

Vestry Report 2024

Saint Aidan's Anglican Church



955 Wingate Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 1S9

Sixty-seventh Annual Vestry Meeting
Sunday, February 23, 2025
following the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy

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SAINT AIDAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, OTTAWA

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Sunday, February 23, 2025 following the 9:30 a.m. liturgy

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MINUTES OF THE 66th ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
St. Aidan's Anglican Church
Ottawa, Ontario
Sunday, February 25, 2024

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer 10:44 AM

Reverend Rosemary Parker welcomed everyone to the year's Vestry meeting. She led the participants in an opening prayer that asked the Spirit for guidance when things are not easy and generosity in all we do.

2. Appointment of Vestry Clerk

Susan Burns-Simpson was appointed as the Vestry Clerk.

3. Approval of Agenda

Reverend Rosemary asked that the meeting agenda be approved as presented in the Vestry book.

MOTION: That the Meeting Agenda Be Approved

Moved by: Calvin Jones

Seconded by: Janet Talbot

Result: Carried

4. Minutes of the 65th Annual Vestry Meeting, Sunday, February 26th, 2023

No errors or omissions were reported.

MOTION: That the Minutes of St. Aidan's 2023 Vestry Meeting be Approved

Moved by: Laurence Jones

Seconded by: James Phillips

Result: Carried

5. Reception of 2023 Reports: Governance, Serving the World God Loves, Parish Ministry, Worship, Funding Ministries and Property: Motion

Reverend Rosemary encouraged participants to read the various group and committee reports in the Vestry book. She drew particular attention to our excellent Parish Day report prepared by James Phillips. Rev. Rosemary noted that it was very impressive how much already had been accomplished.

Chuck Adamson highlighted several initiatives from the Report on Church Properties. The city requires the Church to install a backflow prevention valve by November of this year. Plans for the system were prepared by an engineer in the Fall of 2023. A plumbing company will complete the installation this year for a cost of \$9,000. This will require the water to be shut off for 8 hours.

Numerous problems have arisen with the motor on the air handling unit of our heating system. A temporary solution has been identified to keep the fan running at the cost of \$12.00 per month. In the long term, we will be asking the Diocese to give recommendations as our heating system is over 60 years old.

Special thanks were expressed to the volunteers that currently are painting the lower hall and also to Stephen Talbot for his continuous and plentiful help beautifying the Church building and property.

6. St George's Hawthorne Cemetery: Presentation and Motion

Janet Talbot provided an update on the extensive and varied work completed by the St. George's Cemetery Board during 2023. Janet indicated that one of the goals for the Cemetery Committee is to make contact with relatives and foster a more personal approach. There were 2 casket and 6 urn burials in 2023. The Cemetery bylaws were updated and approved by

the Bereavement Authority of Ontario on September 19th and an Internment Right Certificate Order for Internment has been received. The Cemetery's largest expense is \$5,000 for grass cutting. The cemetery is divided into 2 sections; an older section for burials from 1888 and the newer section for burials from the 1990's onward. Janet acknowledged the loss of Committee member Bryan Bradford and his extensive work compiling a database for all known burials. A Memorial Service, conducted by Rev. Rosemary, was held on the second Sunday in June. Income tax receipts for donations now can be made through St. Aidan's.

MOTIONS: The Parish of St. Aidan's Anglican Church approve the 2023 Financial Report for St. George's Hawthorne Cemetery.

The Parish of St. Aidan's Anglican Church elects the following individuals to St. George's Hawthorne Cemetery Board for 2024: Chris Drinkwater (St. Aidan's), Janet Talbot (St. Aidan's), Margaret Bradford (St. Aidan's), Mark Alexander (Community), Roger Preston (Community)

**Moved by: Debbie Trickey
Seconded by: Chuck Adamson
Result: Carried**

7. St. Aidan's 2023 Financial Statements: Motion

The Treasurer, Warren Trickey, emphasized that St. Aidan's had a deficit of \$32,000 for 2023. Warren highlighted the following from the 2023 Financial Statements.

- 54% of Parishioners increased their contributions;
- There was a \$10,000 increase over the budgeted amount for rentals;
- The Parish received two donations of \$800 for new trust funds. This money has been sent to the Diocese;
- There was a \$2,000 contribution to the Cecily Wilson Fund;
- The cost of building insurance has increased sharply and was \$10,000 for the year;
- The cost for snow removal was \$9,000 over budget due to heavier than normal snow falls;
- St. Aidan's owes the Diocese over \$23,000 for Parish Fair Share expenses not paid in previous years.

In response to a question from Weldon Meadus, Warren Trickey replied that the monies expended for refugee sponsorship were transferred into revenue from the reserves. They will be held in reserve within our Parish bank account, until we support another refugee project.

Paul Gover identified that in the Treasurer's Report on page 21 of the Vestry book, the dates in the wording, "for Parish Fair Share expenses not paid in 2021 and 2022..." should be 2022 and 2023.

Peter Martin gave a brief description of the GIFT campaign in explanation of the expense attributed to that reserve.

Rev. Rosemary expressed her gratitude to Warren Trickey, Calvin Jones, Paul Gover and the auditors - Judith Stanway and Erma Barnett and all other volunteers involved with the preparation of the 2023 financial statements.

MOTION: That the Financial Statements for 2023 at St. Aidan's be Approved.

**Moved by: Warren Trickey
Seconded by: Simon Mattioli
Result: Carried**

8. St. Aidan's 2024 Budget: Narrative Budget and Motion

Warren Trickey presented the 2024 budget. He noted that the major costs for the Parish are:

- the equalized cost of priestly services which have risen by \$2,000 this year;
- Salary costs for which St. Aidan's follows the Diocesan guidelines for salary increases;
- the Parish fair share. The Diocese has reduced St. Aidan's portion by \$10,000 for 2024;.

- building maintenance and heating costs. This line item includes \$1,000 for increased insurance costs and a \$3,000 contingency for heating costs. Overages on costs for snow clearing will not be a concern during 2024. The Parish has a contract with a new company that does not apply fees for snow clearing beyond a set limit of snow fall.

Warren indicated that St. Aidan's would be drawing down the interest in the Goodwin and Cole Trust funds to cover the costs of building maintenance and heating. In response to a question from Weldon Meadus, Warren responded that, as per the Bishop, dividends could be withdrawn if the capital was preserved. Sufficient capital remains in the Trusts for future years.

Warren reported that revenue from rental income was \$10,000 over the estimated budget for 2023. In the current year, the Parish will place increased emphasis on word of mouth advertising to maintain the momentum. The budget for 2024 is \$14,500 over the actuals for 2023. To help with the anticipated increase in rentals, Kathryn Noel will be joining the rental team. In response to a query from Janet Talbot, Phil Charko, the Rental Manager, assured participants that security still would be maintained in the Sanctuary with the increase in rentals.

There is a budgeted increase of \$20,000 for donations in 2024. PAR donations in February 2024 were \$1,000 higher than in December 2023. However, the estimate for donations in open offering envelopes has not changed between years.

Peter Martin delivered a Narrative Summary of the Budget, with a slide presentation focusing on the value St. Aidan's Parishioners and the Community receive as a result of donations. St. Aidan's ministry was outlined as:

- Developing our Parish Vision (Priestly services, Parish administrative and cleaning staff, building maintenance);
- Fellowship and pastoral care (Christmas Concert, Game Nights, Choir, Kiwanis Music Program);
- Outreach to the community (Support to Arch Street School and the Heron Emergency Food Centre, Christmas gift bags to the Dempsey Women's Shelter);
- Financial Stability (Church Bazaar, Pancake Supper, Bake sales, rental program, chicken BBQ);
- Property Maintenance (Furnace upkeep, annual Spring and Fall clean-up days);
- Nurturing Worship.

Peter emphasized that St. Aidan's cannot accomplish any of these activities without volunteers. The volunteers turn the needed donations into resources that in turn allow them to accomplish God's work in the community.

MOTION: That the St. Aidan's 2024 Budget be Approved.

Moved by: Warren Trickey
Seconded by: Cheryl Dinelle
Result: Carried

9. St. Aidan's Stewardship Team: Presentation

Rev. Rosemary, as Chair of the Stewardship Team, introduced her fellow members; Paul Gover, Kathryn Noel and Phil Charko. She reminded attendees that it is the job of everyone in the Parish to do what they can to make St. Aidan's more viable. Each team member provided the Vestry attendees with a brief update regarding the team's role and activities.

Phil Charko emphasized that the mission of the team is to provide continuing encouragement toward the spirit of generosity in the Parish. The Parish's first Pledge Campaign exceeded expectations - 60% of regular Church attendees completed the pledge form and pledges were received for over 50% of our regular envelope donations. St. Aidan's is a very generous parish and the team would welcome any feedback Parishioners have regarding the campaign. Phil also emphasized that the details on pledge forms are private and that information is not shared with PAR or other Church programs.

In response to an inquiry from Warren Trickey, Rev. Rosemary replied that the Stewardship Campaign package and pledge forms were sent to a number of supporters, that are not regularly at Sunday services, so they also could participate in the campaign.

Kathryn Noel reminded attendees that stewardship is not totally about dollars. To that end, there will be a Volunteer Church Fair on Sunday April 28th where parishioners will be able to learn more about the various volunteer groups at St. Aidan's. Kathryn invited everyone to come and learn "what it takes to run a Parish" and, of course, enjoy a lovely brunch.

Paul Gover thanked parishioners for their stewardship in the Parish by sharing the blessings that have been given to them by God. He also thanked them for being ambassadors of St. Aidan's in performing community outreach.

10. 2024 Appointments and Elections

Reverend Rosemary advised that there are some changes to Parish Council for 2024. James Phillips and Christine Drinkwater are stepping down and Leslie Macdonald-Hicks and Lois Wynn are joining Council. Debbie Trickey is stepping down as Warden; but she will remain as a member of Parish Council. Nancy Gover will take her place as People's Warden and Claire Chapdelaine will assume the position of Deputy Warden. Warren Trickey will remain as Treasurer for 2024; however, he will be retiring from this position in 2025 after Vestry. Reverend Rosemary indicated that the Parish will be looking for a new person to fill the Treasurer's position.

The following are the appointments and elections for 2024.

Church Wardens

Rector's Warden – Chuck Adamson (Appointed by Incumbent)

Deputy Warden – Claire Chapdelaine (Elected by Vestry)

People's Warden – Nancy Gover (Elected by Vestry)

Lay Members of Synod (Elected by Vestry)

Nancy Gover (2022 - 2024), Chuck Adamson (2022 - 2024), Alternate – Phil Charko (2023 - 2024)

Parish Council (Elected by Vestry)

Warren Trickey (Treasurer – appointed by Corporation)

Debbie Trickey

Peter Martin (Chair of Parish Council)

Leslie Macdonald-Hicks

Margaret Bradford

Lois Wynn

Note: There are eleven members of Parish Council, including the three wardens, and Rev. Rosemary.

Auditors for Vestry 2024 Audit – (Elected by Vestry)

Susan Kunz and Donna Robinson

There were no new nominations from the floor.

MOTION: That these Nominees for People's Warden, Deputy Warden, Synod, Parish Council and Auditors be elected to their respective positions.

Moved by: Laurence Jones

Seconded by: Peggy Martin

Result: Carried

Other Roles (Appointed by Corporation and/or Incumbent)

Office Administration - Sandra Busby

Organist – Téa Mamaladze

Cleaner – Darlene Carter

Bookkeeper – Paul Gover

Convenor of Counters – Paul Gover

Envelope Secretary - Calvin Jones

Rental Property Manager - Phil Charko

Head of Altar Guild – Janet Talbot
Convenor of Greeters/Sidespeople – Sandra Busby
Convenor of Readers/Lay Administrators – Ruth Albert

Cheque Signing Authority (Parish Account)

Chuck Adamson Linda Hannah
Peter Martin Warren Trickey

Cheque Signing Authority (Refugee Account)

Chuck Adamson Weldon Meadus
Linda Hannah

Listing of Lay Administrators

Bill Balke Phil Charko
Rita Code Les Cooper
Primal Silva
Karen Mattioli Chris Brown
Dave Stewart Janet Talbot
Clinton Thomas Nancy Gover
Debbie Trickey Susan Burns-Simpson

11. Adjournment and Grace

Rev. Rosemary thanked all participants for attending the Vestry. She reminded everyone that she will be leaving on sabbatical for the period of May through August. While she is away, Canon David Clunie will be assuming the Rector's duties on a part-time basis. He will be assisted by our Lay Reader, Nancy Gover.

Mary Meadus advised that the Ladies Guild now has disbanded due to the advancing age of its members. She expressed her gratitude to her fellow members who worked with her on the various Ladies Guild projects over the years. Reverend Rosemary also thanked the Ladies Guild members for their contribution to St. Aidan's Parish life.

The Vestry concluded at 12:01 PM. A total of forty-three parishioners attended the 66th Annual Vestry Meeting.

MOTION: To Adjourn
Moved by: Kathryn Noel
Seconded by: Ria Cooper
Result: Carried

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL VESTRY REPORT
St Aidan's Anglican Church
Ottawa, Ontario
Sunday, February 23, 2025

Incumbent's Report



*I am the Resurrection and the Life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die,
will live, and everyone who lives and believes
in me will never die. John 11:25-26*



2024 at St Aidan's was both a year of new life, and a year of loss. The new life came in different forms, but was particularly visible on Sunday mornings during worship: Rev. Canon David Clunie was with St Aidan's during my Sabbatical, Charlie Scromeda joined St Aidan's for their Theology Student Placement in the fall, and Nancy Gover completed her first full year as our Lay Reader. Each of these leaders shared their unique gifts and insights with us, and we are grateful to them for enriching the life of St Aidan's. There were also six delightful Baptisms, and one special Baptismal Renewal!

Thanks also to our wardens, staff, and community for taking such good care of St Aidan's while I was away from May to August. It was a blessing to come back and hear that there had been no major crises; as always, everything at St Aidan's was managed with grace and skill. **Because the parish is run so effectively, we are better able to focus on lifegiving ministries.** In 2024, we brought back the fiercely competitive St Aidan's Pancake Race, held a long-awaited Blessing of the Animals in the Labyrinth, and continued to grow our Joint Bible Study with Martin Luther Church and Emmanuel United. Filled with the joy of the Spirit, St Aidan's gave generously to our Lenten Outreach Project to Arch Street Public School, and our Joint Advent Outreach Project to vulnerable seniors in Community Housing on Russell.

Amidst this new life, there was also death. Last year, St Aidan's lost eleven parishioners: eleven children of God who called St Aidan's their spiritual home, and eleven beloved spouses, relatives, and friends. This has had a significant pastoral impact on our parish. Many of us are living with a quiet but deep sense of grief, as we adjust to these losses. **Thank God for our faith, which reassures us that death is no longer the end;** because Christ conquered death on the Cross, he promises that we will have eternal life, and will one day be reunited with our loved ones. As St Aidan's feels the impact of 2024 on our parish list and operations, we are grateful to have welcomed several new parishioners into our community.

St Aidan's received many gifts last year, with parishioners giving generously based on their particular circumstances. Know that every dollar, every hour, and every prayer given to the Glory of God is a blessing to St Aidan's. Beyond regular offerings, this included a Matching Initiative to help reach our December goal, a substantial donation to cover past arrears to our Diocese, and two bequests given with thanksgiving to our Endowment Fund. After several years of uncertainty, St Aidan's was able to meet our Budget for 2024. **I pray that this success and sacrifice will give us confidence and hope for the coming year.** After all, the only certainty we have is that God will continue to journey with us through life, death--and resurrection. Alleluia!

With thanksgiving,
Rev. Rosemary Parker

Churchwardens Report



2024 was a great year for St Aidan's! We saw new parishioners arrive, new initiatives take shape. To name just a few of the activities that kept us busy this year: pancake supper, games night, providing t-shirts for students at Arch Street Public School, Bible studies; painting the basement; garden upkeep; food drive for Heron Road community centre; gift bags for Advent Outreach and--of course--the BAZAAR.

One of the big changes was Rosemary's absence on Sabbatical for four months. We were blessed to have Reverend David Clunie fill in as Priest in charge. This year we made more connections with other churches in our neighbourhood, having bible studies with Martin Luther and Emmanuel United churches. At Pentecost the congregation from Martin Luther walked over to join us for coffee time. At Advent St Aidan's worked with other churches to provide gift bags for disadvantaged members of our neighbourhood.

The year seemed to be one building issue after another, from a leaky roof to a malfunctioning furnace. Chuck Adamson and Steven Talbot tackled many of the issues themselves, climbing up on ladders, or replacing the sump pump in the lowest reaches of the basement. Their efforts and expertise meant the church was saved many expensive repairs, but the maintenance bills this year were still substantial. All part and parcel of a 60+ year old building but still something we need to be aware of.

The church is not just a building but the people in it. It is a community that works together to act as the body of Christ. All parishioners work together to take care of each other and to ensure that we can gather for worship and fellowship. It is impossible to thank everyone individually, but we need to highlight a few.

THANK YOU to:

- The Choir: Tea Mamaladze and a small but dedicated and talented group of singers provide us with incredible and uplifting music every week.
- Altar Guild: Janet Talbot and her team keep the altar, linens and whole sanctuary looking beautiful.
- Parish Council: Peter Martin chairs this team who meet monthly to discuss the needs of the church and community and make the necessary decisions.
- Finance team: Warren Trickey as Treasurer, Calvin Jones as Envelope Secretary, and Paul Gover as bookkeeper keep track of the church's finances and make sure the bills get paid and the lights stay on! Warren has been our treasurer for the past 15 years and is stepping down to take a well-deserved rest. Thank you for all your years of service, Warren. Being Treasurer is such an important job in the church and you have guided us safely through many challenging years, and have always managed to make the income cover the expenses.
- Stewardship team: Phil Charko, Kathryn Noel and Paul Gover looked at the best ways to harness and use our resources, both finances and people!
- Property team: As mentioned above, Chuck Adamson and Steven Talbot worked on a multitude of repairs and upkeep.
- Sidespeople, Readers and Servers: who all participate in and ensure the smooth running of our worship services.
- Rental Team: Phil Charko and Kathryn Noel worked hard at getting new rental contracts and meeting the needs of the renters we have.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Adamson, Rector's Warden

Nancy Gover, People's Warden

Claire Chapdelaine, Deputy Warden

Parish Council Report

During 2024, Parish Council met 10 times to oversee the administration of the parish. Our meetings kicked off with reports and discussions concerning such topics as the state of the Parish finances by Warren Trickey and the status of our rental agreements from Phil Charko. These reports were normally followed by Chuck Adamson providing a report on the state of all the various issues concerning "Property". We then moved on to consider "Ministry and Mission" including discussions concerning major fund-raising activities such as the annual bazaar. Also included in this part of the agenda were discussions on such topics as Contextual Mission and outreach projects as providing support to people in the Heron Road Emergency Shelter and the students at Arch Street Public School. We acknowledge the leadership of Reverend Rosemary and the wardens, Chuck Adamson, Nancy Gover and Claire Chapdelaine.

Members of the 2024 Parish Council

Philo Charko	Nancy Gover	Debbie Trickey
Margaret Bradford	Chuck Adamson	Warren Trickey
Claire Chapdelaine	Peter Martin	Lois Wynn
Leslie Macdonald- Hicks	Rev Rosemary Parker	

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Martin

Synod Report

There were three main highlights from Synod 2024. Our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa has been doing concrete things to improve future sustainability such as selling off surplus properties, lowering parishes' annual payments to our Diocese, and helping parishes to find sources other than weekly giving--such as rentals--to sustain finances. Our Diocese is also providing solid education and support to parishes to make the church responsive and relevant to the needs of parishioners and the community. Our own St Aidan's parishioners can encourage visitors and seekers, who join us for a service, by becoming more comfortable with sharing in an appropriate manner our personal stories of how God and his local church sustain us in our daily lives.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Adamson

Statistics from Parish Registers

Baptisms: 6

Rowan Goodrich
Kenneth Goodrich
Benamine Olanrele
Anna Chaplinsky
Elliott Nguyen
Noah Martin

Deaths: 12

Patricia (Pat) Johnstone
Margaret Robinson
Lois Massé
David Stanway
Geoffrey Green
Marilyn (Mimi) Adamson
Douglas Gray
Marlene Lafrance
Vida (Rosemary) Newman
Nadine Vance
Viola Martin
Iris Neales

FINANCE

Treasurer Report

What a difference a year makes! We finished the year with a profit of \$25,057.00 compared to a loss of \$33,864.00 last year. The profit from operations is \$7057.00 which was increased by a very generous donation of \$18,000.00 designated to retire the debt to the Diocese for 2022 and 2023 Parish Fair Share remittances that we held back due to cash flow concerns. I am happy to report that the Diocese has forgiven \$5,000.00 of the outstanding debt and a cheque has been sent to the Diocese to retire the balance. We are now debt free! I am constantly amazed by the generosity and resilience of our parish family.

Total envelope donations exceeded our budget by \$620.00 thanks to your response in the 6 weeks prior to year end and the innovative matching program this year. We received \$15,000.00 in designated donations this year which have been transferred to our Diocesan Consolidated Trust Fund account for Endowments. Rental income was lower than budget by \$8,773.00 largely due to a summer rental to Pedal Heads which was cancelled. Parish Outreach raised \$9,965.00 which is the highest for many years.

On the expenditure side, our operating expenses were lower than budget by approximately \$7,500.00. The biggest variances in our favour were Building Maintenance (\$5,416.00), Cost of Priestly Services (\$2,668.00) and Organist's Salary (\$1,312.00).

We are grateful to God for meeting our financial needs and thank everyone who continued to support us so generously this year.

The 2025 total budget expenditures are \$278,565.00 which is a reduction \$892.00 from last year. Staff Salaries and other expense accounts were increased by an inflation factor of 2.5%. Priestly Services and Parish Share – Diocese Mission are lower by \$1,962.00. Building Maintenance budget is \$3,000.00 lower than last year but higher than 2024 actual by \$2,416.00 to cover possible contingencies.

On the revenue side, rental income is set at \$45,000.00. The rental committee is working hard to find 2 more long term anchor tenants. The big challenge is the Total Envelope Donations budget of \$214,065.00. The budget is \$2,945.00 higher than 2024 actual. **Now is the time to invest in St. Aidan's exciting future, and continue to give generously so that we can fulfill God's vision for our parish in 2025 and beyond.**

I would like to thank Paul Gover for his continuing ministry as parish bookkeeper. I would like to thank Calvin Jones as envelope secretary, the counters, our auditors (Judith Stanway and Erma Barnett), and Sandra Busby (Parish Administrator) for their contributions and support.

I have been Treasurer for 15 years. It is time for a change and I am thrilled that Margaret Bradford has agreed to be our new Treasurer. I will be assisting Margaret through the year and closing at year end. 2024 has been a very tough year; I am so thankful for the love and support that Debbie and I have received from our Parish Community. I want to especially thank Reverend Rosemary for her Pastoral support this year. I will miss the occasional heated debates that we have had over finances the past four years.

Respectively submitted,
Warren Trickey CPA - Treasurer

Stewardship Report

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to present this report on stewardship activities during 2024, Members of the committee are Rosemary Parker, Kathryn Noel, Paul Gover and Phil Charko.

In April 2024, the parish held a Ministry Volunteer Job Fair. This was a fun event in which parishioners visited tables for each of the parish ministries, including outreach, property, liturgy, cemetery, prayer, counters, and music. Many learned more about the various volunteer opportunities available to them and we obtained new volunteers for our ministries.

In September, our fall pledge campaign for 2025 began. Pledge campaigns have as an objective to permit parishioners consider their contributions to St. Aidan's and to indicate their support for sustaining our ministries. It is a best practice for healthy parishes. This year's campaign was named "Nurturing St. Aidan's Ministries in 2025". Thirty-eight households submitted pledge forms, and many used that occasion to request an increase in their PAR contributions. Other parishioners pledged to increase their annual contributions. The Stewardship Committee appreciates all those who participated in the campaign.

As parishioners know from the Treasurer's report, the financial health of the parish has significantly improved this past year. The Stewardship Committee is grateful for all those who helped achieve this milestone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Charko

Cole Education Report

The Cole Education Fund was established in 1992 by Mabel Cole to provide financial assistance to youth of the parish who wish to pursue post-secondary education. Eligible youth must be active in the life of St Aidan's, be accepted by a college, university or training institute and demonstrate financial need.

This year we received one application for a scholarship. The Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to award a scholarship of \$1000.00 to Thomas Ward who is enrolled in the 4th year of the B.Sc. Honours in Physics-Astrophysics stream at Carleton University.

Respectfully submitted
Peter Martin, Member of the Board of Trustees, Cole Education Fund

Growing in Faith Together (GIET) 2024

In 2012 and 2013, St Aidan's participated in a major Diocesan fund-raising campaign called Growing in Faith Together. We raised \$107,000 of which \$55,695 was for projects in the parish. At the start of 2024, \$3,407 was still remaining in the fund. This year we have allocated \$325 to buy a bike rack (to be mounted in the spring of 2025), \$395 as honoraria for soloists during the Christmas concert and \$37 as part of the refreshments for the Christmas concert leaving a balance of \$2,750.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Martin

**ST. AIDAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024
UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Royal Bank - General Account	\$ 59,096	\$ 53,101
BMO Refugee Account	-	5,166
Petty Cash Fund	78	111
Accounts Receivable	2,370	1,907
Prepaid Expenses	4,504	-
Deposit Diocesan Consolidated Trust Fund	62,236	52,724
GST and HST Receivable	1,857	1,676
	<u>130,141</u>	<u>114,685</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS - NOTE 2	<u>606,286</u>	<u>606,286</u>
	<u>\$ 736,427</u>	<u>\$ 720,971</u>
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,730	\$ 27,759
Deferred Revenue	-	-
EQUITY, RESERVES AND CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS		
Reserve for Outreach	467	638
Reserve for Celtic Cross Fund	414	414
Reserve for C. Wilson Memorial Fund	9,240	9,240
Reserve for Cole Education Fund	27,236	25,855
Reserve for Memorials	4,577	4,577
Equity in Capital Assets	606,286	606,286
Reserve for Goodwin Bequest	9,938	16,828
Reserve for Bequests	4,141	4,141
Reserve for Parish Share of GIFT Pledges	2,751	3,408
Reserve for Endowment Fund Trust	15,822	800
Reserve for Syrian Refugee Family	50	50
Reserve for Altar Guild	2,743	
Reserve for Refugee Sponsorship	5,667	5,667
	<u>689,332</u>	<u>677,904</u>
Total Equity and Reserves	<u>\$ 689,332</u>	<u>\$ 677,904</u>
Operating Surplus, Beginning of Year	15,308	47,911
Net Profit (Loss) for the year	25,057	(32,603)
Operating Surplus, End of Year	<u>40,365</u>	<u>15,308</u>
	<u>\$ 736,427</u>	<u>\$ 720,971</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH:

_____ **Rector**

_____ **People's Warden**

See Notes to Financial Statements

_____ **Rector's Warden**

ST. AIDAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Regular Envelope Donations	\$ 211,120	\$ 200,136
Bequest & Designated Donations	15,000	-
Donation to retire Diocese Debt	18,000	-
Interest	7	426
Open Offerings	1,560	2,053
Miscellaneous	419	122
Parish Organizations and Events	14,219	15,050
Memorial Fund/Celtic Cross	6,485	2,695
CTF Designated Donations	-	2,800
Rental	41,084	35,542
Cole & Goodwin CTF Dividends	1,599	1,907
Altar Guild	1,858	-
Community Foundation - Timms	2,381	-
Administration Fees	350	-
Diocese - CTF Receipts	8,300	-
Transfer from Reserves	657	4,515
Total Revenue	323,039	265,246
EXPENDITURES		
Equalized Cost of Priestly Services	122,720	121,162
Parish Fare Share	35,638	45,063
Organist	16,788	18,011
Office Administrator	26,690	24,987
Cleaner	11,244	10,656
CPP and EI	3,878	3,854
Parish Programs	2,775	2,975
Building Maintenance, Operations, Insurance	45,584	59,156
Capital Improvements	8,175	-
Administration	4,209	4,210
Synod and Workshop Registration	385	460
Altar Guild Expenditures	1,665	-
GIFT Expense	657	1,067
Cole Scholarship	1,000	-
Refugee Sponsorships	-	3,448
Transfer to Reserves	16,574	2,800
Total Expenditures	297,982	297,849
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 25,057	\$ (32,603)

See notes to financial statements

ST. AIDAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM		
Parish Outreach revenue - OPEN	\$ 514	\$ 36
Parish Outreach revenue - Designated	9,279	3,963
Transfer from Reserve - Rector's Discretion	<u>172</u>	<u>256</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 9,965</u>	<u>\$ 4,255</u>
Parish Outreach Expenditures	\$ 9,965	\$ 3,755
Transfer to Reserve - Refugee Sponsorship	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 9,965</u>	<u>\$ 4,255</u>

See notes to financial statements

ST. AIDAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT DETAIL - 2024

	2024	2023		2024
	Actual	Actual		Actual
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS REVENUE			OUTREACH REVENUE	
Bazaar	\$11,604	\$10,591	Rector's Discretionary	\$4,723
Spring Fundraiser	1,250	1,275	Heron Emergency Food Centre	1,786
Bake Sale	0	986	Outreach - Open	514
			Arch Street School	1,645
BBQ Chicken Dinner	0	790	PWRDF Appeal	1,125
Pancake Supper	1,365	1,224	Transfer from Reserves	172
Parish Breakfast	0	0		
BAC,Ladies Guild	0	184		
	<u>\$14,219</u>	<u>\$15,050</u>		<u>\$9,965</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES			OUTREACH EXPENDITURES	
City Mandate for Backflow Update	8,175	0	PWRDF	1,125
			Rector's Discretionary Appeal	4,895
			Heron Emergency Food Centre	1,786
			Arch Street School	1,645
			Gaza Relief	300
			Outreach - All Other	214
	<u>\$8,175</u>	<u>\$0</u>		<u>\$9,965</u>
BUILDING OPERATION			TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	
Insurance	11,227	\$10,114		
Heating	10,933	11,905	GIFT	657
Security	736	1,055		<u>\$657</u>
Water	2,743	2,735	TRANSFER TO RESERVES	
Electricity	3,604	3,248	Cole Education Fund	1,381
Telephone	3,039	2,691	Endowment Fund Trust CTF	\$15,000
Maintenance-Regular	4,782	2,194	Altar Guild	193
Furnace	0	5,908		
Grass and Snow	8,073	17,690		
Garden	52	857		
Cleaning Supplies	395	759		
	<u>\$45,584</u>	<u>\$59,156</u>		<u>\$16,574</u>

**ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH
FINAL 2024 RESULTS and 2025 BUDGET**

	Actual Dec. 31 2024	Budget 2024	Variance	Budget 2025
REVENUE				
TOTAL ENVELOPE DONATIONS	\$211,120.00	\$210,500.00	\$620.00	\$214,065.00
BEQUEST AND DESIGNATED DONATIONS	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
DONATION TO RETIRE DIOCESE DEBT	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
OPEN OFFERING	\$1,560.00	\$2,000.00	(\$440.00)	\$1,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$419.00	\$200.00	\$219.00	\$200.00
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS	\$14,219.00	\$15,000.00	(\$781.00)	\$15,000.00
MEMORIAL FUNDS/CELTIC CROSS	\$6,485.00	\$0.00	\$6,485.00	\$0.00
RENTAL	\$41,084.00	\$49,857.00	(\$8,773.00)	\$45,000.00
INTEREST	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$0.00
DIOCESE CTF RECEIPTS	\$8,300.00	\$0.00	\$8,300.00	\$0.00
PARISH OUTREACH	\$9,965.00	\$0.00	\$9,965.00	\$0.00
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - TIMMS	\$2,381.00	\$0.00	\$2,381.00	\$0.00
ALTAR GUILD	\$1,858.00	\$0.00	\$1,858.00	\$0.00
WEDDINGS/FUNERALS	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
COLE & GOODWIN CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUND	\$1,599.00	\$1,900.00	(\$301.00)	\$2,800.00
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES - GIFT	\$657.00	\$0.00	\$657.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$333,004.00	\$279,457.00	\$53,547.00	\$278,565.00
EXPENDITURES				
EQUALIZED COST OF PRIESTLY SERVICES	\$122,720.00	\$125,388.00	(\$2,668.00)	\$124,587.00
PARISH SHARE DIOCESE MISSION	\$35,638.00	\$35,639.00	(\$1.00)	\$34,478.00
ORGANIST	\$16,788.00	\$18,100.00	(\$1,312.00)	\$19,300.00
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	\$26,690.00	\$26,500.00	\$190.00	\$28,000.00
CONTRACT CLEANING	\$11,244.00	\$11,000.00	\$244.00	\$12,000.00
CPP & EI	\$3,878.00	\$3,980.00	(\$102.00)	\$4,300.00
PARISH PROGRAMS	\$2,775.00	\$3,000.00	(\$225.00)	\$3,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$8,175.00	\$0.00	\$8,175.00	\$0.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, INSURANCE	\$45,584.00	\$51,000.00	(\$5,416.00)	\$48,000.00
REGISTRATION FEES	\$385.00	\$500.00	(\$115.00)	\$400.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$4,209.00	\$4,350.00	(\$141.00)	\$4,500.00
OUTREACH	\$9,965.00	\$0.00	\$9,965.00	\$0.00
ALTAR GUILD EXPENDITURES	\$1,665.00	\$0.00	\$1,665.00	\$0.00
GIFT	\$657.00	\$0.00	\$657.00	\$0.00
COLE SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
TRANSFER TO RESERVES - ALTAR GUILD	\$193.00	\$0.00	\$193.00	\$0.00
TRANSFER TO RESERVES - ENDOWMENT FUND	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
TRANSFER TO RESERVES - COLE EDUCATION FUND	\$1,381.00	\$0.00	\$1,381.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$307,947.00	\$279,457.00	\$28,490.00	\$278,565.00
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$25,057.00	\$0.00	\$25,057.00	\$0.00

2025 Appointments and Elections

**New for 2025*

Church Wardens

People's Warden: Nancy Gover (Elected by Vestry)
Rector's Warden: Claire Chapdelaine (Appointed by Incumbent)*
Deputy Warden: Phil Charko (Appointed by Incumbent)*

Treasurer

Margaret Bradford (Appointed by Corporation)*

Lay Members of Synod (Elected by Vestry)

Lois Wynn*
Phil Charko*
Alternate: Chuck Adamson*

Other Members of Parish Council (Elected by Vestry)

Peter Martin
Debbie Trickey
Leslie Macdonald-Hicks
James Phillips*

Auditors for Vestry 2025 Audit (Elected by Vestry)

Donna Robinson and Susan Kuntz*

St George's Cemetery Board (Elected by Vestry)

Janet Talbot (Chair)
Margaret Bradford (Treasurer)
Chris Drinkwater
Roger Preston
Mark Alexander
Stephen Talbot*

MOTION: That these Nominees for People's Warden, Deputy Warden, Synod, Parish Council, Auditors, and St George's Cemetery Board be elected to their respective positions.

Other Roles and Appointments

Office Administrator: Sandra Busby

Organist: Tea Mamaladze

Cleaner: Darlene Carter

Bookkeeper: Paul Gover

Convenor of Counters: Paul Gover

Envelope Secretary: Calvin Jones

Rental Manager: Phil Charko

Head of Altar Guild: Janet Talbot

Convenor of Sidespeople and Liturgical Schedules: Sandra Busby and James Phillips

Lay Administrators: Bill Balke, Chris Brown, Susan Burns-Simpson, Phil Charko, Rita Code, Les Cooper, Nancy Gover, Karen Mattioli, Simon Mattioli, Primal Silva, Dave Stewart, Janet Talbot, Clinton Thomas, Debbie Trickey.

Cheque Signing Authority (Parish Account): Warren Trickey, Linda Hannah, Peter Martin, Chuck Adamson, and Margaret Bradford*.

St Aidan's 2024 Leadership within our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

Phil Charko: Diocesan Clergy Remuneration Board.

Nancy Gover: Volunteer on the Spiritual Care Team at Cornerstone Housing for Women, and Lay Reader ministries.

Peter Martin: Board Member and Treasurer of Cornerstone Housing for Women, a Community Ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

Debbie Trickey: Guest Speaker at a Diocesan Lunch and Learn on Summer Student Grant, and supported parishes with their applications.

Rev. Rosemary Parker: Regional Dean of East Ottawa Deanery, Chair of Diocesan Partnerships Committee*, Member of Diocesan Council, and Member of Nominations Sub-Committee*.

ST GEORGE'S HAWTHORNE CEMETERY



The St. George's Hawthorne Cemetery Board was established at St Aidan's Vestry in 2023 to manage and oversee St. George's Hawthorne Cemetery on behalf of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

St. George's Hawthorne Cemetery is located at 3924 Russell Road.

The Board met on 8 occasions in 2024. In general, things have gone smoothly.

A contract for grass cutting was continued with Alain Cote on a fee per cut basis, to a maximum of 10 cuts per season.

Spring (May 4) and Fall (Oct 19) clean-up events were held. Community members and Board members worked on trimming trees, removal of overgrown shrubs, leveling ground, planting grass, raking leaves and maintaining flower beds. Throughout the spring and summer some Board members spent many hours on maintenance activities at the Cemetery.

The price list for cemetery sales and services was updated effective July 1, 2024. Work is ongoing to ensure all Board required forms are being updated.

A Memorial Service was held at the Cemetery on Sunday June 9, 2024. Attendance was good and many people attending made monetary donations. Reverend David Clunie led this service. Janet Talbot provided information on the status of the cemetery. Contact information for those who wished to be kept informed of activities at St. George's Hawthorne Cemetery was collected. A similar service will be held annually on the second Sunday in June.

There was one new lot sold in 2024. There were 3 urns, and 1 casket burials completed in 2024. The Cemetery Board has a good relationship with Eastern Ontario Memorials (EOM). This company performed all the grave openings/closings this year.

A major expense for the cemetery this year was having the metal Archway at the entrance re-painted by professional painting company Enviro Painting.

In 2024, there was a surplus of \$1,710 of income over expenses for the cemetery. (Financial statement attached.) The largest source of income was donations received throughout the year. The Board continues to issue income tax receipts through the church's charitable number to those who donated \$25 or more to the cemetery.

The Cemetery Board remains committed to manage all aspects of St. George's Hawthorne Cemetery. We invite you to visit the cemetery, speak to any of the board members and follow our Facebook page at St. George's Hawthorne Cemetery. You can contact the Cemetery Board by email at stgeorghawthornecemetery@gmail.com or by telephone at 613-733-5993.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Drinkwater, Secretary.

St GEORGE'S HAWTHORNE CEMETERY

Vestry report 2024

BALANCE as of Jan 1st 2024 **\$ 15,206.84**

RECEIPTS

Care and Maintenance fund interest	\$ 697.93		
Admin fees, deed transfer, marking out etc.	\$ 400.00		
Burial fees for 4 burials	\$ 920.00		
Donations 25 receipted	\$ 5,045.00		
Non-receipted	\$ 201.00		
Interest from 2 GIC's	\$ 331.33		
Plot sales x1	\$ 600.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS		+	<u>\$ 8,195.26</u>
BALANCE plus Total Receipts			\$ 23,402.10

EXPENSES

Grass Cutting 10 x \$500	\$ 5,000.00		
Supplies for marking out, stationery etc.	\$ 219.66		
Maintenance (Archway painting)	\$ 1,265.15		
TOTAL EXPENSES		-	<u>\$ 6,484.81</u>
BALANCE as of December 31st 2024			\$ 16,917.29

The Balance includes 2 x \$5000 GIC's maturing May and November.

The Care and Maintenance Trust fund at TD Trust as of February 2024 was \$34,531.79

Respectfully submitted
Margaret Bradford, Treasurer

PARISH MINISTRY

Lenten Outreach Project: Arch Street Public School

Over the last 10 years, St Aidan's has supported Arch Street Public School through healthy snack programs, help with the school Read-a-Thons, supporting the breakfast program and even funding a pizza day for the entire school. In 2024, in response to our request for ideas on how we could help, the principal suggested that we might like to fund the purchase of a school t-shirt for every student to wear on their weekly school's spirit days. We took this on as a special Lent program and through the generosity of parishioners we were able to present the school with a check to buy a school spirit tee-shirt for every one of the 162 students. In the words of the school principal, our support was instrumental in that every student had an Arch t-shirt to wear which in turn helps build a sense of community and belonging. Reverend Rosemary noted that our relationship with Arch Street Public School is a clear example of Contextual Ministry, where the parish identifies how it can support the needs of a local community organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Martin

Advent Outreach Project: Community Gift Bags

For our 2024 Christmas outreach project, St. Aidan's Anglican Church teamed up with St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church and Emmanuel United Church to provide 147 filled gift bags to seniors in low-income housing as well as Heron shelter residents. The bags included useful items such as warm socks, hats and mitts, toiletries, etc. There were also treats such as candy and puzzle books.

Our church filled 58 bags for women at a seniors' apartment building. Our parishioners were very generous with their giving. As well as gift bags, many extra items were donated. A lot of those extras were put into gift bags and the leftovers were also donated to the building for residents to take as needed.

As the bags were brought into the building, excitement was seen on the faces of the recipients. They were amazed and couldn't believe how many useful supplies and treats were in the bags. They were so happy and touched. They experienced much joy at Christmas because of these gifts and knowing that people care about them.

Many thanks to all who participated in this outreach project. It would not have been possible without all the many hands who contributed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Wynn

Heron Emergency Food Centre

St. Aidan's actively supported the Heron Emergency Food Centre throughout the year with numerous drives and initiatives. This was much appreciated by the Board and staff as the number of individuals served is up 20 % compared with January 2024. There were 143 children aged 0 to 3 served in January 2025, and 864 children aged 3 to 17 out of a total of 2725. Moreover, the Ottawa Food Bank, which provides food to HEFC, has severely cut back the amount of support it provides due to overwhelming demand across the city. It is estimated that nearly one in four families have some degree of food insecurity in Ottawa. The Christmas Concert raised \$2,035 for the HEFC, which is a record-breaking amount.

Susan and I greatly appreciate the support in money and supplies provided by parishioners to HEFC.
May God Bless.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Charko

Prayer Group

Your St Aidan's Prayer Group is still answering your requests for prayers for healing.

We are a smaller group now gathering after Wednesday service, however, on line, we have seven members who all receive and answer with prayer, all of your requests.

Only your first name or that of your loved one is written. God knows who we are!

Rev. Rosemary or Karen Mattioli will hear your request and pass it on to our group for healing prayers.

We welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted,
B. Allan

Jesus said "Follow Me" (Matthew 4:19) Sound help for our troubled world.

WORSHIP

Music Ministry

As the music director, I am delighted to present an overview of our activities and accomplishments over the past year.

1. Weekly Meetings: Our choir meets every week, committed to regular practice and improvement. These sessions not only sharpen our skills but also foster a sense of community among the members.
2. Repertoire: We continue to explore and learn music spanning from the Baroque period to the modern era. Our choir embraces the challenge of mastering diverse styles, which enriches our musicality and broadens our horizons.
3. Dedication to Excellence: We take pride in our commitment to performing challenging pieces. Our members consistently request four-part harmonies, demonstrating their enthusiasm and passion for choral music.
4. Christmas Concert: This year's Christmas concert was a highlight of our calendar. The dedication and participation of our choir members made the event truly special, creating a memorable experience for both performers and attendees.
5. Friendly Atmosphere: Above all, our choir thrives in a healthy, supportive, and joyful environment. Laughter, camaraderie, and a shared love for music are at the heart of what we do.

Our journey as a choir is marked by growth, friendship, and the shared pursuit of musical excellence. Together, we celebrate the beauty of music and the joy it brings to our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Téa Mamaladze

Reader's, Lay Administrators, Intercessors, and Servers

St Aidan's would like to thank Ruth Alberts who took on the task of scheduling this dedicated group. Come May of 2025 we wish to welcome James Phillips who will take over this important task. Thank you to Nancy Gover for her continuing roll as Co-Ordinator of our Servers.

With thanks to the following Readers, Lay Administrators, Intercessors, and Servers: Linda & Bill Balke, Abigail, Susan Burns-Simpson, Joan Harrison, Les Cooper, Janet Talbot, James Phillips, Elisabeth Dempsey, Susan Kuntz, Weldon & Mary Meadus, Elaine Osborne, Judith Stanway, Jane Vance, Debbie & Warren Trickey, Donna & Owen Robinson, Lois Wynn, Bolanle Balogun, Achol Majok, Dave Stewart, Phil Charko, Karen Mattioli, Primal Silva, Clinton Thomas, Rita Code, Kathryn Noel, Leslie MacDonald-Hicks, Laura Ziebell- Mattioli, Simon Mattioli, Nancy Gover, Chris Brown.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Busby, Office Administrator

Greeter/Sidesperson Team

These dedicated teams work on a rotating basis and are responsible for welcoming our regular parishioners and making newcomers feel welcome as they had them their bulletin each Sunday, they also help during our service. If you would like to join the team, please give the office a call.

With thanks to the following: Linda Hannah, Cheryl Dinelle, Audrey Grace, Stephen Talbot, Achol Majok, Phil Charko, Dave Stewart, Ogbai Habtemikael, Weldon Meadus, Donna & Owen Robinson

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Busby, Office Administrator

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is the ministry within the church dedicated to the care and preparation of the sanctuary for St. Aidan's in-person and live-streamed services.

We have 9 dedicated Altar Guild members working on a rotational basis, with one Altar Guild member on duty each Sunday morning to set-up before and to clean up after the service. Susan Burns-Simpson graciously completes these duties for the Wednesday in-person services.

We thank Reverend Rosemary Parker for her guidance this past year and we have enjoyed working with the Theology Student, Charlie Scromeda as well. Our annual Altar Guild meeting was held on October 2nd and we were blessed with Rosemary's and Charlie's presence.

We are thankful for the generous memorial flower donations we received throughout the year and the yearly interest from the Cicely Wilson Memorial Fund. The donations have allowed the Altar Guild to continue to purchase the supplies needed for the Eucharist (wine, hosts, bread, candles, etc.) and the chancel's floral decorations for liturgical events such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Christmas tree was purchased from Kiwan Farms at Hawthorne and Hunt Club Roads. The owner gave us a wonderful deal on the 9-foot premium balsam fir tree and branches for the Advent wreath. The Altar Guild members and friends assisted in decorating the tree, the church, the hallway and link for the Christmas Carol Concert and our Christmas services. A lovely flower arrangement purchased from Weekly Flowers was placed in the chancel on Christmas Eve. Thank you to all our helpers - the church looked quite festive.

Thank you to the dedicated Altar Guild members, Reverend Rosemary and Charlie for the excellent year we just completed and looking forward to the continual upkeep and preparation of the chancel and sanctuary.

The Altar Guild's Financial Statement 2024

BALANCE as of January 1, 2024		\$ 2,550.56
<u>Receipts</u>		
Memorial Flower & Other Donations	\$ 1,380.00	
Interest – C. Wilson Memorial Fund	\$ 478.63	
Total Receipts		+ <u>\$ 1,858.63</u>
Balance plus Total Receipts		\$ 4,409.19
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bread hosts, Wine, Candles, Supplies & Repairs	\$ 1,802.61	
Total Expenses		- <u>\$ 1,802.61</u>
BALANCE as of December 31, 2024		\$ 2,606.58

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Talbot
President/Treasurer, Altar Guild
January 27, 2025

FUNDING MINISTRIES

Annual Spring Blessing Fundraiser

Our annual spring fundraiser was held during the month of May and featured spring tulips. Parishioners wrote what they were “thankful for” on the tulips, which were on display in the Link. The fundraiser raised \$1250 for the parish. Thank you to everyone who helped to sell the tulips.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Trickey

Yuletide Bazaar

The annual Yuletide Bazaar was held this year on November 2. Thanks to the support of so many in the congregation it was very successful. There was a good turnout from both St. Aidan’s people and the local community. Just over \$11,000 was raised.

Special thanks to those who took on the responsibility for the various “tables” within the Bazaar. Janet Talbot organized The Café and her team provided delicious snacks and lunch. Precille Goodrich took on the Bake Table which had a lot of traffic. Debbie Trickey was in charge of the Jams and Preserves. Dave Stewart oversaw the Pick-a-Prize table. Peter Martin and Les Cooper took on the Books and Puzzles. Ria Cooper managed the ever-expanding Boutique tables. Leslie MacDonald-Hicks took on the of organizing the Online Auction while Katherine Noel managed the in-person Silent Auction. Connie Munro did a wonderful job on Publicity. Stephen Talbot was much appreciated for overseeing set up and clean-up of the Bazaar generally.

This year a new table, named Odds & Sods, was added which featured items donated by parishioners which did not easily “fit” on existing tables.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Drinkwater, Bazaar Convenor

Rental Report

Rental income for 2024 was a record breaking \$40,635 although we did not meet our target budget amount. Fee income from our top three tenants were as follows: Ottawa Public Health, \$14,800; Kiwanis, \$12450; National Capital First Aid, \$5170. We continue to solicit long term rentals and parking and will increase advertising and marketing in 2025. If parishioners are aware of potential rental opportunities, please do not hesitate to call the office or let me know. I would like to acknowledge the cheerful assistance provided by Sandra Busby, Chuck Adamson, Kathryn Noel, Tea Mamaladze and Claire Chapdelaine.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Charko

PROPERTY

Report on Church Property

Please find in this report a summary of property issues dealt with at St Aidan's in 2024.

Building Envelope:

Painting of lower hall: A team of volunteers lead by Phil Charko gave the lower hall a fresh coat of white paint which makes the hall much more appealing to current and future tenants.

Leaks: There was a leak in the roof of the Narthex in December. The roof was inspected, and no obvious source was found but there was a collection of debris preventing water from draining properly which was cleared and it was noted that the heat trace system wasn't activated for the season so that was turned on. A problem with recurrent water leaks onto the carpet in the lower hall was solved by installing cement slabs under the roof drains to direct water away from the exterior wall of the hall

Carpet Cleaning: Once the water leaks were resolved the carpets were professionally cleaned which also really makes the hall a more desirable place to be,

Electrical:

A recurrent water leak in the light over the hall exit was corrected. A problem with the electrical outlets on the west wall of the sanctuary was investigated but there was not a cost effective solution available.

Fire Security:

This year we switched from Chubb to Viking Fire Protection Inc. to perform our annual inspecting as they offered to do the same work for a much better price. The inspection found that five sensors were on a manufacturers recall list. The new sensors were installed the on Jan 24, 2025

Grounds Maintenance and Snow Removal:

Sunshine Maintenance gave great service for snow removal and lawing mowing last year so they were contracted again for this winter and summer. They repaired two holes in the parking lot this summer.

Claire Chapdelaine coordinated a group of 8 volunteers to tend to the gardens on a weekly basis. Anyone interested in adding their name to the list of volunteers is most welcome, Stephen Talbot, Bill Wicker and I gave the trees and bushes in the courtyard two major trimming this past summer. It was noted that there were recurrent cracks in the foundation of the courtyard wall, these were felt to be caused by levering of the roots of the large cedar tree in the corner of the courtyard against the foundation. Cutting the tree down was felt to be the most effective way of dealing with the problem. In October we had a great turn out of volunteers to rake leaves filling over 60 bags.

HVAC:

Last winter we had problems with repeated failure of the motor running the fan that circulated the air to heat the sanctuary. The problem was resolved by leaving the motor running continuously. We had no further problem with it for the rest of the winter or through the summer air conditioning season. Unfortunately, when we switched back to heating in the fall the motor failed again. It was felt that we should do a more in depth search for the root cause of the problem. Parishioner Roch Lahaie reviewed the system and drafted a scope of work document which could be given to prospective contractors. Three prominent contractors were contacted but did not respond. There was a suggestion to approach Shields Mechanical from Metcalfe who sent a technician within an hour who replaced a blown breaker and assessed the system. The solution of keeping the fan motor running continuously was again felt to be the best solution and so far has worked well. Shields Mechanical will be coming to the church on January 28, 2025 to assess the system to give us a quote for a) twice yearly cleaning and changeover from heat to AC and back, b) replacing the control system for heating of the upper and lower halls with one that allows programming (possibly remotely) to save heating cost by not heating to a comfortable temp 24/7, c) installation of a wall mounted air conditioner in the upper hall to make it a more desirable place to rent in the hot weather.

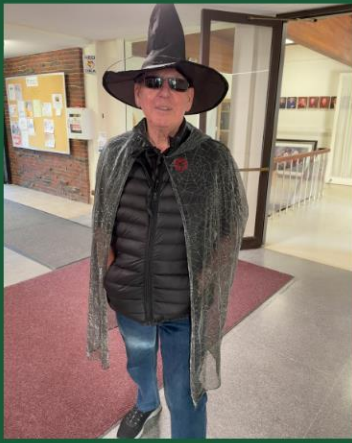
Plumbing:

To comply with City of Ottawa requirements we had a backflow protector installed on our incoming water supply to protect the city's clean water system from possible contamination from our building that might occur as the result of a drop in pressure in the city water mains. We repaired a seized one-way valve on the outflow of a sump pump in the lower basement which caused flooding in the lower storage room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Adamson

WE ARE VIBRANT AND THRIVING OH WHAT A PARISH WE ARE!





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