by the loss traditional ways of life. These ministries have been impeded by the fire. Indeed, before the fire, the Cathedral had been struggling to keep pace with growing ministries and community needs.

Rebuilding will be difficult as materials must be brought by barge from Montreal to reach Iqaluit after July's ice break up and before the freeze in October. As well as the church itself, the cathedral lost irreplaceable art works, including six tapestries given by various communities; they hope to be able to restore the pulpit and the communion railing, both made of traditional sleds.

Construction is estimated at \$ 6.5 million. So far, about \$ 2.6 million has been spent on the project. Although there is a comprehensive effort to raise funds in Iqaluit and throughout the Diocese, the population of the north is too small to raise the money alone. Individuals and other Anglican and Christian Churches across Canada have already sent donations and pledged support. Our Diocese has actively assisted St. Jude's on this expensive rebuilding project. It has raised donations in excess \$ 60,000.00 to date and is encouraging other churches to lend their support to the cause.

Construction of the foundation has been completed. The next stage, construction of the outside shell of the building is scheduled to begin this summer. It is hoped that the new Cathedral will be available by Christmas 2009.

Parish Nursing and Pastoral Ministries

Jesus said, "as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me" Matthew 25:40

This report to Vestry includes several reports to cover the full extent of the parish nursing ministry as well as the pastoral care and friendly visiting ministries in 2008. You will first find the report on the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visitor ministry. This will be followed by the report of the Parish Nurse and then that of the Health Committee which supports the work of the parish nurse. At the end will be the report by the Parish Nursing Ministry Committee; this committee was formed by Corporation in October 2005 to be a link between Corporation and the Parish Nursing Ministry.

Report on the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visitor Ministry

Pastoral Care is the care shown by those who seek to minister in the name of Jesus Christ. This care for others is expressed through the skills of listening, affirmation, prayer and referral. The "Friendly Visiting" ministry, began in 2004. This kind of visiting does not require specialized pastoral care training but, instead, is based on having the time and care to be present with others in a regular and committed way. Members of the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visitor teams carried out their caring ministries in different ways. Several members focused their efforts at the Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, assisting residents to attend the Eucharist in the Chapel each Friday morning and also doing some bedside visiting. Some members visited parishioners who were shut-in at home, were in institutions or were in hospitals. As well, some members communicated with parishioners through letters.

Being properly equipped for pastoral care work and friendly visiting is important. In 2008, a group attended the spring continuing education event organized by the Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Team called "How to minister to those who choose to die at home", presented by palliative care physician Louise Coulombe. At our own bimonthly meetings, we addressed a number of topics – one about hope through a presentation by Patti called "Pastoral Care, Spiritual Care and Providing Hope" and another about dying through the use of the video "Saying Goodbye, Part 3". Anyone interested is also encouraged to take the ten-week basic pastoral care training course offered as an inter-denominational programme affiliated with the Christian Council of the Capital Area.

At the 2008 Volunteer Week festivities at the Perley, where the theme was "Volunteering is the best gift of all", the St. Mark's team was thanked for its contributions and Dena Burley was given special recognition for her particular gift of "understanding".

In both May and November, the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visiting members were involved in the organization of a special Eucharist and luncheon for parishioners who find it difficult to attend regular services. Some surprise musical entertainment was also included each time. This continues to be a joyful event for those in attendance.

The work of the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visiting Ministry was strongly supported and nourished by our Parish Nurse. Patti attended most of our meetings, providing leadership in many of our educational events. Patti also functioned as health counsellor, making herself available for private consultation about how to handle any situation where a worker had concern about the health of a person being visited. In return, since September of 2008, the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visitor teams have supported Patti with the work of the student nurses at St. Mark's, particularly by providing input for a survey to assess the ministry needs of the congregation.

Father Brian is playing a vital role with the team for their work at St. Mark's. He gives support and encouragement and is bringing new ideas to the ministry.

On behalf of St. Mark's, I wish to thank all members of the Pastoral Care /Friendly Visitor team for their dedication and to especially thank those long-time members who have found it necessary to step down in 2008. I also encourage others to consider joining this ministry, since there is a growing need for this type of work in the parish.

Respectfully submitted
Georgia Roberts

Report by the Parish Nurse

I continue to be inspired by the people I serve and work with at St. Mark's.

It has been exciting to welcome Ryan Mulles, Emma Newlands, and Warren Williams, nursing students from the University of Ottawa who are working with me on Tuesdays from September 2008 until April 2009. After consultation with Fr. Brian, the Health Committee, and the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visiting teams they developed a survey to assess the ministry needs of the congregation which was handed out on a Sunday in October as well as given to some of those who are shut-ins. Ninety eight surveys were returned and the results are helping to give direction to my ministry. Forty two percent of those surveyed indicated they would consult the parish nurse in times of need. Chronic illnesses remain a big concern for many members of this congregation.

The bulk of my time each week is spent providing personal health counselling with lots of home visiting, phone counselling and follow up needed. Coping with chronic illnesses, finding a family physician, loss of independence and the need for increased support to manage at home, caregiver stress, relocation to retirement homes and long-term care facilities, and end of life issues, are some of the issues I am supporting people with. Georgia Roberts (Pastoral Care Coordinator) and I meet regularly to ensure that all parishioners' needs are being met to the best of our time and abilities.

Some of the health education activities that I was able to accomplish this year included: two Blood Pressure Screening displays in February and October, Heads up for Healthier Brains with the Alzheimer's Society in May, as well as working with the University of Ottawa nursing students on the Parish Nurse Ministry Needs Assessment to help to plan future activities. I gathered resources and prepared bulletin board displays on the topics of Stress and Heart Disease, Living Water, Caring for God's Earth, Safe Driving for Seniors, the Importance of Learning CPR, and Peace and Good Health in the Holidays.

I provided professional referrals and acted as a resource and advocate as needed, referring parishioners to physicians, the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), palliative care, support groups, etc.

I continue to work with Georgia Roberts to plan the education for the Pastoral Care Workers and Friendly Visitors and provided education on the topics of Religion, Spirituality and Hope, Saying Good-bye Part 3 as well as assessing their education needs with the Ottawa University students. Along with the Pastoral Care Team and the Health Committee I helped to organize the Eucharist and Luncheon for Seniors in May and November.

Professional development this year included attending the following: the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario Breakfast with Politicians and Networking, Influenza and Pandemic Information and Planning Workshop with the City of Ottawa, Reaching out to Isolated Seniors, the Pastoral Care Spring Education Event on Palliative Care, CPR re-certification, the Canadian Association of Parish Nurse Ministries Annual AGM and meeting bi-monthly with other parish nurses in the Ottawa area.

My hours remain at 12 hours per week. I keep detailed statistics on how these hours are spent, the number of people I visit/telephone each week, how many attend each education session, etc. I am available every Wednesday, as well as either Monday or Thursday, and one Sunday per month.

Patti Robillard, R. N.

Health Committee Report

St. Mark's Health Committee was formed in 2001 to develop a proposal for the establishment of a Parish Nursing Ministry. In May 2004 a successful one year Parish Nursing Ministry Pilot Project was launched with Patti Robillard as our Parish Nurse. The Health Committee continues to be a support and a resource for the Parish Nurse in developing and carrying out an effective ministry of health promotion and illness prevention.

In 2008 the Health Committee met with Patti in January, March, June, September and December to support her in prayer, discuss current needs of the parish, act as a sounding board for new ideas and to help plan and implement educational events. At our September and December meetings we welcomed Father Brian Kauk and University of Ottawa Nursing students Emma, Ryan and Warren. We thank God as we foresee some exciting ideas coming to fruition over the next few months concerning the connection between faith, health promotion and illness prevention.

Respectfully submitted
Gail Stone

Report of the Parish Nursing Ministry Committee

The Parish Nursing Ministry Committee was established by Corporation in October 2005 to support the work of the Corporation and to serve as a link between Corporation and this Ministry. The present members of the committee are Gail Stone and Georgia Roberts.

The duties of the Committee include provision of statistical reports to Corporation and a performance review of the Parish Nurse, when requested by Corporation, based on the job description. The committee is also to ensure that the Parish Nurse receives a 'peer feed-back' assessment, as required by the College of Nurses, and to ensure that required registration with the College of Nurses and malpractice insurance are up to date. Reports to the Finance Committee and Vestry are also expected annually from the Committee.

The Report of the Parish Nurse, appearing earlier, describes the breadth of the work that has been carried out by Patti. Her documented statistics reveal that, since the beginning of her ministry in May 2004, she has served a large number of different clients (and often their families too) in her capacity as health counsellor and supporter and provider of professional referrals. The clients served during 2008 received care from Patti through telephone contacts and personal visits (with 474 individual contacts being made in 2008 and 20 new clients). As well as this work, Patti found time to carry out some important health education activities with the parish and beyond and to be involved with teaching skills to the pastoral care and friendly visitor teams.

Based on the statistics and report provided by Patti, our contacts with Patti, and our involvements with the Health Committee and the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visitor teams, we see the valuable work being done in the Parish Nursing Ministry.

Respectfully submitted by
Gail Stone and Georgia Roberts

72nd St. Mark's Scout Group

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

The Mission of Scouting is: To contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities through the application of Principles and Practices. Scouting based on three broad principles which represent its fundamental beliefs: Duty to God, Duty to Others, and Duty to Self.

The 72nd had a great year for all sections, in part, because our leaders offer our youth activities that are focussed on the outdoors (where possible) and an indoor program that is exciting and interesting and keeps them coming back week after week. This is reflected in our membership numbers; as of Dec. 2008 we have a membership of over 80 combined youth, leaders, parent helpers and group committee. This is up from last year and we are optimistic the growth will continue in the future.

An indication that our leaders are doing things right is the recognition that our leaders receive. At our June wind up BBQ for the leaders and significant others there were three awards presented all of which were to those in the scout section. Jim Armour our troop scouter and scouter Steven Ardley were presented with the Medal of Good Service. This medal is the second highest that the Voyageur Council can bestow on its leaders and recognizes the significant time, energy and enthusiasm these leaders have put into the program that is above what is normally expected. John Manzo was awarded a Certificate of Commendation for his especially good work with the scout troop.

The group committee will continue to put forth leaders for awards whenever it is warranted because we believe that if leaders are supported and recognized for their efforts then they will be better leaders. And, it is "just the right thing to do".

Scouts Canada has a policy of 'no youth left behind'. This means that no matter what a family's financial circumstances their children can participate fully in scout activities. This is achieved by the Voyageur Council and our group committee setting aside the funds to support their registration, uniform and camp fees. This year has been exceptional with respect to the number of youth requiring significant financial support. Fortunately the 72nd youth, parents and leaders have been able to raise enough funds to handle all requests.

We have two main fundraisers each year: apple day and scout popcorn. Apple day takes place on the first Sat. of Oct. We 'stake out' four Tim Hortons in our area and offer free apples to Timmy's customers in anticipation of them giving us a donation. This netted the group about \$1,500. The second fundraiser is 'Scout popcorn sales'. We have sold popcorn for four years with a steady increase in sales each year. 2008 was our best year ever with net profit of over \$3,000.

The 72nd St. Marks Scout Group would again like to thank our partner, the Church for the unwavering support you have given us over the past year. The encouragement of Reverend Brian and members of the congregation to the Group Committee, section leaders and the youth have been greatly appreciated.

Don Flynn, Group Commissioner
72nd St. Marks Scout Group

Church School

What a true joy it is to be given the opportunity to work with the youth of our parish. Both Janis and I have been richly rewarded over the past year with new opportunities to learn with the children. Both of us attended the Generations to Generations workshop conducted at Christ Church Bells Corners with over 100 other youth leaders. This was truly well prepared ground and the seeds planted there have seen fruit in our planning and delivery of the St. Mark's youth program.



Over the year we have had waves of fire descend over not only the Church School but the congregation as well. We have looked into how God works in our daily lives: at home, at school, where we play and where we pray. The children may not realize it but Church School now starts with those activities within the Children's Circle: the lighting of the candle, the stringing of the weekly beads and the Children's story all support our course of study and we continue exploring the theme once we have reached Church School in the Hall. We tend to average about 12 children in class but at times we surge up to 20 or so. This keeps thing very fluid and challenges our flexibility. We even challenged ourselves for Christmas with our "Instant Pageant". The pageant itself may have been instant but the thought process and preparation certainly did not turn out to be quite the "just add children" formula.



We look forward to continuing with new and exciting adventures with the children while discovering our relationship with Jesus. Look for more participation in our regular worship, perhaps in some new and innovative ways of sharing how we have come to know Jesus as our personal friend. We would like to thank all those who have participated with us over the past year, to Gilliam Morris and Joy Bowerman who have stepped in when we were not available, to the nursery with all their stalwart volunteers who are looking after the next wave of children coming up to church school and to all of our Parishioners who support us with their joyful participation and ongoing prayer and support.



In Christ's Service

Janis & Michael Perkin

Memorials and Gifts Committee

The memorial Committee was created in 2004, in response to a need to co-ordinate gifts, especially those given as memorials.

Although the catalyst for its formation was the stained glass windows, it was evident very soon, that in fact it made sense to coordinate all memorial gifts. It could also act as a liaison between donor and the church, and provide options when people wished to make a donation, but were unsure what to donate.

As part of the mandate, we looked at memorial donations that had been given up to 20 years ago, but not for a specific purpose. We also recognized it was time to find a solution to the placement of the Dorothea Kirby Memorial Bells, using the in-trust bell project fund.

One use of the memorial donations was for an idea that had been with us from the start, making a memorial garden. This became our new focus, along with the bells. Various shapes and designs were discussed, and eventually we came up with plans for the parish to look at. The proposal went to Parish Council in the Fall, with a request to take our plans to Vestry in February 2008. This we did with a very complete slide show prepared by Margaret Lodge. We also made an intelligent guess as to the cost.

At that vestry meeting we were charged to come up with a more accurate cost by getting estimates. Since the people who do landscaping in the summer, plough driveways etc in the winter, this was easier said than done, given our long snowy drawn-out winter. Eventually we were able to come up with an estimate which is very close to our previous guess work.

At the same time we were working with the Corporation and Kirby Family, to reach a decision on the bells.

Margaret made many computer drawings of different designs. The first one she drew, with the bells in a triangular 'Trinity' shape, was the preferred design, and that never changed. We are still trying to find a price for it, as it needs a certain amount of engineering know how to design and erect it, and likely permission from the city. We are also pursuing the cost of one of the columnar monuments, as these are less complex to build, being mainly made from finished concrete. We have a finite amount of money for this, which you can see under reserve funds in the financial report.

Our original plan, using the crab-apple as the centre of the garden changed when we noticed how unhealthy the tree is. The tree will be removed, and the bells will become the centre possibly with seating around it. It is proposed that the costs for the memorial garden, excluding the bells, come out of the reserve fund for memorial donations. We are also expecting directed givings, and the possibility that parishioners could 'buy' bricks for the path. There could also be a fundraiser to help off set the costs.

We are counting on the generosity of parishioners, and on those who would like to buy a brick engraved with a loved one's name.

This concludes our work this year 2008, but we are expecting that next year will see the two connected projects realized.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Greer,
Memorial Committee Chair.

Dollar for Dollar

What is the Dollar for Dollar program? You may purchase gift cards from us at face value and spend them in all participating grocery stores listed on the card, Independent and Loblaws are the ones closest to us. The balance of the card decreases as you use it. For example, if you are using a \$100 card and you spend \$64.30 on groceries, the card maintains a balance of \$35.70 which can be used the next time you go into the store. The cards come in a variety of denominations. We usually stock \$250, \$100 and \$50 cards. These cards can be used across Canada. I have used a gift card in the Real Canadian Super Store in Penticton, BC! They're quick and easy to use and very easy to carry.

So how does that generate profit for the church? Although you give us \$100 and we give you \$100 to spend in the grocery store, we actually paid less than \$100 for the certificate. Depending on the amount we order at a time, we get a discount of 4% to 5%. If we order lots of \$10,000, we get a discount of 4%. In December, they offered a 5% discount. **In 2008, \$1,485 was contributed to general revenues through the Dollar for Dollar program.**

The big advantage of this program, in my opinion, is that it is "Money for Nothing". You don't have to give a donation, there is no money out of your pocket. The money that you spend on groceries is the same money you would spend on groceries anyway but this way, the church gets a percentage of it. It is an easy and convenient way of paying for groceries. In our house, my husband or dad will pick up things from the grocery store if I give them the card! You can also use the card in the Loblaws garden centre in the spring to pick up your annuals!

Thanks must be extended to the sales team who have so conscientiously carried out their jobs. The coffee-hour team members, as of the end of 2007, were Georgia Roberts, Coralie Sheehan, Penny Miller, and Judy Corbishley. Claudette Gravelle sold many gift cards in the office during the week. I wish to thank this team for their dedication to their task in this important fund-raiser for our parish.

Joy Bowerman
Dollar for Dollar Coordinator

Parish Breakfasts, Pancake Supper, and BAC Events

Our four Parish Breakfasts went well again in 2008. We had cash on hand of \$22.00 at the start of the year, revenue of \$613.50, breakfast expenses of \$214.00, donation to St Mark's of \$400, leaving a balance of \$21.50 at year end. A special thanks to George & Helen McGill and Don Porter for their continued support, and to Sheila Pitt who does our phoning.

We ran another well attended and enjoyable Pancake Supper. The total ticket sales were \$962 and leftover sales of \$20. We had expenses of \$209.78. We donated the profit of \$772.22 to St Mark's. Many thanks to all the workers without whom we could not do it. A good Parish event!

The Monthly Luncheons of the BAC at the Army Officers' Mess on Somerset St run from noon to 1:00 pm on the last Wednesday of most months. We held the Lenten Service and Luncheon for the BAC at St Mark's in March and it was well attended. At the Luncheon we had revenue of \$176.00 and expenses of \$80.00. The \$109.00 profit was given to support the BAC Scholarship Dinner and pay the BAC Diocesan Council dues for St. Mark's.

The 14th Annual Scholarship Dinner of the BAC was held at St Mark's on May 2, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Over one-half of those who attended came from St. Mark's. Many thanks. The \$1,500 proceeds from the Dinner were given as a Bursary to an Anglican postulant of the Diocese. The next Dinner will be Friday, May 1, 2009.

Submitted by Lorne & Connie Bowerman on behalf of the Parish Breakfasts, Pancake Supper, Lenten Luncheon, and the BAC Scholarship Dinner.

Rummage Sales

We again held two very successful and enjoyable rummage sales for the year, one in the spring and one in the fall. For those who are involved, it is a lot of fun. The total proceeds were \$2,229.17. A short summary of our rummage sales would be that we take in unwanted clothing and household items from parishioners, sell about one-half, and give the rest to a charity. And a good time was had by all.

All the leftovers went to the Salvation Army this year. The convoys which took the leftovers to the Salvation Army depot at 301 Moodie Dr improves every year.

Submitted by Lorne & Connie Bowerman on behalf of the many Rummage Sale volunteers

Bazaar 2008

A highly successful bazaar was held on November 8, 2008, followed by a mini-bazaar on November 30. The net revenue from both of these events was \$6,499 - the highest it has been for a while. It was a good day and one that many people worked together on.

The success of the bazaar depends on the commitment and participation of the people within the parish, both in helping to prepare for the event and in coming out to support it. The bazaar would simply not be possible without the knitters, sewers, crafters, bakers, preservers, soup makers, pie makers and sorters of second hand treasures. Also required are greeters, servers, pricers, sellers and setters up and takers down. To run a successful bazaar, almost one hundred people are involved - truly a community event and one whose revenue is necessary to help balance the books. A sincere thank you to all of those involved.

Special thanks to all of the area convenors: Attic Treasures – Janis Perkin; Baking – Donna Cundell; Books – Judy Corbishley Café – Georgia Roberts; Crafts – Gale Deering; Jewellery – Marion Stalter; Knitting – Coralie Sheehan; Lion's Needleworks – Joy Bowerman; Preserves – Jean Cobb; Rummage Plus – Lorne Bowerman; Sewing – Marilyn Benn; Scarves and Handbags – Sharon Walter and Toys – Margaret Blakney. As well, the ACW sold puddings.

Submitted on behalf for the Bazaar staff by Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor 2008

Property Report

It was a good year for property work with a few downs, but mainly ups.

The most significant addition was a new sign close to the corner of Fisher and Normandy. A good looking sign produced by Archetype Signs with magnetic panels for the changing the services or hours. Well done to Brian Harrison who spearheaded the push to get it completed.

We also had the Choir Room floor re-tiled with vinyl tile. A good job by a Westboro Flooring. While that was going on, Lorne Bowerman & Les Cundell put the insulation in the crawl space underneath the choir room back in place. The friction fit batts had simply fallen down, probably from vibrations or some shattering high notes during a choir practice.

It was almost a record year for snowfall and we had snow piled all over the parking lot and ditches. The sale of the rectory last year took away our usual method of piling the snow on the back of the rectory lot. Hopefully it will not happen too often.

On a sadder note, vandals on a night of the Madonna Festival threw three pavers through three back church windows with enough force to go through the screen, outer window, and inner window. Senseless and useless. It cost \$800 for repair and came right out the budget. Next year we must be more insistent on suitable security for St. Mark's during the Madonna Festival.

For the property workers, a real highlight was a complete year without a sump pump failure. That is a first for many years. The new electrical line to the outside sump hole did the trick. For the sump pump in the furnace room, the new discharge line worked well.

We had a lot of furnace problems with failing motors and leaky pipes. We went way over budget in this area with expenses of \$4027.92. We will monitor it carefully and may move up the replacement of one or more of the four units.

Paul Greer installed a new toilet in the women's washroom in BRH. Some hand bars were also installed.

In a toil of love and care, Ken Simpson cleaned, sanded, and painted all the windows and doors in the Church and Hall. The double link doors were painted "sun dried tomato" red to match the front door.

The property was kept in good shape by grass cutting by the cleaning contractor, Simply Clean. Russell Wilkens did yeoman work in keeping our trees and hedge trimmed. Les & Lorne picked up limbs and apples and put them out for yard waste. Connie Bowerman and Helen McGill have kept the flower beds looking good, which took about one morning every week. Well done to all!

Lorne & Les were joined by Allen Deering in December to do regular maintenance work and clean-ups on Tuesday mornings.

2009 Property Projects

There are no major projects planned. We are proposing to:

- install a new device called a "stick" which would sort the incoming calls and send the faxes to the fax machine and redirect the other calls to a phone for answering. Line 2 always gives a fax tone. If line 1 is busy and another call comes in, it is redirected from line 1 to line 2, the fax line.
- move the air conditioner from the office foyer to the office because it does not provide good cooling for the offices. It would be installed in blank Glasal window panel on the south office window. There is blank wall on the inside. Most of the cost is electrical.
- re-paint the parking lot lines which are quite faded and need re doing. They would be swept by hand before being painted this time.
- change the Internet provider from land lines to Rogers portable wireless. We are presently with Acanac. There is no extra cost.
- As a cost saving, we changed our security alarm monitoring system and hardware in late January 2009. We will reap the benefit in 2010.

Financial Data and Statistics

Parish Based Income Data

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Collections:	\$179,061	\$179,625	\$186,503	\$178,857	\$171,024
Total Gained from Assets:	\$9,025	\$10,045	\$12,860	\$14,192	\$13,656
Total Organizations:	\$10,263	\$9,530	\$13,426	\$10,857	\$11,225
Total Directed:	\$22,795	\$18,435	\$13,239	\$19,257	\$9,024

Contributions Profile - i.e., what percentage of envelope users gave the amounts shown.

\$500 or less:	38%	33%	37%	36%	36%
\$501 to \$1000:	29%	27%	28%	30%	28%
\$1001 to \$1500:	16%	15%	18%	18%	13%
\$1501 to \$2000:	10%	9%	7%	6%	8%
over \$2000:	7%	16%	10%	10%	15%
Totals:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average Envelope Givings:	\$1,072.11	\$1,177.73	\$1,029.36	\$1,120.85	\$1,061.62

Yearly Percentage Envelope Givings by Month

January	7.0%	8.6%	8.0%	8.5%	7.7%
February	8.9%	8.0%	8.1%	8.3%	7.0%
March	7.3%	8.1%	8.2%	7.4%	7.8%
April	9.7%	8.7%	9.6%	9.9%	7.4%
May	9.0%	9.3%	7.4%	8.6%	7.7%
June	7.2%	7.5%	7.8%	7.2%	7.4%
July	6.7%	6.4%	7.2%	9.1%	6.7%
August	8.6%	7.5%	7.8%	6.4%	8.1%
September	6.7%	7.9%	7.4%	9.4%	7.4%
October	9.6%	8.5%	9.7%	8.1%	7.8%
November	8.2%	8.7%	8.0%	7.6%	10.0%
December	11.3%	10.9%	10.9%	9.6%	15.0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Parish Identifiable Givers of \$25.00 or more: (from Parish members)

Totals	185	189	186	181	157
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Total Envelopes Used: 189 191 196 185 167

Distribution by Contributors: Weekly - 44; Monthly - 48; PAR - 60; and non-regular givers - 15.

There is a gradual trend to PAR and monthly giving, which makes counting and accounting easier, reduces the volunteer work required, and produces fewer errors. PAR and non-regular givers do not receive offering envelopes, but they are accounted for just as though they had envelopes. You could call it "going green".

Weekly numbers are 1-99; monthly are 100-199, PAR are 200 - 200, and non-regular are 300 -349.

Notes:

Total Collections includes Open, Envelope, Initial Offering, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Total Gained from Assets includes rent, all interest, and Dollar for Dollar.

Total Organizations includes ACW, Bazaar, Parish Breakfasts. Pancake Supper, Rummage Sales, Slim & Trim, and Kicked the Habit.

Total Directed includes all funds given for a purpose such as PWR, Centre 454, Flowers, Lenten, etc.

Prepared by Lorne & Connie Bowerman

Planning Cash Reserves for Major Long Term Property Expenses

Capital Reserves at Start of Year

\$32,120

Updated - January 2009

Capital Reserves: \$32,120 \$32,120 \$32,120 \$32,120 \$32,120
 Added Yearly: \$0 \$5,000 \$10,000 \$15,000 \$13,644

Area	Project	Estimated Life(Years)	Last Done	Work Year	Estimated Cost (2008)	Yearly Balance at \$0/year	Yearly Balance at 5K/year	Yearly Balance at \$10K/year	Yearly Balance at \$15K/year	Yearly Balance at \$13,644 2029=0
Church	Church Floor	25	1954	2011	\$15,000	\$17,120	\$27,120	\$37,120	\$47,120	\$44,408
Church	Church Roof	40	1987	2012	\$50,000	(\$32,880)	(\$17,880)	(\$2,880)	\$12,120	\$8,052
Church	Partial East Windows	20	1992	2014	\$2,000	(\$34,880)	(\$9,880)	\$15,120	\$40,120	\$33,340
Hall and Link	Boiler	15	1996	2014	\$10,000	(\$44,880)	(\$19,880)	\$5,120	\$30,120	\$23,340
Church	Furnace # 1	25	1990	2015	\$15,000	(\$59,880)	(\$29,880)	\$120	\$30,120	\$21,984
Church	Furnace # 2	25	1990	2015	\$15,000	(\$74,880)	(\$44,880)	(\$14,880)	\$15,120	\$6,984
Property	Tree & Stump Removal	5	2009	2015	\$1,000	(\$75,880)	(\$45,880)	(\$15,880)	\$14,120	\$5,984
Church	Furnace # 3	25	1990	2015	\$10,000	(\$85,880)	(\$55,880)	(\$25,880)	\$4,120	(\$4,016)
Hall and Link	Replace kitchen floor	10	2006	2016	\$1,000	(\$86,880)	(\$51,880)	(\$16,880)	\$18,120	\$8,628
Church	Partial East Windows	20	1992	2016	\$2,000	(\$88,880)	(\$53,880)	(\$18,880)	\$16,120	\$6,628
Property	Parking Lot Paving	30	1982	2018	\$30,000	(\$118,880)	(\$73,880)	(\$28,880)	\$16,120	\$3,916
Property	Tree & Stump Removal	5	2015	2020	\$1,000	(\$119,880)	(\$64,880)	(\$9,880)	\$45,120	\$30,204
Hall and Link	Painting	15	2006	2021	\$1,000	(\$120,880)	(\$60,880)	(\$880)	\$59,120	\$42,848
Hall and Link	Furnace	30	1995	2025	\$20,000	(\$140,880)	(\$60,880)	\$19,120	\$99,120	\$77,424
Property	Tree & Stump Removal	5	2020	2025	\$1,000	(\$141,880)	(\$61,880)	\$18,120	\$98,120	\$76,424
Hall and Link	Kitchen Renovation	25	2000	2025	\$8,000	(\$149,880)	(\$69,880)	\$10,120	\$90,120	\$68,424
Church	Washrooms Renovation	35	1992	2027	\$5,000	(\$154,880)	(\$64,880)	\$25,120	\$115,120	\$90,712
Hall and Link	Washrooms Renovation	35	1992	2027	\$8,000	(\$162,880)	(\$72,880)	\$17,120	\$107,120	\$82,712
Hall and Link	Hall, link, church sides	32	1997	2029	\$110,000	(\$272,880)	(\$172,880)	(\$72,880)	\$27,120	\$0
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Lorrie Bowerman - 613-225-7904

This gives an idea of what we need to spend for the next twenty years for major property upkeep. If we don't put away anything or \$5,000 per year, we are in the hole all the time. If we put away \$10,000 per year, we are in the hole sometimes. If we put away \$13,644, we just make it.

Treasurer's Report

We made it! After a difficult financial year, our current year income exceeded our expenses by \$832.

After the decision of synod not to reduce the amount sent to the national church, the diocese asked each parish to consider paying a portion of the unbudgeted expense in proportion to their fair share. At parish council last January, a motion was made to pay this amount at the end of the year if there was a budget surplus. That amount was paid and is reflected in the higher than budgeted amount of Fair Share paid. (Look under Outreach)

At the January parish council meeting, the budget surplus was apportioned at as follows: \$100 towards Lenten Outreach as a tithe and thankoffering, and the remainder to the Capital Projects Reserve.

One of the problems with looking at church finances is the ever present obscuring overlay of directed income on budgeted expenditures. Did we really pay \$1,026 for flowers? Who authorized that? It requires careful checking to realize that yes, we really did pay \$1,026 for flowers but it was offset by directed income of \$1,820. In order to present a clearer picture of how closely we matched our budget, I have included the table below which negates the effect of directed income by subtracting the directed income from its offsetting expenditures.

	08 Actual	08 Budget	Over/Under	
Income				
Collections	171,024	182,179	-11,155	-6.1%
Gain from assets	13,656	11,898	1,758	14.8%
Organizations	11,225	10,104	1,121	11.1%
Other General Income	1,364	0	-1,364	
Budgeted Directed Income	250	250	0	0.0%
Budgeted Income from Reserves	\$2,228	\$1,875	353	18.8%
Total	\$199,747	\$206,306	\$-9,288	-4.5%
Expenses				
Salaries	94,453	98,566	-4,113	-4.2%
Worship	248	1,950	-1,702	-87.3%
Parish Nursing Ministry	19,763	20,380	-617	-3.0%
Programs	990	1,650	-660	-40.0%
Outreach	35,483	34,639	844	2.4%
Finance	5,182	8,350	-3,168	-37.9%
Church	37,723	35,645	2,078	5.8%
Rectory	124		124	
Miscellaneous	4,949	4,150	799	19.2%
Total	\$198,915	\$205,330	\$-12,384	-6.0%
Net Income	\$832	\$976	\$-144	

As you can see from the table above, in the income area we did not do as well as expected in the collections income and showed a 6% decrease from 2007. This is a continuation of the downward trend we saw beginning last year. We did better than expected in investment income which contributes to Gain from Assets. The increase in income from organizations was mainly due to a larger than expected income from the bazaar. There were also significant decreases in expenditures due to less expenses in programs

than expected. The Worship category looks like it spent almost nothing because offsetting directed contributions. The Church category was 5.8% over budget, mostly due to ~\$3,000 in furnace repairs incurred late in the year. Overall the expenses were 6% less than expected.

The budget for this year was constructed in a similar way to last year's. All the people or organizations which spend money for the church were canvassed and asked for their needs for the coming year. A notice was put in the bulletin to make sure everyone was aware that the budget was being drawn up and any requests for expenditure should be submitted for consideration. The Financial Advisory Committee and Corporation met and considered these requests and made recommendations which were sent to Parish Council. Parish Council considered the budget at their December meeting and at their January meeting voted to present it to vestry allowing amendments when the actual figures from the diocese were received.

As you look through the budget for 2008, you will notice significant changes.

As it was last year, the estimate for collections income is below last year's amount. With many of our significant donors coming from an aging population, the loss of some of the donors has made a noticeable difference in our income. Although far from an exact science, it is also possible that the uncertainty associated with a change in rector, changes in the church at a national level and economic uncertainty have all contributed to a drop in income. Our investment income has increased due to the amounts now being held in the consolidated trust fund.

The salary expenses continue to change in appearance. We now pay a housing allowance instead of upkeep to the rectory. In 2008, because we did not have exact figures from the diocese, this was shown separately as housing allowance and salaries. Income from the Rectory Trust fund is used to offset the housing allowance. The income from the Rectory Trust comes directly off our assessment at the diocesan offices. Because of the way the diocese presents the assessment figures, it is much easier to combine the Housing Allowance and Salary assessment with the Rectory trust income already subtracted. If you compare the CTF Interest figure (Gain from Assets) between 2008 and 2009, you will notice that it is much lower because the Rectory Trust income is already subtracted in the Salaries category. If you compare the Salaries between 2008 and 2009, you will see that the Salary number is slightly higher but there is no Housing Allowance. These changes in no way affect the bottom line, it is simply a difference in presentation.

Our contribution to the diocese can be found in the outreach category under Fair Share. This is the third year using this system.

Under Church, Special Projects, the figure covers the cost of a fax line redirect, to allow more efficient use of the fax and phone lines; relocation of the air conditioner from outside the office to inside the office and cleaning and repainting the parking lot lines.

Under Miscellaneous expenses, we have separated out a new category called computer and internet. This was previously lumped in with office supplies. It includes the cost of internet access and any replacement computer items required.

Another change that is reflected in the presentation of the budget this year is the use of the actual numbers from the diocese. This has long been a problem. When the financial advisory committee and corporation sit to discuss the budget, the figures for salaries, salary equalization and insurance costs are estimates only. The only number that is given to us ahead of time is the Fair Share. We do our best to be accurate in our estimates but we do not find out the actual numbers until late in January, usually just in time for the January remittance to be sent to the diocese. In the past, the budget has been presented exactly as it was drawn up by the financial advisory committee, corporation and parish council. This year, parish council asked for the actual figures from the diocese to be included in the budget when they became available. As a result, the bottom line for this financial year looks like we are expecting a \$860 deficit. In fact, we were completely balanced before the actual figures from the diocese were added. I consider that we did very

well in our estimates to be that close. Consider that 60% of our expenses go to the diocese for salaries, insurance and outreach. In our estimates, we were only off by 0.6% - not too bad! This is an ongoing situation. If you look at the table showing the directed expenditure deducted out (back about 2 pages), you will notice in the bottom line of the budget, we expected a net income of \$976 unlike the net income of \$1 you will notice in the presentation of the budget following (look ahead about 2 pages). This is again as a result of the actual figures from the diocese being included.

The budget presented this year is a balanced budget (make sure to read the above paragraph!). We did not have any great difficulty balancing it this year, although we do expect to draw funds from the reserve accounts. The trend of decreasing income and increasing expenses is worrisome but can only be taken a year at a time.

I wish to thank the numerous organizations who made financial gifts to the church. The ACW, Bazaar, Breakfasts, Pancake Supper, Rummage, Slim & Trim and We Kicked the Habit contributed to the treasury of the church. The rental officer, Judy Corbishley, also deserves a vote of thanks for managing the rentals. Our bottom line is significantly affected by the faithful work of these people and organizations.

At the end of the year, the Financial Advisory Committee consists of Joy Bowerman, Lorne Bowerman, Judy Corbishley, Les Cundell, Brian Kauk, Glen McGill, Coralie Sheehan and David Whitman. Thank you to Brian Darling and John Hancock who acted as auditors. A big thank you to the Envelope Secretary, Connie Bowerman for her long-standing, painstaking work in keeping track of income and to Lorne Bowerman, for his estimates of income and his work in managing PAR.

Joy Bowerman
 Treasurer

Reserve Accounts Activity			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
60th Anniversary			0
Banner Expense		663.00	\$-663.00
Bell Project			7,787.44
Donations	2,370.00		\$10,157.44
Capital Projects			33,357.71
Donations	273.30		
ACW Donation	4,500.00		
Donation for new sign	910.00		
2007 Surplus	1,779.62		
Transfer to General Funds		3,137.50	
Updates to Women's washroom		508.80	
Lenten Outreach Donation from 2007 Surplus		200.00	

Reserve Accounts Activity			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
			\$36,974.33
Celebrate Recovery			1,112.78
			\$1,112.78
Choir Fund			1,866.71
			\$1,866.71
Choir Gowns			\$1,475.00
Donations		60.00	
			\$1,535.00
Key Deposits			435.69
			\$435.69
Memorials			18,172.70
Memorials Received	460.00		
PA Amplifier		77.01	
			\$18,555.69
Parish Nurse			3,375.34
			\$3,375.34
Rector's Discretionary			83.74
Income	2,875.64		
Disbursements		2,946.52	
			\$12.86
Sunday School			1,792.22
			\$1,792.22

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**St Mark's Church
 Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2008**

	Dec 31, 08
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
TD BANK	41,305.20
TD Savings	14,739.84
Total Chequing/Savings	56,045.04
Other Current Assets	
Dollar for Dollar	4,555.70
GST Receivable	1,082.42
Total Other Current Assets	5,638.12
Total Current Assets	61,683.16
Other Assets	
Investments	
E Earle Bequest	92,087.71
Memorials CTF 2534	5,804.37
Rectory Trust CTF 4053	327,787.49
Capital Projects CTF 2479	8,500.00
Total Investments	434,179.57
Total Other Assets	434,179.57
TOTAL ASSETS	495,862.73
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
RESERVE ACCOUNT	
60th Anniversary	-663.00
Choir Gowns	1,535.00
Bell Project	10,157.44
Capital Projects	36,974.33
Celebrate Recovery	1,112.78
Choir Fund	1,866.71
Key Deposits	435.69
Memorials	18,555.69
Parish Nurse	3,375.34
Rector's Discretionary	12.86
Sunday School	1,792.22
Total RESERVE ACCOUNT	75,155.06
Total Other Current Liabilities	75,155.06
Total Current Liabilities	75,155.06
Long Term Liabilities	
Rectory Trust	327,787.49
E Earle Bequest	92,087.74
Total Long Term Liabilities	419,875.23
Total Liabilities	495,030.29
Equity	
Net Income	832.44
Total Equity	832.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	495,862.73

Budget

	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
Income			
GENERAL			
Collections			
Open	10,781	12,000	8,000
Envelope	156,605	165,679	160,000
Special Collection	3,638	4,500	4,000
Total Collections	171,024	182,179	172,000
Gain from Assets			
Rent	6,335	6,000	6,000
Investment Income	1,179	1,000	1,000
Bank Interest	67	50	50
CTF Interest Paid	4,589	17,456	4,915
Dollar for Dollar	1,485	1,500	1,500
Total Gain from Assets	13,656	26,006	13,465
Organizations			
ACW			
Bazaar	6,499	5,284	5,500
Rummage	2,279	2,500	2,200
Slim & Trim	525	400	400
Pancake Supper	772	800	800
Breakfasts	400	400	400
We Kicked the Habit	750	720	720
Total Organizations	11,225	10,104	10,020
Weddings	350		
Other General Income	1,014		
Total GENERAL	197,270	218,289	195,485
INCOME FROM RESERVES			
Capital Projects	3,138	1,875	1,150
Parish Nurse			3,305
Celebrate Recovery			1,113
Total Income from Reserves	3,138	1,875	5,568

	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
DIRECTED			
Anglican Appeal	80		
Centre 454	1,630		
Cornerstone	500		
Crosstalk	20		
Debra-Dynes Family House	305		
Flowers	1,820		
Forward Day by Day	180		
Music	30		
Lenten Outreach			
Not specified	1,483		
Centre 454	175		
The Mission	227		
Total	1,885		
PWR Fund	1,779		
VIM-Carolyn Langford	250	250	
Other Directed Income	545		
Total DIRECTED	9,024	250	0
Total Income	209,431	220,414	201,052

	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
Expense			
SALARIES			
Staff	90,959	87,398	98,507
Housing Allowance		23,121	
Clergy Fill-in	2,994	1,555	1,244
Organist Fill-in	500	600	600
Total SALARIES	94,453	112,674	100,351
WORSHIP			
Service & Altar Supplies	1,276	1,425	1,425
Flowers	1,026		
Hymn & Service Books	90	75	90
Music/Junior Choir	55	150	150
Piano/Organ		375	375
Total WORSHIP	2,448	2,025	2,040
PARISH NURSING MINISTRY			
Parish Nurse Services	19,680	19,680	20,015
Program Income			
Program Expenses	83	600	500
TOTAL Parish Nursing	19,763	20,280	20,515
PROGRAMS			
Christian Education		150	100
Church School		350	
Conferences & Memberships	449	300	325
Membership		200	300
New Members	123	375	120
Nursery			350
Pastoral Care	70	350	250
Screening Process		75	
Stewardship			350
Synod	348	350	350
Youth Initiative		200	
Total PROGRAMS	990	2,350	2,145
OUTREACH			
Anglican Appeal	80		
Centre 454	2,546		
Cornerstone	500		
Crosstalk	20		
Debra-Dynes	3,305	3,000	3,000
Diocesan Fair Share	30,762	29,989	30,682
PWR Fund	1,779		
Salary Equalization	1,471	1,400	1,400

	2008 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
St Jude's	115		
The Mission	969		
VIM-Carolyn Langford	250	250	
Other Outreach			
Total OUTREACH	41,797	34,639	35,082
FINANCE			
Bank Charges	458	550	500
Supplies	151	300	200
Insurance	4,573	7,500	4,710
Total FINANCE	5,182	8,350	5,410
CHURCH			
Cleaning Service	12,095	12,500	12,500
Operating Supplies	1,327	1,000	1,000
Electricity	3,106	5,000	4,000
Gas	6,034	7,000	6,000
Repair & Upgrade	6,602	3,700	3,850
Projects	4,605	1,875	1,150
Security	1,501	1,400	1,400
Snow Removal	2,009	1,670	1,720
Telephone	1,021	1,000	1,000
Water	413	500	500
Total CHURCH	38,713	35,645	33,120
RECTORY			
Electricity	15		
Gas	109		
Total RECTORY	124		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Rector's Discretionary		200	200
Wardens' Discretionary	50	100	100
Office Supplies	698	700	700
Photocopying	1,348	1,500	1,300
Computer & Internet	2,501	1,700	700
Postage	215	250	250
Forward Day by Day	317		
Other Miscellaneous			
Total MISCELLANEOUS	5,129	4,450	3,250
Total Expense	208,599	220,413	201,913
Net Income	\$833	\$1	-\$860

Auditor's Report

January 31, 2009

To the Parish of Saint Mark the Evangelist
Anglican Church of Canada,
1606 Fisher Avenue, Ottawa, ON

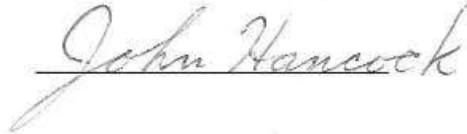
A review of the financial records of St. Mark's has been performed for the year ending December 31, 2008. Our review was made in accordance with generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the Parish of St. Mark's. It is our opinion that the financial statements of St. Mark's are both accurate and reflect the financial activities during 2008.

Reviewed by:

Brian Darling



John Hancock



Minutes of the Annual Vestry held on Sunday, February 17, 2008

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST ANNUAL VESTRY FEBRUARY 17, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Vestry was called to order at 11:45 a.m. The chairperson for the meeting was Rev. Brian Kauk and vestry clerk was Janis Perkin.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

APPOINTMENTS OF CORPORATION

The following people were appointed to one year terms by the Corporation:

Hall Rental Co-ordinator	Judy Corbishley
Treasurer	Joy Bowerman
Envelope Secretary	Connie Bowerman
Auditor	Brian Darling and John Hancock
Stewardship Officers	Terry Thompson and Ann Matthews

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL VESTRY, JUNE 3, 2007

Rev. Kauk called for errors and omissions. None were forthcoming and a motion to accept was moved by Judy Darling and seconded by David Whitman. **CARRIED**

RECTOR'S CHARGE

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1*

St Mark's Vestry, February 17, 2008: My first report to this Parish will be brief.

The last two weeks since I joined the ministry here at St Mark's seems to me like drinking from a fire hose, but I recognize my experience so far shrinks in comparison with everything else underway, represented by the reports in your Vestry package. There are really only two things I can report since I arrived February 1st. One: I found the bathroom. I didn't find the light switches that night, but I did find the bathroom. That's about the extent of my accomplishments to date. The other thing to report is how welcome Brenda and I feel here. You have a tremendous gift of welcoming newcomers - at least new clergy and families. I hope we can build on that gift and the good work already starting here on our way to becoming a truly welcoming community that practices intentional hospitality.

I first became acquainted with St Mark's by reading your parish profile, written by the members of the Parish Committee for the appointment of this Incumbent. I noted that you named the challenges you face in transitioning from one generation to another, a theme that I see also in Father Roger's report to last year's Vestry meeting. There's something else in your profile document that I believe we should note in connection with the challenge of renewing and revitalizing Christ's Church here: faith. St Mark's used the word faith over and over again in describing your ministry here. I have come to envision our ministry here with the following phrase: "We have faith in this community." We are God's people, placed in this geographical place, commissioned to be people of faith. More than simply residing here, we are sent in apostolic fashion to direct our faith outwards towards the wider community in which we live and serve.

For some, the task of handing over our roles and responsibilities seems daunting, invisible, a faint hope. The question always arises: who will be there to take the baton when I can no longer run this race? I have

only one answer: faith. Faith is assurance of things hoped for, conviction of things not seen, the knowledge that by faith we will one day see. Faith is letting go and letting God. Faith is the next test to which St Mark's must dedicate itself. Putting faith first seems to run counter to all intuition, but it is the only way for us to proceed. Faith built this Church, faith grew this Church, and faith will constantly renew and revitalize this Church for many years to come. Of that I am convinced, and I will aim over the next year to convince you of the same.

There are too many people for me to thank. I found out at one meeting that I am supposed to thank the Servers and Lay Administrators at Communion. I assume it is someone else's job to thank the Music Director, Junior and Senior Choirs, Sidespersons and Coffee Hour hosts, Sunday School, Wardens and Deputy Wardens, Administrators of our Finances and the Parish Office, Readers and Altar Guild, Property, Stewardship, Membership, Prayer and Healing ministries, and all the other hosts of activities I neglected to mention.

I ask for your prayers as we journey together into God's exciting future, to a place that we cannot see yet, but that we know awaits us, trusting in God's grace by ... faith!

In Christ,
The Reverend Brian Kauk, Incumbent

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

Betty Caughlin thanked the Wardens who helped the people of St. Mark's remain stable and faithful during the transition period between the two rectors. A motion of acceptance of the Wardens' Report was made by Judy Corbishley and seconded by David Whitman. **CARRIED**

2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND AUDITORS' REPORT

Joy Bowerman gave an overview of the statement and pointed out some things of interest. The church received \$12,000.00 from the Earle bequest. The Rectory was sold and the monies are now held in trust by the diocese. There is enough money in hand to cover all reserve accounts and we were balanced at the end of the year. Due to an overage \$200.00 was donated to Lenten Outreach. Joy also reviewed the idea of Actual Income less Directed Income. There was a correction to be made in the Programs area, which should show a \$400.00 increase from directed income. It was pointed out that 80% of the operating budget comes from the open and envelope giving of parishioners. One of the trends in general income is an increase in Gains from Assets due to behests etc. Joy also talked about other trends in General Income. It should be noted that one of the largest expenditures is salaries. When looking at Outreach it was noted that the 21% also includes monies sent to the Diocese and that the largest category was fair-share. In terms of Capital Projects money was going out faster than it was coming in. The Diocese has introduced Salary Equalization as a fund to help smaller parishes have clergy and St. Mark's has sent its portion to them. Acceptance of The Auditors' report and the 2007 Financial Statement was moved by Joy Bowerman and seconded by Les Cundell. **CARRIED**

ALL OTHER 2007 REPORTS

Lorne Bowerman gave an update to the Property Report. The Church roof is in dire straits and will need to be addressed soon. The expense amount of \$100,000.00 could be lower than previously thought if St. Mark's installed a metal roof with a quoted cost of \$50,000.00. No other errors or omissions were noted. Acceptance of the reports was moved by Lorne Bowerman and seconded by David Whitman. **CARRIED**
Betty Gillham let vestry know how much she had enjoyed reading the reports and especially the one on Synod.

ELECTION OF LENTEN ALMSGIVING OUTREACH

Joy Bowerman gave an overview of the process and it's history. The projects for consideration in 2008 were:

Anglican Social Services -Centre 454
Doctors Without Borders / Médcins sans frontiers (MFS)
The Ottawa Mission
St. Jude's Cathedral, Iqaluit (rebuilding)

Voting was done by secret ballot and Coralie Sheehan and Bruce Lodge served as scrutineers who counted the votes and then reported to Vestry. The two projects chosen were Centre 454 and The Ottawa Mission.

MOTIONS NOT TIED TO CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Refurbishment of the Peace Chapel Altar and its Silks and Linens

David Whitman presented the motion that the Chapel Altar and its furnishings be reduced in size to better fit the Chapel space. At the moment it has a very large footprint but if re-sized could be moved easily to another position in the chapel if needed. David demonstrated how the silks would need only to be reshaped rather than be cut to fit the altar leaving them intact. The linen would need the only material that would need re-cutting. The actual motion read "To aloe for the refurbishing of the Peace Chapel Altar, Silks and Linens, as per this presentation of the design modifications and sizing, to an approximate finished size of the altar being 56"w x 20"d x 39"h, and that the silks and linens be fitted to match." Moved by David Whitman and seconded by Coralie Sheehan. **CARRIED**

Memorial Garden

Cynthia Greer presented the proposal on behalf of the Memorials and Gifts Committee. An overview was given of the plans for the garden that is planned as a Peace Garden incorporating the existing plantings and some new plant beds as well. A paved pathway is also included and could hold memorial stones for families who want purchase and have them placed. The designs for the Trinity Memorial Sculptures incorporating the Dot Kirby Bells were also presented. There was a hope that this could also be a 60th Anniversary project for the parish of St. Mark's. Funding for the project would come out of the Memorials fund and through donations. The Memorial Garden Motion moved that "St. Mark's Memorial & Gifts Committee be given approval to begin a Memorial Garden Feasibility & Costing Study to include interlocking paving, memorial benches and a memorial structure incorporating the three Dorothea Kirby memorial bells." Cynthia moved the motion and Margaret Lodge seconded it. A friendly amendment was proposed, "that a report be brought to the June 2008 Vestry". **CARRIED**

2008 BUDGET

The Church Treasurer, Joy Bowerman spoke to the 2008 budget. There was one amendment to the budget needed. On page 45 there was to be added \$250.00 in the Total DIRECTED space of the 2008 budget column. This is for VIM-Carol Langford.

Joy presented a balanced budget and pointed out some changes. There are no Rectory expenses and within Salaries there is now a Housing Allowance for the incumbent. It should be noted that monies from the Rectory Trust will offset some of the Housing Allowance. Two capital projects were highlighted. They were the repairs and refurbishment of the Choir Room and the lighted Sign for the lawn of the Church.. The Capitals Projects fund that stood at \$32,120 in January 2008 will pay for the repairs and other needs of the building. (See chart on page 39).

Adoption of the Budget was moved by Joy Bowerman and seconded by Coralie Sheehan. **CARRIED**
APPOINTMENT OF BANK

Joy Bowerman moved that St. Mark's continue using Toronto-Dominion Trust at Emerald Plaza as the financial institution of choice. Seconded by David Matthews. **CARRIED**

MOTIONS OF THANKS

Betty Caughlin offered thanks to the Wardens for helping us through the transition between two incumbents.

Judy Darling offered thankfulness to all of the leaders and faithful parishioners of St. Mark's.

Sheila Vaudrey gave thanks to Judy Darling for her years chairing the many Vestry meetings.

David Whitman acknowledged the team that provided the lunch for the Vestry meeting.

There was a motion for the destruction of the Lenten Offering ballots made by Judy Darling and seconded by David Whitman. **CARRIED**

A motion of adjournment was made by Joy Bowerman and seconded by David Whitman.

Respectfully submitted by Janis, Perkin, Vestry Clerk
May 13, 2008

Minutes of the Electoral Vestry held on Sunday, June 16, 2008

**Parish of St. Mark the Evangelist, Ottawa
11:45 a.m.**

1. Fr. Kauk convened the electoral vestry at 11:45 a.m. and appointed Janis Perkin as the vestry clerk. All in attendance said the opening prayer.

2. Reading and Approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2008 Annual Vestry was deferred.

3. Fr. Kauk announced the following appointments of the Corporation:

Church School Coordinators- Michael and Janis Perkin

Pastoral Care Coordinator- Georgia Roberts

Memorials Committee Chair- Cynthia Greer

Screening in Faith Coordinator- vacant

Dollar For Dollar Program- Joy Bowerman

Appointment of Rector's Warden- Judy Corbishley

4. Report of the Nominating Committee for elected positions:

People's Warden- Coralie Sheehan

Deputy People's Warden (incoming)- Les Cundell

Deputy People's Warden (outgoing)- David Whitman

Lay Members of Synod-Allen Deering, Coralie Sheehan, Bill Slaughter (2010)

Alternate Lay Members of Synod- Terry Frederick, Gale Deering

Members-at-Large- Marilyn Benn (2010), Sheila Vaudrey
Membership Committee Chair- Cynthia Greer (2010)
Outreach Coordinator- Gillian Morris (2010)
Nominating Committee- David Whitman (2010), Wanda Bowman (continuing member), John Hancock (continuing member), David Matthews (continuing member)

The above persons were nominated and seconded by the Nominating Committee, 2008

5. Vestry was asked for nominations from the floor. None were received. Lorne Bowerman moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Joy Bowerman. Carried

Fr. Kauk asked if it was the will of Vestry that these persons be elected to their positions.

Motioned by David Whitman and seconded by Judy Corbishley.

The new slate was acclaimed.

6. Motions of Thanks were offered to all who have completed terms of office:

David Matthews for serving as Lay Member of Synod, Deputy Warden and Warden on Parish Council during the past four years.

Rosalie Graham for serving as a Member-at-Large on Parish Council for past two years.

Betty Caughlin for serving as Member-at-Large on Parish Council for past two years.

Brian Harrison for serving on the Nominating Committee after four years as a Deputy Warden and Warden.

7. Corporation's Financial Report to Vestry- June 2008

"Our collections income is \$7,200.00 less than expected to the end of May and \$12,000.00 less than what was received to the end of May last year. Our expenses have been slightly below budgeted. The shortfall is a matter of some concern and it has implications for next year's budget."

Some questions and discussion followed. David Whitman pointed out that at that time there were no ongoing projects that were impacting the situation and Corporation was going to continue monitoring it. Judy Darling asked if any analysis was done to gather an understanding of causes for the shortfall. Joy Bowerman gave some collection information that pointed out that 80% of our income comes from collections and offerings. The projected deficit and the actual deficit are very close. Judy Darling requested that an expanded report be placed in the Sunday bulletin during the first 2 weeks of September and that a letter be sent to the Parish if there is a significant deficit noticed.

8. Adjournment was moved by James Kelly.

The meeting was closed with the Grace.

Respectfully submitted by Janis Perkin, Vestry Clerk