

## **January 2023 Vestry Reports**

### **Rectors Report**

Since the last vestry the main concern was Christmas!

The first Christmas we could have services since I had arrived!

Christmas eve we had a 4 pm service and a 7pm service. Both went very well thanks to all the wonderful volunteers! Christmas Day we had a Sunday morning service, the service went well and was well attended. After Christmas there was a bit of time off and New Year's day was a Sunday so services resumed but with only the 10 am time.

A wonderful Festive season!

Prior to Christmas there was a focus on ensuring the services went smoothly and attending to pastoral care. Sturgeon 1 and 2 had their Christmas Eucharist, and I did 4 pastoral visits. In January I started out with a lot of organization, planning and sorting out the plan for the next couple of months. Catherine is away for January therefore I was also doing some of her tasks, Primarily I have been working on bulletins, schedules, emails and communication.

Otherwise I continue to meet with corp x2, Simon x2, my spiritual director, the diocesan PMT committee and I attended a zoom presentation from the Diocese.

I have resumed St Chad's services at Kiwanis Metropolitan on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, which is both much appreciated and well attended, this included creating reusable service leaflets. This means that St. Andrew's has 4 active care home services.

Step 5's have been booked into the new year and I'm having some home visits this week.

January 15 was our open house event at coffee hour and I assisted with the planning and preparation for that event. Including working of the display boards.

Of course the regular monthly activities and events continue, We have had bible study, but as only one person attended it turned into a pastoral meeting.

In general it has been a balance of time off and lots of planning and services.

I look forward to a wonderful new year with St. Andrews, God Bless us every one!

### **Corporation Report**

The Corporation met Jan 10<sup>th</sup> and welcomed Terry Wilson (People's Warden, St Chad's). Our meetings now include Rev Liz, Lynne T, Sue, Shirley as well as Lynne S-W, Terry and Elsie (St Chad's wardens) who are ex officio members.

Items that were discussed but are not on the January agenda are:

- **Envelope update**

The envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church. We will leave them for another week and then deliver the remaining. Please note that any unused envelopes from 2022 are to be recycled as the numbers on the envelopes have changed. PAR forms are available. Some inquiries about E-Transfers have come in. This is yet to be determined. Envelopes for donation to Ministries are on order.

- **Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy Update**

Sue has taken all of the information generated at the workshop and compiled them to come up with a workshop summary. **Reporting Sexual Misconduct** information will be posted on our front bulletin board in the church and in the parish hall. We will continue to revisit this topic going forward.

- **Parish hall sound system**

We have received equipment from St. Chad's for use in the hall. The equipment has not been tested but will be before the AGM. We have also asked some to come in to work on sound system concerns in the church – yet to be completed.

- **Hamper excess funds distribution**

Susan Chadwick led the hamper project this year for both our parish and the WEST Winnipeg group. A total of eight hampers were distributed to needy families. Thank you, Susan! There were funds remaining. The extra funds from the St. Andrews hampers went to fill the baskets for our focus groups of West Broadway and St. Matthews Maryland. The remainder of the money from the WEST Winnipeg group will be used to seed future endeavors. A Trivia night is in the works for Feb.11<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews, with all churches in the West Winnipeg catchment to be invited.

- **Bulletins**

The bulletins needed for the services that will take place before Catherine returns are ready to run. We are just waiting for some details to be added. These will be run off and Lynne will be sure they are sent out to parishioners. There is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in January and this will be a service of Morning Prayer.

- **Catherine coverage**

Catherine is set to return at the end of the month – January 30<sup>th</sup>. Insurance forms that needed to be completed are done and Rev. Liz will find out if these are to be faxed or sent. Some discussion ensued regarding insurance. All of the items from St. Chad's that have come to the St. Andrews building are insured. St. Chad's still retains insurance at their previous residence on those things still in storage there. The lease at Messiah is in place until April at which time insurance inquiries will be made. The insurance policy runs to November. Thank you to all who filled in for Catherine.

- **Janitorial service – job description**

This has been put on hold until after the AGM at which time we will sit and review the job description with Richard.

- **Mapping**

Shirley and Angeline will contact facilitators to come up with a date to have this take place at St. Andrews. The mapping exercise gives valuable information on growing towards reconciliation.

Mapping is a narrative and a process called "Mapping the Ground We Stand On." It explores the Indigenous presence and Settler arrival on the map of Turtle Island/Canada.

- **HALO**

Many attended a Zoom meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a diagnostic on the social impact churches have on our communities – The HALO effect. The Diocese of Rupertsland has had this study conducted. It is possible for individual churches to hire this company to assess our specific community and church. It was decided to wait and read the reports from the diocese assessment before making any decisions. There is a cost.

- **Flower Gardens**

Herb and Lynda will continue to tend the St. Andrews gardens. They will purchase plants this season from another gardening outlet as our connection to the previous supplier has ended. They will purchase from Pauls.

### **Altar Guild Report**

Altar Guild was very busy during the Christmas season. Again, we had our poinsettia campaign, which was very successful. However, we disappointed with the poinsettias. Nina has sent a letter to Shelmerdine's advising them of our disappointment with the plants.

We had our Christmas dinner and invited those who were Altar Guild members at St. Chad's. We had a grand time.

February will be a time of change for Altar Guild, as Sue is stepping down as President. Pam will again take over as President. Pam is stepping down from being Flower Secretary. Margaret Childs will become Flower Secretary. Speaking of flower Secretary, the new flower calendar has been posted at the back of the church. It seems to be a red letter day now if we have flowers donated on a Sunday. Please consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one, or in honour of someone.

Sue, Pam and Pam will be getting together shortly to go through the boxes brought over from St. Chad's.

Respectfully submitted

Pam

### **Social Media**

#### **Website:**

Shirley and Sue continue to update the website regularly. Check out About Us and Get Involved. Have we included all of the leadership groups in About Us? Do we have all of the opportunities offered in our Get Involved page. We would love to hear from you if we have missed anything. The calendar is kept up to date with all of our events. If there is ever an event you would like added just send Sue the information in an email. Photos are great as well.

Google review tells us our website had 216 interactions during the month of December. This is a steady increase in usage, which is awesome!

Our next steps for the website is to create a Mission page and to locate the Events page.

**FaceBook:**

FaceBook statistics report says that our post reach was to 123 people. Reach is the number of people who saw any of your posts at least once. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of your posts by the same people. This metric is estimated. We have had 252 post engagements. Engagements are the number of reactions, comments, shares and clicks on your posts. We have three new members so our total number of followers is 44.

Photos of parishioners in action continue to be a favourite type of post for followers. Send your photos to Shirley or Sue with a caption to post. We would love to post some of our groups in action.

Respectfully submitted, Sue