

**CHURCH OF ST MARK THE EVANGELIST
REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL VESTRY HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY, 2012**

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Parish Statistics, 2011

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Households	230	219	222	217	212
Average Sunday Attendance	126	120	119	111	106
Christmas	241	218	232	211	218
Easter	289	225	202	186	170
Baptized	3	2	3	1	6
Confirmed	4	0	8	0	0
Marriages	3	1	2	2	2
Deaths	19	9	14	14	11

Burials

Frederick Karl Kristjansson
Irene Rogers
George Harding McGill
Douglas Keith Henwood
June Hackett
Pamela Joan Zoubie
Helen Dickman
Dorothy May Reardon
Cecil George Duthie
Florence Christina Skinner
Joyce Sherman

Marriages

Jennifer Ryan and Scotty Thompson
Karen Roberts and Sean Bawden

Baptisms

Jakob Marcel Faucher
Gracelyn Lenore Bradley
Caitlyn May Findlay
Brodie Matthew Hammermeister
Jacob Maurice Hammermeister
Zoe Lynn Hammermeister

Rector's Report

The Rector's report to Vestry is intended in the Canons, Bylaws and Regulations of the Diocese to be a "report upon [the] condition, progress and needs of the Parish" (R.5.05).

Last year, I reported that "in my assessment, the condition of the parish continues to be strong, with excellent ministries and passionate dedication from staff, lay leaders and parishioners throughout the organization." Despite some serious challenges, I still find this to be the case.

The Bad News: statistical trends of the past few years continue into 2011 showing a steady decline, but not a steep one. I draw your attention to the Parish Statistics on the previous page and to the financial analysis in the pages that follow. We have fewer people in the pews, a shrinking donor base and decreasing envelope offerings as a result. If you do the math that means less people are being asked to shoulder more and more of the workload each year.

The Good News: we're doing it. Average offerings per household are up. We haven't had to cut any significant program or budget items yet, and through sound financial management, we've been able to

avoid a significant accumulated deficit. This year will be a challenging one, but I think it is important that we keep the larger picture in mind.

From my experience in other parishes, and from consultations that are taking place across the Deanery of Ottawa West, we are not alone. It's the same story at the next church over, and the one over from there. What we can probably expect is that this trend will continue for a while, and eventually we will hit a new plateau. Until then, this is the new normal.

I continue to be optimistic that faithful ministry in times like these results in a strong, vital community of faith. If we are faithful now, the promise will be there for those who follow. I maintain that when Jesus says, "Pick up your cross and follow me" that this is precisely what is being asked of us in our current situation. Furthermore, I believe passionately that as people of faith, we need not react out of fear that decline and death will be our end. We are free to act out of a lived faith in the resurrection.

That's not to say we should rest on our laurels and hope for the best. There is much that we can and must do to ensure St Mark's is well positioned to respond to the opportunities that present themselves.

I am excited and energized by the progress we have made this year on Stewardship and Shared Vision, two of the three practices I named as crucial in my report to vestry of 2009 and highlighted again last year.

In September this year, we launched into SPACE (Study, Prayer, Action, Celebrate, and Energize). I commend Michael Perkin's report to you. I for one certainly enjoyed the creative energy we experienced in September ("why did you first come to St Mark's?") and October (timeline exercise) this year.

In January, 40 of you engaged in the Daring to Dream workshops over two days. I am ever grateful for my friend and colleague the Reverend Bill Byers who facilitated these sessions. There was such positive energy in the room! The dreams and visions that emerged are currently posted in Bishop Reed Hall, and will form a most appropriate backdrop to this year's Annual Vestry Meeting. Many of you have been asking whether that's all we're going to do, and the answer is no. We have some work to do with the results from this exercise. The next step is to synthesize these visions and test them with the rest of the congregation. The resulting statement should be something we can all recognize and affirm as God's call to us.

In the short term, however, the Growing in Faith Together campaign is upon us. Parishes and congregations in the Diocese of Ottawa have been invited to take part in a new and exciting challenge called Growing in Faith Together (GIFT). St Mark's was initially approached to take part in the pilot phase of parishes that are just now completing their campaigns. It seemed too soon for us, so St Mark's was deferred until this spring. A campaign committee has been assembled under the leadership of Terry Frederick and Michael Perkin. They have been working diligently for several weeks, and our campaign will launch soon. I know there is a lot going on, and that it seems confusing to those who may only now be hearing about this initiative for the first time.

The dreams we dreamed in early January represent a wide range of ideas and possibilities which we will draw from for some years to come. There are some common threads and foundational ideas in those dreams. The Parish GIFT Committee is proposing we start with some of them now. In no way does this preclude further discernment or how we choose to formulate a shared vision. The work done prior to the launch of GIFT stands on its own, and there is more work to be done after the active phase of GIFT is complete.

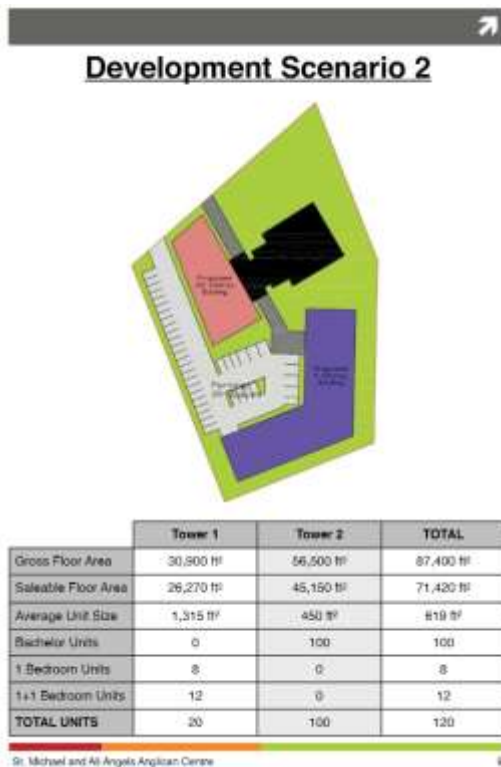
So, as far as Stewardship and Shared Vision are concerned, I see tremendous progress in this past year. It looks to me like a firm foundation from which we can continue to work in years to come.

I would be remiss if I did not bring to your attention other developments in the Deanery of Ottawa West that are important to the progress of this parish. The Diocesan Parish Growth and Renewal Committee assigned Ron Brophy to facilitate a series of discussions with parishes about the state of ministry in this area. The wardens and I invited Judy Darling and Georgia Roberts to attend along with us on behalf of the parish. The first meeting held in March 2011 was largely spent sharing expectations about what this process would accomplish. At the second meeting we shared information about each other’s ministries. In the fall we regrouped, talked about opportunities for shared ministry and received a circulation draft of a report from the Real Estate Working Group that examines property development of each church in this Deanery. The last meeting in November of 2011 seemed to indicate that it was time to set some clear objectives and begin more focused and broadly based discussions. I can assure you that this is taking place, and that we will hear soon what the next step might be.

Meanwhile, my colleagues and I at two other churches believe that two particular initiatives are timely. Firstly, the Reverend Margo Whittaker of St Richard’s, the Reverend Dr. Linda Privitera of St Michael and All Angels along with Nash Smith and myself will share the leadership of a Lenten Learning Lab to take place on Tuesday evenings in Lent of this year at St Richard’s Church. More information is available on the web and on my bulletin board. By working together, participants will have four different groups to choose from. This promises to be a wonderful time of shared learning both with and about one another.

Secondly, it seemed important to us to freely share information about how each other’s churches are responding to property development opportunities.

The vestry at St Michael and All Angels will be considering a proposal to develop their property and build two residential towers, connected with underground tunnels to the current church structure. The vision is an Anglican Centre where living in community is a blessing to all, and to others in the neighbourhood around them.



St Richards is looking into what they might do as well. Their vestry will hear the following motion:

Whereas an opportunity exists for St. Richard's to intensify the use of our land and thereby generate significant and long-term financial stability;

Whereas the financial health of St. Richard's has been increasingly fragile over the past few years with revenues not keeping up with rising expenses, and if current financial trends continue, our reserves will eventually run out;

Whereas the Independent property study of the properties of the Ottawa Deanery carried out by the Diocese under the auspices of the Real Estate Working Group (REWG) concluded that there exists an "Opportunity for redevelopment and intensification" of St. Richard's; and provided three possible development scenarios as follows,

- 1. No demolition with adaptive reuse of existing space such as renovations to the worship and office space, and building additional structure(s);*
- 2. Partial demolition of existing structures and development of the parking lot and vacant land;*
- 3. Total demolition of existing structures and redevelopment of the entire property, which might include residences, offices or businesses, along with a new worship space.*

It is resolved that it is the will of this Vestry that the Parish leadership actively work in cooperation and in consultation with the Diocese and other parishes in our vicinity, and using professional help if necessary, to further explore the possible development options that would make the best use of the property resources we have to provide the optimum Christian ministry. The result of these efforts, with recommendations of further action, is to be reported to the parish at the next annual Vestry, or a special Vestry if deemed necessary.

Moved by: P. Dumbrille, Seconded by: John Nicholls; Seconded by: Don Wilson

Since we are one of the "other parishes in [the] vicinity" named in their vestry motion, I thought it prudent to bring this to your attention. We'll see how the Spirit moves our friends there, and how it might involve us when the time comes.

A third practice continues to be of key importance to the progress of this parish: Christian Hospitality. In this area, I continue to see the gift of God's Spirit at work in our community, and in seeing it, I am not afraid of what the future may hold.

The needs of St Mark's remain as they have been: we need one another. No one individual or group here is enough to carry out everything. We need one another now more than ever, to carefully consider how we can support the ministry of this parish financially, with the time we have to offer, and with the talents God has given us. None of us can afford to hold back if we are to follow where Christ leads.

I would also highlight the current need to fill the vacant position of Parish Nurse. For some months now, myself and volunteers have maintained the level of pastoral care that this parish needs, but there is a rather large part of the team missing right now.

Allow me to take the time here to once again thank my fellow staff members who share God's work with me on a daily and weekly basis: Ariane Dind and Margaret Pirnat. We said goodbye to Patti Robillard this year with a heavy heart. I'm convinced that the time I shared with Patti over the last few years will change the way I practice ministry forever. We are blessed by the dedication and skill of all those who work here, and well-served indeed.

At the risk of singling out individuals, I would like to thank Gale Deering who has completed six years as Altar Guild President. Also, I note for the record that the installation of the roof, solar panels and electrical upgrades is complete and that we are now producing clean solar power. Lorne Bowerman and his team worked tirelessly on your behalf to bring this project to completion, and they deserve a hearty "job well done."

I want to acknowledge how much we depend on all those who give selflessly of their time and talents to lead committees, to sing in the choir and at funerals, to keep the altar clean and at the ready, to manage all aspects of parish life. Along with the members of Parish Council, the Churchwardens, their deputies and the Treasurer, the service we offer is freely given and gratefully received. May God continue to bless us with the gift of one another in the coming year and in years to come.

The Reverend Brian Kauk, Incumbent

Wardens' Report

A large portion of Wardens' time this past year has been spent on the new roof and solar panels project for St. Mark the Evangelist. It began in January when we started a dialogue with different companies to find out about their products and pricings. February brought about the costing and the motions to Vestry to authorize the purchasing of services in order to give St. Marks a metal roof and a solar panel array. This would allow us to generate income for the church by selling the power back to the Ontario Power Authority. In March we submitted our request to proceed with the project to the Diocesan Financial Committee suggesting that Lucas NRG be the successful vendor for installing the solar panels and that Lucas Roofing be the successful vendor for the roof. In April we received the letter from the Financial Affairs committee of the diocese in which they approved the roof with a cost up to \$65,000 and approved in principle the installation of solar panels and approved the withdrawals from the CTF. June was the electrical upgrade needed to bring us to present code. A frustrating summer followed as we tried to get the project up and running. Down payments had been made on all three phases of the project. Lucas was waiting on different permits in order to start the work. As we moved into the autumn months forward momentum appeared nonexistent. Finally, in November, the new roof was started and the solar panels were then installed. A new cross for the roof was then installed by Lucas in a bracket that they had created. Finally, we received the conditional offer to connect to the grid on December 1, 2011 from the Ontario Power Authority. We cannot offer enough thanks to Lorne Bowerman and Trevor Dee and the property management team for their efforts on behalf of the people of St. Mark's in bringing this project to fruition.

There were also other things that happened this past year. In May Patti Robillard submitted a letter letting us know that she would be ending her contract as of October 28, 2011. Instead she would return to university pursuing a Masters degree in Nursing. We wished her heartfelt thanks at a luncheon in her honour on October 30, 2011. A search committee has been looking at various options in the replacement process.

We also had the Saga of the Bells this past summer when two bells and a clapper went missing on the night of August 29, 2011. A report was made on August 31, 2011. Lorne Bowerman called Cohen & Cohen and BakerMet, scrap dealers. Cohen & Cohen called back to report that they thought they had our bells. After Lorne Bowerman identified them they were repaired and returned to us. They were placed back in the memorial mid-September with some new security measures being taken such as welded plating to keep them from being removed and some new lighting in the area.

There was also a large step forward in "greening" initiatives this year. We became owners of two large green bins for the recycling of compostable materials and several blue and black bins placed strategically throughout the building. We also updated our hall rental policy to be more green, requesting that all foam cups and plates be taken away with the users rather than being left behind in our garbage.

Brian Darling, after eight years of service as Auditor for this parish, told us he wishes to be replaced for next year. We offer our thanks for this gracious gift of his time and talents. Our sincere thanks and gratitude go to all of those who serve in the ministries that St. Mark's offers to the community here. It is impossible to name them all. Perhaps the individual reports will go a long way in doing so. To serve our Lord in this way is a blessing and in His Name we respectfully submit this report.

Janis Perkin Rector's Warden
Allen Deering People's Warden

Synod 2011

"Hear then the parable of the sower..." Matt. 13:18.
Proclaiming, nurturing and growing together.

The 130th session of Diocesan Synod, for the Anglican diocese of Ottawa took place from October 20th to 22nd at St. Elias Church.

The opening Eucharist was held at Christ Church Cathedral on the Thursday evening. We found this to be a very uplifting and inspiring service, in which Bishop John gave his charge to Synod, using the refrain 'Listen to the parable of the sower', so that we are inspired to proclaim and nurture the growth of the kingdom.

The Bishop reminded us of the 5 Marks of Mission of the World-Wide Anglican Communion which had been recommended to our attention last year. He reminded us that we need to plan effectively for these Marks so that there may be growth.

One of the sessions at Great Chapter prior to Synod was given over to a discussion of the 5 Marks. We were asked to choose one Mark, and discuss at Great Chapter how our parish was living that Mark. We chose the 3rd Mark, 'To respond to human need by loving kindness'.

Bishop John informed us that the legal issues pertaining to the ownership of two of the churches in our diocese had come to a peaceful resolution. Both the fact that the issue was resolved and the fact that both sides had been able to agree peaceably were extremely important.

The GIFT Campaign (Growing in Faith Together)

As part of our planning for growth, there was discussion of the GIFT program for which planning had started in 2007, and which was passed at last year's Synod. This is a 5 year long campaign, aimed at raising funds, 50% to the diocese, and 50% to the parishes, to enable more programs especially of an outreach nature. If there is to be growth there is a need for money to enable our plans.

A pilot project is underway and is having great success. (St. Mark's parishioners will be hearing more about this during the weeks ahead, after the initial visioning sessions in January 2012.). See also the GIFT seminar at the end of this report.

The Parish Growth and Renewal Committee

This committee has been working in the Deanery of Ottawa West to fully understand each of our properties, so that decisions made in the future are as a result of an in-depth study of the physical building resources of the diocese.

The Bishop's Child Poverty Initiative.

The Community Ministries Development Committee created a task force under the leadership of our priest, Rev. Brian Kauk. The project includes a nutrition / education programme which works in partnership with the Western Quebec School Board.

For a full report of the Bishop's charge, ask a member of Synod, look on the diocesan website, or if you save your Crosstalk you will find it in the December 2011 edition.

Synod Guest Speaker

The Rev. Canon William Cliff was the guest speaker at Synod. He is Rector of the Collegiate Chapel of St John the Evangelist, Huron University College. Nothing we write can in any way explain to you what a dynamic and powerful speaker he is.

Canon Cliff asks whether we believe the Gospel is Good News, or simply good advice. If we believe the latter we are indeed in trouble as a church.

Firstly, the Gospel is always astonishing, and is the intervention of God's love in our lives. If it isn't astonishing, then we aren't reading it correctly!

Secondly, which is counter to our feelings, the Gospel isn't fair, because God isn't interested in what we think of as 'fair'. If you want fair, you get the law. God is working His agenda. This explains why many of us have difficulty with the parables of the Talents and the Prodigal Son. God acts in love.

Thirdly, God also acts first. 'It is not that we love God, but that God first loved us' Two of Canon Cliff's little phrases:

GRACE is when you get what you don't deserve.

MERCY is when you don't get what you do deserve.

Jesus did not come to make us equal He came to make us one. We are not looking at things the way God is. Grace is to be passed on, not kept in case of need. We like limits to Grace, but God's love is limitless.

Canon Cliff is a very thought provoking speaker, and reminded us of some very deep truths about the love of God. His presentations of the parables in particular were amazing. He proved to us that the Gospel is astonishing especially in the way he interpreted it to us.

What a dynamic speaker, and we had the privilege of hearing him.

Community Ministries

We watched short and very effective videos of the various ministries that the Diocese is involved in. They included Centre 454, and The Well, and a holiday away from home for a group of women. These are available to the parishes, and may have already been seen by some parishioners.

Throughout the Synod, many references were made to welcoming people but being intentional about it, and not haphazard. We are competing with a technological market place, and we have to be as savvy as they are. We are also competing with sports, shopping, relaxing. So simply standing at the door, and saying 'nice to see you' isn't going to cut it. We need to read the information available, and work out a plan, which will involve money. We need to use the Web, Facebook and Twitter.

We also need to remember that new people walking through our doors are likely not familiar with the Bible. They don't hear it in school, and probably their parents didn't hear it there either. The Lord's Prayer is not familiar, let alone the 10 Commandments or the Creed. They cannot fathom out how to navigate the service book (BAS) or the bulletin. Christmas equals Santa, and Easter, the Easter Bunny and eggs. We are speaking a different language, and we have to find a means of communicating with the new generation. It is not as easy as it was a generation or two ago, where newcomers were simply people, likely Anglicans, who had moved to a different location, or had 'married' into the Anglican Church.

There were 4 seminar sessions, and we each had time to attend two of them. The four topics were:

- Parish Hospitality in a Post-Christian World
- From Words to Action: Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)
- Visions and Dreams: Advancing Kingdom Work
- Serving the World God Loves

Parish Hospitality in a Post-Christian World

This session was lead by Rev. Gregor Sneddon, and Lisa Chisholm-Smith

The God in Jesus' life welcomed everyone, and offered hospitality to all who came, whether sinner or saint. We need to be intentional in our welcoming newcomers, and find meaningful ways to bring them into the life and love of our community. This may mean we have to really change our mind-set. Can we do that?

They drew on Rev. Gary Nicolosi's "12 steps for church growth". Rev. Sneddon showed a video which had been made specifically for his parish of St. Luke, in which church members spoke of their love for God, and their church, and discussed some of the things which they are excited about in their church. We also received a booklet with helpful suggestion called 'Serving God's World.'

Visions and Dreams, Advancing the Kingdom

This session was led by the Rev. Canon Peter Lackey.

Our visions and dreams in our parishes is one of God's ways of calling us to bigger things and renewed ministry. We need to be sure of God's game plan, and always begin with the end in mind. Frequently we only have the plan in mind, not its final result, and these game plans frequently end up by being ignored.

God's passion needs to be shown in our churches. It is an ongoing life-giving experience, but often ends up as a life-sucking process.

How can we enable others to experience what we receive from God? Newcomers need to feel not only our kind welcome, but the love of God in all we offer to them. We need to welcome, to share and invite them to be part of that loving concern.

However, and this is where the game plan is necessary, we were asked to consider how we would present our church to the 'outsider' in a short video or news media clip. Who are we inviting? What age group, what demographic?

We all said to use music in the background. What kind? What language, old or modern, or familiar?

Mainly we were given questions with no particular answer, which, however, reminded us that it isn't an easy task to 'bring in more people'. So yes, visioning is the beginning of the process, but you cannot be all things to all people. It isn't a simple task, but one needing a very carefully thought out plan.

The two seminars were similar in many ways, in that they both reminded the listener that there can be no growth without change, maybe a lot of change.

The Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Campaign

In October 2009 Synod passed a motion that was presented by the Financial Development Panel, to assess, plan and implement a financial development and fund raising strategy for the Diocese beginning with a planning feasibility study.

The campaign goal was to raise \$12,000,000 over a five year period by strengthening congregation, focusing ministry outward, educating leaders and connecting with the wider church.

Approximately 74 % of the GIFT campaign money is for parishes, with 50% going directly back to parishes for the needs they identified in their own case support, and 24% from the diocesan portion for parish viability, children and youth, parish outreach initiative, lay leadership development, the Bishop

child poverty initiative, curacies and clergy formation. Each of the 72 parishes will be asked to contribute to the goal according to their means.

At the 2011 Synod GIFT workshop two parishes that were part of phase one gave a presentation on how they implemented and put into practice their goal according to their means and case study. Each presentation was slightly different.

Serving the World God Loves

This session was led by Canon Allan Box.

Allan prefaced the session by stating that he was going to give us “How to” stuff on serving God’s world. This began with the details of how to carry out a community consultation, and then some criteria for discerning God’s presence in the different outreach possibilities that had been identified through this consultation. Allan then discussed ways for a parish to decide what to tackle. He said that the biggest struggle is to get the community to believe that we want to serve. The session ended with handing out of a parish workbook giving more details on the topics covered in the session. There was also the reminder that there will be some grant money available through GIFT that could be applied for in order to carry out some outreach projects.

This 130th session of Synod was not only informative, but also very enjoyable, because there were no divisive motions, and no huge concern about budgets and money. It was wonderful to see and hear what is actually happening in the diocese, especially in the community ministries. There was so much positive energy. Let’s hope it is catching!

We thank the Vestry of St. Mark’s for allowing us the privilege of attending Synod 2011. We encourage those who are interested in the wider work of the diocese to take the opportunity to stand for election as a Synod member during Vestry in February.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen Deering, Cynthia Greer, Penny Miller

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 on 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 2011 marked twelve years of Healing Prayer Team ministry at St. Mark’s. At present there are five members serving on the team: Johanne Barnum, Marilyn Benn, Ann Matthews, Sheila Pitt, and Gail Stone.

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 directly to Fr. Brian, to whom the team is responsible. New members are always welcome and very much needed if this ministry is to continue.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Matthews, Coordinator

Prayer & Praise Group

This group met in the church choir room each Tuesday evening during the entire year from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The program for the evening consists of times of meditation; prayer for those on our Parish Prayer Cycle and others known to us needing special prayer for healing; Bible study and sung worship. Leadership rotated amongst the membership, which, this past year, consisted of eight, with an average attendance of six.

On several occasions, in place of the usual program, there was a special Healing Service, which lasted for approximately forty-five minutes to an hour. These services were led by Fr. Brian, Carol Dicks, or David Matthews. This service now takes place regularly on the third Tuesday of the month and includes the opportunity to pray, light candles, and receive the laying-on of hands and, by appointment, anointing.

All are welcome to join us at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Matthews on behalf of Carol Dicks

Parish Prayer Cycle Phoning Team

Each week people were named in the bulletin as part of the Parish Prayer Cycle. One member of a team of four contacted them asking if they had any requests for prayer for themselves, their family or friends. These requests were offered to God at the weekly Prayer and Praise meeting (and in our own private prayers) and shared with Fr. Brian but are otherwise kept confidential.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Matthews on behalf of Carol Dicks

St Mark's E-prayer

In 2011 we had 45 parishioners praying by e-mail for people who had requested prayers.

We prayed for more than 60 people, young and old, for health, surgery and recovery; thanksgiving for birth, baptism and marriage; for various stages of spiritual and daily life. We were saddened by the loss of 22 parishioners, family or friends. We gave thanks for their life and prayed for comfort for their families.

The prayers were not only for the church family, but for our own families and friends, and not just in Canada. 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. We rejoiced and we grieved.

As in other years, the E-prayer circle worked as a conduit between pray-ers and those being prayed for. It helped provide an instant prayer link of support and comfort when it was needed. Another aspect of the E-prayer circle is that those we pray for can use the circle to give their thanks:

"... for such comfort at a time of so many fearful unknowns ... strength and comfort in knowing that there were actually people offering prayers for healing and peace of mind ..."

"... for your love and concern ..."

"... from all over (the world) - including your group in Canada - there's been a great wave of prayer carrying me forwards. Please pass on a real thank you to all of your Prayer Group ..."

"... feels very privileged to have so many praying for him ..."

"... for carrying me in prayer ..."

"... for your prayers and support during my recovery ... I thank God for our St. Mark's family who are always there to sustain us, especially through hard times ..."

We also prayed for the Healing and Wholeness Sunday in February, and the monthly Tuesday healing services. We prayed for the [Praying Congregations: The Heart of Christian Community](#) workshop. We prayed for the people of Japan and the devastation following the tsunami, and the people of England following the disturbances there. We prayed for Nash our new postulant. We gave thanks for the special ministry of Patti our Parish Nurse, as she moved on to a new stage in her life.

Thank you to our pray-ers who receive the E-prayer requests, and have added all these people to their own prayers, and to those who are using the E-prayer for their own prayer requests.

And as one of our circle said of prayer

“ ... *I call it the Power of the Plus ...*

Positive Attitude + Faith in God = Unbeatable Combination ...”

If you want to join the E-prayer list of pray-ers, or have prayers said for you, St Mark’s E-prayer can be reached via drblodge@sympatico.ca ... or just let me know.

If only one extra person offers their prayers for another it will be worth while. Please join us.

Margaret Lodge, E-prayer Coordinator

Prayer Shawl Report 2011

The prayer shawl ministry has been well received. Since starting this ministry we have donated 60 shawls - 8 baptismal shawls and 52 prayer shawls (5 of which went overseas).

I would like to thank all the knitters who have made one or more shawls Betty, Myrna, Ann, Ada, Janis, Jean, Diane, Heather, Donna, Vera, Joan, Brenda, Pat, Erin and Patricia.

If anyone would like a prayer shawl for themselves, a relative or friend please let the office or myself know.

Respectfully submitted
Gillian Morris

Outreach Report 2011

As usual the people of St. Marks have responded to the many requests from the various groups towards ongoing outreach projects.

My involvement was mainly with the following agencies:

Debra Dynes Family House received donations for the food bank, mother's day, freebie Friday, knitting and sewing supplies.

The Mission received food donations and men's clothing. The Well received ladies clothing. Pop can tabs were taken to Metro.

Respectfully submitted
Gillian Morris.

The Altar Guild

I would like to thank all my Altar Guild Members how took over the day to day operations of the Altar Guild during the Months of June to mid October after the death of my Grandson Eric. It was greatly appreciated by my family. We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers over this difficult time in our lives.

The St. Marks Altar Guild has five meetings a year: in February, April, June, October and December. We have 4 teams with 3 to 4 members on each team. We are always looking for new members so if you feel that this may be something that you would like to be involved in please talk to Father Brian or Gale Deering. It is a very rewarding way to serve God and your Church.

We would normally have a BBQ in June but this year we did not because I was not up to it. Sorry Ladies and Gents.

In September I ordered the new Advent Liquid Candles so that we would have them for Christmas. They arrived in early December but the candles did not fit the posts properly so Jim came back and fixed them temporarily until the New Year when Jim picked up the whole Advent Wreath and fixed the Candles to fit the posts.

In October the Altar Guild members decorated the Church for Thanksgiving. We donated the food to the Debra Dynes Family House to be used at their food bank. Thanks everyone for your donations.

On October 15th, five members of the Altar Guild attended the Annual Altar Guild meeting at St Thomas'. It was a very informative meeting. The guest speaker talked about Braeside House, a home for people that used to live at the Rideau Region Hospital in Smiths Falls until it closed. The house in on St Thomas' property but it is not run by the Church.

On December 11th we had our annual Christmas luncheon held in Bishop Reed Hall, it was well attended.

On December 23rd we decorated the Church for Christmas and it looked so beautiful. Thanks everyone for all their help.

I would like to thank all my Altar Guild members for all their hard work over the past year. Thanks again everyone.

Gale Deering, President

Screening in Faith

The Screening in Faith Committee made up of Margaret Williamson, Georgia Roberts and Michael Perkin has added a new member to its ranks. We are very happy to report that Les Cundell has joined us, and as well, will be taking over as Chair of the Screening in Faith Committee after Vestry, February 19, 2012. We are delighted to welcome Les to this interesting and important ministry at St. Mark's.

As you will remember, the aim of the Diocese's Screening in Faith policy initiated in 2000 "was to insure that there is a safe environment in all parishes, ministries and activities for children, seniors, any who are physically, emotionally or spiritually vulnerable and those who are ministering in the Church". Because we want our Church to be a clear symbol of the Kingdom of God - a safe and holy place for all people, clergy, staff and volunteers have to be screened in a manner appropriate to the ministry or job being undertaken. For those ministries identified as High-risk, part of the screening involves getting a Police Records Check (PRC) and having it renewed every 5 years.

We were advised recently, by the Ottawa Police, of the force's new requirement for PRCs which states that in future "*each volunteer applicant must take his/her own completed application, in person, to the police station of their choice...[and] will need to take 2 valid pieces of identification (one of which must be a photo id)... [and] ... a letter from the Church confirming his/her volunteer status to have a Police Records Check done free of charge*". Previously, all applications for Police Records Checks and necessary id forms were collected and submitted to the Ottawa Police station on Elgin St. by S.I.F. As this new requirement may present some difficulty to some of our volunteers we would advise that S.I.F. Committee members will be happy provide assistance to volunteers applying for Police Records or renewals.

The Ministries and positions designated as High-risk are:

- Rector
- Church School (Head and Teachers)
- Nursery (Head and Helpers)
- Friendly Visitors
- Junior Choir (Leader)
- Screening in Faith Committee (4)
- Parish Nurse (not a volunteer)
- Pastoral Care (Perley Visitors not included)
- Wardens (4) Rector's Warden
- People's Warden, Deputy Wardens
- Instructor of Servers
- Home Communion Visitors
- Parish Administrator (not a volunteer)

Our records show that in 2011 there were 4 new applications for first time Police Records Checks and 1 application for a PRC renewal.

Plans for 2012 include:

- 1) Continuing work on the Screening programme - with new Police Records Checks applications/ Reference Checks etc. for volunteers in High-risk ministries;
- 2) Continuing work on PRC renewals - notifying volunteers whose initial PRC was done in 2007 and due for renewal in 2012;
- 3) Updating Job Description files (from 2002);
- 4) Contacting Heads of Groups for up-to-date lists of group members for inclusion in St. Mark's Volunteer List.

As this is to be my last Report as Chair of the Screening in Faith Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at St. Mark's, present and past, clergy, staff, volunteers and other church members, for the strong, positive and caring support that I have been given over the years for this, at times challenging, ministry. I have enjoyed the work tremendously and have been blessed to have had Georgia Roberts and Michael Perkin with me all the way - providing me with quiet inspiration, gentle wisdom and a lot of practical help for each and every task at hand. Cynthia Greer, James Kelly and Beryl Rawlings were with me earlier in 2001 to help launch the program. To each and every one of you I say

“thank you” from the bottom of my heart. Thank you to Margaret Pirnat for her valued assistance and ready help in “getting things done properly”. I have been so fortunate in having Margaret and before her, Claudette Gravelle, Jennie Lee and Norma Mellon - all of whom managed to keep me on track from start to finish! As well, I want to thank Fr. Brian for his guidance, clear direction and help in decision-making for this important ministry. Finally at this time, I want to express my gratitude to Roger - Canon Roger Steinke, for allowing me in the very beginning in 2001, to participate in his vision of a Screening in Faith ministry for St. Mark's. What a joyful job it turned out to be! What a pleasure it was to have it “my job” for a time...Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Williamson, Georgia Roberts, Michael Perkin and Les Cundell,
Screening in Faith Committee

Choir Report

St Mark's has three choirs: the regular adult choir, the junior choir and the “Requiem” choir. The regular adult choir sings on every Sunday morning of the year, as well as for any additional services, including those during Lent, Holy Week and Christmas. Choir practice is on Thursday evenings, with a break for the summer months. In summer those who are available meet earlier before the service on Sunday mornings to choose and practice an anthem.

On the very first Sunday of the year, January 2nd, former chorister Deirdre Sheehan Laxton sang a solo from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. The first additional service of the year was the January 23rd joint Ecumenical Service with Madonna della Risurrezione as well as the Armenian parish of St Mesrob and the Mar Thoma congregation who worship in our sanctuary. We practiced with the Armenian choir and the Madonna choir in order to prepare hymns in English, Italian and Armenian. After the service we shared in fellowship in Bishop Reed Hall, feasting on delicious Canadian, Armenian, Italian and South Indian delicacies. On Ash Wednesday, March 9th 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 June 11th, Wesley Warren, music director of St Barnabas Church (and long ago a chorister at St Mark's) came and offered us a workshop on choral singing, which was greatly enjoyed by all participants. We were joined by Kathleen Pirnat and Sarah Dee from the junior choir.

At the end of June Kate Greer-Close and family welcomed us to her home and garden for a lovely choir potluck party. It was a pleasure to spend some time with Kate, Steve and young Jeremy, Madeline and Penelope. Thursday choir practices resumed after Labour Day. We sang the Remembrance Day morning service on November 13th, and we are grateful to young Ben Paterson who played the trumpet for the Last Call and Reveille and some of the hymns as well as to Elaine Graham, who was the substitute organist.

The beginning of winter seemed to bring us more than our fair share of colds, flus, and other health problems, but we nevertheless were able to offer a very creditable Advent Carol Service on November 27th and three weeks later, on December 18th, the Nine Lessons and Carols. Both services were followed by a delicious meal in Bishop Reed Hall. The choir sang the 10pm Christmas Eve service, using the Merbecke ordinary, with Deirdre Sheehan-Laxton joining us. The Christmas morning service was accompanied by Susan Palmer and her brother Christopher on Celtic harp and bassoon respectively. Chris played a lovely arrangement he had written of the Wexford Carol as a postlude, keeping everyone in the congregation riveted in their pews! Our choir, augmented by these two, sang some a cappella 4 part carols.

Choir membership has been relatively stable: we have one new soprano, Kathleen Pirnat, who “graduated” from the junior choir and joined us in September. Sarah Dee had also intended to join, but was unable to do so because of her work schedule as a bilingual lifeguard.

The St Mark's Requiem Choir includes former adult choir members, present members and other musically-inclined parishioners, who gather to sing for funerals, occasional weddings and other events. This choir is often led by our organist-parishioner Carol Dicks, as I am often unavailable to play for these services. On June 2nd, the Requiem choir, under Carol's direction, sang at the Eucharist for the retired clergy which is hosted every year by St Mark's. On June 8th, several choir members led by Joy Bowerman provided the entertainment at the Seniors' Luncheon, leading hymns and singing an anthem of Blessing.

The Junior Choir began the year with five choir members: Sarah and Alex Dee, Thomas and Joshua Pilson, and Kathleen Pirnat. Sarah and Kat graduated over the summer, as mentioned above. Owen Pilson joined the choir in September, and St Marks has since had a boys' choir, able to sing some remarkably complex music, thanks to Alex's able leadership and musicality. The junior choir members contributed to both carol services, and led the 7pm Christmas Eve Family Eucharist service, assisted by Sarah Dee. 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 Huddleston, Barb Hallam-Price and Elaine Graham who have substituted for me this year. I also want to express my profound gratitude to all choir members for offering their time, their energy and their voices to praise God in song. Thank you to Ray Davidson, our choir President, for carrying on in this position; Joy Bowerman for her work with the juniors, for help with sectionals and for occasional accompanying; Jenny Morphew for taking care of our music "library", for posting the hymns on the hymn board, 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.

I am grateful to Fr. Brian for the cheerful and steady support he has given me and the choirs of St Mark's, and I would like to thank Margaret Pirnat for her gentle and efficient presence in the church office.

Respectfully submitted,
Ariane Dind

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is a world-wide sisterhood within the Anglican Church. It is dedicated to prayer, service and mission, with 4 million members in 76 countries. The aims are:

- to share Christ's love and teaching by supporting and nurturing marriage and family life,
- to maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians, united in prayer worship and service,
- to seek justice for all,
- to support individuals and families in troubled circumstances.

Our branch was re-established in 1983, and we are individually very involved in the life of St. Mark's. We wear many hats, and provide many services, all connected to our Aims and mandate. One of those hats is the church Membership Committee, and another is running the Nursery. Members of the MU also help the Church Army's fall meeting in Ottawa, by serving the potluck and cleaning up. We renew acquaintances annually with the group.

We usually meet on the 4th Friday of the month at the church, starting with pot-luck lunch at noon, however we have had to change our times to allow for other events. If nothing else, we are flexible. Our meetings are open to the parish. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend our meetings.

On Mothering Sunday, the 4th in Lent, we prepare Simnel cakes for coffee hour, and give carnations to every woman at church that day. We may have to rethink that in the future, because the flowers are so dear, and although we raise funds, we give them all away.

We held a special Royal Wedding tea on April 29, with guests from the Diocesan ACW. The topic was Bales for the North, and MU has taken on this project. The parish was very supportive and following a special request one Sunday when we promoted it in church, asking for donations both in goods and funds, \$3,000 worth of goods were sent and \$120 raised for mailing. We also decided to start collecting in February.

In May we hosted Celia Dodds, Canadian MU President and members of our sister branch in Deep River, to discuss the National Conference to be held in Ottawa May 31-June 2, 2012.

We are not a fundraising group per se but our social activities each year usually end up raising funds or collecting items for outreach.

- **June Parish Picnic and September BBQ.** Both were well attended, and we raised \$292 for May Court in memory of MU member Kay Peever and \$268 for the ACW Bales for the North.
- **November Bazaar** we raffled an afghan, beautifully made by Diane McCaul, and won by Cicely Richardson, who had also won it the previous year. She very generously suggested drawing again, and Cynthia Greer has a lovely afghan..
- **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry** provided only 14 boxes and 2 backpacks to go to children in impoverished or war-torn countries. A decision was made not to continue this outreach, since it seems that people are less able to go shopping and buy things. We will however make sure the shoe boxes are still available for those who wish to continue.
- **Advent Givings Tree** was a great success this year. We collected hats, mitts, scarves, socks, and underwear, toiletries, special seasonal foods, and small gifts. These are shared out among: Centre 454, The Well, the Mission, Operation Come Home, and Debra-Dynes Family House,
- **'Buck a book' table** raised \$700. All the money is sent to outreach. These include Akany Famonjena orphanage and a day centre for teens in Madagascar, PWRDF, The Northern Clergy Families Fund, and anywhere disaster strikes, this year it went to Somalia. Jenny Morphew organizes the table every Sunday, with a little extra help from friends this year, due to a couple of 'breaks'.

I would like to take this opportunity which I know I repeat every year, to thank you our parishioners who support all our endeavours. It is your generosity, your concern and support that allow us to be God's hands in the neighbourhood, our city, and around the world. May God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Greer, Branch Leader

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is as all encompassing as we make it. The Mothers' Union (MU) is an active part of the committee, but membership is open to anyone who would like to serve.

Ever-changing Faces of Membership

We gained and lost parishioners throughout the year, in more or less the same number. Due to our parish being founded by returning vets in the late 40s, an increasing number of our parishioners now live in retirement homes, or some type of supported accommodation. This change of location often changes the worshipping pattern of our members. Some people move house, and while we would like to see them continue here, it makes more sense to encourage them to attend a church closer to their new location.

Information

We have been trying to inform people of the many opportunities to serve God, our parish, and the wider church. Several people have shown interest in helping in some way. This is encouraging. In late 2010 we introduced a new '*get involved*' leaflet to complement the main '*welcome*' one in the pews, with more specific information with contact names. Our plan for 2011 was to start introducing more topic-specific and detailed leaflets. Look for more flyers in 2012. The prayer flyer and Women's groups flyer are on the way.

Food for the Body and the Soul

Feeding our bodies as well as our souls is a very important part of our fellowship here. It appears that anything that involves membership and gatherings involves food.

Coffee Hour The most frequent and noticeable gathering is after the services on Sunday. Jean Cobb (8am) and Cynthia Greer (10am) coordinate the coffee hour rosters.

Newcomers Breakfast was held in November in conjunction with the parish breakfast, thanks to Lorne and Connie Bowerman. 10 newcomers were welcomed from both services.

Advent Lessons and Carols, and the **Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas**. The meals after these services were all coordinated through the membership committee. Thank you to Marilyn Benn, Gillian Morris, Margaret Blakeney, and everyone who took part, either bringing food, serving and cleaning up, or attending and participating. Over 70 attended the Advent supper, and 55 the lessons and Carols.

Greet the Christ Child reception after the late night Christmas Eve service is another contribution from the Membership / MU group. We keep thinking that each time will be the last, and less people will attend, but it never changes. There are always between 50 and 60 people gathered enjoying the food and fellowship, and waiting to sing, 'We wish you a merry Christmas'.

Volunteers

We have a group of very active and hard working core members who make sure things keep going and get done, but helpers for all parish events are down each year. We are always looking for new 'hands' to share the load or to join a group.

Many hands make light work and one of the easiest ways of helping out is to join a group: coffee, nursery, altar guild, or sides- people or help set-up or clean-up from an activity, supper, bazaar, or rummage sale. The demands are not onerous, but you get to know people better, and it's a good way to get involved.

Thank you to those who have contributed in some way to the well being of St. Mark's. This is what makes our church a very welcoming place.

Greeters

I would like to thank the people who greet you and call you by name at the door. James Kelly not only greets you cheerfully, but also goes out to meet the Para-Transpo buses to help people safely into the building. He is a wonderful example of love in action. Thank you also to Lorne and Connie Bowerman who also greet, and make sure that anything needing to be picked up in the link finds the right person.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Greer, Membership Committee Chair

The Nursery

Nursery has a roster of helpers, all of whom must fill in a Police Records check through the Screening in Faith team. Helpers work in twos, and Gillian Morris is usually around to help the little ones make a craft

she has prepared. Many thanks to Gill for her work with the little ones. Gill is usually the one who prepares a craft each week, and sorts out a story. We try to follow the lectionary, but sometimes it is impossible to relate it for little ones. Many thanks also to the helpers for being so willing and caring. We would dearly like to add a few more helpers, maybe grandparents whose own grandchildren are out of town.

We have usually 7 or 8 youngsters in the class, with 2 adult helpers. They are in nursery almost every Sunday, so they are all comfortable with the changing roster of adults.

There is a church school class for the younger age, which they thoroughly enjoy. Our kindergarten / grade one children attend the class, and then return to nursery for another story and a craft. They take part in the Children's Circle, in case you haven't heard them! and are also in church for Communion or a blessing. This way they are part of the whole church, but get their special time also.

This 4th of Advent they joined together for a short Advent to Christmas Presentation for the Congregation. Thanks to Ariane and the Junior choir for figuring out what I was asking of them!

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Greer, Nursery Coordinator

Coffee Coordinators

The coffee roster coordinators position was mentioned in the membership report, as it is part of that team.

Jean Cobb makes up the roster for coffee and goodies after the 8 a.m. Jean realized quite a few years ago, that not all 8 o'clockers wanted to leave immediately after the service. There are 8 or so very faithful parishioners who prepare this apparently delicious post service snack from September to June. It also gives the Incumbent a chance to meet his parishioners before they head out of the door, while the rest of us are just waking up!

Cynthia Greer is responsible for coffee hour after the 10 a.m. Eucharist. There are 10 teams, which means that you are responsible for refreshments 3 times a year, or slightly more. We are always looking for people to join the teams. It is an easy non intrusive way to get involved. You chat to parishioners and get to know their names, and then more about each other.

Many people seem rather intimidated by the coffee urn! It isn't that scary, and you are always put on to a team with people who know how things work, and which box to put each item into afterwards.

Helping with coffee hour is a good way to be introduced to volunteering. Jean and I would both be delighted to have a few additional helpers. Some of our older parishioners find lifting the full trays of dishes a challenge, so if you could help there it would be great. Others may like to do refreshments during the summer when there is no roster.

Again our thanks go to the people on the roster who are so faithful and willing, and who provide a very necessary and important service to us all. You can say that the important stuff is done at Corporation, or Parish Council, but really, it all happens during coffee hour! Please speak to us if you can help.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cobb and Cynthia Greer

Slim and Trim

Slim and Trim had a very successful year with numbers about the same but attendance slightly increased.

We donated \$400 to the church and \$25 to charity. This is not the final figure \$200 was added in Jan 2012 which will be reflected in next years donation.

Thank you Gail for providing 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.

I would also personally like to thank everybody who contributed to the smooth running of the class while I was away.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer M Morphew

St Mark's Ladies Guild

Financial Statement

January 30, 2011 – January 22, 2012

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance	\$925.79
Calendars	\$220.00
Donation-Circle 2	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$0.09
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	\$3,145.88

EXPENSES

St. Mark's	\$2,000.00
Diocesan ACW	\$500.00
Bank Balance	\$645.88
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	\$3,145.88

Circle 2 Ladies meeting is at noon on the first Monday of the month. Our main projects are the Art Show in April and Christmas Puddings in November-December. We also sell Church Calendars. The ladies contribute breads for Funeral receptions and help with serving. We collect Campbell Soup Labels, plastic milk bags and used postage stamps. We process these stamps and send them to The Leprosy Mission of Canada. In 2010 the sale of these stamps made \$13,000.00 providing 37 patients with medication. This past year we sent 10 shoe boxes to them.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Sorfleet

Lenten Outreach 2012

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 2012. Please prayerfully consider the projects listed below. This year at parish council, only two projects were brought up for consideration, so unless specified otherwise, we will split the funds between these two projects.

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

- 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
- 2010 Debra-Dynes Family House, Cornerstone
- 2011 Debra-Dynes Family House, Cornerstone

Ancoura

Ancoura is a not-for-profit organization that provides housing and support for people living with mental illness. The support from Ancoura volunteers and staff provides residents with an environment conducive to healthy living and individual growth. The mentally ill are a marginalized group who are often neglected and have been described as the orphans of our health care system. Ancoura is largely volunteer-based, but raises funds mostly to support two part-time paid staff and office expenses. With support, Ancoura hopes to open a new residence later this year.

Debra-Dynes Family House

Debra Dynes Family House is a multiservice community resource in a low_income social housing area just a few blocks from St Mark's. It is committed to improving the quality of life of multi_culturally diverse families, children and youth who are low income and working poor through a range of services that are community driven and meet their needs. While DDFH gets a grant from the City of Ottawa, it counts on donations in order to be able to fund its important programs. The parish of St.Mark's has contributed to DDFH in the past with the giving of volunteer time, goods and money. Our outreach is very much appreciated by the Debra Dynes community.

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 pastoral care and friendly visiting ministries in 2011 and the full extent of the parish nursing ministry as well.

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 in need is expressed through the skills of listening, affirmation, prayer and referral. The “Friendly Visiting” ministry has a different focus. It is based on having the time and care to be present with others in a regular and committed way, and does not require specialized pastoral care training.

A small dedicated group 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 but is in need of some new participants. Why not come and try it out? It is not necessary to commit to every Friday.

While the team doing pastoral care in the parish decreased in 2011, the number of people involved in the friendly visiting ministry grew a little. However, both ministries would be strengthened by new members.

In both June and November, the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visiting members were involved in the organization of a special Eucharist and luncheon. Everyone is welcome to attend, but parishioners who find it difficult to come to regular services are sent special invitations and are offered transportation. Musical entertainment was provided by members of St. Mark’s choir, which isolated seniors do not have the pleasure of hearing regularly. This continues to be a joyful event for everyone in attendance.

Being properly equipped for pastoral care work and friendly visiting is important. Team members were made aware of the ten-week basic pastoral care training course offered as an inter-denominational programme affiliated with the Christian Council of the Capital Area. As well, in May, our Parish Nurse Patti provided some useful training on Compassionate Listening and Communication Skills.

Father Brian played a vital role with the team for their work at St. Mark’s and is bringing new ideas to the ministry.

The work of the Pastoral Care and Friendly Visiting Ministry was strongly supported and nourished over the year by our Parish Nurse. Patti provided leadership to our group, particularly functioning as health counselor, making herself available for consultation about how to handle any situation where a worker had concern about the health or behaviour of a person being visited. Patti’s contributions to the caring ministry at St. Mark’s will be missed. We send her our best wishes as she launches into the next stage in her career.

On behalf of St. Mark’s, I wish to thank all members of the Pastoral Care /Friendly Visitor team for their dedication. 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

This was another busy, but fulfilling year of parish nursing ministry at St. Mark's. Working closely with Fr. Brian and Georgia Roberts (Pastoral Care Coordinator) we tried very hard to ensure that all parishioners' needs were being met to the best of our time and abilities.

The bulk of my time each week was spent providing personal health counseling with lots of home visiting, phone counseling and follow up needed. Supporting families with end of life issues, advocating for individuals to get medical appointments or more services, helping with finding a family physician, caregiver stress, relocation to retirement homes and long term care facilities, were some of the issues I supported people with.

Along with the Pastoral Care Team and the Health Committee I helped organize the Eucharist and Luncheon for Seniors in June and November.

Some of my time was also given to support the Prayer Shawl Ministry along with Gillian Morris, Betty Coughlin and Jean Cobb. The shawls have been very well received and we have received many notes of thanks from recipients telling us how much they were touched by the shawls they received.

Some of the health education activities that I was able to accomplish this year included: Blood Pressure Screening, Education for Pastoral Care Team and Friendly Visitors, Heart Health, Healthy Weights and Exercise, Age-Friendly Cities, and Where Can I Go For Help? (list of resources in the interim without a parish nurse).

I provided professional referrals and acted as a resource and advocate as needed, referring parishioners to physicians, the CCAC, palliative care, Nepean Support Services, Service Coordination, etc.

I have been accepted in a Master's of Nursing program that will start in November, 2011. Therefore in April of this year I handed in my resignation effective October 28th, 2011. I met several times with Fr. Brian and the Health Committee to assist with preparations to recruit a new Parish Nurse. I spent considerable time developing a resource manual and other documents to hopefully ensure a smooth transition to the new nurse. Fr. Brian and Georgia Roberts and I have also met to discuss how parishioners' needs will be best met in the interim. I will continue to pray that the right person will be called to this ministry.

I am excited to be going on to this next chapter in my career but it is with sadness that I leave St. Mark's. I have felt privileged to be able to journey with individuals and families during difficult times in their lives. I have been inspired by their courage and faith and have had my own faith in a loving and present God affirmed. The St. Mark's community will remain in my prayers.

Patti Robillard, R. N.

Health Committee Report

The Health Committee, in 2011, continued to be a support and resource for Parish Nurse Patti Robillard. We held "brainstorm meetings" with her, Father Brian and Janis Perkin from the Corporation. We miss Patti very much and are thankful that she has said she will keep St. Mark's in her prayers. We will also keep her in our prayers. We are glad that Patti has offered to answer some of our questions as we make plans for finding a new Parish Nurse and perhaps introduce and affirm the value of Parish Nursing throughout the Diocese.

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 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 Vestry are also expected annually from the Committee.

The Report of the Parish Nurse, appearing earlier, describes the breadth of the work that was carried out by Patti between January and October of 2011. 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 counselor and supporter and provider of professional referrals. In the first 10 months of 2011 alone, Patti made 304 individual contacts, approximately 20% of which were home and hospital visits. There were 5 new clients among those receiving care in 2011. As well as this work, Patti found time to carry out important health education activities, including the preparation of her informative bulletin board, and to be available to consult with 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 that has been done by Patti through the Parish Nursing Ministry since she came to St. Mark's in 2004. We will miss Patti terribly, for she has shown how much this particular ministry can promote health, healing and wholeness in our parish. A committee has been struck to search for a new person to do parish nursing for St. Mark's.

Respectfully submitted by 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 has been another eventful year for Scouts Canada and in some respects for all the wrong reasons. As I am sure you are all well aware of the revelations on the CBC program The Fifth Estate who made a number of allegations regarding leaders in Scouts Canada in the 1970s.

Although all of these allegations were proven to be untrue there is no doubt that some damage was done to the reputation of our organization. Today, the rules and regulations regarding the process of someone becoming a leader in Scouts Canada are totally different then in 1970. Although there is no foolproof way of weeding out 100% of undesirables we have as good a system as possible.

To become a leader with Scouts Canada and in particular with the 72nd St. Marks scout group the following steps occur.

- A registration form is filled out which requires three references

- These references are called by the Group Commissioner wherein they are asked questions regarding their suitability for working with youth and any reason they should not be working with youth.
- A clear police record check for the vulnerable (youth) sector is required
- An interview is conducted by me and the section leader to determine why they want to be a leader, what they can add to the program and are they good fit for the leaders already in place.
- Whether it be new leaders or established leaders, we make every effort to practice the 'two deep policy' which is to have two leaders in the area where youth are present at all times.

In most cases where groups run into problems are where group committees are weak and due diligence does not occur as it should. We have been very fortunate in the 54 year history of the 72nd to have had leaders and group committee members who have followed the rules and care about the youth they have worked with over those years. We can only hope that going forward that will continue to be the case.

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.

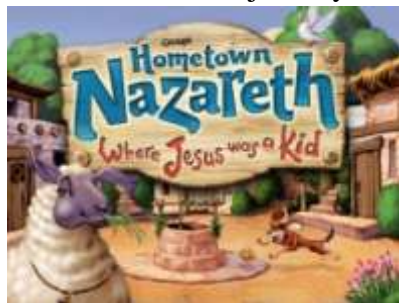
Don Flynn, Group Commissioner, 72nd St. Marks Scout Group

Church School

Our Children are awesome! What a great time we have had exploring God's word through the scriptures. Over 2011 we dug deep into the Old Testament as we looked to our Hebrew Roots and explored the Books of the Torah. Wow, we found that the Hebrews celebrated the same stories that we do. That they had different groups that they belonged to and established communities the same way we do. We also discovered that they travelled in search of God, in many ways the same way we search for God through our journey through our lessons and scripture in Church School. We also adventured into Nazareth and explored what it might have been like to be a child in Nazareth about the same time Jesus was a boy. What did he eat, what did he learn, what games did he play and did he have the same challenges as we do today in dealing with parents, friends and the others that influence our lives..



And in Advent we journeyed with Mary & Joseph as they prepared for the birth of their baby and all the unique and challenging aspects of their unique circumstances. An yes we even found our way to Bethlehem to celebrate with stars, sheep and shepherds.



This year our team was made up of Janis & myself, Kathleen Pirnat and Sarah Dee as well as the numerous volunteers who helped out throughout the year. We know that we are lifted up by your prayerful support and love.

And a child shall lead us!

Janis & Michael Perkin

Stewardship

S.P.A.C.E

Study, Prayer, Action, Celebrate, Energize. These elements are the essential formula to help us explore our Christian lives.

We have already started our exploration where no congregation has gone before, and have started studying our history, celebrating our stories and acting on our plans. We shared our stories both unique and common about what brought us to St. Mark's. We took a trip through time and celebrated the events that have molded us and made us the vibrant and active parish that we are today. The posters at the back of the hall have been well read and have given us the opportunity to reconnect and share our stories.

The S.P.A.C.E. program at St. Mark's is another way of expressing our Stewardship of God's gifts to us. It will also help us in discerning what God is asking us to do with our time, talents and treasures. We have already had our Daring to Dream exercise and will be sharing more of this journey together, looking for exciting opportunities to share ministry, discover mission and celebrate our vibrant Christian Community.



Look for more S.P.A.C.E journeys in 2012 as we look to the future of our community which is St. Mark's

In His Service
Michael Perkin

Dollar for Dollar

What is the Dollar for Dollar program? You may purchase gift cards from us at face value and spend them in all participating grocery stores listed on the card, Independent and Loblaws are the ones closest to us. The balance of the card decreases as you use it. The cards come in a variety of denominations. We usually stock \$250, \$100 and \$50 cards. 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 2011, \$1,908 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 daughter will pick up things from the grocery store if I give them the card! You can also use the card in the Loblaws garden centre in the spring to pick up your annuals 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 2011, were Georgia Roberts, Coralie Sheehan, Penny Miller, and Margaret Pirnat. Margaret Pirnat also 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

Parish Breakfasts: Our four Parish Breakfasts went well again in 2011. We had cash on hand of \$3.33 at the start of the year, revenue of \$644.50, breakfast expenses of \$286.45, a donation of \$115.00, a transfer to cover the costs for the New Members of \$50, a donation to St Mark's of \$526.00, leaving a balance of \$11.38 at year end. A special thanks to Don Porter, Poni Howe, Donna & Les Cundell, Vaughn Barnum, and Helen McGill for their continued support, and to Sheila Pitt who does our phoning.

Pancake Supper: We ran another well attended (145 attendees) and enjoyable Pancake Supper. The total ticket sales were \$990.00 and leftover sales and donations of \$20.00. We had expenses of \$256.96. We donated the profit of \$753.04 to St Mark's. Many thanks to all the workers, without whom we could not do it. A good Parish event!

BAC: 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 four from St. Mark's attend – a car pool is available. We held the Lenten Service and Luncheon for the BAC at Saint Paul University in March and it was well attended. The 16th Annual Scholarship Dinner of the BAC was held at St Mark's on May 6, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. 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 2011 it was Hilary Murray. The next Dinner will be Friday, May 4, 2012 at St. Mark's.

Submitted by Lorne & Connie Bowerman on behalf of the Parish Breakfasts, Pancake Supper, and the BAC. (The only common element is that Lorne & Connie are involved with them all.)

Rummage Sales

What a blessing it was to facilitate the St. Mark's Rummage Sales this past year. It was a blessing of many sorts, first was being able to learn and benefit from Lorne & Connie Bowerman's vast experience and on top of that their continued participation and assistance in making these events not only profitable but a fun social experience as well. Second was the numbers of St. Mark's people I was able to get to know, not only those who volunteered but also those who contributed. I now have a greater understanding of the love and generosity of the Family that is St. Mark's. Third were the volunteers who worked tirelessly and efficiently. Set up I found was a time for great socializing and working together to a common purpose. Clean up, let's say you better not stand still or you may find yourself in one of the boxes or bags going out to Debra Dines House or the Salvation Army Depot in Bells Corners. Both events were wrapped up in record time allowing for a Saturday afternoon enjoying the gifts of spring and early fall.



Lorne's organization and attention to detail including advertising in local media made the transition a breeze. We collected \$1,119.00 in May and in September we were down a little at \$854.50 but that might have been because we were in competition with many other similar events across the city.

I would love to name each and every one who helped in anyway with the sale, but listing them here would increase the size of the vestry report and cost more money to produce so instead I thank you all for your dedication, hard work and look forward to working with you all again at our Rummage sale in May 2012 and September 2012.

Serving the Lord any way I can,
Michael Perkin

Bazaar 2011

A highly successful bazaar was held on November 5, 2011, followed by a mini-bazaar on November 27. The net revenue from both of these events was \$5,912. It was a good day and one that many people worked together on.

The Ladies of St Mesrob Armenian Church joined us at the bazaar again this year and were joined for the third year by Jan Sheridan from our local community who represents CanHave, a local charity making a difference in Africa. We welcomed back honey from Kurt Streckeisen in time for the mini-bazaar. 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 - Pam Rogers Café - Georgia Roberts; Circle 2 - Marilyn Benn; Crafts - Gale Deering; Jewellery - Alison Pirnat; Knitting - Coralie Sheehan; Lion's Needleworks - Joy Bowerman; Note cards - Lorne Bowerman; Plants - Jane Delroy; Preserves - Jean Cobb; Rummage Plus - Lorne Bowerman and Toys - Margaret Blakney. As well, the ACW sold puddings and calendars.

Submitted on behalf of the Bazaar staff by Joy Bowerman, Bazaar Convenor 2011

Property Report

By far the most significant event for property for the year was the start of the roof, solar, and electrical service installation. It was not finished in 2011 because of delays on various part of the contract. The need to install new electrical service added four months to the entire project. The electrical part remains the last thing done to complete the job.

Installation of the roof, solar, and electrical service was finally started on November 14. It took about two days to clear each quadrant of the roof, and another two days to do the shingling. The solar panels took two weeks to install. The electrical part dragged on and on. It took a new electrician to get the job going.

What has been done has been done well. It is a job that we can all be proud of. We all look forward to having it finished. Amen and Amen.

The office foyer and sacristy roof started to leak in the Spring of 2011. It started to leak again in November with all the traffic on the roof. Repairs were tried but it is still leaking. It is the last of the 1996 roofing and it needs replacement in 2012.

Three globe lights in the Hall failed during the year. One failed because the metal down pipe had been twisted too much. The two lights closest to the kitchen must have been hit because both globes and sockets dropped and ended up hanging by the wires. Trevor Dee, Paul Greer, and Lorne Bowerman repaired them. They also developed a practical method of replacing any future failures.

The electrical boxes in the monument concrete pad were removed and the holes cemented.

Many thanks to Connie Bowerman, Helen McGill, and Joyce Dunn for keeping the flower beds looking good. The Navy Lady roses were outstanding. The Lavetera in the Link bed was very showy as well.

“Fire Door” labels have been placed on our fire doors in the hope that they will be shut when leaving. We still need to work on this.

A new ceiling fan in the Church was installed. Paul Greer used his trailer to pick up the scaffolding. Many thanks to Trevor Dee and Paul Greer who did the high work, and Allen Deering and Vaughn Barnun who did the heavy lifting. Lorne was relegated to getting the right parts ready to go up at the right time. A job well done.

Margaret Evans, a friend of Ada Henwood visiting from England, got locked in the Womens' Washroom on October 5 after Slim & Trim. Luckily Lorne was still there and he removed the door to free her. The lock has been replaced by Russell Wilkins with a new lock.

Lorne installed area lighting above the long bench for the Memorial Garden. It works well.

Lorne & Trevor Dee installed Lexan over the magnetic part of the Church sign board because the magnetic signs were being stolen. It was a miserable job because the Lexan is so floppy.

The two small and one large memorial benches were built by Lorne with help from Trevor, Allen, and Les. They have five coats of finish. You can sit with your back against the brick wall so they are quite comfortable.

In an effort to solve our "toys-over-everything" problem, the 30" tables were moved downstairs and the 6' folding tables were brought upstairs. A garage was made Lorne & Trevor to hold the 8' tables and dolly. This allowed the card tables and Slim & Trim mats to be placed on top of the garage and the 6' tables beside it. The work crew of Allen, Les, Lorne, and Trevor moved the stuff around and this left Best Start with a space by and on top of the dividers. J&S Fabrications extended the handles on the dolly for easier pushing.

Two bells and a clapper went missing on the night of August 29, 2011. Lorne discovered it at 3:30 PM on August 30, then checked with Cynthia, Margaret, and Rob Plummer to see if they knew anything as everything was left neat and tidy, with the flowers in place. When no one knew anything, Lorne called the police. A report was made. On August 31, Lorne called Cohen & Cohen and BakerMet, scrap dealers. Cohen & Cohen called back to report that they thought they had our bells. Lorne went out in the afternoon and identified the bells. The bells had been brought in by whom Cohen & Cohen identified as a homeless person who collects scrap metal from garbage, loads it onto the kid trailer attached to his bike, and rides it out to Cohen & Cohen. When Lorne went out on the afternoon, he saw the person on the bike on his way out to Cohen & Cohen. It was quite obvious that he had not stolen the bells as the complete bell and yoke weighs 250 pounds. He told them that he found them in a side hedge. Lorne decided to ask for the return of the bells rather than have the police confiscate them as evidence. Cohen & Cohen repaired the broken part and brought them back.

Meanwhile, the other bell was taken inside for safe storage. Two cover plates went missing as well. Lorne got quotes and ordered them from J&S Fabrications, who also do portable welding. When the bells were back, a work crew of Les, Allen, Michael Perkin, Trevor, and Lorne on September 12 put the bells back in place and J&S Fabrications welded the cover plates to the frame. The clevis shaft that holds the bell to the yoke turned out to be too short so it was cut and lengthened by J&S. Trevor, Michael, and Lorne assembled and put the last bell in place on September 14. Lorne primed the welded places and the drain plumbing and painted the area again. We were back in business.

A major change was the installation of cable Internet from Rogers. The Rogers Portable Internet kept losing the Internet every few days. The new installation is working well, and we hope that it keeps doing that.

The credenza was moved from the office to the Link under the name board. It offers much more storage space for items that are only used in the Link. A four foot laminate table was moved to the office for work space and the table computer.

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

Financial Data and Statistics

Total Parish Income Data

Year	2007.....	2008.....	2009	2010.....	2011.....
Total Collections:	\$178,857.....	\$171,024.....	\$169,000	\$167,734.....	\$161,158
Total Gained from Assets:	\$14,192.....	\$13,656.....	\$12,975	\$17,991.....	\$12,513
Total Organizations:	\$10,857.....	\$11,225.....	\$10,546	\$12,358.....	\$11,938
Total Directed:	\$19,257.....	\$9,024.....	\$9,774	\$7,689.....	\$4,499

Non Directed Contributions

Giving Profile of Envelope Users

\$500 or less:	36%.....	36%	38%	37%	39%
\$501 to \$1000:	30%.....	28%	23%	21%	20%
\$1001 to \$1500:	18%.....	13%	21%	21%	14%
\$1501 to \$2000:	6%.....	8%	4%	5%	13%
over \$2000:	10%.....	15%	14%	16%	14%
Totals:	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average Envelope Givings:	\$1,120.85.....	\$1,061.62.....	\$1,064.72	\$1,120.03.....	\$1,202.72

Yearly Percentage Envelope Givings by Month

January	8.0%.....	8.5%	7.7%	6.7%	8.0%
February	8.1%.....	8.3%	7.0%	8.3%	7.7%
March	8.2%.....	7.4%	7.8%	8.4%	7.0%
April	9.6%.....	9.9%	7.4%	7.9%	7.9%
May	7.4%.....	8.6%	7.7%	8.9%	7.5%
June	7.8%.....	7.2%	7.4%	7.1%	7.0%
July	7.2%.....	9.1%	6.7%	6.8%	6.5%
August	7.8%.....	6.4%	8.1%	8.1%	6.8%
September	7.4%.....	9.4%	7.4%	8.6%	7.4%
October	9.7%.....	8.1%	7.8%	7.3%	8.9%
November	8.0%.....	7.6%	10.0%	9.2%	9.4%
December	10.9%.....	9.6%	15.0%	12.5%	15.8%
Totals	100%.....	100%	100%	100%	100%

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

Totals	181.....	157	159	142.....	137
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Total Envelopes Used:185..... 167..... 171 147..... 145

Distribution by Contributors: Weekly - 34; Monthly - 38; PAR - 58; and non-regular givers - 15.

Over the past years, there is a gradual trend to PAR and monthly giving. Many thanks. This 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 - in today's lingo they have "virtual 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.

Prepared by Connie & Lorne Bowerman

Planning Cash Reserves for Major Long Term Property Expenses

Prepared by Lorne Bowerman

Capital Reserves at Start of Year \$ 32,120

(Assuming one item per year)

Updated - January 2012

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

Project	Normal Life (Years)	Last Done	Work Year	Estimated Cost (2012)	Yearly Balance at \$0/year	Yearly Balance at \$5000/year	Yearly Balance at \$10,000/year
Office/Sacristy Flat Roof	40	1966	2012	\$10,000	\$22,120	\$27,120	\$32,120
Church & Sanctuary Floor	25	1954/1992	2013	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,120	\$ 12,120	\$ 22,120
Kitchen Cupboard Doors	35	1966	2014	\$ 8,000	-\$ 5,880	\$ 9,120	\$ 24,120
Conference Room Windows	30	1966	2015	\$ 6,000	-\$ 13,880	\$ 8,120	\$ 28,120
BRH Boiler	15	1996	2016	\$ 10,000	-\$ 21,880	\$ 3,120	\$ 28,120
Church Furnace #1	25	1990	2017	\$ 15,000	-\$ 29,880	-\$ 6,880	\$ 23,120
Church Furnace # 2	25	1990	2018	\$ 15,000	-\$ 37,880	-\$ 16,880	\$ 18,120
Tree & Stump Removal	10	2009	2019	\$ 1,000	-\$ 45,880	-\$ 12,880	\$ 27,120
Church Furnace # 3	25	1990	2020	\$ 10,000	-\$ 53,880	-\$ 17,880	\$ 27,120
Replace kitchen floor	10	2006	2021	\$ 1,500	-\$ 61,880	-\$ 14,380	\$ 35,620
Partial East Windows	20	1992	2022	\$ 2,000	-\$ 69,880	-\$ 11,380	\$ 43,620
Parking Lot Paving	30	1982	2023	\$ 30,000	-\$ 77,880	-\$ 36,380	\$ 23,620
Tree & Stump Removal	5	2019	2024	\$ 1,000	-\$ 85,880	-\$ 32,380	\$ 32,620
BRH Painting	15	2006	2025	\$ 1,000	-\$ 93,880	-\$ 28,380	\$ 41,620
Church Washrooms	35	1992	2026	\$ 5,000	-\$ 101,880	-\$ 28,380	\$ 46,620
BRH Washrooms	35	1992	2027	\$ 8,000	-\$ 109,880	-\$ 31,380	\$ 48,620
Vinyl Siding Church & Link	25	2002	2028	\$ 25,000	-\$ 117,880	-\$ 51,380	\$ 33,620
				\$ 158,500			

Treasurer's Report

After a difficult financial year, our current year's expenses exceeded income by \$5,720. The ACW contributed to general revenue and the bazaar and breakfasts brought in more than expected. This increased the income from Organizations as well.

It was a year of transition in terms of income. We liquidated some of our holdings in the CTF to pay for the new roof and solar panels but did not get hooked up to hydro to start generating income. Our general income continues its very slight downward trend. We look forward to the GIFT campaign and some of the initiatives which will come with that.

I would like to pass along from the diocese a word about the revenue from the CTF funds. This is a quote from the December administration letter from the diocese. "... set the dividend rate for unit holders of the Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF) at 60 cents per unit. This is down from the 2011 dividend of 75 cents. The recent state of the securities and bond markets has regrettably necessitated this action. The Subcommittee also recommended that communications with unit-holders highlight that payouts over a five-year cumulative basis have also included a large element of return of capital, thus eroding the unit

value of the CTF over this period. In fact, since the so-called dividends have been largely made up of return of capital, in future the dividends will be labelled "payout", and the fact that they include a return of capital component will be highlighted." Although we do not hold as much in the CTF as we did, our biggest holding is the Rectory Trust Fund which is put against the housing allowance for the rector. Thus, our salaries figure is directly affected by CTF returns.

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 \$1,168 for flowers? Who authorized that? It requires careful checking to realize that yes, we really did pay \$1,168 for flowers but it was offset by directed income of \$1,545. 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.

	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	Over/Under	
Income				
Collections	161,158	166,000	-4,842	-2.9%
Gain from assets	12,513	14,870	-2,357	-15.9%
Organizations	11,938	10,320	1,618	15.7%
Other General Income	1,500	0	1,500	
Total	\$187,109	\$191,190	\$-4,081	-2.1%
Expenses				
Salaries	100,299	100,604	-305	-0.3%
Worship	1,035	1,755	-720	-41.0%
Parish Nursing Ministry	18,677	20,675	-1,998	-9.7%
Programs	1,554	1,175	379	32.3%
Outreach	32,778	32,778	0	0.0%
Finance	5,635	5,551	84	1.5%
Church	29,380	32,050	-2,670	-8.3%
Miscellaneous	3,471	3,150	321	10.2%
Total	\$192,828	\$197,738	\$4,910	2.5%
Net Income	\$-5,719	\$-6,548	\$829	

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 2.9% decrease from expected. This is a continuation of an ongoing downward trend. Our gain from assets also decreased because we liquidated a portion of our CTF holding to pay for the roof and solar panels, thus decreasing the payout from the CTF funds. However, the decrease was offset by an increase in some of the other areas of income. Our expenses were notable down in the Parish Nursing Ministry and Church categories. Patti resigned at the end of October and has not yet been replaced. The decrease in church expenses was mainly due to less than expected expenses for heating, electricity and water. As you can see, our overall expenses were 2.5% less than expected.

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

As you look through the budget for 2012, you will notice some changes.

Under income, there is a new category called Solar Power which is the income generated by the solar panels. The amount under CTF interest paid is significantly lower to account for both the reduced amount in the CTF funds and the lower payout rate which has been announced. Due to the market performance over the last several years, a recent administration letter from the diocese has changed the term used for income from the CTF from dividend to payout. This is to make clear to everyone that the amounts paid out have and may include significant portions of the capital depending on the market performance of the funds that year,

Income from the Rectory Trust fund is used to offset the housing allowance. This year, the reduction is \$9,405. This is down about \$2,500 from last year due to a reduction in the dividend payments. This varies 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. The clergy are given cost of living allowance (COLA) from the diocese and we continue this with our own staff. The COLA used by the diocese this year was 5%. Thus, you will notice a large increase staff costs due to a reduction in income from the rectory trust, a large COLA increase and extra hours for the administrator.

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

The budget for the parish nurse includes costs for advertising and interviewing and anticipates an April start to employment.

The special projects include refreshing the lines in the parking lot and painting the basement floor.

The budget presented this year is not a balanced budget. Like the last two years, we were faced with increasing expenses and decreasing income.

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 officers, Judy Corbishley and Paul Greer, also deserve 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, Les Cundell, Allen Deering, Brian Kauk, Janis Perkin, Michael Perkin and Georgia Roberts. 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			\$1,154.31
Transfer to Capital Projects		251.52	
Debra-Dynes Donation		902.79	
			\$0.00
Affordable Housing			\$2,425.00
Transfer to Ministry Reserve		2,425.00	
			\$0.00
Capital Projects			41,780.23
Donations	19,964.51		
2010 Surplus	651.27		
60th Anniversary	251.52		
Deposit on R, S & E		62,000.00	
CTF Liquidation	86,755.78		
Roof Cross		105.66	
Table Garage		110.52	
Progress Payment 1		30,000.00	
Sign Cover		200.35	
Progress Payment 2		25,000.00	
			\$31,986.78
Choir Fund			1,966.71
Choral Workshop		150.00	
			\$1,816.71
Choir Gowns			\$872.00
			\$872.00
Key Deposits			445.69
Key deposit	10.00		
			\$455.69

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Memorials			9,113.83
Memorials Received	2,578.13		
TV & accessories for Conference Room		349.48	
New Books for Library		58.70	
Benches for Garden		217.48	
Restoration of Bell Monument		375.68	
Extension Cord		5.70	
Monument Lighting		154.72	
Partial Payment on Refillable Advent Candles		290.70	
			\$10,239.50
Ministry			6,000.22
Donations	1,255.00		
2010 Surplus	902.79		
Affordable Housing	2,425.00		
Prayer Shawl supplies		43.52	
Pause Table Supplies		242.14	
Extension of Office Hours		1,332.96	
			\$8,964.39
Pastoral Care Support Fund			875.00
			\$875.00
Rector's Discretionary			280.96
Income	3,240.12		
Disbursements		3,039.54	
			\$481.54
Roof & Solar Panels			0.00
Donations	7,050.00		
			\$7,050.00
Tree Care			900.00
			\$900.00

St Mark's Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2011

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
TD BANK	37,663.52
Total Chequing/Savings	37,663.52
Other Current Assets	
PST Receivable	3,278.67
HST Receivable	1,275.12
Dollar for Dollar	9,900.03
Total Other Current Assets	14,453.82
Total Current Assets	52,117.34
Other Assets	
Investments	
Gladys O'Ray CTF 2654	51,000.00
Memorials CTF 2534	5,804.37
Rectory Trust CTF 4053	327,787.49
Total Investments	384,591.86
Total Other Assets	384,591.86
TOTAL ASSETS	436,709.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
RESERVE ACCOUNT	
Roof and Solar panels	7,050.00
Ministry	8,964.39
Choir Gowns	872.00
Capital Projects	31,986.78
Choir Fund	1,816.71
Key Deposits	455.69
Memorials	10,239.50
Pastoral Care Support Fund	875.00
Rector's Discretionary	481.54
Tree Care	900.00
Total RESERVE ACCOUNT	63,641.61
Total Other Current Liabilities	63,641.61
Total Current Liabilities	63,641.61
Long Term Liabilities	
Gladys O'Ray Bequest	51,000.00
Rectory Trust	327,787.49
Total Long Term Liabilities	378,787.49
Total Liabilities	442,429.10
Equity	
Net Income	-5,719.90
Total Equity	-5,719.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	436,709.20

Auditor's Report

January 26, 2012

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

A review of the financial records of St. Mark's has been performed for the year ending December 31, 2011. 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 2011.

Reviewed by:

Brian Darling



John Hancock



Budget

	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
<u>Income</u>			
GENERAL			
Collections			
Open	13,062	8,000	8,000
Envelope	142,621	154,000	154,000
Special Collection	5,475	4,000	4,000
Total Collections	161,158	166,000	166,000
Gain from Assets			
Rent	7,461	6,000	6,000
Investment Income	896	1,000	1,000
CTF Interest Paid	2,247	4,879	800
Solar Power			9,000
Dollar for Dollar	1,908	1,500	1,500
Total Gain from Assets	12,513	13,379	18,300
Organizations			
ACW	2,000		
Bazaar	5,912	5,500	5,500
Rummage	1,974	2,200	2,000
Slim & Trim	200	400	400
Pancake Supper	753	1,000	1,000
Breakfasts	515	500	500
We Kicked the Habit	585	720	720
Total Organizations	11,938	10,320	10,120
Weddings	500		
Other General Income	1,000		
Total GENERAL	187,110	189,699	194,420
INCOME FROM RESERVES			
Memorials		500	
Capital Projects	21,744		
Ministry	1,333		
CTF Bequests	95,256	130,500	
Total Income from Reserves	118,333	131,000	0
DIRECTED			
Centre 454	40		
Cornerstone			
Crosstalk			
Debra-Dynes Family House			
Flowers	1,545		
Forward Day by Day	54		
Lenten Outreach			
Not specified	1,230		
Cornerstone	175		

	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
Debra-Dynes	155		
PWR Fund	25		
Total	1,585		
PWR Fund	1,275		
Total DIRECTED	4,499	0	0
Total Income	309,941	320,699	194,420
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
SALARIES			
Staff	100,042	100,701	113,153
Clergy Fill-in	990	1244	1340
Organist Fill-in	600	600	600
Total SALARIES	101,632	102,545	115,093
WORSHIP			
Service & Altar Supplies	891	1,200	1,200
Flowers	1,168		
Hymn & Service Books	26	30	30
Music/Junior Choir	77	150	150
Piano/Organ	418	375	375
Total WORSHIP	2,581	1,755	1,755
PARISH NURSING MINISTRY			
Parish Nurse Services	18,677	19,014	14,260
Program Income			
Program Expenses		300	750
TOTAL Parish Nursing	18,677	19,314	15,010
PROGRAMS			
Christian Education	186	100	100
Church School			
Conferences & Memberships	359	325	325
Membership	90	200	200
Publicity	449		400
Nursery	55		100
Pastoral Care		200	200
Prayer Shawl Ministry			300
Screening Process			
Stewardship	22		
Synod	392	350	350
Total PROGRAMS	1,554	1,175	1,975

OUTREACH

	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
Cornerstone	790		
Crosstalk			
Debra-Dynes	770		
Diocesan Fair Share	32,778	32,778	33,343
PWR Fund	1,300		
Salary Equalization			
Other Outreach			
Total OUTREACH	35,678	32,778	33,343
FINANCE			
Bank Charges	397	500	500
Supplies	387	200	200
Insurance	4,851	4,700	4,875
Total FINANCE	5,635	5,400	5,575
CHURCH			
Cleaning Service	12,265	12,500	12,500
Operating Supplies	1,061	1,200	1,200
Electricity	4,723	5,000	5,000
Gas	5,686	7,000	7,000
Repair & Upgrade	2,090	3,300	3,300
Projects	117,000	130,500	500
Security	224	250	250
Snow Removal	1,862	2,200	2,200
Telephone	1,089	1,000	1,000
Water	382	700	700
Total CHURCH	146,380	163,650	33,650
MISCELLANEOUS			
Rector's Discretionary		200	200
Wardens' Discretionary		100	100
Office Supplies	224	500	500
Photocopying	1,920	1,300	1,500
Computer & Internet	707	800	800
Postage	313	250	250
Forward Day by Day	354		
Other Miscellaneous	7		
Total MISCELLANEOUS	3,525	3,150	3,350
Total Expense	315,661	329,766	209,751
Net Income	-5720	-9067	-15,331

Nominations Committee

Your Nominating Committee undertook a wide consultation this year. The congregation was asked for input and a number of names were submitted. The Committee consulted and many people were approached to fill vacancies on Parish Council. Unfortunately the Committee was unable to find a nominee for the position of Incoming People's Warden. It is our recommendation that this position remain vacant until a suitable replacement is found. We are pleased to offer the following slate for 2012:

Incoming People's Warden VACANT
Synod Member (2 years) Jennifer Morphew
Alternate Synod Member Sheila Vaudrey
Member at Large (2 years) Gail Deering
Member at Large (1 year) Pam Rogers
Member at Large (1 year) Audia Barnett
Outreach Gillian Morris
Stewardship Michael Perkin

These people have agreed to stand for the above offices.

Les Cundell has offered to fill the post of Parish Council Chair

Nominating Committee for 2012/13
Janis Perkin (chair)
Les Cundell
Betty Caughlin
Coralie Sheehan
Donna Cundell

The following names make up the balance of Parish Council:
Rector The Reverend Brian Kauk
Rector's Warden Georgia Roberts
People's Warden Allen Deering
Deputy Rector's Warden Janis Perkin
Synod Member elected 2011 Penny Miller
Synod Member Warden Allen Deering
Alternate Synod Member Warden Georgia Roberts
Treasurer Joy Bowerman
Membership Cynthia Greer
Property (reporting via Jr. Warden) Lorne Bowerman
Choir Representative (nominated by choir) Jennifer Morphew
Auditors Stephen Coaker, John Hancock

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Nominating Committee: Les Cundell

Minutes of the Annual Vestry held on Sunday, February 20, 2011

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST ANNUAL VESTRY FEBRUARY 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Vestry was called to order at 11:50 a.m. The chairperson for the meeting was Rev. Brian Kauk and Janis Perkin was appointed vestry clerk.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

At this point the following motion was made:

One annual vestry would be held in February 2011 instead of two and that the February 2011 Vestry would also have the elections usually done at the June electoral vestry.

Moved by Lorne Bowerman and seconded by Michael Perkin. *CARRIED*

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010 & THE ELECTORAL VESTRY, JUNE 2010

Rev. Kauk called for errors and omissions. None were forthcoming and a motion to accept was moved by Joy Bowerman and seconded by Allen Deering. *CARRIED*

RECTOR'S & CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

One correction in the Warden's Report: Member at Large should read Gillian Morris and not Wanda Bowman. A motion of acceptance of the Rector's and Wardens' Report was made by Phil Conquer and seconded by Judy Corbishley. *CARRIED*

NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion for the Roof

It is moved by Les Cundell, People's Warden, and seconded by Janis Perkin, Rector's Warden, that a metal roof be installed on the Church for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

Some background was given and questions answered. There have been 7 good bids given so far. Cost will depend on whether or not the roof deck is in good shape. Other questions included concerns with soundproofing of a metal roof, suing company who put on the last roof (they are out of business), getting insurance for the new roof (no policy has been found as yet) and would lowest quote be accepted (choice would be best value for money).

The following amendment was proposed to the motion: subject to final contract details to be presented to and approved by Parish Council.

Moved by Judy Darling and seconded by Margaret Lodge. *CARRIED*

The motion and amendment:

It is moved by Les Cundell, People's Warden, and seconded by Janis Perkin, Rector's Warden, that a metal roof be installed on the Church for an amount not to exceed \$55,000, subject to final contract details to be presented to and approved by Parish Council. *CARRIED*

Motion for Solar Panels

It is moved by Les Cundell, People's Warden, and seconded by Janis Perkin, Rector's Warden, that conditional on receiving a 10 kiloWatt 20 year Micro-FIT contract offer from the Ontario Power Authority, St. Mark's install a solar panel installation on the Church roof for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

The following amendment was proposed to the motion: subject to final solar installation contract details to be presented to and approved by parish council. Moved by Judy Darling and seconded by John Hancock. *CARRIED*

The following amendment was proposed to the motion: In the event that the contract with Micro FIT proposes remuneration less than \$0.50 per kW, the corporation shall recall Vestry to reconsider this decision. Moved by Judy Darling and seconded by Wendy Burpee-Boutros. *CARRIED*

The following amendment was proposed to the motion: In the event that the contract with Micro FIT proposes remuneration less than "\$0.60 per kW", the corporation shall recall Vestry to reconsider this decision. Moved by Margaret Lodge and seconded by Ray Davidson. *DEFEATED*

Some discussion raised questions due to the political uncertainty in Ontario politics and so the following motion was proposed:

Vestry should defer proceeding with the installation of solar panels until the results of the provincial election in October 2011 are known. Moved by Glen Russell and seconded by Ray Davidson. *DEFEATED*

The motion and amendments:

It is moved by Les Cundell, People's Warden, and seconded by Janis Perkin, Rector's Warden, that conditional on receiving a 10 kiloWatt 20 year Micro-FIT contract offer from the Ontario Power Authority, St. Mark's install a solar panel installation on the Church roof for an amount not to exceed \$90,000, subject to final solar installation contract details to be presented to and approved by parish council. In the event that the contract with Micro FIT proposes remuneration less than \$0.50 per kW, the corporation shall recall Vestry to reconsider this decision. *CARRIED*

Motion for Funding

It is moved by Les Cundell, People's Warden, and seconded by Janis Perkin, Rector's Warden, that the Corporation of St. Mark's be authorized to pay for the solar installation and the roof by withdrawing funds from St. Mark's shares in the Consolidated Trust Fund of the Diocese, and that provision be made to accept donations from any who wish to contribute to these two projects. *CARRIED*

2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENT & AUDITOR'S REPORT

Acceptance was moved by Joy Bowerman and seconded by Les Cundell. *CARRIED*

THE PRESENTATION OF 2011 BUDGET

Acceptance was moved by Joy Bowerman and seconded by Les Cundell. *CARRIED*

Margaret Lodge questioned the discrepancy in the monies given for memorial flowers and the amount spent. There had been some missing receipts in 2010 and so the reporting wasn't completely accurate. Any monies left over at years-end go into the operating budget. This will not change in 2011.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING OUTREACH

Joy Bowerman asked Vestry to consider choosing Debra-Dynes Family House as one of the two designated charities for 2011 with the other to be chosen by secret ballot. Moved by Joy Bowerman and seconded by Les Cundell. *CARRIED*

Michael Perkin and Les Cundell served as scrutineers who counted the votes and then reported to Vestry.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Your Nominating Committee undertook a wide consultation this year. The congregation was asked for input and a number of names were submitted. The Committee consulted and many people were approached to fill vacancies on Parish Council. We are pleased to offer the following slate for 2011:

Synod Member (2 years) Penny Miller
 Alternate Synod Member Wanda Bowman
 Member at Large (2 years) Steve Coaker
 Member at Large (1 year) Mani P. Mani
 Member at Large (1 year) Sheila Vaudrey
 Outreach Gillian Morris
 Stewardship Michael Perkin

These people have agreed to stand for the above offices.

Judy Corbishley has offered to fill the post of Parish Council Chair

Nominating Committee for 2011/12
 Les Cundell
 Judy Corbishley
 Betty Caughlin
 Coralie Sheehan
 Donna Cundell

The following names make up the balance of Parish Council:

Rector Brian Kauk
 Rector's Warden Janis Perkin
 Peoples' Warden Allen Deering
 Deputy Rector's Warden Georgia Roberts (effective September 2011)
 Deputy Peoples' Warden Les Cundell
 Synod Member elected 2010 Cynthia Greer
 Synod Member Warden Allen Deering
 Alternate Synod Member Warden Janis Perkin
 Treasurer Joy Bowerman
 Membership Cynthia Greer
 Property (reporting via Jr. Warden) Lorne Bowerman
 Choir Representative Jennie Morphew

Auditors
 Brian Deering
 John Hancock

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Nominating Committee: Judy Corbishley
 Nominations were called for from the floor. None were offered. Joy Bowerman moved that the the nominations be closed and it was seconded by Allen Deering. *CARRIED*

A motion to accept the slate of nominees was moved by Betty Caughlin and seconded by Judy Darling. *CARRIED*

ALL OTHER 2009 REPORTS

Acceptance of all other reports was moved by Les Cundell and seconded by Gail Stone.

APPOINTMENT OF BANK

Joy Bowerman moved that St. Mark's continue using Toronto-Dominion Trust at Emerald Plaza as the financial institution of choice. Motion was seconded by Connie Bowerman. *CARRIED*

The two Lenten outreach projects chosen are Debra-Dynes Family House and Cornerstone. There was a motion for the destruction of the Lenten Offering ballots made by Allen Deering and seconded by Marion Dick. *CARRIED*

MOTIONS OF THANKS

Cynthia Greer asked that thanks be extended to People's Warden, Les Cundell as he completes his term, for his devoted service.

Sincere thanks was offered by Betty Caughlin to Lorne Bowerman, Joy Bowerman and Trevor Dee for all their time and dedication given to the Roof and Solar Panels project.

Ann Matthews offered thanks to Joy Bowerman for her work as treasurer.

Thanks was offered by Betty Caughlin for Patti Robillard and the Parish Nurse Ministry.

Bob Wootton offered thanks for Ariane Dind for her musical direction and selection of anthems.

Allen Deering offered thanks for all departing Parish Council members.

Thanks was offered by Sheila Vaudrey to Margaret Pirnat for rising to the challenge of office administrator.

Carol Dicks offered thanks for Father Brian Kauk.

Gail Stones gave thanks for the life of George McGill who was always in attendance at Vestry.

A motion of adjournment was made by Michael Perkin.

Respectfully submitted by Janis, Perkin, Vestry Clerk