

CHURCH OF ST MARK THE EVANGELIST
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Parish Statistics, 2009

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Households	275	268	N/A	219	222
Average Sunday Attendance	N/A	148	126	120	119
Christmas	287	251	241	218	232
Easter	281	280	289	225	202
Baptized	2	3	3	2	3
Confirmed	0	0	4	0	8
Marriages	1	5	3	1	2
Deaths	18	18	19	9	14

Burials

Nora Effie Ballam
 Alice Mary Deering
 Stephen Herbert Trickett
 Neville Garfield St. Hill
 Lillian Emma Collins
 Robert Alton Deachman
 Doris Shanks
 Barbara Susan Hamilton
 John Guy Hamilton Edwards
 Kenneth Whitham
 Keith Alexander Sully
 Truus (Tryntje) Bylsma
 Douglas Oliver Hodgins
 David Robert Gibson

Marriages

Michelle Lynn Schwartz / James Robert Zacour
 Marion June Stalter / Joseph Charles Louis
 Robert Legault

Baptisms

Ashlyn Beverley Marshall
 Zooey Jade Topp
 Brian Reginald James

Confirmed

Alex Dee, Lovena Mathew, Nevin Mathew,
 Delaney McGill, Fletcher McGill, Quinn McGill,
 Kathleen Pirnat and Marla Haring

Wardens' Report

St. Marks celebrated its 60th anniversary as a Parish by having members of the Parish talking about their earlier experiences as members in an informal setting. Other events included a Wine and Cheese with silent auction, a Pot Luck to celebrate St. Mark's Day, a Strawberry Social, a Pasta Dinner and 60th Anniversary Dinner attended by Bishop Chapman and previous incumbents and members of the Parish. All events were well attended.

We welcomed back previous incumbents, the Rev. Canon Allen Box and the Rev. Canon David Lethbridge who preached at the morning services. The Ven. Gordon Worden and the Rev. Canon Roger Steinke preached and presided at the morning services.

Wooden boxes and crosses were made from the remains of the Chapel's altar and made available for purchase along with cook books and pens with 'St. Mark's' printed on them.

We are very thankful to the 60th Anniversary Committee team of David and Dolores Whitman, Rosalie Graham, Sinclair and Gail Volk, Coralie Sheehan, Brian Harrison and Judy Corbishley for their work, dedication and commitment to a very special 60th Anniversary. All of the funds raised from the Wine and Cheese and Silent Auction have been distributed to other charities including Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, the Mission and Carleton Ecumenical Chaplaincy.

On October 11, 2009 we celebrated a Thanksgiving on the Anniversary of a Parish and the Dedication of the Memorial Garden. The Memorial Garden was completed in August. Thanks are in order to the Memorial Committee team of Margaret Lodge and Cynthia Greer for their efforts in bringing this to a successful conclusion.

In August, Patrick Stephens, Postulant of the Diocese of Ottawa and student at St. Paul University, was welcomed as a Ministry Intern to St. Mark's.

An agreement has been reached with John McFarlane, the owner of our former Rectory, to allow us to pile snow from our parking lot on his property. In exchange, we cut the grass on this part of the property. This gives us back our full parking spaces.

Sanitizer dispensers were installed in various parts of the church in response to the increased H1N1 pandemic level.

Shelving was installed in the window alcoves of Bishop Reed Hall to allow us to move our library collection to this area. Betty Caughlin, with assistance from Marion Stalter, reviewed the library books for timeliness and condition and they have been shelved since November. Betty has made herself available to discuss the library with users. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of the library for study and personal growth.

A Selection Committee was formed to find a replacement for our Parish Secretary, Claudette Gravelle, who retired December 31, 2009. Jennie Lee is the successful candidate.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Cundell, People's Warden

Judy Corbishley, Rector's Warden

Synod 2009 (23-24 October) Report to Vestry

“Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters, and Righteousness Like an Ever-Flowing Stream” (Amos 5:24)

Bishop John Chapman delivered his charge during the Eucharistic service at Christ Church Cathedral which opened the Ottawa Diocesan 2008 Synod on Thursday, October 22, 2009. His charge can be found on the Diocesan web site.

New Governance Approved

Synod approved a new governance structure, the work of the Governance Task Force chaired by Dean Shane Parker, that will see Diocesan Council and five new committees replace the Diocesan Executive Committee and existing committees. As a result of some members’ concern with what was perceived as a lack of “democracy”, the nomination process for Council members will be reviewed by the Governance and Communications Committee with a report back to Synod 2010.

Synod approved a slate of nominees for Diocesan Council: One year: The Rev. Robyn Cuming, The Rev. Catherine McCaig, Linda Morrison, Garry Smith. Two years: Arch Campbell, Jim Carruthers, David Morgan, The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera. Three years: Steven Chaplin, The Rev. Kathryn Otley, Ericka Stevens-Rennie, Darren Théorêt.

Finances

Financial Committee Chair, Alan Fowler, reported that we are in better shape than recently although it was not a good year for the CTF on which we rely. It experienced a 55% drop in income at the beginning of 2009; this hit both our capital gains and income. The good news is that the Fair Share programme is working well.

Synod approved the 3-year budget for 2010-2012, presented by the Budget Management Committee. Committee Chair Glenn Bloodworth said they were projecting a balanced budget over the three years. There will be no increase in total parish fair share, although some churches could see an increase. The majority of parishes are running a deficit.

Monica Patten described a proposal for a “very major financial initiative” in conjunction with General Synod. The Financial Development Panel will undertake a planning session to see what support there is for this initiative. Synod approved a motion to endorse the Panel’s work as well as implementation of a financial development strategy for achieving long-term sustainability; this initiative will be in partnership with General Synod’s Department of Philanthropy. The Panel is to report back to Synod in 2010.

Transition Team wraps up

Peter Martin, deputy chair of the Transition Team, gave a final report of the team’s work as it prepares to hand oversight of the Strategic plan’s implementation to the new Diocesan Council and its committees. The Bishop thanked the Team (Fr Brian was a member) for their work. There were four strategic goals: strengthen congregations, focus outward, improve communications and rationalize governance and infrastructure.

Stewardship Council

Diocesan Stewardship and Development Officer, Jane Scanlon, said stewardship is essential to our Diocesan mission and the Anglican community. She envisages all parishes having vibrant stewardship. To assist, the Stewardship Council has revitalized its mentoring program, including adding more mentors; additional resources are also available. The 2010 Stewardship Conference is to be held May 7-8 at Guelph University.

Synod Guest Speaker

Synod's guest speaker was Bishop Mark MacDonald, National Aboriginal Bishop and former Bishop of Alaska for 10 years. He believes we are on the verge of a great moment in the life of the Church – a positive future of which indigenous peoples are a part; he believes we will find a future in their spirituality. Church strategy has been to make them disappear, blend in. We have been spiritually blind in our relationship with them – it's not just a native problem but a human one. We need to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery, the belief that a visitor has the right to own/govern regardless of the inhabitants, particularly if the population is 'uncivilized'; this argument was used in B.C in the 1990s. It applies to a systemic way of thinking, still prevalent in North America, as if we are doing them a favour to educate, take over their government. In his opinion, it is similar to the systemic evil (abuse, racism) that Jesus confronted. This habit of mind keeps us stuck in negative patterns.

At the Last Supper, Jesus summarizes his years of teaching and provides a bridge to the new age (the New Testament). Simple acts of 'receive, bless, break and share' the bread – the essence of his life which we are called to imitate.

- Receive – everything is a gift from God, use it in a good way;
- Bless – with prayer, sacred and treat it that way;
- Break – can describe open something to savour; have to do it to share;
- Share – life of discipleship.

We must use this as a lens to incorporate a circular way of living, the aboriginal way. We should allow for diversity; aboriginals do not have to be like us and they have many different cultures. Contrast this with Genesis – take, abuse, hide – and human life leads to horrible consequences. Individual acts multiply to become the evil that can destroy.

Canada must come to grips with the past, to take a risk and see it through the eyes of children – no shame, blame, but to build on truth, not lies. It's not about compensation but how we will live together and build a better life for our children. Church can be too rigid in the way we worship, and considered a failure if not modeled on the Western way. We can benefit from aboriginal values, insights, and traditions; the Ojibway Prayer Book sets forth the law of balance and harmony where all are responsible to all other things.

We have forgotten that the Trajectory of the Word is universal; always be alert for the word of God around us. There is a pattern in Jesus' movements; he tries to elude the group around him and, instead, reaches out to those outside the group and touches them. Their needs connect with him; they don't ask questions, and their lives are forever changed and blessed. This comes out in the First Nations people among us; Elijah Harper is an example. Canada has enough for all to share and to exist in harmony. The reconciliation resulting from the Residential school apology from the government could have a huge impact if we act now. Let the Anglican Church lead the way if the government does not. Bishop MacDonald would like our Diocese to lead the way!

Communications Branding

Susan Lewis spoke on behalf of the Communications Committee, which seeks to raise a positive profile and promote diocesan events. Development of the web site continues.

- branding project:
 - it held Brand Discovery seminars to develop practical recommendations;
 - our management style at the moment is not a community of faith;
 - where does God want us to be in 5-10 years? We need to respond to demographics and communities, tell our stories better, and be joyous and open to opportunities;
 - we believe that we are a strong, faithful people able to do God's work;
 - a definite sense of hope and optimism is the result of several years' work on hospitality and stewardship;
- we use only Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) paper produced from trees grown specifically for pulp, recycle and use vegetable-based products.

- Dealer tag program – parishes can purchase a line at the end of a Diocesan ad which provides more circulation for the same cost;
- Susan will visit to assist parishes needing communications support;
- Archives online contain 6500 files (books, pamphlets, etc.) on Anglicanism.

Parish Growth and Renewal Committee

To implement the recommendations of the Boken Report, the Diocese is supporting 29 congregations in six parishes of final generational, multi-point church parishes. The committee has developed an implementation handbook and hopes to get congregational buy-in; a team has been trained in conflict resolution and consensus building. Work will begin soon with urban parishes to assess parishes that are growing, address crises as they arise, and continue to consult and try to reach a consensus in multi-point parishes.

Community (The Well Cornerstone Pastoral Care Centre Centre 454)

Bill Prentice thanked everyone for their support; all our drops help grow a river of justice.

Plans for Cornerstone's new housing initiative for homeless women at Eccles and Booth are in place to proceed with a 42-unit 4-storey apartment building to include 20 units for seniors at risk; it will provide health and home care support, up to palliative care. Those with the greatest need will get the 20 units, possibly from outside the diocese. Ground should be broken by March 30, 2010. The building, at a cost of 11 million (9 million is secured) exceeds the 2012 environmental building codes. As part of fundraising, congregations are being asked to help via an "adopt-a room" plan.

Youth Mission

Andrew Stevens-Rennie, Diocesan Youth Director, gave a brief visual presentation of the Jeremiah Project in which our youth took part from 14 March - 1 February 2009 in rebuilding New Orleans. They wish to nurture the Ottawa/Louisiana Diocese relationship and empower youth's compassion. A Synod weekend youth-led retreat in Chesterville will try to connect the dots between faith and real life. They need us to challenge them to live the gospel story and to involve them – not push them to the margins. Our youth joined people for the Hill demonstration for the Day of Action on Climate Change.

Synod Workshops

Fresh Expressions (Coralie Sheehan)

Rob Douglas and Rhonda McKay of All Saints, Sandy Hill, facilitated this workshop about investigating new styles of worship, not to displace but to co-exist with regular forms of worship. We need to deal with the 'unchurched' who are non-participants.

- focus on them, not us; address people in their own language (body language too);
- side-to-side rather than face-to-face (look out for possible abuse);
- concentrate on 'being Church' rather than 'going to'; take church to them;
- a Visioning Day is a good first step;
- go into the community to start a fresh church.

There are various tools available: the internet (freshexpressions.ca is sanctioned by Archbishop Hilz); a short video from the Diocese and on All Saint's web site. Hawksbury tried a 'Messy Church' with a free offering; they expected 20 people and 65 showed up. They started with a meal, video on Noah's Ark and associated activities. It took a lot of phoning, personal contact at first, but was very successful.

Lay Leadership Development and Christian Development (Les Cundell)

This seminar explained four of the program/resources that were put into place to develop skills or practices as result of 2008 Synod. Contact is Lisa Chisholm-Smith at the Diocesan office - Tel. (613) 233-6271 ext 231.

- Christian Formation and Spiritual Growth.

- *Synod Lite* is a parallel program to Diocesan Annual Synod to introduce young Anglicans to Synod. *New Beginnings* is designed for youth in grades 7-9 to address their spiritual and social needs. *Marriage*

Education courses provide individuals with an educational model of marriage preparation that enables them to grow. Chaplaincy services are provided to Carleton University and Algonquin College.

- Support for Mission in Daily Life and Work
- *A Faith at Work* Sunday worship service encourages parishioners to bring symbols of their daily life and work and place them at the altar. Discussions enable members to share how their work and faith connect.
- Church Leadership Training
- *Education for Ministry* is a theological program for all Christians which includes individual study and group theological reflection. It teaches participants how to think theologically and deepen their faith and understanding of our Christian heritage.
- Licensed Lay Readers can gather for a day of learning and practice in leading Services of the Word e.g. Morning Prayer. The opening plenary session provides an overview of Services of the Word as a main service of worship, which can be conducted by lay persons in the absence of a priest, as distinct from daily offices. Four tutorials are offered: Lector Skills (Public Reading of Scriptures), Hymn Selection, Prayers of the People, and Introduction to the revised Common Lectionary. Practical application follows.
- Ministry Skills
 - There are resources and programs specific to ministry skills or practices, but the only program mentioned was the Conflict Workshop in November which 4 members from St. Mark's attended.

Sustainable Youth Ministry (Allen Deering)

This workshop's focus was youth and young adults' ministries – for people between the ages of 13 to 16 including young people in Junior high, high school, and college or university; it also includes those who have already begun a career. Andrew Stephens-Rennie mentioned that a lot of youth think/find religion boring, an attitude he would like to change. Andrew directly serves parishes in the following ways:

- consulting parishes and deaneries to develop and implement strategies for stronger youth ministries;
- develop networks for those engaged in parish-based youth ministry;
- increase communication about upcoming youth opportunities;
- connect youth from across the diocese; and
- encourage and facilitate collaborative youth ministry projects in the deanery and other regional groupings.

We learned about, discussed and practiced several simple ways in which individuals and congregations can contribute to the faith formation and discipleship of young people in our families, our parishes and beyond. They showed a Rap video and presented us with a copy of the song. We then took parts of the song and applied it to religion as we see it today. Rap expresses a story much like the prophets who used poetry to get their message across.

All of us are grateful for the opportunity to attend such an interesting and uplifting Synod, and to represent you, the parishioners of St. Mark's. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Brian Kauk, Rector
Les Cundell, People's Warden
Coralie Sheehan, Outgoing People's Warden
Allen Deering, Lay Member of Synod

St Mark's Prayer Ministries

Healing Prayer Team

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

During Communion each Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. service two of our members offer laying-on of hands for those who have a prayer request for themselves or a concern for someone else. This is a time to join our hearts and minds to focus on Christ our Healer.

December 2009 marked ten years of Healing Prayer Team ministry at St. Mark's. At present there are six members: Johanne Barnum, Marilyn Benn, Ann Matthews, Gail Stone, Enid Thompson and Terry Thompson.

During the year we met with Fr. Brian, to whom we are responsible, on June 15 and June 25 to discuss his expectations of the team, and to share our hopes and concerns.

It was agreed that the job of coordinating the team should be undertaken on a two year rotational basis and Ann Matthews agreed to be the coordinator until June 30, 2011. I would like to say thank you to Terry Thompson for his good work as the previous coordinator and to all the members for their faithful service.

At the invitation of Fr. Brian, on behalf of the team, Paul Dumbrille, from the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, provided a prayer study in the church on Wednesday evening, November 18. The presentation was mainly on intercessory prayer, getting ourselves out of the way, image praying, and ended with a short Bishop Spong video clip. Fr. Brian commenced the evening with an introduction and a prayer. The session ended with a question and answer period. A total of fourteen people attended this event.

The scriptures tell us to pray continually, which means that prayer ministry everywhere belongs to everyone. If you feel called to this ministry or would like further information, please speak to Fr. Brian. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Matthews

Prayer & Praise Group

This group met year-round in the Choir Room each Tuesday evening from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. The membership was twelve, with an average attendance of nine to eleven. The evening's program, (with leadership rotating among the membership) consisted of Bible reading and meditation with sharing, sung and spoken worship, prayers for the Church with special emphasis on members of our own parish and others needing prayer for God's healing.

In addition to our regular meeting time members of this group, along with those of other parish groups, took part in times of special services of prayer for those in our parish who were extremely ill.

Parish Prayer Cycle Phoning Team

Each week during the year one person of our four-member team phoned the six persons/families who were on the Parish Prayer Cycle to ask if there were any special prayer requests that they wished to share.

These requests were confidential to the members of the Prayer Group who offered them up to God on Tuesdays and in their own personal prayer times.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Dicks

Something More Prayer and Action Group

- * A gathering was held at the home of Kay and Lawrence Peever. Subject: Lectio Divina - an ancient monastic practice of contemplation was studied, practiced and discussed.
- * Lent 2009. A gathering was held at Bethesda Retreat Centre to view and contemplate a life sized work of art of "The Last Supper". This was followed by prayer and discussion of the lives of the Apostles and their ministry.
- * Group attended Global Day of Prayer.
- * A Prayer Vigil was held for Barbara Hamilton on April 1, 2009 with approximately seventy people attending.
- * A Prayer Vigil was held for Gillian Morris for healing at St. Marks Church and simultaneously at her bedside in the hospital.
- * A Prayer Vigil was held at St Marks to help sustain Gillian Morris in her journey of healing.
- * Some members participated in the search for missing teenagers at the Native Reserve in Maniwaki.
- * Group attended as volunteers the Annual Center 454 Picnic in Gatineau. We helped in the preparation and served almost 300 clients.

Throughout the year many prayer gatherings were held by Something More to address special prayer needs as requested by members of Church and community. The activities of Something More over the past 3 years covered a broad range of places. We met and prayed with vibrant, interesting people leading into many hours of prayer on their behalf. Out of this wealth of joy and fellowship has been born new avenues to explore and new ministries to develop. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who supported Something More Prayer and Action group during its ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather and Keith Guild

St Mark's E-prayer

In December 2009 we had 43 parishioners on the E-prayer receivers list, praying for nearly 80 people who had requested prayers. Our prayers were international: some from our St Mark's family; some from our extended families – in the city, in other parts of Canada and as far away as Germany, Guyana and Afghanistan; some people we only knew by name; some prayers came with simple information and some with a lot; some with follow-up and some with none.

During 2009 we were asked to pray for many people, in many ways and for various stages of spiritual and daily life. We rejoiced and we grieved.

In our 2009 prayers we prayed for:

- health, strength and support;
- successful surgeries and recovery;
- peace – of body, mind and spirit;
- the safety of those working to bring peace;

and we gave thanks for:

- births, baptisms, confirmation and marriages;
- life's special milestones – wedding anniversaries, graduations and ordinations;

the ministry of St Mark's 60 years as a parish;
the life of those who journeyed to another plain.

Again this year, the E-prayer worked as a conduit between prayers and those being prayed for, providing an instant prayer link for support and comfort when it was needed. The E-prayer list was also used to spread timely news on spiritual events being led by others.

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 four teams that rotate every two 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 and 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. We also look after ordering supplies, such as wafers, wine, candles, candle refills and any other supplies needed for the Church services.

Serving on the Altar Guild is the best way I know to serve God. We are always looking for new members; if you are interested in joining our team, please contact Father Brian or myself.

Respectfully submitted,
Gale Deering, President

Screening in Faith

The Screening in Faith Committee comprised of Margaret Williamson, Georgia Roberts and Michael Perkin has continued working on the screening process and procedures at St. Mark's.

Our records show that there was 1 application made for a Police Records Check (PRC) and 1 application made for a Police Records Check Renewal for the year 2009.

Last year, we reported that we were waiting to hear from the Diocese if our proposal to have existing re-screening procedures modified for some of our older, long-time volunteers. However, this year It looks as if the S.I.F. Committee will continue to follow the existing Diocesan Standard of renewing Police Records Checks every 5 years for those Volunteers in High-risk ministries. In this regard, the following Ministries at St. Mark's have been determined to be High-risk ones and only volunteers in those ministries will need to have their PRCs renewed or have one done right away if they have not already had one:

Church School (Teachers);
Junior Choir (Leader);
Pastoral Care workers (Perley Residence Volunteers not included);
Friendly Visitors;
Lay Assistants to Home Communion;
Nursery (Head);
Wardens - Rector's Warden, People's Warden, Deputy Wardens;
Screening in Faith (Chair and Committee);
Parish Administrator (not a volunteer);
Parish Nurse (not a volunteer).

Those volunteers who need PRCs or need to have their PRCs renewed will be notified and given the necessary forms as soon as possible.

In response to a request for up-to-date Screening in Faith information, we are hoping to have Leslie Worden, Coordinator of the Screen in Faith Programme at the Diocese, come to St. Mark's in February. We will keep you posted.

The Committee would like to thank you all for your patience, tolerance and understanding in helping us complete this important and necessary task. I would like to give special thanks to Georgia and Michael for their help, support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret, Georgia and Michael

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 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 first additional service of 2009 was the January 18th joint Ecumenical Service at St Mark's with our friends from Madonna della Risurrezione across the street. After the service we feasted on delicious Italian and non-Italian treats. A few weeks later, on February 20th, we had a lovely choir potluck supper party at the home of Margaret and Bruce Lodge. On Ash Wednesday, February 25th, 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, which we celebrated using the old and familiar music of John Merbecke.

On April 26th, we celebrated our 60th anniversary patronal festival with a Eucharist using the 1918 BCP liturgy, which would have been used when the St Mark's was founded. The liturgy was not so different from that in the 1962 edition of the BCP, which we still use for Evensong.

On May 1st, we gathered for the funeral of Barbara Hamilton, a choir member who died in April after an operation for a brain tumour. It was an emotional service with the choirs of St Mark's, St Luke's, St Paul's Hazeldean, led by Ann Faurbo and the Statcan choir led by Paul Whiteley in singing together Fauré's *In Paradisum* and the traditional song "Going Down to the River to Pray", as well as the hymns for the service.

On July 3rd our fearless choir president, Ray Davidson (with a little help from his daughters) welcomed us to his home for a very enjoyable choir party. After the summer break, Thursday choir practices resumed as usual in September. We sang the Remembrance Day morning service on November 8th, and this year again we are grateful to Scott Kirby who played the trumpet for the Old One Hundredth, the Last Call and Reveille and some of the hymns. In the evening we sang an Evensong for Peace and Remembrance, with Doug Vavasour and Uwe Lieflander enhancing our ranks.

Our Advent Carol Service was on the afternoon of November 29th, with Doug joining us again, and the afternoon of December 20th we sang the Nine Lessons and Carols Service, where we were joined by Deirdre Sheehan Laxton, Doug Vavasour, and Uwe Lieflander, who played a rousing organ improvisation for the postlude. The choir sang the 10pm Christmas eve service, with Doug and Deirdre joining us again, and Deirdre joined our small Christmas morning choir, which was accompanied by Susan Palmer on the Irish harp.

There have been a number of changes in choir membership. As mentioned, we have lost Barbara Hamilton, and we have welcomed Aileen Mani, Riva Lieflander, Michelle Zacour and Bob Wootton.

The **St Mark's Requiem choir**, which includes former adult choir members, present members and other musically-inclined parishioners, gathers to sing for funerals, occasional weddings and other events. This choir is often led by our organist parishioner Carol Dicks, when I am unavailable. On April 26th, the Requiem choir, under Carol's direction, sang at the Eucharist for the retired clergy which is hosted (along with a delicious dinner) every year by St Mark's.

The Junior Choir continues to flourish. Sarah Dee, our Head Chorister, is an excellent leader and a talented and increasingly more serious musician. Alex Dee has developed both in voice and in musicianship, and can sing solos with great conviction. Delaney McGill has developed a remarkable assurance, and communicates her love of music. Fletcher McGill has definitely left his treble voice behind, and is gaining solidity as a light baritone. Quinn McGill loves to sing, and communicates her

enthusiasm. Kathleen Pirnat has mastered singing in parts, and brings a joyful quirkiness to the group. Thomas Pilson has developed a strong treble voice with a very good range. The junior choir members contributed to both winter carol services, and led the 7pm Christmas Eve Family Eucharist service, for which they were joined by Jemma Joly, who has been unable to sing with us this fall. Thomas Pilson has also left the junior choir, hopefully just temporarily.

The junior choir welcomes new members; the only requirement for junior choir members is that they be able to read English.

My thanks go to Carol Dicks, Don Marjerrison, David Huddleson, Barb Hallam-Price, Patrick Girard and Denise Hawkins, who have substituted for me this year; I missed several Sundays due to illness, and was comforted by the knowledge that the choir was in excellent hands. I would like to thank Ray Davidson, our choir President, for taking on this demanding task; Joy Bowerman for her work with the juniors, for help with sectionals and for occasional accompanying; Jenny Morphew for her cheerful and efficient ordering of our musical holdings and for keeping our choir robes organized; our convenor Cynthia Greer for making all those phone calls and taking care of cards when necessary; Coralie Sheehan for keeping track of our finances; Janis Perkin for restoring books that are falling apart; Brenda Zanin for straightening our choir robes when they don't look right on us; Bruce Lodge for leading some sectionals and for turning pages for the organ voluntaries; and all monthly choir meeting scribes.

I am deeply grateful to Fr. Brian for the steadfast support he has given to me and to the choirs of St Mark's. Claudette's cheerfulness and patience have been an inspiration. And most of all, I want to express my profound gratitude to all the members of the choirs, for faithfully volunteering their time, their energy and their voices to praise God in song.

Respectfully submitted,
Ariane Dind, organist and choir director

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is a world-wide sisterhood, within the Anglican Church. It is a society dedicated to Prayer, Service and Mission, with almost 4 million members in 76 countries.

Its aims are:

To share Christ's love and teaching, by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage, children and family life;

To maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;

To seek justice for all;

To support families who are in troubled circumstances.

Our mandate is pretty much all-encompassing.

The members of our branch at St. Mark's are active in many aspects of church life. We become involved wherever we see a need. We are also well supported in all our ventures by the generous contributions of our parish family, for which we thank you.

Our branch here was re-established in 1983, having been shut down in 1968, because of differences with England. Father David Stalter was instrumental in encouraging us to reopen. There are only two branches in the Ottawa diocese, so we work in a very different way from the branches in England.

On Mothering Sunday (4th in Lent) we served coffee and simnel cake after the 10 a.m. service, and gave out 100 carnations to the women in our congregation.

The 50th Anniversary of P.W.R.D.F. was celebrated at St. Mark's in May with a visit from David Chisholm, who showed slides and gave us information. Instead of a Poverty Lunch, we sold poverty soup mixes, raising \$123.00 and collected \$55.00 in 'pennies for the Primate'.

Almost every Sunday a table is set up to sell used books. This 'Buck a book' raised \$950.00 this year. All the money was sent to various charities. These include the P.W.R.D.F., Akany Famonjena orphanage and at the day school for teens in Madagascar, The Northern Clergy Families' Fund and disasters which strike anywhere in the world – this year the earthquake in L'Aquila, Italy. We also give to charities closer to home. Many thanks to Jenny for her dedication to this outreach, which is also very handy for newcomers, who can feel comfortable browsing.

We organized two annual parish social events, the June Picnic and September BBQ. \$180.00 was raised for the Roberts/Smart Centre for troubled youth and \$140.00 for Can Have for AIDS victims.

Our meetings are now held at Kay Peever's home and we have turned this into a potluck lunch and fellowship time as well. Two Corporate Communion services were held, one at Kay's and one in the hospital for Gillian. We took part in two prayer vigils for a member. Some of our members also provide weekly help and support for one of our group.

At Thanksgiving we had the pleasure of several visits from Angela Sibley, an M.U. member from Edinburgh. It is always refreshing to hear from members in other countries.

In the fall we supervised the kitchen for the Church Army supper and also a parishioner's wedding. We were then able to make a donation to the Pastoral Care Response Fund.

The Rotary Club of Ottawa West gave a presentation to the parish on the A.B.C's of Fraud. It was very well received.

In Advent we organized two projects. The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were well supported. 48 boxes and 2 back-packs were collected. During each week of Advent we collect various items: hats and mitts etc, toiletries, special foods and small gifts. These are taken to Centre 454, The Mission, Operation Go Home, Hope Outreach, Cornerstone, The Well and the Debra-Dynes Family House.

Our nursery continues to grow and thrive. It is a very active group of children, aged at this point from 2 to 6. Many thanks to all the helpers who take good care of our youngsters and make them part of the larger family. Each week we have play time, a bible story and a craft. Thank you to Gill who recently has saved me from the craft – cutting- out task. We are still in the conference room, but we are considering using the lower hall again.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you, for your concern, care and support, of all we do. Your generosity enables us to be God's hands in the neighbourhood, city and world.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Greer, Branch Leader.

Membership Committee

This year the membership has been less active, partly because it was the 60th anniversary, and that committee had various activities planned over the year. We were involved in providing workers, or organizers for several events.

For the past two years the church has held the Lessons of Carols for Christmas in the late afternoon. It is followed by a meal provided by a very willing group of fellow-parishioners. Many thanks to all who offer food whenever I ask, and usually far more than I ask! Feeding our parishioners is very important to the growth of the church, as this is where we get to know each other, and share with each other. It also enables us to work together and involve newer members.

Members of the membership committee also provide the 'Meet the Christ-Child' reception after the late Eucharist on Christmas Eve, so we can wish each other a Merry Christmas after midnight. It is a good way to start the day.

Each church in the diocese was asked to prepare a 'Hospitality Audit'. It was finally completed this year. Basically Bishop John asked that each parish give a lot of thought to how we welcome guests and bring them into our fellowship. I have been pondering this for the last 20 years at least, so I welcomed this initiative. It is fairly easy to make the average person feel welcome. The difficult part, which I haven't fully resolved, is how to encourage them to stay and participate in the life of the parish. My belief is that people will stay if they are not only welcomed, but made to feel they are a valuable addition to the group. This means working at finding small things that a newcomer could be involved in so that they meet people.

This of course is all part of the wider aspect of Stewardship. If people are to give of their time and talents, they must feel that where they put their energy is worthwhile. If they cannot see where they can fit in, or enjoy the fellowship, they will look elsewhere. This is where I feel we don't quite make the grade. Most people say we are very welcoming. I believe that to be true. Several of us make sure that we speak to newcomers, welcome them, and invite them to coffee hour afterwards, but I am concerned that our hospitality unintentionally ends there.

While we do not have a roster of greeters - a different function from a sidesperson - we have several parishioners who provide this service. If you are interested in helping in this way, please speak to me.

We have also been looking at a parish visitation, which has not been done for a number of years. I realized that my 'visitors' were now carless, and in retirement homes. We need to do this again, no matter how difficult. It is the only way to really engage people in the life of the church. We would also then know who we could call on for specific help. For example, someone might like gardening, or helping in the nursery, or doing coffee hour and so on.

We had also in our discussions considered having monthly lunches, or evening meals either at the church, or in people's homes on a rotational basis. If this is something you would be interested in, let me know. You may have other ideas which would be valuable to the membership team. Let us know your ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Greer,

Coffee Coordinators

One position that doesn't fit into any specific category, is that of coffee coordinator. We have two people responsible for making up a roster for each of our Sunday services: Jean Cobb for the 8 a.m. and Cynthia Greer for the 10 a.m. Coffee hour has been part of the later service forever, but Jean decided that it might just be a good addition to the early service too. In fact it has been, and this enables the 8-o'clockers to get to know each other.

Coffee and tea are served following a roster from September to June. At the 10 o'clock people are invited to fill in the gaps for the months of July and August. We are always looking for more people to help with coffee hour, either by making up a group of your own, or by joining a group already involved.

There is on-the-job training, it is easy and very rewarding. You make people happy, and encourage parishioners to get to know each other better. You would be asked to serve coffee three times a year on the 10 a.m. roster.

Please see Jean or me if you would like to volunteer, and many thanks to those who presently provide coffee and cookies.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cobb and Cynthia Greer

New Members Committee

The New Members Committee continued its work in 2009, with a general mandate to attract new members to St. Mark's.

Our efforts in 2009, 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 services, and provide information on our address, phone number and website. EMC The News is distributed to about 240,000 households.

Second, we purchased and set up a "welcome table" in the link to add to the greeting ministry. On the table are copies of our parish brochure, newsletter and other documents that may be of interest to newcomers.

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

At the end of 2009, the committee consisted of Marilyn Benn, Stephen Coaker, Donna Evans and Brian Harrison. Cynthia Greer also attends our meetings and we are grateful for her contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Harrison

Slim and Trim

Slim and Trim had a successful year with slightly fewer participants. However we now have five gentlemen exercising regularly. Income was slightly down. We donated \$500 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 20, 2009 – January 30, 2010

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance	\$908.30
Calendars ACW 2009	182.50
Circle 2	4,500.00
Donations	200.00
Interest	.19
	<u>\$5790.99</u>

EXPENSES

St Mark's Church	\$4,000.00
Diocesan ACW	500.00
Funeral Expenses	49.50
Expenses	8.00
St. Mark's	131.25
Bank Charges	7.50
Cash on hand	42.50
Bank Balance	<u>1,052.24</u>
	\$5,790.99

CIRCLE 2

Circle 2 continues to meet on the first Monday of the Month at noon in the Conference Room. We now have 15 active members, and if there are any Ladies who would like to join us they would be most welcome.

We held the 41st Annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings by local artists in April of 2009 and will have the next one April 10th, 2010. In the Fall we made our Christmas Puddings – we still have some available. The Circle prepares used stamps to be sent to Toronto for the Leprosy Fund. The members also help with the two Rummage Sales. Some members helped with the Retired Clergy dinner in May, and some 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

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 2010. 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

- 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
- 2009 Grandmothers to Grandmothers, St. Jude's Iqaluit

Cornerstone

Cornerstone currently has 26 units of permanent housing in two locations and an emergency shelter serving more than 500 women yearly. They plan to build a "beautiful new apartment building with affordable housing for 42 women, including 20 seniors. The province would provide \$6.3 million under its Affordable Housing Program and enhanced by the Federal Stimulus Funding program. Construction will start at the end of March and it is expected that the first residents will be welcomed in April 2011.

The health centre is located on Booth Street at Eccles, on the opposite corner to the old Loeb supermarket that will soon be demolished to make way for the new residence where women can live for as long as they choose, regardless of their changing needs over time.

The four-storey building at 314 Booth Street will have three floors of studio apartments as well as common rooms, a computer lab and offices. Senior residents will be provided with meals, laundry and some health-care support, while the younger ones will have access to these options if needed.

Over five years ago, the Diocesan Community Ministry began to envision this new apartment building, which will have gardens and green space and lots of energy efficient features. It will also be fully accessible for people with disabilities. For the residents, there will be access to supports for education, employment and health care. Total cost will be more than \$11 million.

Debra-Dynes Family House

The Debra Dynes Family House is a multiservice community resource in a low-income social housing area located very close to St. Mark's. At any given time there are approximately 800 people with a minimum of 25 nationalities represented in Debra Dynes. Much of that population is under 25 yrs of age and in single-parent households. The Debra Dynes Family House is committed to improving the quality of life for these culturally diverse families, children and youth who are low income and working poor. The House does this through a range of services and programs that are community driven and meet their needs, such as daily lunches for children in need, summer camps, skills training for youth, after-school programs, homework club, emergency baby cupboard, ESL classes, food bank and so much more. St. Mark's has been involved with Debra Dynes Family House for the past several years, through donations

of money, volunteer time and items. Partnerships with and donations from local organizations such as St. Mark's are critical for Debra Dynes Family House to continue its important work.

PWRDF - ACT

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2009. It is the Canadian Anglican response for emergency relief, refugees and development of social justice programs around the world.

Anglicans in Canada are offering support to earthquake response by ACT International (ACT) through The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). PWRDF has sent an initial grant of \$15,000 for ACT's Rapid Response Program, an ecumenical effort that is made up of churches and humanitarian organizations.

ACT members Christian Aid, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, Lutheran World Federation and Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation are already on the ground providing relief in Haiti and being funded by PWRDF and other member churches thanks to the generous donations from Anglicans in Canada.

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 2009. 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.

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.

Some members of the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visitor teams 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 bed-side visiting. This is a ministry of long standing for St. Mark's.

There was extra focus this year on making parishioners aware of our friendly visiting ministry, which is mainly with people who are shut-in and unable to attend church functions. In June, a Friendly Visitor Invitational was held for people to hear about and practice some of the skills of friendly visiting, and to volunteer for this ministry if it seemed right for them. Guest facilitator Verna Nuttall added to the evening event.

Being properly equipped for pastoral care work and friendly visiting is important. In 2009, a group attended the spring continuing education event organized by the Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Team called "*Coming Alongside People with Disabilities or Chronic Illnesses*". At our own meetings, we addressed a number of topics through discussions, videos and presentations by our Parish Nurse. 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.

In both May and November, the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visiting members were involved in the organization of a Eucharist and luncheon which is open to all, but parishioners who find it difficult to attend regular services are sent special invitations and are offered transportation. Musical entertainment was provided by the choir from St. Rita's in the spring and by "Shades of Grey" in the fall. 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.

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

2009. 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

“Peace is not the absence of trouble but the presence of God.”

I came across this quote this year (could not find the author) but have found it to be quite meaningful to me in my work at St. Mark's. Often the people I visit are able to find peace in the midst of their troubles either through their own faith or with the help of myself, Fr. Brian, or the many others at St. Mark who give their support. They know that God is with them through their journey. What I have been calling a “circle of support” has been formed around several parishioners this past year, made up of myself, Brian, Georgia Roberts (pastoral care coordinator), their friends and friendly visitors. St. Mark's is reaching out to those in need and I hear often how much that support means to the people receiving the support.

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

Health education remains a part of my role as parish nurse, although as individual needs have increased, I have found that time to organize larger sessions has increasingly been a challenge for me; thus, there have been fewer organized this past year. The H1N1 flu created a need for gathering resources, making announcements, providing bulletin board information, the installation of hand sanitizer dispensers and making other changes to how things are done at St. Mark's. Work done by myself and the University of Ottawa students in 2006/2007 meant that we had a good head start at St. Mark's and the presentation by the students is still available on our website. Along with Fr. Brian and Gail Stone, I helped plan the first “Healing and Wholeness Sunday” which included a joint sermon, special prayers, music, displays, a book table, healthy snacks, and the anointing with oil and laying on of hands to all those who needed healing. We were amazed by the number who came forward to receive this healing and plan to do a similar service in the near future. Other health education activities in 2009 included: Successful Aging Health Fair with the University of Ottawa students, Tips for Friendly Visiting Presentation, as well as gathering resources, doing announcements and preparing bulletin boards on the topics of Elder Abuse, and Tips for Staying Healthy in Winter.

I continue to work with Georgia Roberts to plan the education for the Pastoral Care Workers and Friendly Visitors and provided education sessions on the topics of Elder Abuse, and Exploring the Sacred: Communication When Working With the Dying. Along with the Pastoral Care Team and the Health Committee I helped organize the Eucharist and Luncheon for Seniors in May and November.

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

Professional development this year included attending the following: Attending a Street Health Coalition Meeting, Registered Nurses of Ontario meetings, Workshops on the Champlain Healthline, Dementia Screening, Geriatric Assessment Unit Information Session, Geriatric Nurses of Ontario Conference with

sessions on Stroke Prevention and Polypharmacy. These are generally attended outside my regular hours of work.

My hours remain at 12 hours per week. Detailed statistics are available 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 Monday and Wednesday, as well as one Sunday per month.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Robillard, R. N.

Health Committee Report

The Health Committee, formed in 2001, continues to be a support and resource for the Parish Nurse in developing and carrying out an effective ministry of health promotion and illness prevention amongst the members of St. Mark's Parish and, where appropriate, in the wider community. Health Committee members were involved in the following activities in 2009:

- Met with Parish Nurse, Patti Robillard, in March, May and September.
- Participated in March 1st Health Fair which University of Ottawa Nursing Students, Ryan Mulles, Emma Newlands and Warren Williams, planned and implemented.
- On March 24th met with the Nursing Students to hear their final presentation and receive their recommendations arising from their completion of a "holistic needs assessment of the St. Mark's community to identify priorities and give direction to the Pastoral Care Team, Parish Nursing Ministries and Clergy."
- On behalf of St. Mark's, the Health Committee presented each Nursing Student with a letter of thanks and a Chapters gift certificate.
- Assisted with the May and November Eucharist and Luncheon for Seniors.
- Participated in the planning and implementation of the October 25th Healing and Wholeness Sunday. Also provided coffee etc. after the 8 and 10a.m services.
- Planned for November 14th CPR course – cancelled due to lack of participants.
- Gail Stone and Salvation Army Parish Nurse, Judy McIntosh, shared information about the Parish Nursing Ministry at a meeting with clergy and members of the churches in the Fitzroy Harbour, Pakenham area. The churches in the community were contemplating the possibility of the benefit of sharing a Parish Nursing Ministry.

Betty Gillham has retired from the Health Committee. We miss her but want to express our heartfelt thanks to Betty for her support, wisdom and attendance at committee meetings since the inception of the Health Committee in 2001.

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 in these ways during 2009 received care from Patti through personal and telephone visits (with 394 individual contacts being made in 2009 and 12 new clients). As well as this work, Patti found time to carry out important health education activities with the parish and beyond, to mentor University of Ottawa students in their work at St. Mark's, 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,
Gail Stone and Georgia Roberts

72nd St. Mark's Scout Group

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.

This year I would like to take a slightly different approach to our report and highlight the week to week programs put on for our youth by one of our section leaders. By doing this it will become apparent the time and energy that goes into each and every weekly meeting. The cub program is led by Henry Starzynski and a wonderful team of assistant leaders. They start the cub program in late September and will not finish until early June. There will also be at least 3 weekend camps and a number of Saturday outings during that time. The following is part of Henry's winter and spring calendar for 2009.

January 2009

- 5th-Disability Awareness Night – We had a friend come in with his guide dog and explain how he works, uses technology to get dressed, and how his dog helps him out
- 12th-Space Exploration II – Cubs complete their Space Exploration badge
- 19th-Skating Night at Carleton Heights
- 24th-Polar Day – our outdoor celebration of wintertime!
- 26th-First Aider Badge
- Jan 30-Feb 1 – Winter Camp. Camps are the best part of our program, and Cubs love winter camp because they get to sled, play broomball and play in the snow.

February 2009

- 2nd-Food Bank Visit – Every year we visit the Food Bank for an evening of sorting food.
- 9th-Kub Kar Construction – In the late winter, we start building our Kub Kars – the Cubs have great design ideas, and it is meant to be fun and confidence building.
- 23rd-Music Night – One of the parents is in a band, and came in for an evening to help the Cubs get their Music Badge

March 2009

- 2nd-Craft Building Night – Cubs love to do crafts!
- 9th-Kub Kar building – We continued building and testing our Cub cars
- 23rd-Badge Cleanup Night
- 30th-Pack Kub Kar Rally – We race all the completed Kub Kars – this is great fun for the Cubs

April 2009

- 4th-Area Kub Kar Rally – The Heritage Area has a larger Kub kar rally.
- 6th-Airport Tour – We had a tour of the international arrivals section at the Ottawa Airport. Leaders wanted to leave the Cubs locked up in the holding cell!
- 20th-Swim Up – Beavers moving to Cubs, Cubs moving to Scouts
- 25th-Paddle Night – Hosted by the Nepean Rovers, Paddle Night is an evening for Cubs to learn a few important water skills
- 27th-Spring Hike – We love getting the Cubs out – specially when the weather gets nicer!

May 2009

- 2nd-ScoutTrees – One of our favourites is planting trees – a great tie to our environmental roots
- 4th-Ope Camp program
- 11th-Camp Prep-1
- 25th-Camp Prep-2
- May 29 – 31 – Spring Camp – Our final camp of the Scouting year, tenting and swatting bugs!

June 2009

- 8th-Wrap Up

Henry is also on the area service team and in that capacity he organizes area camps, polar day and other special events for all cubs in Heritage area. Heritage area has 18 cub packs including the 72nd St. Marks.

In 2009 our numbers were down about 10% overall but we hope to attract more youth this spring by promoting Friendfest which is a program where our youth are encouraged to bring a friend to a section meeting or outing in the last two weeks of February. The cost for the remainder of the scouting year is greatly reduced to the new member from \$165 to \$60. This amount can be reduced further because we adhere to the Scouts Canada 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.

The 72nd St. Marks Scout Group would again like to thank our partner, the Church, for the 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 Vestry Report 2009

Church School

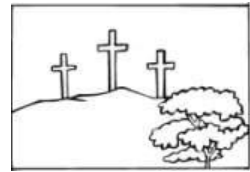
This year we learned to be sheep and follow the Good Shepherd as we discovered God's grace and gifts. As in Psalm 23 the Lord has guided us through our valleys, prepared us feasts and calmed our fears. We discovered that by listening to the



Shepherd's words we could see the paths before us and focus on meeting our full potential.

Our paths were strewn with used crayons, markers, stickers and crafts as we creatively expressed God's message through our art and creativity. Our group of dedicated youth numbered 8 for most Sundays but our flock spread out whenever cousins or friends joined us in celebrating God's word. Our paths journeyed down the Via

Delarosa where we explored the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary. We journeyed the well-worn paths of our favourite bible stories discovering new meaning in the old stories and applying them to our lives in new ways. We ended our journey as we always do in celebrating the joy of our Saviour's birth as we improvised our way along the Advent carpet outside the Pearly Gate Theatre.



In our flock we found many blessings such as Kate Greer-Close, Joy Bowerman, Gillian Morris and all the other helpers that aided us in our continuing closer walk with God.

We continued our tradition of starting off our Sunday experience by listening to our Shepherdess who sets us on the path with insights and highlights at the Children's circle. As members of God's flock we recognize we cannot accomplish anything without a lot of support and we take this opportunity to thank all of St. Mark's for their prayerful and gracious support.

May our God of Grace continue to fill your lives with Joy!



Janis and Michael Perkin
Church School Facilitators

Memorials and Gifts Committee

The Memorial Committee was created in 2004 to co-ordinate gift funds, especially those given as memorials. One aspect of this was donations that had been given for a non-specific purpose. We also recognized the need for a housing for the three Dorothea Kirby Memorial Bells, given in 1998 by daughter Sharon (Kirby) and Marc Lacasse. The original plan for the bells was to erect a bell tower. This was not feasible at the time, and a bell trust fund was set up. In 2000 the project was put on hold. The memorial committee took over and proposed new options in 2006. After three years of working together a solution was found.

An idea that had been discussed by the committee from the start was to create a memorial garden, to commemorate past and present parishioners. It was to be a garden of peace – a quiet, cool retreat, where people could gather. The original plan was for the pathway to flow around a central crab apple tree, and instead of a bell tower, a sculpture representing the Trinity – three bells, three angles – would be the gateway to the path. Unfortunately the tree was diseased, and had to be removed. Plans for both garden and sculpture changed over the years until a final proposal was accepted for the overall garden, pathway and bells sculpture. The bell sculpture would now replace the tree as the focal point.

The bell sculpture started as a simple A-frame triangle, (clad in wood) following the line of the church roof, a concept that was accepted by John Kirby and the family, and also the parish. Costs became a concern; the design was changed; further cost issues ensued; the committee went back to the original design.

John Kirby passed away in 2008. Donations were given to the bell fund in his memory, and the sculpture now became in some respects, the Dorothea and John Kirby Memorial.

The memorial pathway was installed by Jonsyl Landscaping in the summer of 2009. It was dedicated to “The Glory of God, and in loving memory of our loyal parishioners who went before us and showed us the way of righteousness and service” on Thanksgiving Sunday 2009, marking the 60th anniversary of St Mark’s as a parish. Lorne Bowerman, Les Cundell and George McGill were the on-site supervising team. Thanks go to you all.

The bell sculpture proposal to be completed in 2010 is for a modified version of the original A-frame triangle, entirely in steel, to be constructed by RPMetal, with plans for installation in the spring. The memorial garden itself is a creation in progress. There are plans for memorial benches, memorial bricks and new plantings around the pathway. The potential is as small or as large as our vision allows. The memorial garden marked the end our 6th decade as a parish, and the memorial bells will mark the beginning of a new decade. We now know why Rome was not built in a day.

We would like to thank our fellow parishioners who have been so supportive of our work, encouraging us when we couldn’t see a way through the issues which kept stalling us.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Greer & Margaret Lodge, Memorials Committee

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 Loblaw's 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 usually get a discount of 4%. **In 2009, \$1,890 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 Loblaw's garden centre in the spring to pick up your annuals or at Christmas to buy your tree!

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 2009, 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 2009. We had cash on hand of \$21.50 at the start of the year, revenue of \$658.00, breakfast expenses of \$215.31, donation to St Mark's of \$450.00, leaving a balance of \$14.19 at year end. A special thanks to Don Porter, Poni Howe and George & Helen McGill for their continued support, and to Sheila Pitt who does our phoning.

We ran another well attended (195 attendees) and enjoyable Pancake Supper. The total ticket sales were \$955.00 and leftover sales of \$45.00. We had expenses of \$237.33. We donated the profit of \$762.67 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 Diocesan BAC are held at the Army Officers' Mess on Somerset St. They run from noon to 1:00 pm on the last Wednesday of most months. We have an average of six from St. Mark's attend. We held the Lenten Service and Luncheon for the BAC at Saint Paul University in March and it was well attended. The 15th Annual Scholarship Dinner of the BAC was held at St Mark's on May 1, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Over one-half of those who attended came from St. Mark's. Many thanks. The proceeds from the Dinner were given as a Bursary to an Anglican postulant of the Diocese - for 2009 it was Monique Stone. The next Dinner will be Friday, May 7, 2010.

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, although it is a lot of work. The May proceeds were \$1,412.25 and the September were \$1,103.92 for a total of \$2,516.17. 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. We were very pleased to have DD Family House take all the leftover clothing from the September 2009 Rummage Sale. That is help going directly back to our community.

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

Bazaar 2009

A highly successful bazaar was held on November 7, 2009, followed by a mini-bazaar on November 29. The net revenue from both of these events was \$5,517. 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; Circle 2 - Marilyn Benn; Scarves and Handbags - Sharon Walter; and Toys - Margaret Blakney. As well, the ACW sold puddings and calendars and the 60th Anniversary committee sold memorabilia.

Submitted on behalf of the Bazaar staff by Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor, 2009

Property Report

Allen Deering joined Lorne Bowerman and Les Cundell on the Tuesday morning church maintenance crew. There are always things to do. It saves the church thousands each year.

Probably the highlight of the year for Property was the installation of the Memorial Garden in front of the Link. The contractor chosen, John Hogeveen of Jonsyl Landscaping, was an excellent choice. Like all building projects, there are plans and then there are the "as built" plans. There were quite a few adjustments as the installation progressed. All in all, the brick work, the gardens, and the pad are excellent, and a good addition to the Church property. We ended up with a very usable garden space and a concrete pad upon which the Bell monuments can be built. Posts for the benches were put in but were not built as no decision could be reached on the design.

A major addition was the installation of a Mitel phone system. It was a considerable leap forward in technology for St. Mark's. With a broadband capability, the equipment can convert voice mail to a computer file and forward them to the email addresses of staff. Brian Kauk did the majority of the interface with the contractor to ensure we had what we needed.

The air conditioner was moved from the office foyer and installed in the blank window of the office. Trevor Dee, Vaughn Barnum, and Lorne did the work. The blank window panel turned out to be a Portland cement based panel, called Glasal, glued with contact cement to 3/4" plywood. It is the same construction as the south windows in BRH hall. It was a tough job. The old hole has been filled in with vinyl siding to match the rest of the wall.

The other budget project for the year was the painting of the parking lot lines. It was well beyond time. The work crew swept up the gravel leftover from the winter sandings and pressure washed all the lines. Lorne started painting by hand with a 2" roller and a gallon of paint, but it was slow work and a miserable job because the paint dried so quickly. He decided to try to rent an applicator cart and use pressure spray cans. In the end, the cans were available from Home Depot and so was the cart. In two hours he finished the rest of the lot and touched up the hand job. A good job.

In the fall, water started to flow into the floor drain in the Women's Washroom in BRH. We had no idea what the problem was. A broken water line in the floor? A broken pipe in the BRH attic? Something broken in the wall space between the two washrooms? After a careful look everywhere around the washrooms and the attic, we found something called a "trap seal" in the wall between the two washrooms, with access through a panel under the sink in the Men's. With the help of the Boone Plumbing store and the internet, we found out that the trap seal gives a squirt of water to the floor drains every time a toilet is flushed - to keep water in the floor drain and prevent sewer gas coming into the building. At Paul Greer's suggestion, we tapped the trap seal lightly to dislodge any dirt that was there. It worked. So that is now part of our life. If it acts up too much, Lorne will take it out of the system.

Bookcases were built for the last three window of BRH for the new Parish Library. They were installed so they could be removed if major work has to be done on the heating system, or if they are no longer required.

We reached an agreement between John McFarlane, the new owner of 1118 Normandy Cres (old Rectory), and the Church. We would cut the grass on the back of the 1118 Normandy lot in exchange for having the privilege of piling the snow on the lot in the winter. It would give us back our full parking lot in the winter.

The alarm system was changed to R.C. Lister Company and went very well with a few problems. We now have a good system that is well installed. The best part is that we got all new hardware and monitoring for

less than the cost of monitoring from Protectron for one year. Next year the monitoring cost should be around \$225 rather than the \$1,500 from Protectron.

The Internet Service Provider was changed to Roger's Portable. We had a few installation problems that Brian Kauk solved - great to have a techno-priest. It has worked out well with fewer internet failures. It is also cheaper.

The floor drain and the water pipes in the BRH mechanical room froze in December with the cold air flowing in the floor air vent. The pipes were thawed, but started to leak. Lorne repaired most of it but had to call in a plumber to finish one tough joint - \$300 for one hour. With hot water and a wet/dry vacuum, the floor drain was opened. A baffle has been put in front of the air vent to deflect the cold air.

Also in December, Trevor and Alex Dee helped Lorne and Allen to move the Ricoh printer/copier across the office to just inside the door. It involved more work in the crawl space to install network cable. At the same time a computer was installed on the table for anyone who had to do computer work for the Church.

The property was kept in good shape by grass cutting by the cleaning contractor, Simply Cleaner. Russell Wilkens did yeoman work in keeping our trees and hedges trimmed. Connie Bowerman and Helen McGill kept the flower beds looking good, which took about one morning every week. Well done to all!

The one project for 2010 is to paint the basement floor with a two-part Rustoleum Floor Shield epoxy garage floor paint. It is an extremely tough paint and has stood the test of wet winters in Ottawa. We are hoping that it will last longer than the conventional concrete paints we have been using.

Submitted by Lorne Bowerman on behalf of all those who helped to maintain the property.

Financial Data and Statistics

Total Parish Income Data

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Collections:	\$179,625	\$186,503	\$178,857	\$171,024	\$169,000
Total Gained from Assets:	\$10,045	\$12,860	\$14,192	\$13,656	\$12,975
Total Organizations:	\$9,530	\$13,426	\$10,857	\$11,225	\$10,546
Total Directed:	\$18,435	\$13,239	\$19,257	\$9,024	\$9,774

Non Directed Contributions Profile - percentage of envelope users who gave the amounts shown to support St. Mark's.

\$500 or less:	33%	37%	36%	36%	38%
\$501 to \$1000:	27%	28%	30%	28%	23%
\$1001 to \$1500:	15%	18%	18%	13%	21%
\$1501 to \$2000:	9%	7%	6%	8%	4%
over \$2000:	16%	10%	10%	15%	14%
Totals:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average Envelope Givings:	\$1,177.73	\$1,029.36	\$1,120.85	\$1,061.62	\$1,064.72

Yearly Percentage Envelope Givings by Month

January	8.6%	8.0%	8.5%	7.7%	6.7%
February	8.0%	8.1%	8.3%	7.0%	8.3%
March	8.1%	8.2%	7.4%	7.8%	8.4%
April	8.7%	9.6%	9.9%	7.4%	7.9%
May	9.3%	7.4%	8.6%	7.7%	8.9%
June	7.5%	7.8%	7.2%	7.4%	7.1%
July	6.4%	7.2%	9.1%	6.7%	6.8%
August	7.5%	7.8%	6.4%	8.1%	8.1%
September	7.9%	7.4%	9.4%	7.4%	8.6%
October	8.5%	9.7%	8.1%	7.8%	7.3%
November	8.7%	8.0%	7.6%	10.0%	9.2%
December	10.9%	10.9%	9.6%	15.0%	12.5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

Totals	189	186	181	157	159
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Total Envelopes Used: 191 196 185 167 171

Distribution by Contributors: Weekly - 46; Monthly - 48; PAR - 63; and non-regular givers - 14.

Over the past three years, 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.

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.

Planning Cash Reserves for Major Long Term Property Expenses

Prepared by Lorne
 Bowerman

Capital Reserves at Start of Year \$ 32,120

Updated - January 2010

Capital Reserves: \$ 32,120 \$ 32,120 \$ 32,120
 Added Yearly: \$ 0 \$ 7,000 \$ 9,419

Project	Normal Life (Years)	Last Done	Work Year	Estimated Cost (2009)	Yearly Balance at \$0/year	Yearly Balance at \$7000/year	Yearly Balance at \$9,419=0
Church Floor	25	1954	2011	\$ 15,000	\$ 17,120	\$ 31,120	\$ 35,958
Church Roof	40	1987	2013	\$ 50,000	-\$ 32,880	-\$ 4,880	\$ 4,796
Partial East Windows	20	1992	2014	\$ 2,000	-\$ 34,880	\$ 7,120	\$ 21,634
BRH Boiler	15	1996	2014	\$ 10,000	-\$ 44,880	-\$ 2,880	\$ 11,634
Church Furnace #1	25	1990	2015	\$ 15,000	-\$ 59,880	-\$ 10,880	\$ 6,053
Church Furnace # 2	25	1990	2015	\$ 15,000	-\$ 74,880	-\$ 25,880	-\$ 8,947
Tree & Stump Removal	5	2009	2015	\$ 1,000	-\$ 75,880	-\$ 26,880	-\$ 9,947
Church Furnace # 3	25	1990	2015	\$ 10,000	-\$ 85,880	-\$ 36,880	-\$ 19,947
Replace kitchen floor	10	2006	2016	\$ 1,500	-\$ 87,380	-\$ 31,380	-\$ 12,028
Partial East Windows	20	1992	2016	\$ 2,000	-\$ 89,380	-\$ 33,380	-\$ 14,028
Parking Lot Paving	30	1982	2018	\$ 30,000	-\$ 119,380	-\$ 49,380	-\$ 25,190
Tree & Stump Removal	5	2015	2020	\$ 1,000	-\$ 120,380	-\$ 36,380	-\$ 7,352
BRH Painting	15	2006	2021	\$ 1,000	-\$ 121,380	-\$ 30,380	\$ 1,067
BRH Boiler	15	1995	2025	\$ 20,000	-\$ 141,380	-\$ 22,380	\$ 18,743
Tree & Stump Removal	5	2020	2025	\$ 1,000	-\$ 142,380	-\$ 23,380	\$ 17,743
Kitchen Renovation	25	2000	2025	\$ 8,000	-\$ 150,380	-\$ 31,380	\$ 9,743
Church Washrooms	35	1992	2027	\$ 5,000	-\$ 155,380	-\$ 22,380	\$ 23,581
BRH Washrooms	35	1992	2027	\$ 8,000	-\$ 163,380	-\$ 30,380	\$ 15,581
Vinyl Siding Church & Link	25	2002	2029	\$ 25,000	-\$ 188,380	-\$ 41,380	\$ 9,419
				\$ 220,500			

This gives an idea of what we need to spend for the next twenty years for major property upkeep.

Treasurer's Report

After a difficult financial year, our current year expenses exceeded our income by \$1,697. This is the first year in my term as treasurer (since 1998) that we have run a deficit. The deficit was caused by a decrease in income - both from the Collections income and from the Gain from Assets income. The collections income was slightly under each month - usually less than \$1,000. This is normally no great cause for concern because it is balanced out by months where you receive slightly more than expected.

Unfortunately, last year, it just kept accumulating. Over 11 months, just \$700 under the expected income accumulates to \$7,700. We can detect no reason for the decreasing income except for an aging population. Our Gain from Assets income last year was also less than expected, mostly due to a decrease in the CTF income related to a downturn in the markets. (As a side note, the rentals income - which was very close- is actually under because of a frozen garage door which prevented the cheques making it to the church by year end.) At the end of November, we predicted an end of year deficit of about \$8,000. However, parishioners responded generously to this information and December's income was above budgeted and the deficit was reduced to \$1,697.

If you look at the current year's income and expenses you will see large amounts for Other General Income (\$33,282.50) and Other Miscellaneous Expenses (\$29,013.33). You will also see a larger than budgeted amount for Church: Special Projects (\$4,303.57). These amounts are all related to a bequest received from the estate of Gladys O'Ray. A bequest of \$33,000 was received, \$4,000 was spent to update the phone system with permission from the diocese (required when dealing with bequests) and \$29,000 was sent to the diocese and can now be found on the balance sheet under Gladys O'Ray Bequest. With the changing of the phone system, not all the special project budget was required and only the moving of the air conditioner and painting of the parking lot lines are shown under Special Projects (as well as the phone system).

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.

	09 Actual	09 Budget	Over/Under	
Income				
Collections	169,000	172,000	-3,000	-1.7%
Gain from assets	12,975	13,465	-490	-3.6%
Organizations	10,546	10,020	526	5.3%
Other General Income	300	0	300	
Budgeted Income from Reserves	4,816	5,617	-801	-14.3%
Total	\$197,637	\$201,102	\$-3,465	-1.7%
Expenses				
Salaries	100,683	100,351	332	0.3%
Worship	1,520	2,040	-520	-25.5%
Parish Nursing Ministry	20,503	20,515	-12	-0.1%
Programs	1,282	1,145	137	12.0%
Outreach	35,153	35,153	0	0.0%
Finance	5,292	5,410	-118	-2.2%
Church	31,509	34,120	-2,611	-7.7%
Miscellaneous	3,392	3,430	-38	-1.1%
Total	\$199,334	\$202,164	\$-12,384	-6.1%
Net Income	\$-1,697	\$-1,062	\$-635	

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 1.2% decrease from 2008. This is a continuation of the downward trend we saw beginning last year. The Worship category looks like it spent less than expected because offsetting directed contributions. As you can see, our overall expenses were 6% less than budgeted and our end of year deficit is directly related to the income.

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 2010, you will notice significant changes.

The estimate for collections income is a slight decrease from last year's amount. Our original estimate was for a larger decrease in income but after evaluating changes in giving patterns in January (particularly PAR), our estimate was increased.

Income from the Rectory Trust fund is used to offset the housing allowance. This year, the reduction is \$12,541. This will vary from year to year depending on the markets and interest rates. 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 show the Housing Allowance and Salary assessment with the Rectory trust income already subtracted. This amount is combined with the organist and administrator's salaries and is shown in the budget under Staff Salaries.

Our contribution to the diocese can be found in the outreach category under Fair Share.

Under Church, Special Projects, only painting the basement floor is included. However, please note the large decrease in the security costs related to switching security companies.

The budget presented this year is not a balanced budget. Like last year, we were faced with increasing expenses and decreasing income. Unlike last year, we no longer have reserve accounts to draw on for general expenses. It was felt that we could not change the budget without seriously affecting ministry in the parish and the Stewardship Committee and the parish in general has been charged to meet these challenges.

Since the budget is showing a large deficit, it was felt that we could no longer include a contribution to Debra-Dynes in the budget. However, mindful of our ties to that community and the good work that they do, we would like to continue to support them. This year, they have been included in the Lenten Outreach projects.

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			\$-663.00
Event & Item Proceeds	3,147.41		
Donations		2,000.00	\$484.41
Affordable Housing			0.00
Donation	5,000.00		
Consulting Expenses		2,575.00	\$2,425.00
Bell Project			10,157.44
			\$10,157.44
Capital Projects			36,974.33
Donations	244.00		
ACW Donation	4,005.00		
2008 Surplus	832.44		
Special Projects		348.57	\$41,707.20
Celebrate Recovery			1,112.78
Transfer to General Funds		1,112.78	\$0.00
Choir Fund			1,866.71
Donation	100.00		\$1,966.71
Choir Gowns			\$1,475.00
			\$1,475.00

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Key Deposits			435.69
			\$435.69
Memorials			18,555.69
Memorials Received	3,105.00		
Memorial Garden		16,254.62	
Directed Memorial Paid		1,000.00	\$4,406.07
Parish Nurse			3,375.34
Book from Donation		20.74	
Transfer to General Funds		3,354.60	\$0.00
Pastoral Care Support Fund			\$0.00
Donation	300.00		\$300.00
Rector's Discretionary			12.86
Income	2,635.64		
Disbursements		1,745.14	\$903.36
Sunday School			1,792.22
			\$1,792.22
Tree Care			0.00
Donation	900.00		\$900.00

St Mark's Church
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2009

	Dec 31, 09
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
TD BANK	34,999.98
TD Savings	14,740.67
Total Chequing/Savings	49,740.65
Other Current Assets	
Dollar for Dollar	-125.30
GST Receivable	1,396.21
Total Other Current Assets	1,270.91
Total Current Assets	51,011.56
Other Assets	
Investments	
E Earle Bequest CTF	92,087.71
Gladys O'Ray CTF	29,000.00
Memorials CTF 2534	5,804.37
Rectory Trust CTF 4053	327,787.49
Capital Projects CTF 2479	8,500.00
Total Investments	463,179.57
Total Other Assets	463,179.57
TOTAL ASSETS	514,191.13
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
RESERVE ACCOUNT	
60th Anniversary	484.41
Affordable Housing	2,425.00
Choir Gowns	1,535.00
Bell Project	10,157.44
Capital Projects	41,707.23
Choir Fund	1,966.71
Key Deposits	435.69
Memorials	4,406.07
Pastoral Care Support Fund	300.00
Rector's Discretionary	903.36
Sunday School	1,792.22
Tree Care	900.00
Total RESERVE ACCOUNT	67,013.13
Total Other Current Liabilities	67,013.13
Total Current Liabilities	67,013.13
Long Term Liabilities	
E Earle Bequest	92,087.71
Gladys O'Ray Bequest	29,000.00
Rectory Trust	327,787.49
Total Long Term Liabilities	448,875.20
Total Liabilities	515,888.33
Equity	
Net Income	-1,697.20
Total Equity	-1,697.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	514,191.13

Auditor's Report

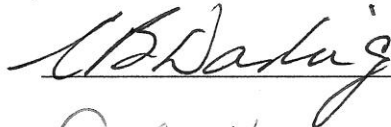
January 31, 2010

To the Parish of Saint Mark the Evangelist
Anglican Church of Canada,
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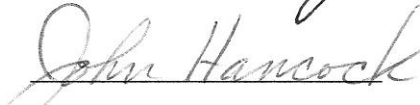
A review of the financial records of St. Mark's has been performed for the year ending December 31, 2009. Our review was made in accordance with generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information 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 2009.

Reviewed by:

Brian Darling



John Hancock



Budget

	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
Income			
GENERAL			
Collections			
Open	9,606	8,000	8,000
Envelope	154,878	160,000	157,000
Special Collection	4,516	4,000	4,000
Total Collections	169,000	172,000	169,000
Gain from Assets			
Rent	5,810	6,000	6,000
Investment Income	1,195	1,000	1,000
Bank Interest	1	50	0
CTF Interest Paid	4,079	4,915	4,879
Dollar for Dollar	1,890	1,500	1,500
Total Gain from Assets	12,975	13,465	13,379
Organizations			
Bazaar	5,517	5,500	5,500
Rummage	2,516	2,200	2,200
Slim & Trim	500	400	400
Pancake Supper	763	800	1,000
Breakfasts	450	400	400
We Kicked the Habit	800	720	720
Total Organizations	10,546	10,020	10,220
Weddings			
Other General Income	33,283		
Total GENERAL	225,804	195,485	192,599
INCOME FROM RESERVES			
Capital Projects	349	1,150	
Parish Nurse	3,355	3,305	
Celebrate Recovery	1,113	1,113	
Total Income from Reserves	4,816	5,568	0
DIRECTED			
Centre 454	1,813		
Cornerstone	500		
Debra-Dynes Family House	1,570		
Flowers	1,840		
Forward Day by Day	160		

	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
DIRECTED (Continued)			
Lenten Outreach			
Not specified	1,105		
Grannies	90		
St Jude's	185		
Carleton U Chaplaincy	25		
Total	1,405		
PWR Fund	2,261		
Other Directed Income	225		
Total DIRECTED	9,774	0	0
Total Income	240,393	201,052	192,599
Expense			
SALARIES			
Staff	98,507	98,507	98,920
Clergy Fill-in	1,401	1,244	1,244
Organist Fill-in	775	600	600
Total SALARIES	100,683	100,351	100,764
WORSHIP			
Service & Altar Supplies	1,609	1,425	1,425
Flowers	1,272		
Hymn & Service Books	29	90	90
Music/Junior Choir	114	150	150
Piano/Organ	336	375	375
Total WORSHIP	3,360	2,040	2,040
PARISH NURSING MINISTRY			
Parish Nurse Services	20,015	20,015	20,015
Program Income			
Program Expenses	488	500	500
TOTAL Parish Nursing	20,503	20,515	20,515
PROGRAMS			
Christian Education	448	100	100
Church School			
Conferences & Memberships	280	325	325
Membership		300	200
New Members	123	120	145
Nursery		350	300
Pastoral Care	70	250	300
Screening Process			
Stewardship		350	350
Synod	360	350	350
Youth Initiative			
Total PROGRAMS	1,281	2,145	2,070

	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
OUTREACH			
Carleton U Chaplaincy	25		
Centre 454	1,813		
Cornerstone	500		
Debra-Dynes	4,570	3,000	
Diocesan Fair Share	30,682	30,682	33,575
Grandmothers to Grandmothers	643		
PWR Fund	2,261		
Salary Equalization	1,471	1,471	1,500
St Jude's	738		
Total OUTREACH	42,702	35,153	35,075
FINANCE			
Bank Charges	435	500	500
Supplies	147	200	200
Insurance	4,710	4,710	4,851
Total FINANCE	5,292	5,410	5,551
CHURCH			
Cleaning Service	12,087	12,500	12,500
Operating Supplies	1,326	1,000	1,000
Electricity	5,002	5,000	5,000
Gas	7,053	6,000	7,000
Repair & Upgrade	1,141	3,850	3,850
Projects	4,304	1,150	400
Security	1,433	1,400	300
Snow Removal	1,727	1,720	1,811
Telephone	881	1,000	1,000
Water	762	500	500
Total CHURCH	35,717	34,120	33,361
MISCELLANEOUS			
Rector's Discretionary		200	200
Wardens' Discretionary		100	100
Office Supplies	363	700	500
Photocopying	1,557	1,300	1,300
Computer & Internet	1,112	700	800
Postage	397	250	250
Forward Day by Day	110		
Other Miscellaneous	29,013		
Total MISCELLANEOUS	32,552	3,250	3,150

Total Expense 242,090 202,984 202,526

Net Income -\$1,696 -\$1,931 -\$9,927

Minutes of the Annual Vestry held on Sunday, February 22, 2009

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST ANNUAL VESTRY FEBRUARY 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Vestry was called to order at 11:44 a.m. The chairperson for the meeting was Rev. Brian Kauk and vestry clerk was Janis Perkin.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Judy Darling and seconded by James Kelly. *CARRIED*

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL VESTRY, JUNE 16, 2008

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

A motion to accept was moved by Dave Whitman and seconded by Georgia Roberts. *CARRIED*

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

RECTOR'S CHARGE

The rector's charge had been given in the context of the preceding church service.

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

A motion of acceptance of the Wardens' Report was made by Coralie Sheehan and seconded by Phil Conquer. *CARRIED*

2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Joy Bowerman gave an overview of the statement.

Margaret Lodge asked if the interest made from the Rectory sale could appear in the Treasurer's Report. Jenny Morphew reported that the payments for *Forward Day by Day* don't match the number taken and that everyone should be paying for what they take.

Acceptance of the 2008 Financial Statement was moved by Dave Whitman and seconded by Jenny Morphew. *CARRIED*

ALL OTHER 2009 REPORTS

Acceptance of all other reports was moved by Dave Whitman and seconded by Jean Cobb. It was noted that in the Youth Mission report Andrew Stevens should read Andrew Stevens-Rennie. Also noted was that e-mail Prayer had started before the Visioning process but officially started in November 2008.

Cynthia Greer gave an update to the Memorials and Gifts Committee Report. The discussions regarding the designs for the Bells and Memorial Gardens were discussed with both landscapers and the Kirby Family. All was reported back to the Corporation. The design approved by Corporation exceeds the \$17,000 held in the Memorials Fund. The designs were taken to an architect who gave a design of pillars with the bells on top that was costed out at \$10,000. In the interim the Kirby Family will continue to add monies to the fund. The committee would like to have a special vestry in the very near future.

ELECTION OF LENTEN ALMSGIVING OUTREACH

Joy Bowerman gave an overview of the process and its history. The projects for consideration in 2009 were: Carleton University Ecumenical Chaplaincy, The Carlington Community Chaplaincy, Grandmothers to Grandmothers and St Jude's Cathedral, Iqaluit (rebuilding).

Voting was done by secret ballot and James Kelly and Bruce Lodge served as scrutineers who counted the votes and then reported to Vestry. The two projects chosen were: Grandmothers to Grandmothers and St. Jude's Cathedral, Iqaluit.

MOTIONS NOT TIED TO CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET

None were received from the floor.

REVIEW OF 2008 BUDGET AND THE PRESENTATION OF 2009 BUDGET

Joy Bowerman presented the report.

Concerning the 2008 budget:

The money on hand will cover all reserve accounts.

A new reserve account has been created for the 60th Anniversary.

The Rectory Trust Fund is now on the Other Assets List.

The Open Collection ended up being \$10,000 less than expected.

It should be noted that 86% of income comes from the Collection Plate.

2009 Budget

This is a balanced budget to within 0.4%. The actual dollar amount for the Rectory Offset and living allowance will be reflected in future reports.

St. Mark's has changed internet providers to Rogers portable.

We have also changed security providers and the cost saving benefits will be realized in 2010. There was a request to check with Diocese regarding permission to change providers.

Adoption of the budget was moved by Les Cundell and seconded by Lorne Bowerman. **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. We are paying less in service fees. Seconded by Judy Darling. **CARRIED**

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

MOTIONS OF THANKS

The Reverend Brian Kauk offered thanks to The Reverend Noel Payton for his leading of the mid-week services.

Thanks was offered by Gail Stone for Patti Robillard and the Parish Nurse Ministry.

Georgia Roberts offered thanks for all who drove Claudette Gravelle to work during the bus strike.

Thanks was offered to Sheila Vaudrey for editing Mark This Word.

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Janis, Perkin, Vestry Clerk

Minutes of the Special Vestry held on Sunday, April 19, 2009

ST MARK THE EVANGELIST SPECIAL VESTRY: MEMORIAL GARDEN PROPOSALS APRIL 19, 2009

CHAIR: Rev. Brian Kauk

VESTRY CLERK: Janis Perkin

The meeting was called to order at 11:28 a.m.

Motion # 1 was presented to Vestry.

“That we approve the proposal to proceed with the Kirby Memorial Monument using the design approved in principle by Parish Council on 11 February, 2009, and that we spend no more than the amount held in the Bell Project reserve fund, subject to approval of the Archdeacon of Ottawa West.” Moved by Cynthia Greer and seconded by Marion Dick.

A motion to amend the existing motion was made by Margaret Lodge and seconded by Cynthia Greer. It read:

“That we approve the proposal to proceed with the Kirby Memorial Monument and that we spend no more than the amount held in the Bell Project reserve fund, subject to approval of the Archdeacon of Ottawa West.”

The amendment was defeated

A new amendment was proposed by Margaret Lodge and seconded by Ray Davidson. It read:

“That we approve the proposal to proceed with the Kirby Memorial Monument subject to a design approved by Parish Council and that we spend no more than the amount held in the Bell Project reserve fund, subject to approval of the Archdeacon of Ottawa West.”

The amendment was Carried.

A motion to table the amended motion to a later date was made by Judy Corbishley and seconded by Judy Darling.

The motion was Carried.

Motion #2 was presented to Vestry.

“That we approve the proposal to proceed with the Memorial Garden and that we spend no more than \$17, 500 from the monies held in the Memorials reserve fund, subject to approval of the Archdeacon of Ottawa West.”

Moved by Noel Peyton and seconded by Judy Corbishley.

The motion was Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes of the Electoral Vestry held on Sunday, June14, 2009

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST ELECTORAL VESTRY SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009

Call to Order: at 11:44 AM by Fr. Brian Kauk, with an opening prayer. Sheila Vaudrey was appointed the Recording Secretary.

Parish Officers appointed by Corporation:

- Church School: Michael and Janis Perkin
- Pastoral Care: Georgia Roberts
- Memorial Committee: Cynthia Greer
- Screening in Faith: Margaret Williams
- Dollar for Dollar: Joy Bowerman
- Rector’s Warden: Judy Corbishley

Report from the Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee’s recommendations for Parish Council were circulated.

The incoming Deputy Warden was yet to be named.

A new position has been created by Vestry: Choir Representative. This will be filled by Jenny Morpew.

There were no further nominations from the floor.

Motion: to close the nominations (Noel Peyton / Coralie Sheehan); carried.

Discussion: The date after the title on the slate refers to the end of that term of office. Synod members are supposed to be elected in February in order to attend all pre-Synod meetings, as to avoid a change to Synod members in the middle of the year. Great Chapter will be training Synod members, hence the need to follow the Diocesan standard. For this year at St. Mark's, there will be a couple of truncated terms, until Feb. 2010.

There are usually three Lay Members of Synod, one of which must be a Warden; it happens that this year we have two Wardens as Synod members. At our next Electoral Vestry, we will not elect more than one Warden to these positions.

Question: If the Warden can't go to Synod, is he/she replaced by the other Warden? More likely, it would be one of the alternates (which is more in line with the will of Vestry).

Question: Will the Nominating Committee consult the parish on this? Will the people have a say?

Motion: That the 2009 Nominating Committee, with Judy Darling, revisit this issue of the proportion of Wardens serving as Lay Members of Synod and report back to the 2010 February Vestry (Marilyn Bene / Margaret Lodge); carried.

Motion of Thanks:

To those who have completed their term of office:

- David Whitman (Warden)
- Gillian Morris (Outreach)
- Bill Slaughter (Lay Member of Synod)
- Terry Frederic (Member at Large)

Moved (Coralie Sheehan / Jenny Morphew); carried.

Adjournment (David Whitman / Lorne Bowerman); carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Vaudrey