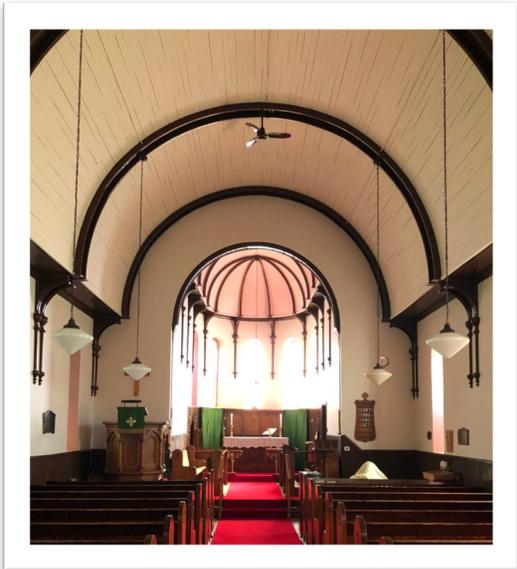
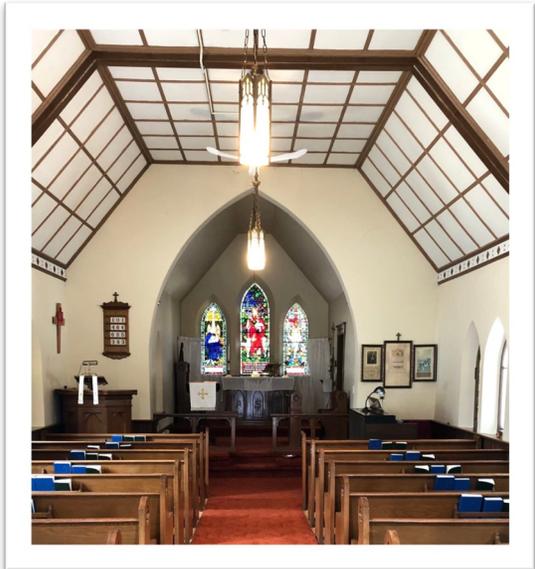


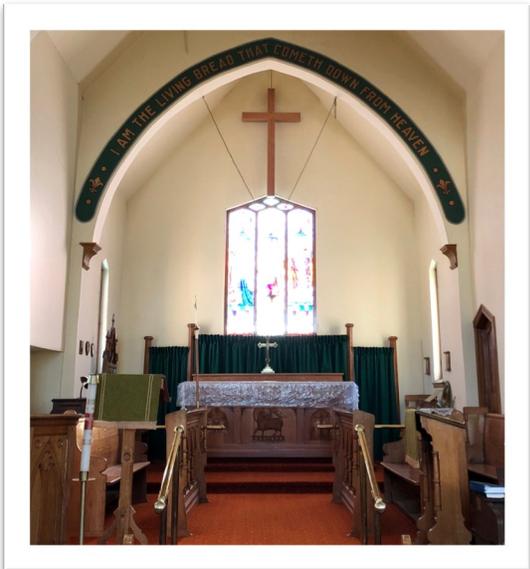
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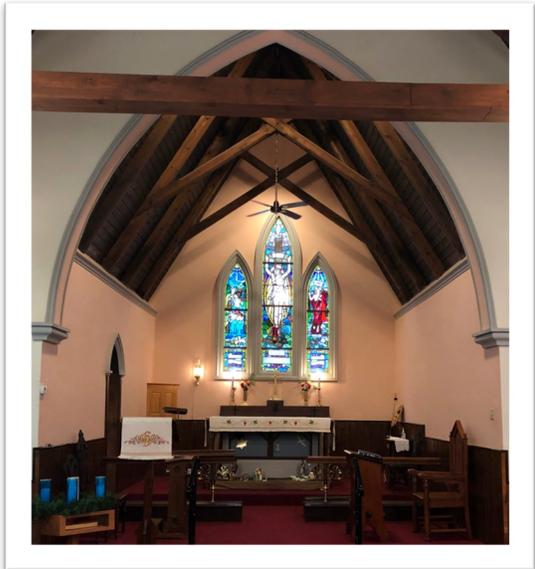
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Vestry Reports for the Year Ending December 31, 2025

# VESTRY MEETING AGENDA

A Joint Annual Meeting of the Three Vestries of  
St. Patrick's Lower Stafford, St. Thomas' Rankin, and St. Stephen's Micksburg

Sunday, March 8, 2026, beginning at 1pm

At the home of Myles & Lucy Buttle – 1369 Stoqua Creek Road, Cobden

Meeting Co-Chairs:

The Rev. Matthew Brown, Incumbent

and

The Rev. Christine Muise, Associate Incumbent

1. Opening Prayer
2. Signing of the Attendance Sheet and Solemn Declaration by all Participants
3. Appointment of the Vestry Clerk by the Churchwardens
4. Housekeeping and Review of Rules of Order
5. Approval of the Agenda and Reception of Vestry Reports Package (Motion 1)
6. Approval of 2025 Joint Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes (Motion 2)
7. Parish Staff Team & Churchwarden Reports
8. Financials
  - a) Central Account Financial Statement 2025 (Motion 3)
  - b) Congregational Financial Statements 2025 (Motion 4)
  - c) Cemetery Financial Statements 2025 (Motion 5)
  - d) Parish of the Valley Regional Budget: Stafford-Whitewater 2026 (Motion 6)
9. Elections
  - a) Election of People's Wardens (Motion 7)
  - b) Election of Alternate Lay Member of Synod (Motion 8)
  - c) Election of Cemetery Boards (Motion 9)
10. Time for Congregational Meetings (if required)
11. Vote of Thanks
12. Adjournment with Prayer

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

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# 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, March 8, 2026:*

## **MOTION 1: Vestry Agenda & Reports Package**

*"That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the proposed agenda for March 8, 2026, and receives the Vestry reports package."*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **MOTION 2: Minutes of the 2025 Joint Annual Meeting of the Vestries**

*"That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the minutes of the March 9, 2025, 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 – 2025**

*"That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2025 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 – 2025**

*"That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2025 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 – 2025**

*“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2025 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: Parish of the Valley Regional Budget: Stafford-Whitewater – 2026**

*“That Vestry adopts the 2026 budget for the Stafford-Whitewater region of the Parish of the Valley and directs the Parish Central Committee of the Parish of the Valley 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 for the ensuing year.”*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION 9: Election of Cemetery Boards of Directors 2026**

*“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 2026 calendar year.”*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Joint Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**For the Vestries of St. Patrick's Lower Stafford, St. Thomas' Rankin, and St. Stephen's Micksburg  
Parish of the Valley**

Sunday, March 9, 2025 – 1pm

Held at the home of Thane and Patty Childerhose (1440 Ross Road, Cobden)

The Rev. Gillian Hoyer, Associate Incumbent, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm following a delicious potluck lunch. The Rev. Nicholas Forte, Associate Incumbent, opened with prayer. All 17 members present signed the Solemn Declaration. With the consent of the three Vestries, Janet Dobson-Mottiar was appointed Vestry Clerk. Rev. Gillian reviewed our Vestry Meeting protocols and the rules of order.

**MOTION 1: Vestry Agenda & Reports Package**

*“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the proposed agenda for March 9, 2025, and receives the Vestry reports package, with the addition of agenda item of a conversation about March 22<sup>nd</sup> Cathedral Evensong prior to the Congregational Meetings.”*

**Moved by:** Lucy Buttle

**Seconded by:** Patty Childerhose

CARRIED

**MOTION 2: Minutes of the 2024 Joint Annual Meeting of the Vestries**

*“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the minutes of the February 25, 2024, 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:** Sam Sutton

**Seconded by:** Debbie Mick

CARRIED

Rev. Gillian introduced the reports from the clergy team, churchwardens, and organists; as well as the clergy team ministry portfolios, and thanked everyone for their reports and their ministries in our congregations.

**MOTION 3: Financial Statements – Central – 2024**

*“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2024 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:** Lucy Buttle

**Seconded by:** Jennie Mick

CARRIED

**MOTION 4: Financial Statements – Congregational – 2024**

*“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2024 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:** Dianne Siebarth

**Seconded by:** Bev York

CARRIED

**MOTION 5: Financial Statements – Cemetery Accounts – 2024**

*“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the 2024 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:** Lorna McLaren

**Seconded by:** Linda Sutton

CARRIED

**MOTION 6: Budget – Central – 2025**

*“That the joint meeting of the Vestries adopts the proposed 2025 budget for the Central Account of Stafford-Whitewater and directs the churchwardens of Stafford-Whitewater to oversee its implementation.”*

**Moved by:** Lucy Buttle

**Seconded by:** Debbie Mick

CARRIED

**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:** Beth Dobson

**Seconded by:** Sam Sutton

CARRIED

**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:** Patty Childerhose

**Seconded by:** Lorna McLaren

CARRIED

## **MOTION 9: Election of Cemetery Boards of Directors 2025**

*“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 2025 calendar year.”*

**Moved by:** Patty Childerhose

**Seconded by:** Lucy Buttle

CARRIED

Discussion of March 22<sup>nd</sup> Cathedral Girls Choir Evensong to be hosted at St. Patrick’s Lower Stafford. Menu, hall rental, and coordinating volunteer logistics were discussed. Lasagne and salad and garlic bread were decided as the menu. Patty is arranging the hall.

Vestry offered Votes of Thanks

Rev. Gillian thanked Patty and Thane Childerhose for hosting.

Rev. Gillian thanked all churchwardens, treasurers, and cemetery coordinators for their volunteer work, and everyone else who contributes in big and small ways because they all contribute to the life and ministry of our churches.

Bev York thanked our clergy team.

At 3:05pm Joint Vestry moved into separate Congregational Meetings.

At the St. Patrick’s, Lower Stafford meeting, the need for repairs to the exterior stonework and belfry was discussed and there was consensus that repairs need to be made. The churchwardens will proceed with actioning that work.

At 3:45pm the meeting was formally adjourned with The Grace.

Respectfully Submitted by

Janet Dobson-Mottiar

Joint Vestry Meeting Clerk

## STAFF TEAM REPORT



Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Family Day

*“But I have called you friends,  
because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.”*

*John 15: 15b*

Dear Friends in Christ in our beloved Parish of the Valley,

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

Working together as friends is at the heart of who we are as a parish community. Our Parish of the Valley is exceptionally large, covering a geographic area that includes most of Renfrew County and portions of the District of Nipissing: some 3,000 square kilometers. Spread across that vast geography, together as a parish family we steward 12 churches, 3 chapels, 13 cemeteries, 3 rectories, a central office building and numerous church halls; all of which are resources that support us as, with God’s help, we faithfully participate in God’s mission. Together, our parish community includes nearly 500 households, made up of more than 800 people who identify as members of our Anglican Church of Canada. We may not be together in one room very often, but together we know that the whole of who we are as a parish family is far greater than the sum of our parts. In the words of Saint Paul, “We, being many, are one body.” (*Romans 12:5*)

Since the creation of our Parish of the Valley in the spring of 2018, nearly eight years ago, teamwork has been one of our defining characteristics. Indeed, the work we have done together to nurture and grow a truly collaborative and innovative rural team ministry has now become a leading model for others to learn from in our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and beyond. We should be proud of all that we have accomplished. We have made such great strides as a parish, with God’s help. And still we are called to more! We are called to trust in a living, loving, creative and imaginative God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. The Risen One is with us, constantly inviting us into an ever deepening and gracious experience of life lived fully in holy communion.

This year, to better reflect how our parish’s staff members actively and intentionally work together as a team to support the Parish of the Valley’s many ministries, we are pleased to present this unified staff team report to the annual meetings of our parish’s eleven congregational Vestries. Each member of our staff team has prepared a section of this report, detailing how we have offered leadership over the past year in our respective ministry portfolios. We hope that by seeing our shared work reported on in this format, it will give you, the members of our parish, a deeper sense of how closely we strive to work together to support our parish and each other: and have a lot of fun as a team as we do!

## **Incumbent**

### ***The Rev. Matthew Brown***

As Incumbent I have the privilege of leading us in community as we continually discern how we are being called to participate in God's mission in our context. Given the sheer size of our Parish of the Valley, and the tremendous gifts that God has seen fit to bless us with through our incredible staff team and countless parish volunteers, I am regularly in awe of the work we are called to share in together and I am routinely humbled by it.

Much of my daily work involves providing oversight and ensuring coordination. I serve as a member of each of our Church Corporations and chair the meetings of our Congregational Councils across the parish. I also chair weekly meetings of our staff team, which take place every Wednesday morning at Aborn House in Pembroke following the midweek Holy Eucharist. Apart from Sundays, Wednesdays are the day each week that I most look forward to. It is a joy to encounter Christ in word and sacrament in the Eucharist, and then to encounter him anew in the faces, voices and hearts of my friends who are our staff team.

Helping to keep us organized as a parish is part and parcel of what I do. I prepare schedules to guide our worship leadership on Sundays and Wednesdays, and I keep track of all upcoming pastoral offices across the parish (baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals) to ensure that our parish's resources are always directed to offering meaningful and supportive pastoral care for all the members of our many congregations and chapels. In addition to the ministries of our clergy team, we are incredibly blessed in our parish with an amazing team of retired Honourary Assistant Clergy and Licensed Lay Readers, all of whom contribute to our parish's rich and vibrant worship life. We were further blessed, in the summer of 2025, to welcome The Rev. Dr. Sony Jabouin as a theological intern. I also regularly supported our worship and communications ministries by offering final review for all Valley Bulletins, bulletin inserts, orders of service, *Revelations* and e-newsletters prior to their publication.

Administratively, I offer oversight to all our parish's governance and reporting requirements, both ecclesial and secular. Together with Gail our Parish Administrator, I work to compile all the Council meeting and Vestry meeting packages for each of our parish's congregations. We prepare eight Vestry meeting packages every year, with each package containing ministry reports and financial statements for all our parish's constituent parts. I also work with our parish's many treasurers and cemetery board chairs to oversee the submission of our annual diocesan information returns (11 in total), annual cemetery license renewals (13 in total), and annual Canada Revenue Agency registered charity returns (11 in total).

Helping to steward our parish finances and care for our diverse infrastructure is another core part of my ministry. In 2025 our parish engaged in several significant property projects, including repairs to the belfry at St. Patrick's Lower Stafford, repairs to the furnace at Epiphany Barry's Bay, the installation of new windows at St. Anthony's Whitney, upgrades to the entranceway and office at All Saints Petawawa, the installation of a new boiler at our Aborn House office building, the repainting of the church roof at St. Paul's Cobden, and the installation of a new concrete accessibility ramp with new outdoor lighting at Holy Trinity Pembroke: to name only a few initiatives. All these efforts required varying degrees of project management on the part of the respective Church Corporations, and I am very grateful to our parish's many churchwardens and property committees for their significant work in shepherding these important initiatives, and numerous others, to completion.

One of our most important pieces of administrative work over the course of both 2024 and 2025 has been preparing for the launch of our Parish of the Valley's new central account and Parish Central Committee, as required by our diocesan Canons, Bylaws and Regulations. Our annual Parish Leaders' Days have been an important forum to share in stewarding this work, and I am grateful to all our staff, churchwardens, treasurers, and lay members of synod for their active participation over the past two years. As much as possible, our new central account structure seeks to replicate the financial frameworks that have been in place up to this point, with all shared expenses being assessed on a strictly regional basis. In other words, all annual diocesan assessment continues to be calculated and apportioned according to

our longstanding regional groupings, and shared costs linked to the upkeep of rectories are stewarded regionally (i.e. Killaloe/Tramore and Eganville look after the Eganville Rectory, Alice and Petawawa the Petawawa Rectory, etc.)

I am deeply grateful to Alexis Anderson of Holy Trinity Pembroke, who has graciously agreed to become our parish's new Central Treasurer as of January 1, 2026, and to Tim Moss, Chartered Professional Accountant, whose professional accounting firm continues to be an important source of support for many of our congregations and our parish as a whole.

As you can hopefully sense from this section of our team report, our parish's administrative life is significant, and beyond the capacity of any one human being to effectively manage on their own. To that end, I was heartened by the unanimous decision of Holy Trinity Pembroke's Congregational Council, at year-end 2025, to expand the position of our Parish Administrator, Gail Marion, from 22 hours per week to full-time status at 35 hours per week, effective January 1, 2026. Gail is very much our team's "right hand" in all things administrative, and thanks to generous financial support from other regions in our parish, I know that moving Gail's role to full-time will be to the lasting benefit of our Parish of the Valley community. I am also delighted that I get to see Gail more every day at Aborn House!

Somewhere amidst all the above I also have the privilege of leading you, God's beloved, as a priest of God's Church: of presiding at the table, preaching God's word, sitting in your living rooms and connecting over a cup of tea, and even sitting by your bedside in a hospital room. This is the work that sustains my heart and soul in my vocation as a priest. I am never "too busy" for it. Indeed, I need it, and I deeply cherish it, for it is in these sacred moments that God offers me the food I need for my own journey in faith. Thank you, dear friends, for entrusting this holy work to me as a member of your staff team. It is an honour to serve you.

### **Associate Incumbent: Communications & Advancement**

***The Rev. Gillian Hoyer***

"Connection" has always been at the heart of my vocation: connection with God, with each other, and with ourselves. In the portfolio of Communications and Advancement, I have a unique opportunity to live into that ministry of connection.

Communications is how we tell our story and share our story with each other; it is how we tell the story of our parish and what God is doing in and through us to our community. We do that in several ways: through our print materials like the Valley Bulletin and *Revelations*, through our website and email newsletters, and through our social media accounts.

Each week, our Parish Administrator, Gail, and I collaborate on the first draft of our weekly Valley Bulletin, ensuring that the information is correct, the news and announcements are timely, and the opening two pages are relevant to our life together in the current season of our church year. I solicit articles for and edit our quarterly parish newspaper, *Revelations*. This is then printed by the office at Aborn House and distributed across the parish.

I am the chief editor for our website, which has become one of the primary ways that newcomers learn more about the life and ministries of our parish and all our congregations and chapels. Through our website, we coordinate our email newsletters, and we have 371 unique email addresses on our email list!

I also administer our parish social media, namely Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. On our main Parish of the Valley Facebook page, we have 653 followers and over the last quarter of 2025, our Parish of the Valley Facebook posts were viewed by 42,997 people, with 44% of our views by followers and 56% by non-followers. So, does it make a difference when you like, comment on, or share our posts? Yes, it does!

On YouTube, we have 251 subscribers and our livestreamed services from Holy Trinity are watched by an average of 60-70 people weekly. I have heard from members across our parish that they enjoy worshipping along with us when they go south in the winter, or on days when the weather is not conducive to driving to church. This online service is also downloaded by YourTV Ottawa Valley to play weekly on Sundays, with a one-week delay, and I know that many of our members who now live in our local retirement homes join in with the parish on TV each week.

On the Advancement side, this is the ministry of stewardship – connecting the gifts that we all have and how we share them with God, with each other, and with the world around us.

Together with the clergy team and two different working groups, I work to produce our stewardship materials and provide technical support for online giving. The Ministry and Money Working Group at Holy Trinity Pembroke annually creates a spring stewardship program, *Digging Deep Reaching High*, together with a Pentecost Appeal. This involves a multi-week series of bulletin inserts that incorporates materials from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) that we have access to from our diocesan membership. The St. John's Eganville Stewardship Working Group has focussed on identifying gifts of skill sets for ministries within the church. Finally, there is the Parish of the Valley's annual Advent Appeal, which over the last 6 years has raised over \$95,000 for ministry in and through the congregations of our parish! I help to give oversight to the appeal every year.

Lastly, as the mother of two young children, I have been honoured to work with a talented and dedicated group of lay leaders at Holy Trinity Pembroke to help coordinate the weekly Sunday School. I prepare the weekly leaders' rota and offer support with curriculum.

### **Associate Incumbent: Discipleship & Community Care**

#### ***The Rev. Nicholas Forte***

In 2025, we continued living into our faith, journeying with and towards Christ, caring for each other according to our abilities and capacities, listening for where the Spirit is leading us to those in our wider community who are in need, who are isolated, who are suffering without the care, and attention, and love that God has promised them.

Pastorally, we continue to pray for all those on our parish prayer list, both for those in our specific regions, but also for the whole list of beloved individuals whom we may not know but who have asked us to pray for them. We continue to check in on neighbours, friends, and family. Through our parish's Pastoral Visitation Team, which includes clergy and lay visitors, we visit approximately thirty-nine people across our parish - bringing them Holy Communion, Holy Anointing, and the companionship of our church family which remains just as strong, even when someone can't make it to church anymore or as often. Your clergy, with pastoral confidentiality and sensitivity, also support approximately one hundred and three individuals, couples, and families within our parish who are going through a wide variety of concerns - all in an effort to ensure that through life's many challenges and circumstances, that no one walks alone through their hardships. This, of course, is in addition to the ever-present care we all share towards each other - and as situations and circumstances arise for you, please don't hesitate to be in touch with us, as it is our privilege to journey with you.

In terms of Discipleship, we continue to reach out beyond our church buildings into the wider community and I have been able to connect with local community organizations and causes and work to continue making our society safer, more compassionate, and more open for all people. A number of congregations continue to set aside funds each year for disbursement to local and international causes, ensuring that those organizations can continue their vital work. My hope is to continue telling the stories of those organizations so that we can better understand the work they do, so that we can support them not only with our money, but with our prayers and possibly even with our action.

Our Food Bank Sundays are ongoing ways to ensure that whether in the coldest snowstorm or the sweltering heat, or in times of unemployment or grave illness, individuals and families still have the basic necessities they need to live. Towards the end of the year, at one of our Messy Church events, the idea of 'Reverse Advent Boxes' was presented, which invited families to give, rather than receive. By filing a box according to the very practical themes of Warmth,

Nourishment, Toiletries, and Clothing, our plan is to sort and deliver those boxes to local community organizations that can best provide those things to whoever needs them most.

Both Discipleship and Community Care are foundations of our Christian walk of faith, so I invite you, whether you've been walking for years or are just starting to find your feet, to join us in caring for our community and walking with our God.

### **Associate Incumbent: Lifelong Formation**

***The Rev. Christine Muise***

*"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* Matthew 11: 29-30

It is hard to believe that 2025 was my first full year of being called to serve in ministry with you, and a full year with my portfolio of lifelong formation. It has been my focus to journey with our beloved parish in meaningful ministry, worship, and learning opportunities. This past year our team has prepared adults, families and children for 16 baptisms. We also prepared and celebrated 5 adults for confirmation.

Through Lent 2025 we offered Grief Sessions using materials from the Appreciative Way. (A series of 2 sessions for each location: Epiphany, Barry's Bay; St. John the Evangelist, Eganville, and Holy Trinity Pembroke.) Holden Evening Prayer was also offered weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm, in partnership with St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pembroke.

We hosted our inaugural 'Messy Church,' an intergenerational offering that involves snacks, games, activities, crafts and more followed by a delicious meal. The Messy Church team consists of leaders throughout the parish: Lorna McLaren, Wanda Hilts, Rev. Nick Forte, and Julie McMillan. February 1<sup>st</sup> was held at the Laurentian Valley Four Seasons Lodge. June 20<sup>th</sup> was held at Holy Trinity Pembroke. December 5<sup>th</sup> was held at St. George South Alice. Planning is now underway for three sessions of Messy Church in 2026.

In late spring, we received a request from our Lutheran partners for assistance with Camp Lutherlyn. I was dispatched and was the onsite chaplain from July 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. It was a great experience, and I also learned about their 'Confirmation Camp' that runs each year for youth. It is our hope that our parish will join Confirmation Camp this year. It runs from July 5-July 10, 2026.

Part of lifelong formation is also participating in and creating space for deepening circles of connection and growth that stretch beyond our denomination and faith communities. In 2025 our Parish participated in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 19<sup>th</sup>), World Day of Prayer (March 7<sup>th</sup>), and National Indigenous Day of Prayer (June 21<sup>st</sup>).

In Advent, a contemplative offering of Taizé Worship was offered in Pembroke on Wednesdays at 4PM from November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>. This was well received, both in-person and online.

Our Bulletin Offerings and Reflections are a collaboration with our entire staff team. This offers us all the opportunity to share in liturgy, to offer reflections and to connect throughout the whole parish. Lifelong formation is the understanding that we are always on a journey together.

This past October, our Diocese contributed to my journey of continuing education by the invitation to attend the St. Clement's College of Preaching Conference that is hosted by the Diocese of Toronto. Six clergy from the Diocese of Ottawa traveled to the Queen of the Apostles Centre in Mississauga, it was an amazing Master Class of preaching led by the Rev. Dr. Joy Moore.

Alongside my continued journey as a Novice in Third Order of The Society of Saint Francis (TSSF), I have been able to use my study leave for participating with the Contemplative Society of Eastern Ontario Spring and Fall Retreats hosted at the Galilee Centre.

As I continue on this journey, called to serve our beloved Parish of the Valley, I am so very thankful for the privilege of journeying with you!

*"Come and journey, come and journey, with a Saviour who has come. We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one." Common Praise 482 ... Herbert O'Driscoll*

### **Parish Administrator**

***Gail Marion***

The year of our Lord 2025 was a very busy year at Aborn House. The photocopier and I were running a marathon for most of the year. We produced 52 Valley Bulletins, with over 11,000 copies distributed, 28 funeral bulletins, Cemetery Service bulletins for each one of our cemeteries, Holy Baptism bulletins, and numerous other special occasion bulletins, and now I will be designing, compiling and printing all of our Vestry packages.

Although I may not get to attend all of these services, know that I am always with you in spirit as I create the bulletin for your service. I feel close to all of you when I am working on these. When working on a Baptismal or Marriage Bulletin, happy thoughts are with me throughout the entire process. When working on a Funeral Bulletin, my grieving begins, and my thoughts are with members of the family who have suffered the loss. This is a profoundly spiritual journey for me, and I am honoured that this work is entrusted to me.

I am also here to help members of the parish and their families with any inquiries they may have. That could involve a copy of their baptismal certificate, inquiries about booking a Hall for a special occasion, or providing help to people searching for a long lost loved one that may be resting in one of our cemeteries. I get asked about the kind of flowers we have growing in the borders next to Aborn House. I also maintain all the Official Registries for all of the churches in the parish: I keep track of all baptisms, funerals & burials, confirmations and marriages. I record the "circle of life" for the Parish of the Valley.

Most importantly, I love it when familiar voices come to the office in person. It is a pleasure getting to know all of you. I look forward to serving you in 2026.

### **Conclusion**

As a staff team we hope you have enjoyed perusing our annual report to the Vestries. We are but five members of our beloved Parish of the Valley. We each have the privilege of serving and supporting our parish, working together as a team of professionals in parish ministry. However, we know that our all efforts are just that – service and support. The real work of living-into God's mission in this parish rests with you, dear friends: the Anglican people of God living in the valleys of the Ottawa, Bonnechere and Madawaska rivers.

May God continue to bind us all together in humble service, support and friendship, as we abide together in God's love. May we continue to bear much fruit together as Jesus Christ's disciples in this time and place. May our joy as beloved friends be complete (*John 15: 9-11*).

## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT — ST. PATRICK'S LOWER STAFFORD

2025 passed quickly with the wonderful support and guidance of our clergy team. We are most grateful for their dedication to our church and our little flock.

Rev. Nick continues to bless us with his gentle compassionate care and we continue to enjoy the different preaching styles of the entire clergy team.

St. Thomas hosted our winter services but we were delighted to open our doors on a frosty March day to the Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa Girls' Choir. This delightful evensong was a shared fundraiser for the girls choir and St. Patrick's restoration fund. Our heartfelt thanks to the members of St. Stephen and St. Thomas for their extraordinary assistance with the lasagna supper that followed the service. A wonderful time was had by all.

Thanks to this fundraiser and the generous support of others we were able to complete the first stage of our stone-work restoration. We are most pleased with the work that has been done, but we hope to continue the work in the near future. Much more fundraising will be required. All of our thanks to Rev. Matthew for his support and guidance throughout this project.

We shared in many Parish of the Valley events as we forge stronger bonds with our extended church families.

A special thanks to Jim who fills our church and hearts with beautiful music.

Thank you to all who work tirelessly to make our church and grounds a beautiful tranquil restful place to gather.

Wishing you all God's richest blessings in 2026.

Respectfully submitted by,

People's Warden Patty Childerhose

Rector's Warden Johnny McLaren

## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT — ST. THOMAS' RANKIN

2025

GRACIOUS THANK YOU!! To our devoted "Clergy Team" of "Parish of the Valley" for sharing your gifts of worship and prayer across the Valley, for providing on-line services and up-to date information!

Special Thank You! To Jim for bringing the joy of music to our services; To Lucy our Central Treasurer; Bonnie our Treasurer; our dedicated Altar Guild and Bible Readers; to Sam for maintaining and keeping St. Thomas Cemetery beautiful and for the general maintenance of the church; and to Patti and Thane for hosting our Vestry Meeting.

Thank you to everyone who donated food and volunteered their time for the "Big Give" in Cobden!

Once again there were many different events and special services throughout Parish of the Valley this year to enjoy!

St. Thomas is shining a little brighter this year as we had new solar Lights installed at the entrance!

Thank You! To Everyone for your continued support and keeping our churches beautiful! "Best Wishes for 2026".

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sam Sutton (Rector's Warden)

Debbie McGinnis (People's Warden)

# CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT — ST. STEPHEN'S MICKSBURG

2025

Well, another year has come and gone, they seem to be going faster and faster.

St Stephens has a very small group of workers, but everyone goes over and above each year.

The Ladies of the Atar Guild do a great job keeping up with the flies and mysterious black droppings - thank you.

Jenny does an excellent job looking after the books, with trips to the bank when it probably doesn't suit – thank you.

Lucy for all your work with Central Parish, along with everything else – thank you.

Mum always said church without music isn't "church." So, Jim for your dedication and experience – thank you.

Lorna for your work on the graveyard books and cemetery maintenance – thank you.

Myles my sidekick who keeps the furnace and organ working along with all else you do – thank you.

Nick, a big thanks for putting up with us. I know sometimes looking after us is like herding cats. The rest of the clergy team and retired helpers, thanks. This doesn't work without all you guys.

Big changes are in motion streamlining the governance of the Deanery. Change is hard but it is time. Our three churches in Stafford have worked together for years, quite successfully I might add.

The church is not about buildings; it has always been about the people.

Submitted by,

Pat Leach and Myles Buttle

## STEWARD'S REPORT — ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL BEACHBURG

2025

This year our 2025 services have been well attended, from new comers to people from other churches. Many thanks to our regular donators and supporters. Thanks to the clergy team for making our services so welcoming. The costs are manageable with our dividend cheques.

This year we donated money to the Cobden food Bank and the Christmas community dinner at St. Andrews United Church Beachburg. I was asked to help with the dinner along with other members of the community. I was well received and enjoyed by all.

We remain a positive member of the community.

Best to all in 2026.

Chapel Steward

Wendy Johnson

## PARISH OF THE VALLEY ONLINE VIEWERSHIP RECORDS –2025

Due to COVID-19 the Parish of the Valley began broadcasting “Zoom worship” on YouTube in March 2020. Beginning in November 2020, those services were also made available on television through Cogeco’s YourTV Ottawa Valley.

In January 2022, Holy Trinity Pembroke installed a new audio-visual system in the sanctuary for recording and live-streaming. Since then, each week the Sunday service, as well as seasonal services and services for different life-events like funerals, is live-streamed to YouTube where it is available for viewing live or at a later date. They are also then broadcast on YourTV Ottawa Valley with a one-week delay.

The following chart outlines weekly “views” on YouTube for these digital services in 2025. Each “view” represents a device playing the video once. It does not capture if multiple people are watching at the same time in a household, or if a service is watched multiple times by the same person or family.

| <u>Video Air Date - 2025</u>                         | <u>Total YouTube Views</u> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Funeral – Joyce Moore-Cowan, January 4 <sup>th</sup> | 289                        |
| Sunday January 5 <sup>th</sup>                       | 96                         |
| Sunday January 12 <sup>th</sup>                      | 74                         |
| Funeral – John Sterling, January 17 <sup>th</sup>    | 114                        |
| Funeral – Ann Cochrane                               | 103                        |
| Sunday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>                     | 78                         |
| Sunday January 26 <sup>th</sup>                      | 65                         |
| Sunday February 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | 63                         |
| Sunday February 9 <sup>th</sup>                      | 60                         |
| Sunday February 16 <sup>th</sup> (no livestream)     | NA                         |
| Sunday February 23 <sup>rd</sup>                     | 47                         |
| Sunday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>                         | 53                         |
| Ash Wednesday Evening, March 5 <sup>th</sup>         | 38                         |
| Sunday March 9 <sup>th</sup>                         | 86                         |
| Sunday March 16 <sup>th</sup> (no livestream)        | NA                         |
| Funeral – Jamie Bramburger, March 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 5114                       |
| Sunday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>                       | 121                        |
| Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>                        | 75                         |
| Palm Sunday – April 13 <sup>th</sup>                 | 77                         |
| Maundy Thursday – April 17 <sup>th</sup>             | 33                         |
| Good Friday – April 18 <sup>th</sup>                 | 60                         |
| The Great Vigil of Easter- April 19 <sup>th</sup>    | 74                         |
| Easter Sunday – April 20 <sup>th</sup>               | 58                         |
| Sunday April 27 <sup>th</sup>                        | 35                         |
| Sunday May 4 <sup>th</sup>                           | 47                         |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Sunday May 25 <sup>th</sup>                         | 56  |
| Sunday June 1 <sup>st</sup>                         | 42  |
| Sunday June 8 <sup>th</sup>                         | 51  |
| Sunday June 15 <sup>th</sup>                        | 50  |
| Sunday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>                        | 43  |
| Sunday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>                       | 56  |
| Sunday July 6 <sup>th</sup>                         | 45  |
| Sunday July 13 <sup>th</sup>                        | 52  |
| Sunday July 20 <sup>th</sup>                        | 50  |
| Sunday July 27 <sup>th</sup> (Cemetery Service)     | 54  |
| Sunday August 3 <sup>rd</sup>                       | 31  |
| Sunday August 10 <sup>th</sup>                      | 28  |
| Sunday August 17 <sup>th</sup>                      | 28  |
| Sunday August 24 <sup>th</sup>                      | 28  |
| Sunday August 31 <sup>st</sup>                      | 37  |
| Sunday September 7 <sup>th</sup>                    | 41  |
| Sunday September 14 <sup>th</sup>                   | 27  |
| Sunday September 21 <sup>st</sup>                   | 37  |
| Sunday September 28 <sup>th</sup> (Episcopal Visit) | 111 |
| Funeral – Terry Kosmack                             | 335 |
| Sunday October 5 <sup>th</sup>                      | 42  |
| Sunday October 12 <sup>th</sup>                     | 38  |
| Sunday October 19 <sup>th</sup>                     | 45  |
| Sunday October 26 <sup>th</sup>                     | 38  |
| Sunday November 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | 56  |
| Sunday November 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | 47  |
| Sunday November 16 <sup>th</sup>                    | 39  |
| Sunday November 23 <sup>th</sup>                    | 36  |
| Advent Taize 1                                      | 55  |
| Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>                   | 49  |
| Advent Taize 2                                      | 61  |
| Sunday December 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | 35  |
| A Joyous Prelude to Christmas Concert               | 73  |
| Advent Taize 3                                      | 26  |
| Sunday December 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | 46  |
| Advent Taize 4                                      | 18  |
| Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | 38  |
| Christmas Eve                                       | 42  |
| Sunday December 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | 44  |

# 2025 CENTRAL ACCOUNT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**PARISH OF STAFFORD-WHITEWATER**  
**Central Treasurer's Report to December 31, 2025**

|                  |                                |           |           |                  |                  |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| Opening Balance  |                                | 01-Jan-25 |           |                  | <b>14,227.77</b> |
| Receipts         | St. Augustine's (\$2,895.00)   |           | 2,895.00  |                  |                  |
|                  | St. Patrick's (\$10,569.10)    |           | 10,569.10 |                  |                  |
|                  | St. Paul's (\$55,471.93)       |           | 55,471.92 |                  |                  |
|                  | St. Stephen's (\$7,420.52)     |           | 7,200.00  |                  |                  |
|                  | St. Thomas' (\$5,648.45)       |           | 4,500.00  |                  |                  |
|                  | 2024 CTF Dividend              |           | 1,787.04  |                  |                  |
|                  | D of O - Sale of St. Mary's    |           | 1,858.52  |                  |                  |
|                  | Tsf Rectory Funds to General   |           | 5,447.12  |                  |                  |
|                  | Miscellaneous                  |           | 180.00    | <b>89,908.70</b> |                  |
|                  |                                |           |           |                  |                  |
| Expenses         | D of O - Stipend (\$72,755.00) |           | 72,755.00 |                  |                  |
|                  | P O V Communications Fund      |           | 750.00    |                  |                  |
|                  | Liturgical Supplies            |           | 128.26    |                  |                  |
|                  | Office Supplies & Expenses     |           | 78.61     |                  |                  |
|                  | PWRDF                          |           | 170.00    |                  |                  |
|                  | Calendars                      |           | 122.04    |                  |                  |
|                  | Synod Reg'n & Expenses         |           | 487.39    |                  |                  |
|                  | P O V - Close General Account  |           | 21,442.71 | <b>95,934.01</b> |                  |
|                  |                                |           |           |                  |                  |
| Rectory Expenses | Hydro                          |           | 1,269.47  |                  |                  |
|                  | Heating                        |           | 4,772.98  |                  |                  |
|                  | Taxes                          |           | 644.85    |                  |                  |
|                  | Telephone: Landline            |           | 473.88    |                  |                  |
|                  | : Internet                     |           | 1,016.28  | <b>8,177.46</b>  | <b>25.00</b>     |
|                  |                                |           |           |                  |                  |
| Rectory Account  | Balance Forward                |           |           | <b>5,040.52</b>  |                  |
|                  | rec'd: Parish of Stafford      |           |           | 406.60           |                  |
|                  | Tsf to General                 |           |           | 5,447.12         |                  |
|                  | Current Balance                |           |           |                  | <b>0.00</b>      |

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Lucy Buttle, Central Treasurer

# 2026 PARISH OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL BUDGET

**Parish of the Valley - Stafford Whitewater (Cobden, Micksburg, Stafford, Rankin & Beachburg Chapel)**  
**Budget 2025 / Actual 2025 / Budget 2026**

|   | 2025 Budget         | 2025 Actual | 2026 Proposed Budget | Comments                               |
|---|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>OPENING BALANCES (Funds On Hand)</b>           |                     |             |                      |  |
| Balance Forward: Regional Operating Funds         | \$ -                | \$ -        | \$ 15,995.59         | Received by POTV - January 2026        |
| Balance Forward: Rectory Capital Fund             | \$ -                | \$ -        | \$ 5,447.12          | Received by POTV - January 2026        |
| <b>BUDGETED REVENUE</b>                           |                     |             |                      |  |
| Alongside Hope (PWRDF) Received                   | \$ -                | \$ -        | \$ -                 | To pass through POTV beginning 2026    |
| St Patrick's Lower Stafford (13.96%)              | \$ 10,569.10        | \$ -        | \$ 11,285.95         | Contribution from congregation to POTV |
| St Paul's Cobden (70.49%)                         | \$ 55,471.93        | \$ -        | \$ 56,987.60         | Contribution from congregation to POTV |
| St Stephen's Micksburg (8.28%)                    | \$ 7,420.52         | \$ -        | \$ 6,693.96          | Contribution from congregation to POTV |
| St Thomas' Rankin (7.27%)                         | \$ 5,648.45         | \$ -        | \$ 5,877.43          | Contribution from congregation to POTV |
| St Augustine Chapel Beachburg                     | \$ 2,895.00         | \$ -        | \$ 2,951.06          | Contribution from chapel to POTV       |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND &amp; BUDGETED REVENUE</b> | <b>\$ 82,005.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 105,238.71</b> |  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                   |                     |             |                      |  |
| <b>DIOCESAN</b>                                   |                     |             |                      |  |
| <i>DIOCESAN REMITTANCE</i>                        |                     |             |                      |  |
| (Less) Endowments                                 | \$ (11.00)          | \$ -        | \$ (11.00)           |  |
| ECOPS   | \$ 53,865.00        | \$ -        | \$ 53,327.00         | 1.0% decrease                          |
| Insurance   | \$ 12,381.00        | \$ -        | \$ 12,752.00         | 3.0% increase                          |
| Proportional Share                                | \$ 6,520.00         | \$ -        | \$ 7,503.00          | 15.1% increase                         |
| Curacy Grant                                      | \$ -                | \$ -        | \$ -                 |  |
| Repayment of Diocesan Arrears                     | \$ -                | \$ -        | \$ -                 |  |
| Alongside Hope (PWRDF)                            | \$ -                | \$ -        | \$ -                 | To pass through POTV beginning 2026    |
| <b>Total Diocesan Expenses</b>                    | <b>\$ 72,755.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 73,571.00</b>  |  |

*(Expenses continued on next page)*

# 2026 PARISH OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL BUDGET

| <b>SHARED EXPENSES (Day to Day)</b>               |                    |             |                     |   |  |
|---|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|---|--|
| <i>PARISH EVENTS</i>                              |                    |             |                     |   |  |
| Fellowship  | \$ -               | \$ -        | \$ 250.00           | Parish Leaders' Day & Messy Church<br>(New in 2026)                                       |  |
| Synod   | \$ 500.00          | \$ -        | \$ 600.00           | Registration & Hotel for 1 Member   |  |
| <i>PARISH SHARED EXPENSES</i>                     |                    |             |                     |   |  |
| Office Administrator Stipend                      | \$ -               | \$ -        | -                   | Generously covered by St. Pauls Cobden<br>(\$9,000)                                       |  |
| Bank Fees   | \$ -               | \$ -        | \$ 25.00            | (New in 2026)   |  |
| Parish Communication Fund                         | \$ 750.00          | \$ -        | \$ 750.00           | Amount requested by POTV  |  |
| <i>REGIONAL SHARED EXPENSES</i>                   |                    |             |                     |   |  |
| Miscellaneous                                     | \$ 100.00          | \$ -        | -                   | To be invoiced separately to each congregation.   |  |
| Organist  | \$ 100.00          | \$ -        | -                   | Now covered by Parish Communication Fund  |  |
| Office Supplies                                   | \$ 100.00          | \$ -        | -                   | Fund  |  |
| Supply Clergy & Lay Readers                       | \$ -               | \$ -        | -                   | Generously covered by St. Pauls Cobden<br>To be invoiced separately to each congregation. |  |
| Liturgical Supplies                               | \$ 150.00          | \$ -        | -                   | Now covered by Parish Communication Fund  |  |
| Copyright Licence (CCLI)                          | \$ 150.00          | \$ -        | -                   | Fund  |  |
| Calendars   | \$ 100.00          | \$ -        | -                   | To be invoiced separately to each congregation.   |  |
| <b>SHARED EXPENSES (Rectory Operating)</b>        |                    |             |                     |   |  |
| Rectory Hydro                                     | \$ 1,500.00        | \$ -        | \$ 1,500.00         |   |  |
| Rectory Taxes                                     | \$ 650.00          | \$ -        | \$ 650.00           |   |  |
| Rectory Heating                                   | \$ 3,500.00        | \$ -        | \$ 4,800.00         | Actual for 2025: \$4,772.98   |  |
| Rectory Telephone                                 | \$ 500.00          | \$ -        | \$ 500.00           |   |  |
| Rectory Internet                                  | \$ 1,050.00        | \$ -        | \$ 1,050.00         |   |  |
| Rectory Miscellaneous                             | \$ 100.00          | \$ -        | \$ 100.00           |   |  |
| <hr/>   |                    |             |                     |   |  |
| <b>Total Shared Expenses</b>                      | <b>\$ 9,250.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 10,225.00</b> |   |  |
| <hr/>   |                    |             |                     |   |  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                             |                    |             |                     |   |  |
|   | \$ 82,005.00       | \$ -        | \$ 83,796.00        |   |  |
| <hr/>   |                    |             |                     |   |  |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND &amp; BUDGETED REVENUE</b> |                    |             |                     |   |  |
|   | \$ 82,005.00       | \$ -        | \$ 105,238.71       |   |  |
| <b>minus TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                       |                    |             |                     |   |  |
|   | \$ 82,005.00       | \$ -        | \$ 83,796.00        |   |  |
| <b>minus Rectory Capital Fund</b>                 |                    |             |                     |   |  |
|   |                    |             | \$ 5,447.12         | Reserved Only for Rectory Capital Projects  |  |
| <b>SURPLUS / (LOSS)</b>                           |                    |             |                     |   |  |
|   | \$ -               | \$ -        | \$ 15,995.59        | Balanced to Opening Position:<br>Operating Funds  |  |

|                               | 2026 | Ratio  | Annual      | Monthly     |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| St Patrick's Lower Stafford   |      | 13.96% | \$11,285.95 | \$ 940.50   |
| St Paul's Cobden              |      | 70.49% | \$56,987.60 | \$ 4,748.97 |
| St Stephen's Micksburg        |      | 8.28%  | \$ 6,693.96 | \$ 557.83   |
| St Thomas' Rankin             |      | 7.27%  | \$ 5,877.43 | \$ 489.79   |
| St Augustine Chapel Beachburg |      | 0.00%  | \$ 2,951.06 | \$ 245.92   |

Note: Please make all monthly remittance cheques payable to "Parish of the Valley" and mail to Aborn House, 68 Renfrew St. Pembroke, Ontario K8A 5R6

## 2026 MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

### 2026 MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

|                        | <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>  |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>BUDGET</b>          | <b>53,327.00</b>  | <b>7,503.00</b> | <b>12,752.00</b> |                   | <b>(11.00)</b>  | <b>1,625.00</b> | <b>8,600.00</b> | <b>83,796.00</b> | <b>6,983.00</b> |
| St. Augustine's Chapel | 1,000.00          |                 | 1,951.06         |                   |                 |                 |                 | 2,951.06         | 245.92          |
| St. Patrick's (13.96%) | 7,304.85          | 1,047.42        | 1,507.81         | -                 | (1.54)          | 226.85          | 1,200.56        | 11,285.95        | 940.50          |
| St. Paul's (70.49%)    | 36,885.30         | 5,288.86        | 7,613.58         | -                 | (7.75)          | 1,145.46        | 6,062.14        | 56,987.60        | 4,748.97        |
| St. Stephen's (8.28%)  | 4,332.68          | 621.25          | 894.32           | -                 | (0.91)          | 134.55          | 712.08          | 6,693.96         | 557.83          |
| St. Thomas' (7.27%)    | 3,804.17          | 545.47          | 785.23           | -                 | (0.80)          | 118.14          | 625.22          | 5,877.43         | 489.79          |
| <b>TOTALS</b>          | <b>53,327.00</b>  | <b>7,503.00</b> | <b>12,752.00</b> | <b>-</b>          | <b>(11.00)</b>  | <b>1,625.00</b> | <b>8,600.00</b> | <b>83,796.00</b> | <b>6,983.00</b> |

Monthly Diocesan Remittance by POTValley Stafford-Whitewater Region: **\$73571/12 = \$6130.92**

# 2026 PERCENTAGES

**2026 Percentages (based on assessable income)**

|                        | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> | <b>Average</b> | <b>Percent-<br/>age</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| St. Augustine's Chapel |             |             |             |                | N/A                     |
| St. Patrick            | 13,427.00   | 13,127.00   | 14,419.27   | 13,657.76      | 13.96%                  |
| St. Paul               | 64,539.00   | 71,073.69   | 71,294.00   | 68,968.90      | 70.49%                  |
| St. Stephen            | 7,540.00    | 8,505.00    | 8,262.00    | 8,102.33       | 8.28%                   |
| St. Thomas             | 6,085.00    | 5,780.00    | 9,488.50    | 7,117.83       | 7.27%                   |
|                        |             |             |             | 97,846.82      |                         |

2025 CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS— ST. PATRICK’S STAFFORD

.St. Patrick’s Anglican Church Treasurer’s Report  
 For the year ending Dec.31/25  
 Parish Of the Valley

|  |             |                   |
|--|-------------|-------------------|
| .Balance Forward                           |             | \$ 5761.06        |
| Receipts                                   |             |                   |
| Contributions                              | \$ 6540.00  |                   |
| Open offerings                             | 75.25       |                   |
| CTF interest(2 years)                      | 963.96      |                   |
| Plant sale @ Lorna McLarens                | 2584.50     |                   |
| Wedding @ church                           | 200.00      |                   |
| Total Receipts                             | \$10363.71  | \$10363.71        |
|  |             | <u>\$16124.77</u> |
| <u>Expenditures</u>                        |             |                   |
| Parish of Stafford Whitewater              | \$ 10569.10 |                   |
| Enbridge                                   | 1085.94     |                   |
| Hydro                                      | 437.69      |                   |
| Painting on steeple (Reiche Masonry)       | 2486.00     |                   |
| Stamps                                     | 140.12      |                   |
| Organist                                   | 200.00      |                   |
| Redirected to cemetery fund                | 350.00      |                   |
| Donation for church services during winter | 457.72      |                   |
| Total Expenditures                         | \$ 15726.57 | \$15726.57        |
| Balance on hand Dec 31, 2025               |             | <u>\$398.20</u>   |

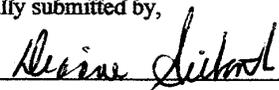
Respectfully submitted,  
 By Dianne Siebarth, Treasurer *Dianne Siebarth*

.St. Patrick's Anglican Church Treasurer Report  
.Growing In Faith Together  
.Parish of the Valley  
December 31, 2025

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| .Balance forward                   | \$925.00 |
| Income                             | 0        |
| Expenses                           | 0        |
| Balance on hand, December 21, 2025 | \$925.00 |

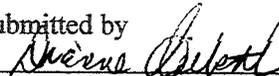
Respectfully submitted by,

Dianne Siebarth, Treasurer



.St. Patrick's Anglican Church Treasurer Report  
.MEMORIAL/RESTORATION FUND  
.Parish of the Valley  
December 31, 2025

|  |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| .Balance forward                                   |                   | \$10741.30        |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                                    |                   |                   |
| Christ Church Cathedral Choir Concert              | \$2990.00         |                   |
| Restoration Donations                              | 7224.00           |                   |
| Memorial Donation                                  | 371.10            |                   |
|  | <u>\$10585.10</u> | 10585.10          |
| <br>   |                   |                   |
| Total Receipts                                     |                   | <u>\$21326.40</u> |
| <br>   |                   |                   |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                                |                   |                   |
| Christ Church Cathedral (part of concert proceeds) | 1485.00           |                   |
| Pointing on church (Reiche Masonry)                | 14531.80          |                   |
| Total Expenditures                                 | <u>\$16016.80</u> | \$16016.80        |
| <br>   |                   |                   |
| Bank Balance on hand Dec 31, 2025                  |                   | <u>\$5309.60</u>  |

Respectfully submitted by  
Dianne Siebarth, Treasurer 

# 2025 CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS— ST. THOMAS' RANKIN

## ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH PARISH OF THE VALLEY TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

**BALANCE FORWARD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025** \$ 1,891.20

**RECEIPTS**

|                                    |             |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Envelopes - Regular                | \$ 4,595.00 |  |
| Loose Change                       | 395.50      |  |
| Donations                          | 270.00      |  |
| Service Charge Reversal            | 8.50        |  |
| NSF Replacement Cheque             | 25.00       |  |
| Cemetery Donations                 | 845.00      |  |
| St. Patrick/St. Stephen's Donation | 915.44      |  |
|                                    |             |  |

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** \$ 7,054.44 7,054.44

\$ 8,945.64

**EXPENDITURES**

|                            |             |  |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Stafford Whitewater Parish | \$ 4,500.00 |  |
| Hydro                      | 1,449.19    |  |
| Organist                   | 650.00      |  |
| Cemetery Donations         | 845.00      |  |
| NSF Cheque                 | 25.00       |  |
| Snowplowing                | 360.00      |  |
| Candles                    | 220.35      |  |
| Outdoor Post Lights        | 293.78      |  |
| Service Charges            | 37.00       |  |
|                            |             |  |

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** \$ 8,380.32 8,380.32

**BANK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025** \$ 565.32

Respectfully submitted by: **Bonnie Dumouchel**  
Treasurer  
January 14, 2026

Audited by: *Heidi McBurnie* *Sam Sutton*  
Date: *Jan 19/26*

**ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
PARISH OF THE VALLEY  
PATTERN OF ENVELOPE GIVINGS  
2025**

**Regular Envelopes – 6**

|                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| \$ 0 - \$ 100   | = | 0 |
| \$ 101 - \$ 500 | = | 2 |
| \$ 501 - \$1000 | = | 3 |
| \$1001 - \$1500 | = | 0 |
| \$1501 - \$2000 | = | 1 |

**Envelopes – Regular = \$4,595.00**

**Respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Dumouchel  
Treasurer  
January 14, 2026**

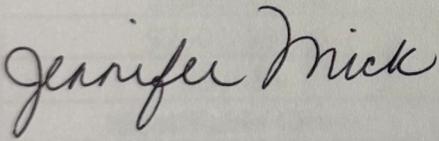
ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
PARISH OF THE VALLEY  
MEMORIAL REPORT  
2025

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| BALANCE FORWARD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025 | \$ 2,003.01 |
| RECEIPTS                              | 0           |
| EXPENDITURES                          | 0           |
|                                       | <hr/>       |
| BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025       | \$2,003.01  |
|                                       | <hr/>       |

Respectfully submitted by: Bonnie Dumouchel  
Treasurer  
January 14, 2026

Audited by: Hebbie McInnis      Sam Sutton  
Date: Jan 19/26

**St. Stephen’s Anglican Church Finances 2025**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <b>Balance Forward</b>  | <b>399.04</b>  |
| <b>Receipts</b>   |                |
| Regular Collection  | 6710.00        |
| Loose Collection  | 617.45         |
| General Donations   | 1575.00        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>9301.49</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |                |
| Parish of Stafford/Whitewater   | 7200.00        |
| Hydro One   | 502.45         |
| Superior Propane  | 77.09          |
| Musicians   | 400.00         |
| Office Supplies (cheques)   | 86.99          |
| Donation to St. Thomas Church   | 457.72         |
| McCarty Propane   | 269.99         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>8994.24</b> |
| <b>Balance</b>  | <b>307.25</b>  |
| <b>Respectfully Submitted,</b>  |                |
|                            |                |
| <b>Jennifer Mick</b><br><b>Treasurer</b><br><b>St. Stephen’s Anglican Church</b><br><b>Micksburg, Ontario</b> |                |

Audited and found in good order.  
*Nancy Buttle* Jan. 29/26

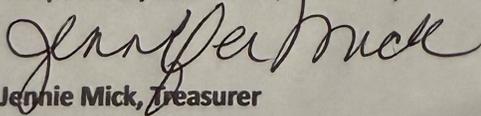
**St. Stephen's Memorial Fund - 2025**

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Previous Balance</b> | <b>411.69</b> |
| <b>Current Balance</b>  | <b>411.69</b> |

**St. Stephen's Pattern of Giving - 2025**

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| \$0-\$50                   |          |
| \$51-\$100                 |          |
| \$101-\$150                |          |
| \$151-\$200                |          |
| \$201-\$250                |          |
| \$251-\$300                |          |
| \$301-\$350                |          |
| \$351-\$400                |          |
| \$401-\$450                |          |
| \$451-\$500                |          |
| \$501-\$600                |          |
| \$601-\$700                |          |
| \$701-\$800                |          |
| \$801-\$900                | <b>2</b> |
| \$901-\$1000               |          |
| \$1001-\$1500              | <b>1</b> |
| \$1501-\$2000              |          |
| \$2001-\$2500              |          |
| \$2501-\$3000              |          |
| \$3001 +                   | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Identifiable Givers</b> | <b>4</b> |

Respectfully Submitted,



**Jennie Mick, Treasurer**

**St. Stephen's Anglican Church**

**Micksburg, Ont.**

# 2025 CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS— ST. AUGUSTINE’S CHAPEL

ST. AUGUSTINE’S CHAPEL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025

|                                    |            |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Opening Balance                    |            | \$11015.53 |
| Income                             |            |            |
| Envelopes                          | \$1310.00  |            |
| Open collection                    | \$175.00   |            |
| Donation                           | 0          |            |
| Dividends                          | \$6065.68  |            |
| Total Income                       |            | \$7550.68  |
|                                    |            | \$18566.21 |
| EXPENSES                           |            |            |
| Priestly Services & Insurance      | \$2895.00  |            |
| Contracts                          | \$445.00   |            |
| Water                              | \$240.51   |            |
| Heating                            | \$1788.50  |            |
| Hydro                              | \$712.75   |            |
| Outreach                           | \$280.00   |            |
| General Operation                  | \$ 0       |            |
| Misc                               | \$ 0       |            |
| Bank charges                       | \$108.13   |            |
| Total Expenses                     |            | \$6469.89  |
| Cheques cashed from 2024 (290,291) | - \$200.00 |            |
| Cheques not cashed in 2025 (301)   | + \$60.00  |            |
| Closing Balance                    |            | \$11956.32 |

*Submitted by Wendy Johnson*

*Auditor: Bundy Desjardins  
Jan 23/26*

| St Augustines Ch apel EXPENDITURES |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | 2025       | TOTAL EXPENDITURES |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|----------|------------|------|------------|--------------------|
| Date                               | Check # | Priestly Services | Other Staff | Church Property | Utilities water | heating gas | hydro   | outreach | bank charg | misc |            |                    |
| jan2,25                            |         | Insurance         |             |                 |                 | \$96.98     | \$60.70 |          | \$9.00     |      | \$96.98    |                    |
| jan10,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$60.70    |                    |
| jan31,25                           |         |                   |             |                 | \$39.11         |             |         |          |            |      | \$48.11    |                    |
| feb3,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$199.49    |         |          |            |      | \$199.49   |                    |
| feb12,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$81.02 |          | \$9.00     |      | \$90.02    |                    |
| mar3,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$476.10    |         |          |            |      | \$476.10   |                    |
| mar13,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$93.38 |          |            |      | \$93.38    |                    |
| mar31,25                           |         |                   |             |                 | \$40.28         |             |         |          | \$9.00     |      | \$49.28    |                    |
| apr3,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$67.71 |          |            |      | \$67.71    |                    |
| apr3,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$142.93    |         |          | \$9.00     |      | \$151.93   |                    |
| may3,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$212.08    |         |          |            |      | \$212.08   |                    |
| may12,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$39.60 |          |            |      | \$39.60    |                    |
| may5,25                            | 292     |                   | \$100.00    |                 |                 |             |         |          | \$9.00     |      | \$109.00   |                    |
| apr2,25                            | 293     | \$2,895.00        |             |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$2,895.00 |                    |
| may30,25                           |         |                   |             |                 | \$40.28         |             |         |          |            |      | \$40.28    |                    |
| jun3,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$106.12    |         |          |            |      | \$106.12   |                    |
| jun12,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$55.50 |          | \$9.00     |      | \$64.50    |                    |
| july3,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$83.56     |         |          |            |      | \$83.56    |                    |
| may28,25                           | 294     |                   | \$75.00     |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$75.00    |                    |
| jul2,25                            | 295     |                   | \$50.00     |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$50.00    |                    |
| july12,25                          |         |                   |             |                 | \$40.28         |             | \$47.78 |          | \$9.00     |      | \$47.78    |                    |
| july30,25                          |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$49.28    |                    |
| aug5,25                            | 296     |                   | \$50.00     |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$50.00    |                    |
| aug5,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$89.90     |         |          | \$9.00     |      | \$98.90    |                    |
| aug5,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$25.00    |                    |
| set4,25                            | 297     |                   | \$25.00     |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$25.00    |                    |
| sept3,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$92.56     |         |          |            |      | \$92.56    |                    |
| sept12,25                          |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$51.50 |          |            |      | \$51.50    |                    |
| set29,25                           |         |                   |             |                 | \$40.28         |             |         |          | \$9.00     |      | \$49.28    |                    |
| oct1,25                            | 298     |                   | \$25.00     |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$25.00    |                    |
| oct5,25                            | 299     |                   | \$60.00     |                 |                 |             |         |          |            |      | \$60.00    |                    |
| oct10,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$34.45 |          | \$9.13     |      | \$43.58    |                    |
| jul7,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$88.24 |          |            |      | \$88.24    |                    |
| oct6,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$94.91     |         |          |            |      | \$94.91    |                    |
| nov4,25                            |         |                   |             |                 |                 | \$94.88     |         |          |            |      | \$94.88    |                    |
| nov11,25                           |         |                   |             |                 |                 |             | \$34.53 |          |            |      | \$34.53    |                    |





# CEMETERY REPORTS

## St. Patrick's Cemetery Report 2025

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Bank Balance January 1 2025                 | \$8110.89 |
| Income                                      |           |
| Payment from TD Trust                       | \$ 525.00 |
| Campbell Monument                           | \$200.00  |
| Yolkowski Monuments                         | \$200.00  |
| Yolkowski Monuments                         | \$200.00  |
| Cemetery Service                            |           |
| Loose Collection                            | \$170.00  |
| Envelopes / Cash                            | \$120.00  |
| Cheques                                     | \$350.00  |
| Total                                       | \$1765.00 |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | \$9875.89 |
| Expenses                                    |           |
| Diocese of Ottawa : Care & Maintenance Fund | \$600.00  |
| Grass Cutting                               | \$950.00  |
| Bank Fees                                   | \$9.00    |
| Total                                       | \$1559.00 |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | \$8316.89 |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | <hr/>     |
| Closing Bank Balance December 31 2025       | \$8317.14 |
|   | <hr/>     |

Cemetery had six burials in 2025  
Three **upright** monuments installed  
Two ground level markers installed

Submitted by Johnny McLaren

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY REPORT 2025

**BALANCE FORWARD** **\$14,681.36**

**RECEIPTS**

|                                    |                   |                          |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Perpetual Care (T.D. Canada Trust) | 358.50            |                          |
| Interest (G.I.C)                   | 357.23            |                          |
| Cemetery Service                   | 597.00            |                          |
| Cemetery Fee                       | <u>300.00</u>     |                          |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>              | <b>\$1,612.73</b> | <b><u>\$1,612.73</u></b> |

**\$16,294.09**

**EXPENDITURES**

|                             |                   |                          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Grass Cutting & Maintenance | \$1,600.00        |                          |
| Fertilizer & Grass Seed     | <u>100.00</u>     |                          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>   | <b>\$1,700.00</b> | <b><u>\$1,700.00</u></b> |

**BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025** **14,594.09**

**G.I.C.** **\$5,000.00**

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie McGinnis



Audited by:

Sam Sutton



## ST STEPHEN'S CEMETERY REPORT 2025

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>OPENING BALANCE</b>                        | <b>\$11,047.34</b> |
| <b><u>CREDITS</u></b>                         |                    |
| PLOT PURCHASES                                | 1800               |
| DONATIONS                                     | 1590               |
| T. D. TRUST                                   | 197.16             |
| TRUST ACCT (C.T.F.)                           | 244.75             |
| ADMIN FEE                                     | 350                |
| CARE AND MAINTENANCE                          | <u>100</u>         |
|   | <b>4281.91</b>     |
| <b><u>DEBITS</u></b>                          |                    |
| CEMETERY MAINTENANCE                          | 1500               |
| DIOCESE OF OTTAWA: Care &<br>Maintenance Fund | 1580               |
| BANK CHARGES                                  | <u>11.4</u>        |
|   | <b>3091.4</b>      |
| <b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>                        | <b>\$12,237.85</b> |

St Augustine Anglican Cemetery  
2025

Balance  
Sheet

Jan 1 opening balance 743.22

Income

TD Trust 377.39

Donations 1045

1422.39

GIC cashed 2194.53 2194.53

Total

Income 3616.92

Expenses

SC 17.25

TD Trust 20

Maintenance 2600

Dec 31 Total Expense 2637.25

closing

balance 1677.89

please note: payment was made to TD Trust after review with the Ministry that I had not enough to the care and maintenance fund in the 2024 year.

GIC

| purchased | due        | invested | %    | maturity |
|-----------|------------|----------|------|----------|
| 20-May    | June 20,26 | 1678.95  | 3    | 1733.72  |
| 15-Aug    | Aug 15,26  | 1000     | 2.85 | 1028.5   |
| 15-Aug    | Aug 15,26  | 2875.27  | 2.25 | 2939.96  |

## Church Office Holders 2026: Appointments and Nominations

Parish of the Valley Clergy Team

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Incumbent (Rector)</b>                                     | The Rev. Matthew Brown   |
| <b>Associate Incumbent: Discipleship &amp; Community Care</b> | The Rev. Nicholas Forte  |
| <b>Associate Incumbent: Communications &amp; Advancement</b>  | The Rev. Gillian Hoyer   |
| <b>Associate Incumbent: Lifelong Formation</b>                | The Rev. Christine Muise |

St. Patrick's Lower Stafford Church Corporation

Consisting of the Incumbent and the churchwardens:

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

St. Thomas' Rankin Church Corporation

Consisting of the Incumbent and the churchwarden:

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Rector's Warden</b> ( <i>appointed by Incumbent</i> ) | Sam Sutton      |
| <b>People's Warden</b> ( <i>elected by Vestry</i> )      | Debbie McGinnis |

St. Stephen's Micksburg Church Corporation

Consisting of the Incumbent and the churchwardens:

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

Other Office Holders:

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Alternate Lay Member of Synod</b>             | Lucy Buttle      |
| <b>Treasurer: St. Patrick's</b>                  | Dianne Siebarth  |
| <b>Treasurer: St. Thomas'</b>                    | Bonnie Dumouchel |
| <b>Treasurer: St. Stephen's</b>                  | Jennie Mick      |
| <b>Chapel Steward: St. Augustine's Beachburg</b> | Wendy Johnson    |
| <b>Central Treasurer: Parish of the Valley</b>   | Alexis Anderson  |

Cemetery Boards:

Each individual cemetery board is chaired by the Incumbent of the parish and consists of the congregational churchwardens for the cemetery in question, 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 | Hal Johnson, Glenda McKenzie & Bev York |



## Diocesan & Wider Church Leadership Roles – 2026

In addition to those who serve as Members of Synod, clergy and lay leaders from across our Parish of the Valley offer considerable leadership to the life and ministries of our diocesan church. Below is a listing of current diocesan and wider church leadership roles held by members of our parish community. 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  
Member – Diocesan Council  
Member – Cemeteries Sub-Committee  
Member – ADO Youth Episcopal Panel  
Diocesan Clergy Mentor

### **Rev. Gillian**

Member – Education Committee  
Resource Hub Coordinator for the ADO Learning Commons

### **Rev. Nick**

Member – Governing Board of the Canadian Council of Churches  
Member – Bishop's Liturgical Advisory Panel  
Member – Rural Ministry Resource Hub  
Member – Diocesan Refugee Ministry Office Advisory Board  
Diocesan Contextual Mission Facilitator

### **Rev. Christine**

Fresh Start Program for Clergy Beginning a New Appointment  
Novice – Third Order, Society of St. Francis, Province of Americas

### **Marie Cheesman**

Member – Diocesan Council  
Member – Episcopal Election Committee  
Member – Property & Finance Committee

### **Robert Hanson**

Member – Investment Sub-Committee  
Member – Cemeteries Sub-Committee



## Members of Diocesan Synod – 2026

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 B5.18. Based on our parish’s total population, the Parish of the Valley may elect **4** Lay Members of Diocesan Synod for the year 2026. 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.

Term lengths for Lay Members of Synod and Alternate Members are established in Bylaw B5.18, paragraph 5.

| <u>2026 Synod Nominees</u>            | <u>Congregation</u>                     | <u>Years in Term</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Julie McMillan*                       | Ascension Killaloe / St. John’s Tramore | 1 Year               |
| Bernard Raglin*                       | St. George’s South Alice                | 2 Years              |
| Bill Schroeder                        | Epiphany Barry’s Bay                    | 2 Years              |
| <br><u>Previously Elected in 2025</u> |   |                      |
| Alexis Anderson                       | Holy Trinity Pembroke                   | 1 Year               |
| <br><u>2026 Alternate Nominees</u>    |   |                      |
| Lucy Buttle                           | St. Stephen’s Micksburg                 | 1 Year               |
| Dave Eagles*                          | Epiphany Barry’s Bay                    | 1 Year               |
| Marion LeMottee*                      | All Saints Petawawa                     | 1 Year               |
| Ainsleigh MacInnis                    | Holy Trinity Pembroke                   | 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. Gillian Hoyer   | Associate Incumbent                                 |
| The Rev. Nicholas Forte  | Associate Incumbent                                 |
| The Rev. Christine Muise | Associate Incumbent                                 |
| <br>Marie Cheesman       | <br>Diocesan Council Member (Holy Trinity Pembroke) |

## Parish Central Committee – 2026

Pursuant to Bylaw B5.12, paragraph 2, membership in our Parish Central Committee includes the Incumbent, all Associate Incumbents, the Churchwardens, and all Lay Members of Synod. The Incumbent serves as the chair.

The Committee meets quarterly to advise the Incumbent and Churchwardens in such matters as are of a parochial, deanery or diocesan nature, but not those solely of an individual congregation. In the Parish of the Valley, the Committee shall meet primarily by Zoom, with typically one in-person meeting per year, “Parish Leaders’ Day.”

Although not voting members of our Parish Central Committee, Deputy Churchwardens, Treasurers and Chapel Stewards are all important resource people for the ongoing work of the Parish Central Committee and will regularly be invited to participate in the Committee’s meetings, particularly the annual Parish Leaders’ Day.

### Parish of the Valley: Incumbent & Associate Incumbents

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| The Rev. Matthew Brown (Chair) | The Rev. Gillian Hoyer  |
| The Rev. Christine Muise       | The Rev. Nicholas Forte |

### Holy Trinity Pembroke

Charles Cheesman  
Jim Irvine  
Alexis Anderson\* (Central Treasurer)  
*Peter Jacques (DW)*

### St. John’s Eganville

Wendy Cayen  
Karen Mann  
*Joan Boldt (T)*  
*Verner Hass (CS)*

### All Saints Petawawa

Marion LeMottee  
Louise Doran  
*Yvonne Andrews (T)*

### Ascension Killaloe/St. John’s Tramore

Kathy Marion  
Julie McMillan\*  
*Ted Williamson (T)*  
*Sue Fulcher (DW)*

### St. George’s South Alice

Bernard Raglin\*  
Kim Silkie  
*Kevin Schauer (T)*

### Epiphany Barry’s Bay

Irene Lapenskie  
Dave Eagles  
Bill Schroeder\*  
*Pam McCallum (T)*  
*Liz Beasley (DW)*

### St. Stephen’s Micksburg

Pat Leach  
Myles Buttler  
*Jennie Mick (T)*  
*Wendy Johnson (CS)*

### St. Thomas Rankin

Sam Sutton  
Debbie McGinnis  
*Bonnie Dumouchel (T)*

### St. Patrick’s Lower Stafford

Johnny MacLaren  
Patty Childerhose  
*Dianne Siebarth (T)*

### St. Paul’s Cobden

Alice Ferguson  
Ben Savage  
*Les Hill (T)*  
*Jim Munro (DW)*

### St. Anthony’s Whitney

Merv Dunn  
Anita Boldt  
*Kevin Florent (CS)*

\*Lay Member of Synod

*Blue Italics: Denotes non-voting resource person (DW: Deputy Warden, T: Treasurer, CS: Chapel Steward)*

PHOTOS



Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa Girls' Choir Before



Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa Girls' Choir After



Lorna McLaren at Messy Church



Diocesan Lay Readers at St. Paul's Program Centre



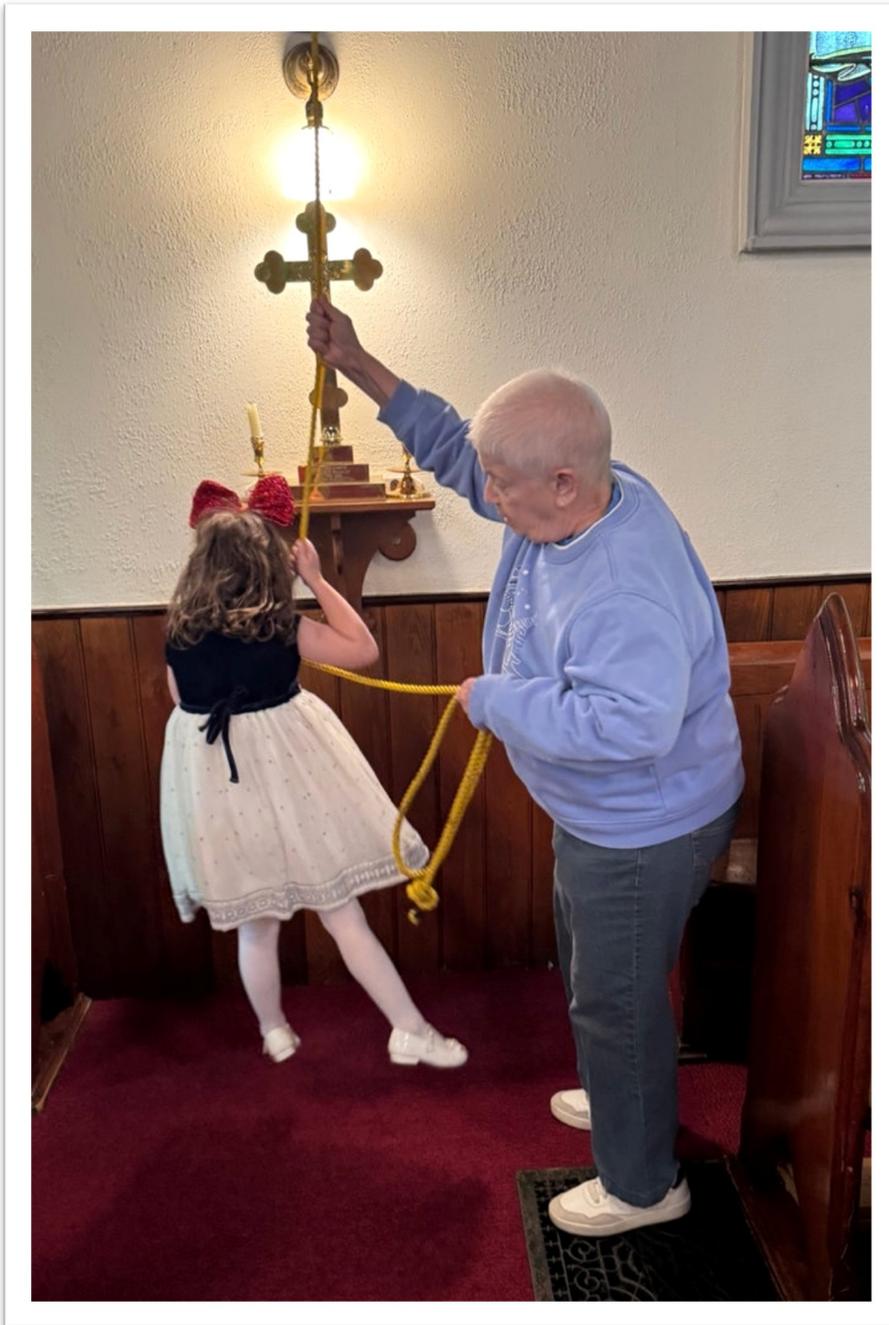
New Pointing at St. Patrick's



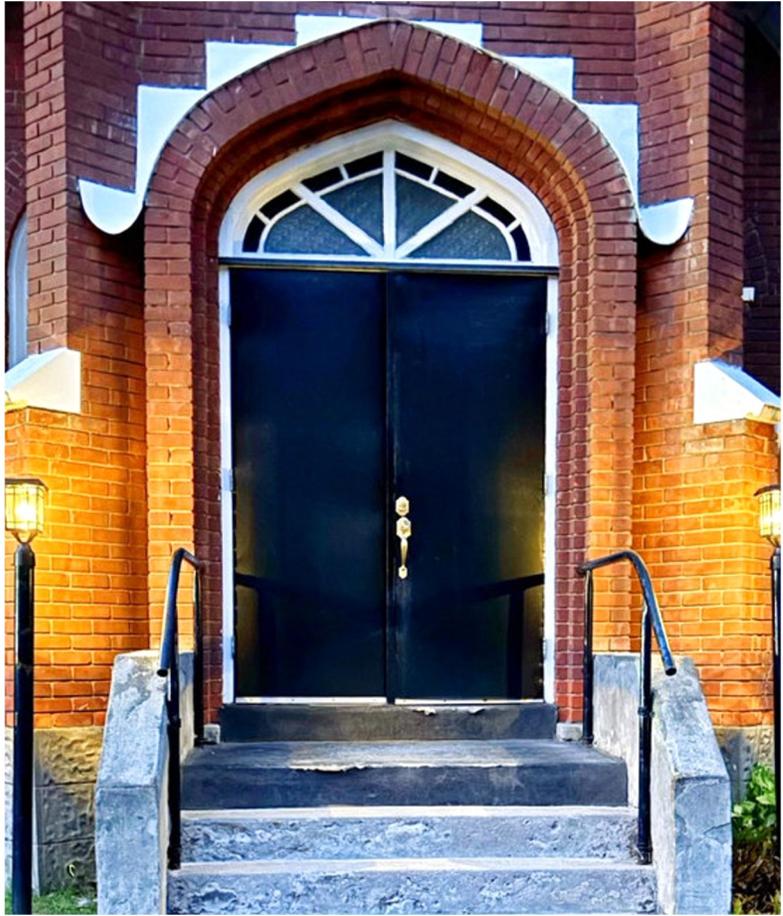
New Pointing at St. Stephen's in 2024

St. Patrick's Annual Plant Sale: wagons 1 & 2





Bell Ringer in Training at St. Augustine's Chapel, Beachburg



New lights at St. Thomas' Rankin



Bev York receives Bibles for Caressant Care, Cobden



*"See, we don't work all of the time!"*

The Parish of the Valley Team enjoys fellowshipping together even more than we love working together, which is a lot! It is a joy for us to share in ministry together and with all of you across our beloved Valley.

