



**St. Patrick's Lower Stafford
St. Thomas' Rankin
and St. Stephen's Micksburg,
with St. Augustine's Chapel, Beachburg**

**Vestry Reports
For the Year 2023**



**Prepared for the Joint Annual Meeting of the
Stafford, Rankin and Micksburg Vestries
to be held on Sunday, Feb. 25th, 2024, at 1pm**

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VESTRY MEETING AGENDA

A Joint Meeting of the Three Vestries of

St. Patrick's Lower Stafford, St. Thomas' Rankin, and St. Stephen's Mickburg

Sunday, February 25, 2024, beginning at 1pm

At the home of Myles and Lucy Buttle – 1369 Stoqua Creek Rd., Cobden

Meeting Chair

The Rev. Matthew Brown, Incumbent

1. Opening Prayer
2. Signing of the Attendance Sheet and Solemn Declaration by all Participants
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10. Time for Congregational Sub-Meetings
11. Vote of Thanks & Adjournment with Prayer

Thank you to everyone praying for and attending today's Vestry meeting.

Notice of Motions

Notice is hereby given that the following motions will be presented to the joint annual meeting of the Vestries of St. Patrick's Lower Stafford, St. Thomas's Rankin, and St. Stephen's Micksburg on Sunday, February 25, 2024:

MOTION 1: Vestry Agenda & Reports Package

"That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the proposed agenda for February 25, 2024 and receives the Vestry reports package."

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

MOTION 2: Minutes of the 2023 Joint Annual Meeting of the Vestries

"That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the minutes of the February 26, 2023 joint meeting of the Vestries of St. Patrick's Lower Stafford, St. Thomas's Rankin, and St. Stephen's Micksburg, and deems them to be the official record of that gathering."

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

MOTION 3: Financial Statements – Central – 2023

"That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2023 Financial Statements for the Central Account of Stafford-Whitewater and deems them to be an accurate representation of the Central Account's financial position."

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

MOTION 4: Financial Statements – Congregational – 2023

"That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2023 congregational Financial Statements for St. Patrick's Lower Stafford, St. Thomas's Rankin, and St. Stephen's Micksburg (including St. Augustine's Chapel, Beachburg) and deems them to be an accurate representation of the financial position of the congregations."

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

MOTION 5: Financial Statements – Cemetery Accounts – 2023

“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2023 cemetery Financial Statements for St. Patrick’s Anglican Cemetery, Lower Stafford, St. Thomas’s Anglican Cemetery, Rankin, St. Stephen’s Anglican Cemetery, Micksburg, and St. Augustine’s Anglican Chapel Cemetery, Beachburg and deems them to be an accurate representation of the financial positions of the cemetery accounts.”

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

MOTION 6: Budget – Central – 2024

“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the proposed 2024 budget for the Central Account of Stafford-Whitewater and directs the churchwardens of Stafford-Whitewater to oversee its implementation.”

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

MOTION 7: Election of People’s Wardens

“That the joint meeting of the Vestries elects the following People’s Wardens for the ensuing year: Patty Childerhose (St. Patrick’s), Debbie McGinnis (St. Thomas) and Myles Buttle (St. Stephen’s).”

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

MOTION 8: Election of an Alternate Lay Member of Synod

“That the joint meeting of the Vestries elects Lucy Buttle as an Alternate Lay Member of Synod for the Parish of the Valley from the Stafford-Whitewater region for the ensuing year.”

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

MOTION 9: Election of Cemetery Boards of Directors 2024

“That the memberships of the Boards of Directors for St. Patrick’s Anglican Cemetery, Lower Stafford, St. Thomas’s Anglican Cemetery, Rankin, St. Stephen’s Anglican Cemetery, Micksburg, and St. Augustine’s Anglican Chapel Cemetery, Beachburg, as listed in the Vestry reports package, be deemed to be duly elected and installed for the 2024 calendar year.”

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

ST. PATRICK'S ST. STEPHEN'S ST. THOMAS
ST. AUGUSTINE'S (CHAPEL)

VESTRY MINUTES 2022

February 26, 2023

Held at the home of Lucy and Myles Buttle after pot luck lunch

Rev. Matthew welcomed all who gathered to the meeting with a special welcome to St. Augustine's Chapel, Beachburg and to our two new priests, Rev. Claire Brama and Rev. Nicholas Forte.

Rev. Matthew outlined the proceedings with the aid of the very helpful Vestry Reports package. He also explained how vestry and synod work together. Jean Lopushanski was appointed vestry clerk.

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MOTION 1: Vestry Agenda & Reports Package

“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the proposed agenda for February 26, 2023 and receives the Vestry reports package.”

Rev. Matthew requested that 8c be added : a signing officer for St. Augustine’s, Beachburg

Moved by: Lorna McLaren

Seconded by: Johnny McLaren All in favour

MOTION 2: Minutes – Annual Vestry by Mail and Special Vestries

“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the final report of the 2022 annual meeting of the Vestries held by mail as the official record of that meeting. The joint meeting of the Vestries further adopts the final motions of the Special Vestry Meetings for St. Augustine’ Beachburg (21 August 2022) and St. Stephen’s Micksburg (11 October 2022) as the official records of those gatherings

St. Stephen’s agreed to be the sponsor for St. Augustine’s as a chapel at the special vestry.
Wendy Johnson is the steward

Moved by: Bonnie Dumouchel

Seconded by: Johnny McLaren All in favour

MOTION 3: Financial Statements – Central – 2022

“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2022 Financial Statements for the Central Account of Stafford-Whitewater and deems them to be an accurate representation of the Central Account’s financial position.”

Lucy Buttle introduced her financial statements and budget. Vestry agreed that the cookbook funds can be blended in with regular funds.

Moved by: Lucy Buttle

Seconded by: Diane Siebarth All in favour

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Moved by: ___Linda Sutton_____ **Seconded by:** ___Johnny McLaren _____ All in favour

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“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2022 cemetery Financial Statements for St. Patrick’s Anglican Cemetery, Lower Stafford, St. Thomas’s Anglican Cemetery, Rankin, St. Stephen’s Anglican Cemetery, Micksburg, and St. Augustine’s Anglican Chapel Cemetery, Beachburg and deems them to be an accurate representation of the financial positions of the cemetery accounts.”

Moved by: ___Sam Sutton_____ **Seconded by:** ___Janet Mottiar _____ All in favour

MOTION 6: Budget – Central – 2023

“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the proposed 2023 budget for the Central Account of Stafford-Whitewater and directs the churchwardens of Stafford-Whitewater to oversee its implementation.”

Lucy asked if one cheque from our central budget could be sent to Ottawa instead of three separate cheques from individual churches. Vestry agreed. St. Augustine’s will pay a priest for four services a year. Each church will pay one third of the total cost for organists each year.

Moved by: ___Debbie McGinnis_____ **Seconded by:** ___Myles Buttle_____ All in favour

MOTION 7: Proposed Payment of Arrears

“With the consent of the Vestry of St. Paul’s Cobden, the joint meeting of the Vestries of St. Patrick’s Lower Stafford, St. Thomas’s Rankin, and St. Stephen’s Micksburg authorizes the churchwardens of Stafford-Whitewater to apply to withdraw up to \$28,590.79 from the proceeds from the sale of St. Mary’s Westmeath, held in our diocesan consolidated trust fund, for the purpose of paying Stafford-Whitewater’s diocesan arrears in full.”

Lucy explained how we can pay off our debt to Ottawa with St. Paul’s financial assistance. Vestry agreed. It was suggested by Debbie McGinnis that we send a thank you card to St. Paul’s. Jennie Mick offered to supply a card and Lucy will write a note. All parishioners may sign the card.

Moved by: ___Lucy Buttle_____ **Seconded by:** ___Patty Childerhose_____ All in favour.

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Wendy Johnson as Steward has signing authority for St. Augustine's.

Moved by: __Sam Sutton_____

Seconded by: __Johnny McLaren_____All in favour

MOTION 9: Election of a Lay Member of Synod

"That the joint meeting of the Vestries elects Lucy Buttle as a Lay Member of Synod for the Parish of the Valley from the Stafford-Whitewater region for the ensuing year."

Rev. Matthew explained that Synod is becoming more expensive and therefore only five delegates from Parish of the Valley will be attending this year although nine have been elected. Four are substitutes for this year and may be delegates next year.

Moved by: __Johnny McLaren_____

Seconded by: __Patty Childerhose_____All in favour

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Myles Buttle reported that the rectory roof needs replacing. He and Sam Sutton have completed one fourth of the roof. Myles has spoken to a Roofer who is preparing an estimate for the rest of the roof. The inside of the rectory needs painting, the front door has needed replacing for some time and the basement needs some attention.
- 2) Lorna McLaren would like any spare garden pots for her annual plant sale. She was congratulated and thanked for raising over \$1800.00 last year. She would also like to paint and sell Ukrainian Easter eggs again this year with the proceeds going to Ukraine.
- 3) Rev. Matthew reported that on May 8, 2003, Dean Beth Bretzlaff from Christ Church Cathedral will be here to celebrate our new clergy team.

ADJOURNMENT: Sam Sutton moved that we adjourn at 2:35. All agreed!

Many thanks to our fantastic clergy team for an excellent year!

Many thanks to Lucy and Myles for their hospitality. It's great to be able to get together once again.



Parish of the Valley

Diocese of Ottawa
Anglican Church of Canada

Solemn Declaration & Record of Attendance

St. Thomas Rankin
St. Patrick's Lower Stafford
St. Stephen's Middlesburg
Name of Congregation

26 February 2023
Date of Annual Vestry Meeting

I solemnly declare that: I am a member of this congregation of the Anglican Church of Canada; I am of the full age of sixteen years; I am a regular worshipper with this congregation; I do not intend to vote as a member of any other Vestry in the election of Churchwardens or of Members of Synod during the ensuing year; and I am a supporter of this congregation by regular contributions to its maintenance.

NAME (Please Print)	SIGNATURE
BONNIE DUMOUCHEL	B. Dumouchel
BEV YORK & LRAE McLAUREY	Bev York & Rae McLaurey
Dianne Siebath	Dianne Siebath
Jean Lopushanski	Jean LOPLUSHANSKI
Debbie McSinnis	Debbie McSinnis
LORNA MCLAREN Lorna McLaren	Lorna McLaren
Janet Johnson-Mottiar	Janet Johnson-Mottiar
Lucy Battle	Lucy Battle
Patty Childerhose	Patty Childerhose
Jessie Mick	Jessie Mick
Linda Sutton	Linda Sutton
Johnny McLean	Johnny McLean

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Wendy Johnson	Wendy Johnson



Incumbent's Report to Annual Vestries February 2024

Dear Members of the Parish of the Valley,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

As I write this annual report to our parish's eleven congregational Vestries, we have just concluded a fantastic Valley Winter Party at the Childerhose Century Farm in Lower Stafford. Every time we gather as an area parish community, I am always struck by how palpable the presence of the Holy Spirit is in our midst. I see the Spirit in the joy and smiles that adorn our faces as we reconnect with friends and visit with neighbours who worship in congregations other than our own. I hear the Spirit in the laughter and in the boisterous conversation that, within mere moments, invariably saturates the room, and in the toe tapping music that we always make together. And yes, I most definitely smell and taste the Spirit in the incredibly delicious food that we share – and just like the Holy Spirit, there is never any shortage!

God is continuing to draw us closer and closer together as a parish, helping us to see and know, in the words of St. Paul, that, "We, being many, are one body." Whether we worship in Whitney, Barry's Bay, Eganville, Cobden, Petawawa, or any point in between, we are one unified parish community throughout the Valley, and we have so much for which to be grateful.

2023 was a very active year for our Parish of the Valley. With regards to our clergy and staff team, in January we welcomed Rev. Nick, who has fast become a blessing to our parish community. In October, we also welcomed back Rev. Gillian, following the conclusion of her maternity leave. I am especially grateful to Gillian for leading the parish from October to December, when I took my own twelve weeks of parental leave. Throughout the year our parish was also blessed by the faithful and capable leadership of Rev. Claire, as well as by the much-appreciated additional support of Rev. Rick Durrett, Canon John Wilker-Blakley, our Honorary Assistant Clergy, our Licensed Lay Readers, and by the ever-steady ministry of Gail Marion, our office administrator, who helps to hold everything together. We are so very fortunate in the Parish of the Valley to have such a gifted staff team, and it continues to be a deep privilege for me to offer leadership to such a resourceful, talented, and faithful group of servant leaders.

The past year also saw us gather as a parish community for many shared events, including a Celebration of New Ministry (May); an Episcopal Visit by Bishop Shane with Baptism, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation (June); a special visit by the Choir of Christ College, Cambridge UK (July), a parish summer picnic and outdoor service in Alice (September); a Remembrance Day visit by the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa (November); the Advent Celebration of Light Evensong in Eganville (December); and most recently the Valley Winter Party in Lower Stafford (February 2024). Additionally, we gathered virtually as a parish during Lent and Advent for times of prayer and communal study on Zoom, and we also came

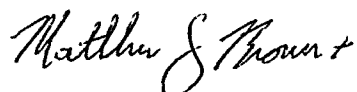
together at countless other times throughout the year to support the local witness of our congregations at events like pancake dinners, rummage sales, wine and cheese tastings, Christmas bazaars, and concerts. A wise mentor once said to me, "You know a parish is alive and well when you can't keep track of all that is going on," and by that measure, I feel the Parish of the Valley is certainly meeting the mark! We are an incredibly active parish family, and God never ceases to amaze us with opportunities to support each other in our shared ministry.

One area in which I was particularly heartened to see continued growth in our parish over the past year was in outreach ministries. Every year the congregations of our parish make a tremendous effort to be of service to others: locally, nationally, and internationally. Whether it be through supporting food banks, hosting clothing banks, offering soup and sandwich programs, supporting residential school survivors, supporting PWRDF, or supporting longstanding partners working in education and poverty reduction overseas, all totaled, the congregations of our parish directed more than \$45,000.00 to outreach ministries in 2023. And out of our deep abundance, I feel we are called by God to continue doing more. I pray that our efforts to reach out and love our neighbours and ourselves will continue to grow larger in 2024. Of special note, Rev. Allan Studd is actively planning a follow up trip to Zambia this coming summer, and I know our parish will once again wish to support him in this important ministry.

As we look to 2024, we will continue our work of creatively partnering with one another across our Parish of the Valley and indeed across our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa however we can. As I wrote in my report to Vestries last year, the aim of our area parish has never been to somehow consolidate ministries into one location. Our geography is simply too vast, and our longstanding presence as the Anglican Church of Canada in the many cities, towns, and villages that make up the Valley is fundamental to our identity as a parish community. Rather, mindful of the rich histories of our congregations and chapels and of our numerous local contexts, we are called to be joyful co-labourers in the vineyard for the Gospel. We are called to creatively coordinate, collaborate, and communicate, so that others may see and know the vibrant and thriving Anglican ministry that is taking place in the valleys of the Ottawa, Bonnechere and Madawaska rivers. As Bishop Shane is fond of saying, we are called to lovingly guide change, with prayer and intention, rather than allowing change to be thrust upon us by the world that surrounds us. Above all else, we are called to remember that we, being many, are one body. "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it." Together as a parish, we possess all the gifts we need to be of faithful service to our loving and gracious God, in this time and in this place. *(1 Corinthians 12)*

On behalf of your Parish of the Valley clergy team, I thank every person who is reading these words for the ways in which you freely and faithfully share your many gifts in love and service to our Lord. May God bless us all as we begin another year together as a parish family, and may God's kingdom continue to come, and God's will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Yours faithfully in Christ,



The Reverend Matthew J. Brown
Incumbent



Associate Clergy Report to Annual Vestries February 2024

Dear Members of the Parish of the Valley,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

We continue to have great joy at being co-labourers alongside you as we journey together in ministry in this beautiful part of God's country we know as The Valley!

In 2023, we welcomed Rev. Nicholas Forte to our clergy team! Rev. Nick joined us on January 1, 2023 and, alongside Rev. Claire, Rev. Gillian, and our interim clergy Rev. Rick and Canon John, has been a wonderful addition to our clergy team.

In May, we had a Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Matthew as Incumbent and Rev. Nick as Associate Incumbent joining our clergy team, on the Commemoration of Julian of Norwich. The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff, Dean of our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, preached at that service, and reminded us of the gift of being a team in ministry together, saying,

Julian knew life, with all of its ups and downs. But her visions of God revealed to her that "all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" was more than a simple platitude. That despite all of the sin and brokenness and difficulty in our world, that in moments of great loss when we cannot see through, in moments when life's problems seem bigger than the possible solutions, or in moments when the threat of change feels riskier than the status quo; it is in these moments that the patience and trust invested in one another pays off, it is in these moments that God's faithfulness shines through, it is in these moments that it is good to be a part of a team.

Indeed, it is good to be a part of a team, and we are blessed to be a part of the team – both lay and ordained – ministering together in the Parish of the Valley. Together, across the parish over this last year, we have had moments of deep joy and deep sorrow. We have celebrated the best of life in the Valley together and come together in worship, in fellowship, and in discipleship. We shared in confirmation, reaffirmation, and reception of new members. We have made glorious music together and we have feasted together.

Our clergy team continues to share resources and work together as a team, alongside the leadership in each of our congregations, to meet the needs of our communities and faithfully grow together as a Parish. Ministry continues, often unseen, through the pastoral visits and phone calls you make to one another and to those who aren't able to be physically in church on

Sunday. It happens in the witness you share in your circles and communities through your presence, through your prayers, and in meaningful outreach through local charities and non-profits.

Throughout this Vestry Package, you will see a lot of numbers. Numbers are important, and they tell part of the story of our life together. However, they do not and cannot tell the whole story of what God is up to here in the Valley and what God is doing in and through you in Whitney, Madwaska, Barry's Bay, Clontarf, Killaloe/Tramore, Eganville, Rankin, Micksburg, Stafford, Cobden, Beachburg, Pembroke, Alice, Petawawa, and every point in between!

We are grateful for your ministry and our ministry together and look forward to continuing to journey together, following where the Spirit leads us as we, Christ's changing and growing body, seek to live into God's ministry and mission here in The Valley.

Thanks be to God.

Yours faithfully in Christ,



The Rev. Nicholas Forte
Associate Incumbent



The Rev. Gillian Hoyer
Associate Incumbent



The Rev. Claire Brama
Assistant Curate

Parish of the Valley Clergy Team Ministry Portfolios

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread. (BAS p. 212)

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

In the Parish of the Valley, we are blessed with many members spread across these beautiful valleys of the Ottawa, Bonnechere and Madawaska rivers that we call home. Our many members have many and varied talents, interests, gifts, and experiences – all of which come from God, and come together to build up the body of Christ in this time and this place.

Likewise, the Parish of the Valley clergy team has many and varied talents, gifts, interests, and experiences. As we seek to live-into being one unified area parish with many beloved local congregations across the Valley, each member of our clergy team is now working to live-into their gifts and interests by taking on a focused ministry “portfolio.” Some of the areas of focus for each team member are due to the different roles in ministry assigned by our diocesan bishop: namely Incumbent, Associate Incumbent, and Assistant Curate. Each of these appointments has responsibilities connected to it that, when coupled with each member of the team’s interests, gives shape to the ministry portfolios to which members offer their leadership.

It should be noted that the team’s ministry portfolios are over and above the day-to-day pastoral and liturgical relationships that all members of the team live-into by virtue of where the clergy live within the parish. The top priority of every member of our clergy team is the pastoral care and worship life of our parish, which are cared for collaboratively and collegially by all members of the team, mindful of the geographic realities of our large area parish.

What follows is a short overview of each of the ministry portfolios that have been agreed to by our Parish of the Valley team members. These portfolios have been arrived at through careful prayer, discernment, and conversation amongst the clergy as we work as colleagues in priestly ministry to live into being one body with many parts here in this beloved Parish of the Valley.

Incumbent – Rev. Matthew

The Incumbent of our parish, also known as the “Rector,” is the priest who is given charge of the Parish of the Valley by our diocesan bishop. Members of the clergy team and lay staff report to the Incumbent, and together with the churchwardens, the Incumbent is a legal trustee of every congregation within the parish. The Incumbent has responsibility for arranging all service times and their officiants, and together with the churchwardens, provides oversight for the care and maintenance of our church buildings and cemeteries, and further offers oversight for all governance and administrative matters within the parish. The Incumbent is, first and foremost, the pastoral leader of the parish, and guides the clergy team in leading, modelling, and enabling worship, prayer, pastoral care, education, outreach, and participation in the wider Church.

In addition to leading liturgy, preaching, and pastoral care, Rev. Matthew is the clergy team’s point person for administrative and governance ministries within our parish. Members of the parish are always welcome and encouraged to contact Rev. Matthew directly if you have questions regarding our service schedule, council meetings, committee meetings, buildings and cemeteries, church finances, our relationship with our diocesan church, or any other concern.

Associate Incumbents – Rev. Gillian & Rev. Nick

Associate Incumbents share with the Incumbent in the pastoral leadership of the parish. With the foreknowledge and agreement of the Incumbent, an Associate Incumbent can fulfil any of the responsibilities of the Incumbent, including chairing Vestry meetings, attending council meetings, and fulfilling any other duties as required from time to time.

In the Parish of the Valley, we have differentiated the roles of our two Associate Incumbents into two focus areas: Communications & Advancement and Discipleship & Formation.

Associate Incumbent for Communications & Advancement – Rev. Gillian

Over and above liturgical leadership and pastoral care, the Associate Incumbent for Communications and Advancement takes particular care for the ways in which we tell the story of the Parish of the Valley to ourselves and to the world around us. This means that Rev. Gillian offers oversight for our parish's internal and external communications, including our printed bulletins and newsletters, our emailed newsletters, and all web-based and social media communications. Rev. Gillian is also the member of the clergy team who is the point person for working with congregations, committees, and working groups to promote special events, initiatives, and ministries. Furthermore, Rev. Gillian works closely with Rev. Matthew and our parish's lay leadership to support advancement initiatives across the parish, including our annual Parish of the Valley Advent Appeal, seasonal congregational stewardship initiatives, etc.

Associate Incumbent for Discipleship & Formation – Rev. Nick

In addition to liturgical leadership and pastoral care, the Associate Incumbent for Discipleship and Formation takes particular care for the programs and events that draw our parish together and encourage us to grow in our faith, in our relationships with God, and with each other. This means that Rev. Nick takes the lead in planning and offering leadership to seasonal ministries like Advent and Lenten studies, any workshops that the parish may offer throughout the year to further Christian education, and catechetical formation opportunities like confirmation classes. Mindful of our call to put our faith into practice, Rev. Nick will also champion outreach ministries that help to connect our parish in service to the world God loves, locally and globally.

Assistant Curate – Rev. Claire

An Assistant Curate is a newly ordained person serving in a parish for a defined time (often two or three years) while growing as a priest in preparation for future leadership in the wider Church. This time of curacy is a critical opportunity to intentionally learn and grow in the wide range of competencies required of a parish priest. Working closely with the Incumbent, the Assistant Curate develops learning goals which inform the work that they will lead in the parish during their term. In addition to offering pastoral care and liturgical leadership, during her Curacy in the Parish of the Valley, Rev. Claire is working with our parish's clergy team and lay Eucharistic visitors to coordinate all visits and home communions within the parish. Rev. Claire also works with our full-communication Lutheran colleagues, and regional ecumenical clergy, to ensure worship leadership in our region's long-term care and retirement homes, and further facilitates our clergy team's ecumenical engagement through special liturgies and events (i.e. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, National Indigenous Day of Prayer, etc.).

**Parish of the Valley Communications & Advancement Report
For the Year Ending December 31, 2023
Prepared by the Rev. Gillian Hoyer on behalf of the Clergy Team**

In 2021 the Parish of the Valley created a Communications Fund, funded through transfers from all regions in the parish and administered on behalf of the parish by Holy Trinity Pembroke. This fund is intended to support all of our parish's communications functions: our website and email newsletter, our parish Zoom account, and print publications like *Revelations*, the Valley Bulletin, and special bulletins for funeral and baptism services.

In addition to the parts of our communications that are funded through our Communications Fund, the Parish of the Valley also has an active and engaged presence on social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram, reaching hundreds of people each week through these mediums.

Through our parish website, www.valleyanglicans.ca, we are able to send out newsletters to the parish as a whole, and to individual congregations within the parish. Our parish email newsletter has 333 subscribers! We send out a biweekly parish-wide email newsletter on every other Friday with news of upcoming events, church services, and invitations to connect with others across the parish in a variety of ways. We also send out a weekly parish-wide email newsletter each Sunday morning with a link to that week's online service, a list of that day's in-person services and locations, and the weekly Valley Bulletin. Congregational email newsletters are typically sent less frequently, and on an as-needed basis. If you would like to confirm if you receive the parish email newsletter, or if you are subscribed to one of the congregational email newsletters lists, please contact Rev. Gillian.

Our parish's print newspaper, *Revelations*, is issued four times per year. The print newspaper is full of stories and reports from all parts of our parish and continues to be an important way of how we learn about and share together across the Parish of the Valley. We print 315 copies of each issue of *Revelations*, and they are distributed across the parish for pick up in person, for hand-delivery, and for mail delivery.

Our parish's social media is a huge success. We currently have 582 followers on Facebook and 394 followers on Instagram. Our reach on both platforms is national and international with posts frequently liked by many Canadian bishops and occasionally shared nationally by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. On a monthly basis, our Facebook posts regularly reach 2500 individuals. That total goes up when our posts are "liked," commented on, or shared by you! Our single best post of 2023 reached 3555 people!

We are also able to receive online donations by credit card through our parish website. Currently, three congregations in the parish have taken advantage of online giving through the website. There is no cost to the congregation, a service fee of 2.9% comes off each donation, and all funds are deposited weekly into the congregation's bank account. With very little promotion of this feature, congregations in our parish received a combined amount of just over \$4000 in donations in 2023! If your congregation would like to learn more about online giving through our website, please speak with Rev. Gillian.

**Parish of the Valley Discipleship & Formation Report
For the Year Ending December 31, 2023
Prepared by the Rev. Nicholas Forte on behalf of the Clergy Team**

In my first year with you as Associate Incumbent, it has been a tremendous joy to learn about each congregation that forms this Parish of the Valley, its spirit of closeness, its joy in gathering, and its depth of spirituality. One particular way in which these things have been shown is in the opportunities and occasions we've had to learn, teach, and share with one another, and on behalf of your clergy team, I want to thank all those who have participated in our Lenten and Advent studies, supported candidates in their Confirmation, joined with other churches in ecumenical celebrations, and continued to support the youth of our parish in modelling our baptismal identity! Truly, there is no greater witness to the Gospel than to be whom God has created you to be, and you continue to show that through your hospitality, your curiosity, your kindness, and willingness to be part of this beloved family of our parish.

Last Lent, when the weather was far colder and more snow-filled than this winter has been, we gathered over Zoom for a Lenten Study, where we invited parishioners to send in their own questions; whatever was on their hearts or in their minds, whatever topic was posing a challenge to their faith, or any curiosity that could lead them deeper in their relationship with God. And you did not disappoint! Questions came in from all over the parish, ranging from biblical topics dealing with some of the more challenging verses, to the history of the Anglican Church and challenges over the divisiveness between different denominations, to the theology or beliefs of our faith and the person of Christ, to very practical questions about the future of the Church. And rather than proposing or arriving at any definitive answers, there was fruitful and engaging discussion that hopefully has led to more ongoing prayerful examination of our faith and our world.

We were blessed with an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with our Lutheran sisters and brothers at St. Timothy's, sharing in Holden Evening Prayer, which is a beautiful evening service of light and song, enriched by dramatic sermons that were led by Pastor Bruce, Rev. Matthew, and myself. This ecumenical relationship has been kept strong with our close ties to Grace Lutheran Evangelical Church in Eganville, and a Ministerial group that encompasses Anglicans, Lutherans, Roman Catholics and United Church leadership. Rev. Claire, with that Ministerial group and partnership with local Indigenous leaders from Pikwakanagan lead a moving service of prayer and song for National Indigenous People's Day, guiding our hearts to closer and more healing relationship with Indigenous peoples of these lands and waters.

We were further blessed with the tremendous gift of preparing seven individuals for Confirmation, Reception into the Anglican Church, and Reaffirmation of Faith; meeting over several weeks of presenting our faith in a way that could be grappled with, examined, and ultimately entered into by those who expressed a desire to take these steps in their journey. It was a gift to share the day with Bishop Shane, but the journey of these individuals continues on, guided and shared by each member of our parish, as we continue to live out our own Confirmation with them, as we continue to say, both to God and to one another, "Yes, I will, with God's help."

This past Advent, we held another study on Zoom, this time focusing on the well-known and beloved hymns of the Advent and Christmas season, hearing different versions of them, and examining the lyrics to discover, or re-discover, just what we're actually singing. Once again, there was fruitful discussion, and some technical difficulties, but as always, abounding grace as we delved deeper into this facet of our faith. We now look towards a new year, with new opportunities to gather and open our minds to the wonders of God's creation, and delve more deeply into depths of God's love within our hearts. I pray that you'll join us as we grow in our discipleship, for just as there is no limit how abundant God's grace is towards us, so is there no end of opportunities to recognize and understand God in our midst.

ST. PATRICK'S
WARDEN'S REPORT 2023

WE BEGAN OUR YEAR WELCOMING REV. NICK TO OUR RECTORY AND OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO HIM FOR HIS SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT.

WITH A RETURN TO MORE "NORMAL TIMES" WE GATHERED BIWEEKLY AT ST. PATRICK'S THROUGHOUT THE COLD WINTER MONTHS. WITH THE RETURN OF SPRING AND WARM WEATHER WE RESUMED OUR REGULAR ROTATION WITH ST. STEPHEN'S AND ST. THOMAS' CHURCHES.

IN JUNE WE GATHERED AT HOLY TRINITY WITH THE WHOLE PARISH OF THE VALLEY TO WELCOME BISHOP SHANE AND TO CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, AND REAFFIRMATION OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

REV. NICK AND REV. MATTHEW PRESIDED OVER A BEAUTIFUL AND MOVING CEMETERY SERVICE.

OUR THREE CHURCHES HAD THE HONOUR OF HOSTING GREAT CHAPTER AT THE MICKSBURG HALL WHICH WAS WELL ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACROSS THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY. THE BARBECUERS PROVIDED A WONDERFUL LUNCH.

DUE TO AN UNFORTUNE ACCIDENT MARIE FOUND HERSELF UNABLE TO CONTINUE AS OUR ORGANIST. WE WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR ALL HER YEARS OF MUSICAL MINISTRY IN OUR CHURCH. MUSIC MAKES A SERVICE COMPLETE.

WE ARE THANKFUL TO PHIL FOR STEPPING
IN TO PROVIDE US WITH HIS MUSICAL
LEADERSHIP.

OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR WE
WERE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE OUR SERVICES
PRESIDED OVER BY OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR
CLERGY TEAM AND WE HAVE FOUND IT TO
BE AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE. WE ARE
TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A DEDICATED
SPIRITUAL TEAM TO SUPPORT AND GUIDE US.

OUR THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTINUE
TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH THROUGH THEIR
PRAYERS, HARD WORK AND FINANCIAL
CONTRIBUTIONS.

WISHING YOU ALL OF GOD'S RICHEST
BLESSINGS IN 2024

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JOHNNY MCLAREN . PATTY CHILDERHOSE

ST. THOMAS WARDEN'S REPORT 2023

We are very happy to welcome our new Associate Incumbent, Rev. Nick Forte to our Clergy Team.

Huge Thank You to our dedicated "Clergy Team" of "Parish of the Valley"! We are truly blessed to have this amazing team who travel the Renfrew County to bring us Services, Leadership, Prayer and Support, On-Line services and information.

Thank you to Lucy, our Central Treasurer & Representative for Synod, to Bonnie our Treasurer for St. Thomas, to the Readers, to everyone who prepare the Altars and keep the churches maintained.

Thank you to Sam for maintaining the St. Thomas Cemetery and keeping the grounds beautiful!

We thank both Marie and Jim for their musical talents and our blessings to both in a most difficult year. We are very grateful to Phil for filling in and bringing music to our services.

The Great Chapter Meeting was held in September at the Micksburg Community Centre, with St. Stephen's hosting with a barbecue and Lorna McLaren making an assortment of pies for dessert!

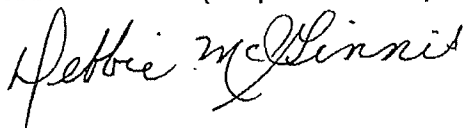
Thank you to St. Patrick's for graciously opening their doors for the winter as we deal with our mould issue.

There were many events throughout the year in our "Parish of the Valley!" Good times and laughter shared with music, delicious food, and great deals at rummage sales!

Thank You to Lucy & Myles for hosting our Vestry Meeting.

To Everyone "Thank You" for your continued support! Wishing Everyone Good Health and Happiness for 2024!

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie McGinnis (People's Warden)



St Stephen's Wardens Report 2023

Well, we have another year in the books, they are moving ever faster. It started with an ice storm that caused quite a mess, we had a tree removal company come and with some help from John, Wendy, and Nick we cleaned up the rest of the mess.

Our three churches (St. Thomas, St Patrick's) should be proud of the work accomplished as a small group. The Great Chapter was held at the Micksburg Cultural Centre, the meeting and lunch was a success.

A lot of work was done on the Rectory, Basement work and new roof and front door have breathed new life into the old girl.

It's time to thank our small but dynamic group of souls that keep us going. Many thanks to Lucy and Jennie, our treasurers, the small but effective Altar Guild, Lorna for looking after the cemetery books, and Reverend Nick for his leadership.

When our three churches are together, we are strong, let's be proud of what we can still accomplish.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat and Myles

ST AUGUSTINE'S ANGLICAN CHAPEL

STEWARD'S REPORT

2023

This is our first full year as a chapel. We have had four services, our last one Christmas Eve. We thank Rev Nick for the wonderful service, after doing all the other ones Christmas Eve. It is working well for us as a Chapel, the services have been well attended and everyone is happy to keep our church open. The cost has been manageable and our dividends are keeping us a float. This year at Christmas we donated money to The Cobden Food Bank, County Haven and St. Andrews United Church Beachburg, to help with the cost of the Community Christmas Dinner. It was open to all who would have been alone or no where to go on Christmas. It was very well attended. So we were happy to help with the food cost. I feel this also lets the community know we are still here and involved as a community. We may be small in numbers but we can help were needed.

We thank St. Stephens for being our sponsor.

Chapel Steward

Wendy Johnson

January 2024

Parish of the Valley Clergy
St. Paul's, St. Patrick's, St. Stephen's and St. Thomas Congregations

Dear Friends,

As we approach the annual Vestry meetings, I thought it appropriate to formalize what has evolved since our 15 June 2023 car crash which rendered me unable to continue to serve as your organist. At the time it was uncertain if, when, or to what degree I would be able to return to my usual duties.

While I have for the most part recovered from the accident, it is apparent that my Parkinson's Disease is progressing. The writing was already on the wall for me before the accident, that the time was coming when someone else would have to take over the position, as I was finding it increasingly stressful to try serve you with a level of competence with which I felt comfortable. The accident just necessitated that change more abruptly than I had anticipated.

As I indicated to some of you earlier, I do not foresee resuming my duties, except perhaps occasionally in our home church, St. Paul's, as a last resort should one else be available, so please accept this as my letter of resignation.

I am pleased that Phil Cottrell and now Jim Dunn are able to serve the Stafford congregations, and that Jocelyn Smaglinski has been able to help out in St. Paul's and that Holly Howarth is developing her skills as she serves there.

Thank you to all of you for the warmth, kindness, and appreciation you have shown me over the approximately 18 years that I have been privileged to serve you in music ministry. I will always treasure memories of choir practices and music nights. All of us together made a great team! May God bless you all!

With love, gratitude, and best wishes

Marie Zettler

CENTRAL ACCOUNT OF STAFFORD-WHITEWATER
Central Treasurer's Report to December 31, 2023

Opening Balance	01-Jan-23			\$27,185.50
Receipts	St. Augustine's (\$2,703.00)		2,703.00	
	St. Patrick's (\$8,751.78)		10,758.00	
	St. Paul's (\$47,936.57)		47,936.52	
	St. Stephen's (\$9,478.65)		6,300.00	
	St. Thomas' (\$7,253.99)		6,134.22	
	HST Rebate		1,619.92	
	Miscellaneous		<u>388.00</u>	75,839.66
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Expenses	D of O - Shortfall (\$38,590.79)		10,000.00	
	D of O - Stipend (\$67,989.00)		67,989.00	
	P O V Communications Fund		500.00	
	Office Supplies		176.68	
	Miscellaneous - CCLI	165.00		
	- PWRDF	368.00		
	- GC BBQ	85.00		
	- Synod	<u>441.91</u>	<u>1,059.91</u>	79,725.59
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Rectory Expenses	Hydro		1,445.92	
	Heating		3,006.57	
	Taxes		591.97	
	Telephone: Landline		427.82	
	: Internet		1,016.28	
	Miscellaneous		<u>163.85</u>	6,652.41 16,647.16
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Rectory Account	Balance Forward			5,040.52
	Receipts: St. Paul's		2,000.00	
	:CTF Fund		<u>16,427.28</u>	18,427.28
	Expenses: Basement		8,568.23	
	: Roof		6,440.80	
	: Door		<u>3,418.25</u>	18,427.28 5,040.52

Respectfully Submitted,
Lucy Buttle, Central Treasurer

CENTRAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023 & PROPOSED BUDGET 2024

Category	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Receipts	85,806.00	76,124.00		77,565.00
St. Augustine's (Chapel)	8,000.00	2,703.00	2,703.00	2,895.00
St. Patrick's	10,600.00	8,751.78	10,758.00	8,956.05
St. Paul's	46,152.60	47,6936.57	47,936.52	50,376.73
St. Stephen's	6,750.00	9,478.65	6,300.00	8,778.32
St. Thomas'	4,500.00	7,2053.99	6,134.22	6,558.90
CTF Dividends	3,086.20			
HST Rebate			1619.92	
Other	6,717.20		388.00	
Diocesan Expenses	62,000.00	67,989.00	67,989.00	67,950.00
ECOPS (Clergy Stipend)	44,099.00	51,828.00	51,828.00	52,055.00
(P.F.S.)/Proportional Parish Share	12,625.00	9,817.00	9,817.00	8,325.00
Clergy Housing Allowance	10,753.00			
Insurance	8,783.00	11,154.00	11,154.00	12,381.00
CTF2051 Endowments	(10.00)	(10.00)	(10.00)	(11.00)
Curacy Grant	(1,200.00)	(4,800.00)	(4,800.00)	(4,800.00)
Diocese of Ottawa Arrears			10,000.00	
Covid Relief	(2,214.00)			
Previous Overpayment	(13,780.00)			
Current Overpayment	(2,944.00)			
Day to Day		2,435.00	1,736.59	2,545.00
Office Supplies & Service	0.00	100.00	176.68	100.00
Supply Clergy & Lay Readers	646.72	500.00		500.00
Synod Reg'n & Accommodations	403.45	500.00	441.91	500.00
Clergy Development	0.00	100.00		100.00
PWRDF			368.00	
Organist	100.00	300.00		300.00
Liturgical Supplies	0.00	150.00		150.00
Copyright License	157.00	160.00	165.00	170.00
POV Communications Fund		500.00	500.00	625.00
Calendars	122.04	125.00		100.00
Cell Phone	158.94			
Internet	682.62			
Miscellaneous	563.99		85.00	
Rectory	2,962.70	5,700.00	6,652.41	7,070.00
Hydro	335.59	1,200.00	1,445.92	1,500.00
Taxes	582.83	600.00	591.97	600.00
Heating	930.33	2,400.00	3,006.57	3,500.00
Telephone		480.00	427.82	450.00
Internet		1,020.00	1,016.28	1,020.00
Miscellaneous	1,113.95		163.85	

2024 Percentages (based on assessable income)									
		2020	2021	2022	Average	Percentage			
St. Augustine					-	-			
St. Patrick		8,967.00	11,575.00	13,427.00	11,323.00	12.01			
St. Paul		63,076.00	64,454.00	64,539.00	64,023.00	67.93			
St. Stephen		14,319.00	10,688.00	7,540.00	10,849.00	11.51			
St. Thomas		9,570.00	8,516.00	6,085.00	8,057.00	8.55			
					94,252.00				

2024 MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>E.C.O.P.S.</u>	<u>P.P.S.</u>	<u>INS.</u>	<u>CURACY GR.</u>	<u>CTF.2051</u>	<u>DTD.EXP.</u>	<u>RECTORY</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>
	52,055.00	8,325.00	12,381.00	(4,800.00)	(11.00)	2,545.00	7,070.00	77,565.00	6,463.75
St. Augustine's (Chapel)	1,000.00		1,895.00					2,895.00	241.25
St. Patrick's (12.01%)	6,131.71	992.34	1,259.37	(572.16)	(1.31)	303.36	842.74	8,956.05	746.34
St. Paul's (67.93%)	34,681.66	5,435.39	7,123.14	(3,133.92)	(7.18)	1,661.63	4,616.00	50,376.73	4,198.06
St. Stephen's (11.51%)	5,876.43	1,074.76	1,206.94	(619.68)	(1.42)	328.56	912.74	8,778.32	731.53
St. Thomas' (8.55%)	4,365.20	822.51	896.55	(474.24)	(1.09)	251.45	698.52	6,558.90	546.58
TOTALS	52,055.00	8,325.00	12,381.00	(4,800.00)	(11.00)	2,545.00	7,070.00		6,463.75
Monthly Remittance	67,950/12 = 5,662.50								

.St. Patrick's Anglican Church Treasurer's Report
 For the year ending Dec.31/23
 Parish Of Stafford-Whitewater

.Balance Forward		\$ 1476.95
Regular Contributions (Advent appeal \$500 included)	\$10275.00	
Donation in lieu of	44.06	
Loose offerings	665.00	
Plant sale @ Lorna McLarens	2010.05	
St Thomas share of expense for organist 2022-23	<u>133.33</u>	
 Total	 \$13127.44	 <u>\$13127.44</u> 14604.39

Expenses

Parish of Stafford Whitewater	\$10758.00	
Enbridge	1438.27	
Hydro	548.96	
Music	765.00	
Receipt books, D-H Printing	155.94	
Liturgica supplies	143.50	
Bank Charges	15.00	
Record keeping book Staples	<u>44.06</u>	
	\$13868.73	<u>\$13868.73</u> \$ 735.66

Balance on hand \$735.66

Respectfully submitted

By Dianne Siebarth, Treasurer *Dianne Siebarth*

Audited by *Lois Hawkins*

St. Patrick's Anglican Church Treasurer Report
MEMORIAL/RESTORATION FUND
Parish of Stafford-Whitewater
December 31, 2023

Balance forward \$6761.30

Expenses 0

BALANCE ON HAND \$6761.30

Respectfully submitted by
Dianne Siebarth, Treasurer *Dianne Siebarth*

Books audited by *Lois Hawkins*

.St. Patrick's Anglican Church Treasurer Report
.Growing In Faith Together
.Parish of Stafford-Whitewater
December 31, 2023

.Balance forward	\$925.00
Income	0
Expenses	0
Balance on hand, December 21, 2023	\$925.00

Respectfully submitted by,

Dianne Siebarth, Treasurer *Dianne Siebarth*

Books audited by *Lois Hawkins*

2023 Contributors

\$25-\$400.....	9
\$401-\$800.....	3
>\$801.....	5

Identifiable Givers 17
of which 11 are on the parish
member roll

**ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
PARISH OF STAFFORD WHITEWATER
TREASURER'S REPORT
2023**

BALANCE FORWARD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023 **\$ 2,405.12**

RECEIPTS

Envelopes - Regular	\$5,455.00
Loose Change	100.00
Donations	200.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$5,755.00	5,755.00

\$ 8,160.12

EXPENDITURES

Stafford Whitewater Parish	\$6,134.22
Hydro	637.57
Organist	363.33
Bank Fees	30.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,165.12	7,165.12

BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 **\$ 995.00**

**Respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Dumouchel
Treasurer
January 15, 2024**

Audited by: *Debbie McGinnis*
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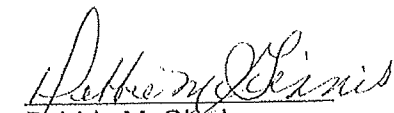
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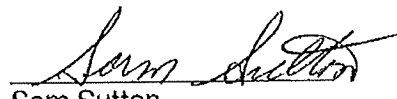
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**ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
PARISH OF STAFFORD WHITEWATER
MEMORIAL REPORT
2023**

BALANCE FORWARD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023		\$2,855.51
RECEIPTS		
Memorial Donations re Beth Leach	\$ 25.00	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 25.00	25.00
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		\$2,880.51
EXPENDITURES		
Garfat Tree Removal	\$1,977.50	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,977.50	1,977.50
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BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023		\$ 903.01
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Respectfully submitted by: **Bonnie Dumouchel**
Treasurer
January 15, 2024

Audited by: 
Debbie McGinnis


Sam Sutton

Date: Jan 23/24

**ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
PARISH OF STAFFORD-WHITEWATER
PATTERN OF ENVELOPE GIVINGS
2023**

Regular Envelopes – 7

\$ 0 - \$ 100	=	0
\$ 101 - \$ 500	=	3
\$ 501 - \$1000	=	2
\$1001 - \$1500	=	0
\$1501 - \$2000	=	2

Envelopes – Regular = \$5,455.00

**Respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Dumouchel
Treasurer
January 15, 2024**

St. Stephen's Memorial Fund - 2023

Previous Balance	\$10817.37

Current Balance	\$10817.37

St. Stephen's Pattern of Giving – 2023

\$0-\$50	
\$51-\$100	
\$101-\$150	1
\$151-\$200	1
\$201-\$250	
\$251-\$300	
\$301-\$350	
\$351-\$400	2
\$401-\$450	
\$451-\$500	
\$501-\$600	
\$601-\$700	
\$701-\$800	1
\$801-\$900	
\$901-\$1000	1
\$1001-\$1500	1
\$1501-\$2000	
\$2001-\$2500	
\$2501-\$3000	1
\$3001 +	
Identifiable Givers	8

Respectively Submitted,

Jennie Mick, Treasurer
St. Stephen's Anglican Church
Micksburg, Ont.

Proposed Budget St. Stephen's 2024

Hydro.	\$700
Parish of Stafford Whitewater	\$8000
Musician	\$200
Superior Propane.	\$72
Miscellaneous	\$100
Total	\$9072

ST. AUGUSTINE'S ANGLICAN CHAPEL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023

OPENING BALANCE		\$2434.43
INCOME		
Envelopes	\$2025.00	
Open Collection	\$185.00	
Donations	\$1450.00	
Fund Raising	\$25.00	
Dividends	\$4269.39	
Income from transfer	\$6558.16	
Total INCOME		\$14512.55
EXPENSES		
Priestly Services	\$2703.00	
Staff	\$805.00	
Water	\$449.22	
Heating	\$2257.19	
Hydro	\$934.59	
Outreach	\$480.00	
General Operation	\$ 0	
Misc	\$302.77	
Bank Charges	\$96.38	
Total Expenditures		\$8028.15
Cheques not cashed	#272, \$100.00 #269 \$30.00	\$130.00
CLOSING BALANCE		\$9048.83

*Audited by Judy Heslop
Jan 21/24*

ST Patricks Cemetery Report 2023

Bank Balance January 1 2023 7,059.61

Income

T.D. Trust 356.36

Cemetery Service 525.00

Loose collection 235.00

Envelopes / cheques 290.00

881.36

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Expenses

Diocese of Ottawa 175.00

Ring / Peterson Plot
2022

Bank Charges 27.00

Grass Cutting 870.00

(Cheque not cashed yet)

1072.00

Closing Balance Dec 30/23 7,859.22

Submitted By Johnny McLaren

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY REPORT 2023

BALANCE FORWARD \$12,428.66

RECEIPTS

Perpetual Care (T.D. Canada Trust)	219.40	
Interest (G.I.C)	210.00	
Cemetery Service	495.00	
Memorial Donations (Margaret Leach)	750.00	
Donations	350.00	
Plots Sold (2)	1,800.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,824.40	<u>\$3,824.40</u>

\$16,253.06

EXPENDITURES

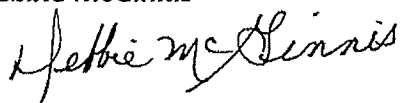
Lawn Maintenance & Supplies	\$1,500.00	
Tree Removal & Cleanup	200.00	
Perpetual Care (T.D. Canada Trust)	720.00	
Stamps	31.19	
Memorial Donation to Church, not Cemetery	25.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,476.19	<u>\$ 2,476.19</u>

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 \$13,776.87

G .I. C. \$5,000.00

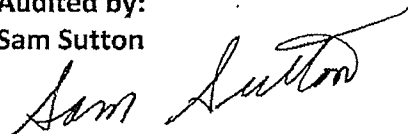
Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie McGinnis



Audited by:

Sam Sutton



St. Stephen's Cemetery Report 2023

Opening Balance

\$9,459.76

Credits

trust fund	\$ 132.41
trust acct	\$ 34.84
Donations	\$ 1,200.00
Care & Maintenance	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
	\$1,567.25

Debits

reorder of cheques	\$ 72.72
Cemetery maintenance	\$ 1,355.10
Bank Fees	\$ 11.70
Garfat Tree Services	\$ 1,130.00
organist-cemetery service	\$ 50.00
TD Trust	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
	\$ 2,819.52

Closing Balance

\$8,207.49

2023 St Augustine Anglican Church Cemetery
Income and Expense statement

opening Balance

01-Jan	2275.61		2275.61
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Income

TD Trust	248.73		
Donation	200		
GIC cashed	5126.57		
Interest	0.16		
total income	5575.46		5572.46

Expenses

GIC purchase		500	
cemetery maintenance		2400	
Service Charges		21.75	
total expense		2921.75	2921.75

closing balance

31-Dec			4929.32
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GIC		matured	percent	term	date maturing
20-Mar	1517.88	1594.1	4.6	13 mon	20-Apr-24
08-Nov	2677.37	2677.37	matured	sitting in cash	

Total of GIC's Dec31, 2023	4256.12				
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Church Office Holders 2024: Appointments and Nominations

Parish of the Valley Clergy Team

Incumbent	The Rev. Matthew Brown
Associate Incumbent	The Rev. Nicholas Forte
Associate Incumbent	The Rev. Gillian Hoyer
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Claire Bramma

St. Patrick's Lower Stafford Church Corporation

Consisting of the Incumbent and the churchwardens:

Rector's Warden	<i>(appointed by Incumbent)</i>	Johnny McLaren
People's Warden	<i>(elected by Vestry)</i>	Patty Childerhose

St. Thomas' Rankin Church Corporation

Consisting of the Incumbent and the churchwarden:

Rector's Warden		<i>To Be Determined</i>
People's Warden	<i>(elected by Vestry)</i>	Debbie McGinnis

St. Stephen's Micksburg Church Corporation

Consisting of the Incumbent and the churchwardens:

Rector's Warden	<i>(appointed by Incumbent)</i>	Pat Leach
People's Warden	<i>(elected by Vestry)</i>	Myles Buttle

Other Office Holders:

Central Treasurer	Lucy Buttle
Alternate Lay Member of Synod	Lucy Buttle
Treasurer: St. Patrick's	Dianne Siebarth
Treasurer: St. Thomas'	Bonnie Dumouchel
Treasurer: St. Stephen's	Jennie Mick
Chapel Steward: St. Augustine's Beachburg	Wendy Johnson

Cemetery Boards:

Consisting of the Incumbent and the congregational churchwardens, and the following volunteers:

St. Patrick's Cemetery	Johnny McLaren
St. Thomas' Cemetery	Sam Sutton & Debbie McGinnis
St. Stephen's Cemetery	Lorna Leach
St. Augustine's Chapel Cemetery	Glenda McKenzie, Hal Johnson, Bev York



Members of Diocesan Synod – 2024

Membership in our Diocesan Synod includes all members of the clergy in appointment, all members of diocesan council, and lay members of diocesan synod elected by parishes in accordance with Bylaw B.5.07. Based on our parish’s total population, the Parish of the Valley may elect 5 Lay Members of Diocesan Synod for the year 2024. One elected Lay Member of Diocesan Synod from our parish is required to be a churchwarden (*).

The following individuals have agreed to allow their names to stand for election by their congregational Vestries. Lay Members of Synod are elected for a two-year term. Alternate members are elected for a one-year term.

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years Remaining in Term</u>
Jennifer Cross	Holy Trinity Pembroke	1 Year
Tom Smith	Epiphany Barry’s Bay	1 Year
Ainsleigh MacInnis	Holy Trinity Pembroke	2 Years
Julie McMillan	Ascension Killaloe / St. John’s Tramore	2 Years
Bernard Raglin*	St. George’s South Alice	2 Years

<u>Alternates</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years Remaining in Term</u>
Alexis Anderson	Holy Trinity Pembroke	1 Year
Lucy Buttle	St. Stephen’s Micksburg	1 Year
Wendy Cayen*	St. John’s Eganville	1 Year
Dave Eagles*	Epiphany Barry’s Bay	1 Year

Other members of our Diocesan Synod serving in the Parish of the Valley include:

The Rev. Matthew Brown	Incumbent & Diocesan Council Member
The Rev. Nicholas Forte	Associate Incumbent
The Rev. Gillian Hoyer	Associate Incumbent
The Rev. Claire Brama	Assistant Curate
Marie Cheesman	Diocesan Council Member (Holy Trinity Pembroke)
Robert Hanson	Diocesan Council Member (Holy Trinity Pembroke)



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Diocesan Leadership Roles – 2024

In addition to their service as Members of Diocesan Synod, members of our clergy team and diocesan council members offer considerable leadership to the life and ministries of our diocesan church. Below is a listing of current diocesan leadership roles held by members of our Parish of the Valley. Wherever possible, these roles align with work that our leaders are already engaged in at the parish level, together with their personal gifts and skills.

Rev. Matthew

Regional Dean of the Northwest
Diocesan Council – Member
Governance Committee – Member
Nominations Sub-Committee – Chair
Cemeteries Sub-Committee – Member
Parish Governance Working Group – Member

Rev. Gillian

Diocesan Learning Commons Coordinator
Education Committee – Member

Rev. Nick

Fresh Start Program (for Newly Arrived Clergy)
Bishop's Liturgical Advisory Panel – Member

Rev. Claire

Formation Program for the Newly Ordained

Marie Cheesman

Diocesan Council – Member
Property & Finance Committee – Member

Robert Hanson

Diocesan Council – Member
Property & Finance Committee – Member
Cemeteries Sub-Committee – Member
Investments Sub-Committee – Member