

**St Andrew's Anglican Church Vestry Meeting**  
**Tuesday March 17, 2026**  
**The Reverend Liz Richens in the Chair**

*The Purpose of the Church is to learn and teach about God, through Scripture: loving God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, and loving our neighbours as ourselves.*

*St Andrew's Vision is to be a welcoming and nurturing community, using our God-given gifts in service to parish, neighbourhood and the world.*

**Land Acknowledgement:** In this time and place, we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota people and the homeland of the Red River Metis Nation. As we come from many different places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of the land and their hospitality, which allows us to live, work and serve God, the Creator, here.

Present: the Reverend Liz, Cindy Rector's Warden, Mervin People's Warden, Ken, Eric, Alison Synod Delegate, Doreen. Online: Pat, Audrey, Dave.

Regrets: Laura, the Reverend Deacon Val, Shelley, Roselyn, Denise

The Reverend Liz opened the meeting with prayer, and gave an overview of the responsibilities and duties of the Wardens, Vestry and Synod Delegates as in the Canons of Rupert's Land. The members of Vestry introduced themselves.

Scripture, John 11:1-45 was read by Mervin.

Approval of the Agenda: Add under New Business, a) Washrooms, and b) ice.

**Motion #1: That the amended Agenda for the March 17, 2026 Vestry meeting be accepted.**  
**Accepted by consensus**

Approval of the Minutes of the Vestry meeting of February 17, 2026:

**Motion #2: that the Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Vestry meeting be accepted.**  
**Accepted by consensus.**

Reports:

Clergy: as previously circulated

Corporation: no report

Altar Guild: no report. Pam G will be reporting to Vestry

Pastoral Care: as previously circulated

Property Maintenance: as previously circulated

Mission and Ministry: as previously circulated

Pancake Supper: as previously circulated. The Reverend Liz commended Laura and Shelley for their work with this event, and all those who assisted.

Treasurer and Finance: as previously circulated. Pat also stated that the Treasurer's mandate is to inform the Vestry and Synod Delegates of the financial status of the church. There was information regarding the insurance on the church – that the value of the church and hall is 100% underestimated for insurance, at \$3.5M as the church alone, is worth \$7M. There is conversation occurring at the Diocese regarding the underinsured property. St Andrew's could not rebuild what we have should that be needed. Noted that the deficit is funded through the investments. Also noted that St Andrew's has been informed that a former parishioner has left St Andrew's a legacy.

**Motion #3: that the Treasurer's report of March 17, 2026 be accepted as circulated**  
**Pat/ Eric Carried**

The Reverend Liz informed vestry that she will not be attending Finance meetings in the future and will receive the information from that committee at vestry.

Timeline: as previously circulated.

Additions: April 26<sup>th</sup> Thelma Wynne  
May 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Cleanup  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Marathon  
May 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Plant Sale Day  
May 31<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Appreciation. Food Bank volunteers are included.  
June 28<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Service and BBQ  
Coffee Hour and early service will take July and August off and resume September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Esther will be away April 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

The Reverend Liz will be away April 7<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. During the summer, the Reverend Liz will not be taking holidays.

Ongoing Business:

Solar Panels: No further information is available at this time. David will send the information to new vestry members. Further discussion was tabled to April meeting.

New Business:

Question was raised re the ice on the parking lot near to the church building and outward. Ken explained the sump pump discharges the water that collects due to the church having no weeping tiles. It drains into the flower bed and overflows onto the parking lot. It can not drain into the creek or onto the lot itself. The cost of tunnelling to the road way is out of reach. Sand barrel is available to spread sand on the ice.

Church/Hall cleaning: Comments on the state of the washrooms, especially the upper hall bathroom, as well as the general dust and grime in the lower church hall, offices, wherever there is a ledge. Richard does the floors and bathrooms. Doreen will look into cost of services we need/ how often and what we need.

How can the Vestry envision a viable and community-engaged parish for the long term? Need a medium to get people involved with intentional time to see where God is leading us and our part in it. It was suggested that the fall six-week session with the Reverend Rod Sprange on discovering our individual talents could be a 'leap-off' for members of the congregation to discover their skills and how they could be used within St Andrew's.

Discussion of our church's goals – how to engage the community. This will be on the agenda each month.

The meeting ended with the Grace

Next Corporation meeting: to be announced

Next Vestry meeting: Tuesday April 21, 2026, 7:00pm

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