

Vestry Report March

This past month there have been the usual meetings, with a few less music meetings. There has been the usual work with prepping bulletins and getting the services ready. The other big administrative project has been getting ready for the Annual General meeting, planning, report writing and prep. I have also been working on the new schedules and getting prepped for after Easter.

In the diocesan end of things I have been attending Ordained Ministry Team meetings as well as Diocesan Council meetings. Deanery continues, with a focus on Easter Vigil. We had to change locations from St. Aiden's to St. Georges because St. Aiden's theological values were in direct contrast to that of the rest of the deanery and we could not worship there with integrity. I have also been meeting with our Archdeacon and local deanery dean.

Pastorally, I have been training up Lay Readers and our Deacon to take on more of the Care homes so that I can refocus my time. This past month I was at Sturgeon 1 and 2, Kiwanis Metro, Kiwanis St James and Golden West Lodge. I have met with the family of Cathy Chehowy to plan her funeral on March 27th and passed the information on to the parish for planning. I have been continuing the tradition of birthday notes, and have had 7 pastoral visit/meets.

Worship continues with two services a Sunday, and we had Ash Wednesday as well. Further to that we had Lay Reader and server training on a Sunday afternoon. On a Tuesday evening we had a meditation evening using the Labyrinth from St. Peter, a colouring station, an evening prayer station and a global prayer station. We have also continued with bible study, missing a few for various timing and pastoral reasons.

Visioning will begin this week.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev Liz

Pastoral Care report to Vestry March 2026

Prayer List is updated end of each month.

Tele a Pal –Call out took place February/March with information regarding our Easter Services and the upcoming AGM. There were a couple of pastoral care concerns and these were passed on to Rev. Liz.

Heritage Lodge Service – Roslyn led a service of morning prayer at Heritage Lodge the first Saturday of the month.

Kiwanis Metropolitan – Roselyn and Rev. Liz led a service the first Sunday of the month and going forward Roselyn will be leading the services.

Kiwanis St. James – Rev. Liz led the service the second Tuesday of the month.

Golden West, Sturgeon Creek 1 & 2. Rev. Liz and Deacon Val led services at these three personal care homes. Going forward services will be led by Deacon Val.

Any contact and changes will be shared so our lists remain up to date and pertinent information will be passed onto Rev. Liz.

God Bless

Audrey K.

Mission and Ministry Report to Vestry

The Mission and Ministry Committee report March 2026. Next Meeting April 7, 2026

Agape Table – Our first volunteer day of this new year was January 29th, and saw Shirley, Doreen, Norma, Lisa and Laura R, along with Doreen's good friend Sharron, chopping veggies and helping at the soup station. Our second date was February 25th, and in addition to the duties we provided in January, we also assisted this month with wrapping pastries and in particular iced cinnamon buns donated by Costco. Doreen, Norma and I are the unofficial queens of cinnamon bun wrapping, while Lisa used her expertise chopping veggies. As always, we had fun while helping serve those most vulnerable in our city. Agape's new space hit a little bit of a hiccup, so the projected opening date is a bit up in the air, but hopefully by April! We look forward to continuing to volunteer in whatever capacity they need under the new model in the new space! Our next volunteer date is Wednesday, March 25th.

Alongside Hope – Last year's Grow Hope project generated \$39,500 for PWRDF. Grow Hope 2026 plans are currently being developed

Arocha – goals will be reviewed in the new year.

Christmas Cheer Board – no reports until end of 2026

Lions Manor – Eye Glasses – donations taken to Lions Manor periodically

Loving Hands – Westend 24/7 & West Broadway Youth Program - Norma had taken knitted hats to Agape and Klinik. She has also taken a couple of bags of clothing to West Broadway Youth, along with books. Another bag is to be delivered to West End 24/7. Shelley took 5 bags of hats, scarves, and mitts to Rossbrook House. All these items were greatly appreciated by the recipients.

1JustCity - Since our last regular monthly meeting on January 6th, Frank and I have taken donations of food and hygiene items to 1JustCity twice, once in January and once in February. Our last donation also included 5 large bags of clothing (mostly outwear, boots and jeans) which a parishioner had specifically requested we take to the Pimicikamak site. In advance of this last donation, I contacted Josh Ward (site lead) to ensure these donations would be accepted. He advised that they could take clothing items but only in smaller quantities due to limited storage space. A parishioner asked Pam about taking clothing to 1JustCity. Pam contacted them and took 5 garbage bags full. Pam suggested that she connect with Rummage to see if they have other clothing items to be brought to 1JustCity. Pill bottles are on the donation list for 1JustCity. It was suggested that this could be mentioned, along with what the bottles are used for to parishioners. Pam will make a Most Needed Items list for parishioners to be able to take away. Laura will make sure this goes into the next Connecting newsletter.

Stamps Change Lives - This month I was given a good-sized stamp collection by a parishioner for Stamps Change Lives. The collection had been started by her grandmother and dated back many years. Charleswood United was very pleased to receive this donation.

Thelma Wynne - This will be coming up next month. Shelley will put information in the bulletin and make an announcement at the end of the month. Shelley doesn't mind shopping for food. She is double-booked for the weekend so she will deliver all the food on Friday morning to the hall. Laura has offered to assist Norma with making sandwiches. Others are welcome to help as well. Shelley will contact the Men's Club to ask them to set up the tables. The display board is in the nursery for display.

New Business:

1. Wool donations -We have people who knit for us, but they need wool. Shelley has some bags of wool to distribute. We now need to get it to the people who need it. Shelley will make an announcement on Sunday to see who needs wool. Roslyn is doing services at Kiwanis and would probably deliver wool for us. Shelley will check with her.

2. New Ministry - “Slippers for Souls” Shelley discussed how last month’s speaker (Tanis) shared how many of the people they serve do not have warm clothing. We discussed how people would benefit from a pair of knitted slippers. Laura suggested a knitting circle so others could assist with patterns. Laura has her grandmother’s slipper pattern and will make a copy to be shared. She will also look for a crochet pattern. Shelley will make copies of patterns so they are available for anyone who may want/need one. Shelley will make an announcement on Sunday about our new endeavor. Shirley will connect with Tanis to see if she has a specific place in mind for the slippers.

3. Manitoba Red Cross - Sue will be hearing a guest speaker from this organization and will report back at the May meeting.

4. Doreen shared about an article read - Nearly New Shop - This organization washes socks and underwear they receive and give it out to clients. Norma will let the rummage sale team know about this so items we receive can be given to them.

Mission and Ministry thanks everyone for their ongoing support for all our campaigns

Shelley Gorets

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- Laura Ryback

Tuesday, February 17th marked our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thanks to the Pancake Supper Dream Team who took care of planning and organizing, cooking, running the kitchen before, during and after and filling in wherever the need arose. Thanks also to the many who stepped up to serve and clean up during and following the event, and to the Men's Club for setting up the hall. We served 80 guests pancakes, ham and baked beans.

The final tally for pancake supper looks like this:

Gross donations - confirmed by Pat G	\$714.35
Less:	
Purchases net of returns	139.95
Contribution to church for facilities use	<u>100.00</u>
 Net to Main Street Project	 \$ 474.40

This is more than \$200 more than we were able to send to Main Street Project last year.

February Maintenance Report

A package of correspondence of our parking lot issues to date and past repairs dating back to 2005 - 2006 was mailed to the City of Winnipeg River Bank engineer.

My recommendation was to have an on-site meeting when the snow is gone and an inspection can be done of the creek bank and the parking lot.

I will keep the vestry informed.

Ken.W.