

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH LEITRIM

VESTRY REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025



NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim, will be held on **Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 12 Noon** immediately after church. Participants are asked to bring a copy of their vestry report and a lunch as well.

All supporters sixteen years of age or over at St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim are earnestly requested to be signed in to our Annual Meeting. This is one occasion in the year when we meet together as a parish and elect the officers of the church.

****** Please remember to bring this report to the Vestry Meeting.**

Baptisms

To each family who experienced a baptism in the past year we extend our continued support and prayers as a Christian community.



Sterling Oluwajimi Ayoola

Nikolai James Makort

Jesus said "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven".

Funerals

To those families who experienced the loss of a loved one



Greta Violet Sheard (at Springhill Cemetery)

Maria Allevato

(Done in the funeral home with St. Thomas the Apostle, Alta Vista)

Confirmations

Munachimso Chukwudi Onyeka

There were no Marriages in 2025

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St. James Anglican Church Leitrim

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 23, 2025, Noon

Vestry Attendance

"I solemnly declare that: I am a member of St. James, Leitrim Parish of the Anglican Church of Canada; I am of the full age of sixteen years; I am a regular worshipper with this congregation; I do not intend to vote as a member of any other Vestry in the election of Churchwardens or of Members of Synod during the ensuing year; and I am a supporter of this congregation by regular contributions to its maintenance."

On-Line: Michele Sutherland-Simpson

In-Person: Glenn Clark, Reverend Nash Smith, Wendy Taylor, Deb Donoghue, Carole Ladouceur, Cyrille Djina, Vic Wootton, Sylvia Thomas, Mike Thomas, Irene Thomas, TAD Higginson

Opening Prayer: Reverend Nash Smith led those in attendance in prayer.

Meeting Chair: Reverend Nash Smith

Appointment of Vestry Clerk

The members attending the Vestry Meeting appoint Glenn Clark as Vestry Clerk. Moved by Deb Donoghue, seconded by Carole Ladouceur. CARRIED.

Approval of Vestry Agenda

Glenn Clark asked for Sunday School Discussion and the Bishop's Visit to be added to the agenda.

The Agenda for the Vestry Meeting dated February 23, 2025, is approved as amended. Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Carole Ladouceur. CARRIED.

Nominations Open

Reverend Nash Smith opens nominations for People's Warden, Deputy Warden, Members of Parish Council at Large, Synod Delegates, Alternate Synod Delegate, Auditor, Chair of Cemetery Committee.

Julie White is deleted (she is now a member of St. Mary's Russell) from Parish Council. Please add Cyrille Djina, Betty Nakimbugwe, Michele Sutherland Simpson to Members of Parish Council.

Approval of 2024 Vestry Minutes

Glenn Clark is to be added as the appointed Vestry Clerk. Mike Thomas asked about the 'Future Fund' mentioned in the minutes. Glenn Clark explained that this is not related to St. James, but it is a Diocesan fund.

The Minutes for the Vestry Meeting dated February 11, 2024, are approved as amended. Moved by Carole Ladouceur, seconded by Mike Thomas. CARRIED.

2024 Reports

The Vestry Meeting accepts the Reports numbered 6 through 16 in the Vestry Agenda as published in the Vestry Report. Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Carole Ladouceur. CARRIED.

Comments regarding the Reports

Carole Ladouceur and TAD Higginson asked about Reverend Nash's Interim status. Reverend Nash mentioned that this was the decision of the bishop. This issue can only be questioned by the wardens of the parish.

Carole Ladouceur would like a position appointment as 'Community Perishable Food Convener'. This is an addition to the Appointments Report on Page 54

Mike Thomas spoke about the Envelope Secretary Report on Page 41. Mike Thomas explained how revenue is distributed with 6 parishioners contributing about \$22,000, more than half of our total. Mike would like to promote donations especially at the lower end. Carole Ladouceur would like Reverend Nash to announce donations at the beginning at the service. There was a discussion. Glenn Clark suggested that a pen be placed with the envelopes in each pew.

Page 2 - Glenn Clark mentioned that Funeral of Mary Mae Core should read Mary Mae Cope. Mike Thomas asked about the burials at Wood's Cemetery to be reported to the Bereavement Association of Ontario which are reported in the Wood's Cemetery report. Reverend Nash reported other name changes on Page 2 are corrected as follows: Sapphire Oluwajomiloju Ayoola, Mary Oluwabusola Ayoola, Chinaecherem Arthur Onyeka, Chukwuebuka Chiagozi Onyeka, Amirmansour Esmailian. St. Jame Newest Memberas to read St. James Newest Members.

Deb Donoghue indicated about the Page 28, Statistics, there was 1 baptism in 2023. That was Gryffin Dowhan.

Vic Wootton spoke that our attendance has stabilized. On-Line participants cannot be included in Statistics as required by the Diocese.

On-going Business

2025 Events Report

The date of the Yard Sale was changed from June 28th to June 21st at the request of Karen McPeak who is travelling on June 28th. This already appears on Page 43.

Succession Planning

Mike Thomas spoke about the age of his computer, which TAD Higginson has to periodically repair. Mike believes that he needs new computer and software and needs to consider training of an eventual replacement. TAD Higginson suggested establishing a budget for a replacement computer, computer and new software subscription. Reverend Nash suggested that research be done and reported back to parish council. Cyrille Djina was also asked if he would like to learn about the church accounting.

Reverend Nash spoke about preaching and leading Morning Prayer. Who will do this when Nash is on holiday? Deb Donoghue asked if we should provide an honourarium for a visiting preacher, for example, Julie White who has offered to preach.

Christmas Lighting Funding

Glenn Clark asked Mike Thomas on whether the Basket or 50 50 Draw was more successful. Mike Thomas favoured a 50/50 Draw that was easier to run and involved no expense to parishioners who previously required to purchase bottles for a basket. TAD Higginson asked about the legality of our draws. Mike Thomas mentioned that we would need to get a permit from OLG. Carole Ladouceur suggested that a draw be held at all events. Mike Thomas suggested that we start with the Pancake Supper. TAD Higginson was concerned about legality and whether OLG registration would bring us more success. There was a discussion. Glenn Clark mentioned with the Gloucester Historical Society use to sell Nevada tickets until Kemp's garage closed. If we want to register with OLG, we need to do research. Glenn suggested that we have two draws in June and then in December. Mike Thomas mentioned that only a small portion of the required costs are covered by the draws. Glenn Clark also suggested that we sell strings of lights to local businesses in exchange for advertising their support.

New Business

Sunday School Discussion

Glenn Clark mentioned that the last two Sundays that we had children, and they are looking for Sunday School. Reverend Nash spoke that Betty Nakimbugwe and Robertine Djina would assist with the Sunday School. Reverend Nash suggested that we start with twice a month with Cyrille and Robertine's children and any others who came. TAD Higginson offered to do it once a month with Robertine doing it once a month with her children. If there is a lack of interest, we can cancel it. Reverend Nash suggested that we give it a try. Reverend Nash offered to also help out with Sunday School, with somebody else leading the first part of the service. Carole Ladouceur mentioned that the kids should come up for the Lord's Prayer, and that the children should take home something that they can work on and bring back next Sunday. Glenn Clark asked when we would like to start. After the Bishop's visit was suggested. Sunday School should be posted outside.

Bishop's Visit (Sunday, March 23, 2025)

Glenn Clark and Deb Donoghue have sign-up sheets for the lunch. Reverend Nash suggested either a baptism or confirmation be held that Sunday. Munachimso Chukwudi Onyeka will be confirmed. Glenn Clark suggested that we have a 'Confirmation' cake. There was a discussion. There will be a generic cake with 'Welcome Bishop Shane'. Michele Sutherland-Simpson asked why the bishop was coming. He sent a letter to the parish informing that he was coming.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 11:30 a.m. (in-person at the church)

2024 Financial Statements

The Vestry Meeting receives the 2024 Financial Statements as printed, including those for Wood's Cemetery and the Ladies' Guild (Items 21 through 26 in the Vestry Agenda). Moved by TAD Higginson, seconded by Michele Sutherland-Simpson. CARRIED.

Wood's Cemetery Balance Sheet and Income Statement

The 2025 trust fund dividend was \$4,512.76. The present balance is \$11,395.16. The Trust fund balance for the end of 2024 is currently in the mail.

Ladies' Guild Financial Statement and Income Statement

The deficit was \$539.77 based on the \$1,000 donation to the church. The current cash on hand is \$12,505.98

General Fund – Comparative Balance Sheet and Income Statement

The surplus for 2024 was \$724.75.

2025 Budget

Mike Thomas suggested that we increase the amount to \$100 for Christian Education to provide needed supplies to start the Sunday School. Glenn Clark suggested that any financial discussions for year to date in 2025 be deferred to Parish Council. The proposed revised surplus is \$654.

Moved by Carole Ladouceur, seconded by Vic Wootton that the Vestry Meeting approves the 2025 budget as revised. CARRIED.

Nomination Report

Nomination Report was revised earlier in the minutes

Moved by Cyrille Djina and seconded by TAD Higginson that the nominations be closed. CARRIED.

Moved by Sylvia Thomas, seconded by Irene Thomas that the Vestry Meeting approves the Nominating Committee Report as amended. CARRIED.

Appointments for 2025

Appointments were modified earlier in the minutes

Add Sylvia Thomas, Michele Sutherland-Simpson to Intercessors and Michele Sutherland-Simpson to Servers and Carole Ladouceur to the Ladies Guild. Brenda Houle's name appeared twice.

Moved by Mike Thomas, seconded by Cyrille Djina that the Vestry Meeting accepts the Appointments and other reports numbered 29 through 31 in the Vestry Agenda as published in the Vestry Report and as amended. CARRIED.

Adjournment

Moved by Michele Sutherland-Simpson that the Vestry Meeting be adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

The meeting adjourned with the Grace.

(minutes prepared by Glenn Clark, Vestry Clerk)

A Brief Vestry Report from our Parish Priest

“And The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:20).’”

I started 2025 as interim Priest of this parish, St. James, Leitrim and ended the year as the parish priest after the first episcopal visit in 10 years. My comments, just like that of 2024, will be very brief. I shall leave the detailed reporting to our wonderful, spiritual and dedicated team of office holders. I have been working with the wardens, the treasurer, the organist, parish council, etc. providing priestly and pastoral services to this church as its regular interim priest since March 2023.

The church continues to meet its obligations to its local community by hosting events like the Yard Sale, Bake Sale, dinners, etc. in an effort to respond to Jesus’ call to be our “brothers’ and sisters’ keeper.”

The church participated in all Diocesan events within its obligations. Diocesan calendar festive events were celebrated as much as possible. All Saints and All Souls Days were celebrated. Remembrance Day was marked. Advent was observed. Christmas Eve service was celebrated and the attendance was beyond our wildest dreams. The church has great community events that are incredible, like the Christmas lighting event that is greatly appreciated by not just the immediate local community but even those in the greater Ottawa environment. This year a group of merchants in our area contributed immensely to sponsor the event. As usual, our Christmas pageant (directed by TAD and Sandra) received great reviews.

The Church endeavours to meet its financial obligations and more, with great fundraising inside and outside the church from dinners, raffles, etc. This year we had a small deficit; thanks to Mike’s leadership. We are sustaining our congregation numbers. The numbers for our Christmas Eve, service was off the charts; “there was no room in the inn.” We have new members this year and we keep adding to our numbers.

We had our first episcopal visit in 10 years during which the bishop confirmed one person. We also had two new children baptized. We tried our hands on Sunday school with some success. Thanks to Tad, Sandra and Chuck who organized Sunday school for our youth and children.

The music in this church really enhances one’s experience on Sundays. Special thanks to Irene, Mike, Glenn and Keegan who helped-out during the Summer. The church tries to reach the outside world through its online broadcasts, thanks to TAD, Sandra, Glenn and Cyrille. Almost all our events have on-line components. We continue to sustain our various ministries within the church.

St James continues to be a church that extends great hospitality and welcoming to its old, current and new attendees. It is truly winning souls for God by being its brother’s and sister’s

keeper. Thanks to Carole for our food cupboard. Thanks to Victor and Glenn for our weekly news and liturgical rites bulletins. The bulletins make the services as seamless as possible for service attendees. We have people visiting the church almost every Sunday. We welcome our 2 Brians, Rob and their families.

Specials thanks to Chuck and Irene who even though had stepped back from their ministries, continue to step in the breach when needed. Thanks to Deb, Wendy, Cyrille and Sylvia for looking after the offering, and Tad for leading the Altar Guild team of Sylvia, Cyrille, Glenn and Vic. Thanks to all our readers, new and old. Thanks to all those who led our coffee and fellowship hour.

Our pastoral care is done by the pastoral care team supported by the wardens and the priest. Our monthly retirement home Eucharistic service for the Bridlewood Seniors Residence at Bridlepath continues to be well attended, thanks to Irene, Sylvia, Mike, Deb and Glenn.

I had one funeral within St. James during the period of this vestry and joined St. Thomas, Alta Vista in the burial of one of its members. I also had a Cemetery Service for our dearly departed. May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

My tenure at St. James continues to be so inspiring with the parish family being so supportive of my ministry and my journey with them. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the church leadership, including the wardens, the treasurer, music director, and parish council for setting and guiding the direction of the church. It's been a blessing serving at St. James. May Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ sanctify every member of this Mystical Body of His, called St. James, Leitrim.

Respectfully submitted.

Nash +

(Rev. Nash Smith)

Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse

Vestry Report for 2025

I cannot recall the year we started involving ourselves with Operation Christmas Child, but I really believe it has now been better than 10 years. What I find remarkable is the fact that the exercise is just as exciting today as it was when I first became involved.

Being part of an organization that brings smiles and laughter to children all over the world gives me a glowing satisfaction no matter how many years we do it.

We started off many years ago by deciding that St. James would attempt to sponsor 25 boxes. This was based on our size of our parish and the general belief that the folks at St. James were a very generous and caring group of Christians. In the many years St. James has participated in Operation Christmas Child, I have never encountered anything that does not confirm this belief. But we have had our problems.

Two years ago, we only managed to sponsor 17 boxes. (*End result of Covid*). We managed only that high because many members sponsored more than one box. This past year we sponsored 21 boxes. Again, many members sponsored more than one box. Not back up to of our 25-box limit but we are heading in the right direction. In perspective there were 21 children on Christmas Day of 2025 that got a very special surprise that they were not expecting. Everyone who participated should feel very proud of themselves. In an existence of many children experiencing a terribly deficient way of life, there was one day in 2025- (*Our Saviour's birthday*) that smiles and laughter was the norm.

I look forward top 2026. Lets do it again next year.

respectfully committed

Vic Wootton

Operation Christmas Child St. James representative

Greenboro Food Bank Report for 2025

This past year of 2025 was another successful year for the food donations from St. James to the Greenboro food bank. It has been an honour for me to transfer the food we accumulate monthly. Dropping the food off always sends me away with a great feeling of warmth and satisfaction.

When I first began, I used to seek someone out to let them know that the donation was from St. James Leitrim. Church. Very soon, that procedure changed. In the end they come to me to verify that the food was donated by St. James, When I would agree to their assumption they would simply say "*of course*". I have here at the food bank when other donations come in BUT, I have never seen a donation bigger than ours.

The people working at the food bank are elderly and they work for free. Just volunteers. At times the food is very heavy, and I have difficulty getting it from the car. I ask for help and an 80-year-old comes out to lend a hand. It is a very humbling experience.

There are only two times I can take the food to the food bank. Tuesdays at 6:30 to 8:30 pm or Fridays 08:30 till 11:30 am. Because of my eyes I cannot really drive at night safely. The only date open to me during the winter is Fridays. If unavailable on a Friday, I have *to wait a week to try* again. This may be letting our donation sit at St. James for another week. If you are wondering when I will deliver, please be patient. With spring just a couple of months away, I will soon be able to use either day to drop off our donations.

I sincerely hope and pray for us to continue this outreach. There are people out there going through some hard times. Let us be like the elderly volunteers at the food bank and join them in helping with the solutions.

Respectfully submitted

Vic Wootton

Food Bank Representative

People's Warden Report for 2025

2025 was a year of transition and some unexpected surprises.

We continue to be a small, but committed and connected community, representing what the 'Body of Christ' should be. St. James is a 'second family' for many including myself.

Our leader and priest, Reverend Nash Smith, continues to reach out to help and he reminds us regularly to be 'our brother's and sister's keepers', the embodiment of the second great commandment 'to love your neighbour as yourself'. Thank you, Nash for your ongoing service and for presenting meaningful messages each week that teach us how to lead better lives. We were also very pleased when Reverend Nash was officially appointed as our Parish Priest by Bishop Shane Parker in March 2025.

As a part of our own service at St. James, I encourage you to reach out to those in our community who have been unable to come to church regularly. It is important to keep communications open and to listen to the needs of others. Many have challenges, whether it is health concerns or other issues.

2025 in Review

We have embarked on full program of activities again in 2025.



Magnolias on May 4, 2025

Deb Donoghue, Irene Thomas, Mike Thomas

First, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday, with a pancake supper on March 4th. Although open to the public, we focus on celebrating a good dinner as a church community and not so much as a fund raiser. There was a mini auction when a number of small items and some homemade baked goods were sold. Thank you particularly to the ladies who prepared pancakes, sausages, and baked beans for our enjoyment. Free will donations were welcomed to help cover food costs.

On March 23rd, we were honoured with an Episcopal visit by Bishop Shane Parker, the Bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa. This was the first Episcopal visit at St. James in almost 20 years. On this occasion, Munachimso Onyeka was confirmed. A reception followed the service that the bishop very much appreciated as he lingered to talk with most of us. This was one of his last Episcopal visits before becoming elected Primate of Canada.



Bishop Shane Parker, Munachimso Onyeka - March 23, 2025

A first step in a transition took place when our Irish Céilí dinner took place for the last time at the Gloucester South Senior's Centre (the former Gloucester Township Hall) on March 29th, before the permanent closure of the building. This dinner will continue in 2026 at a new venue, St. Aidan's Anglican Church, a neighbouring parish. As usual, we enjoyed a dinner of Irish Stew and Shepherd's Pie. We were entertained with Irish music by the Thomas family and friends. There was also a bake sale. Let's say a prayer that we succeed at the new venue in 2026.



Irish Céilí Dinner, March 29, 2025

*Mikey Thomas, Mike Thomas, Karen McPeak, William Green, Sandra Donatucci,
Irene Thomas, TAD Higginson, Ross Scott*

Spring brought a couple of attempts to restart Church School. It was a failure, but the Lord answered our prayers on His own schedule, when a number of young people began coming to St. James on a regular basis starting in the summer of 2025. Do we now have a Church School? It has been a bit of a hit and miss, but there is promise. I thank TAD Higginson for working with the young people and his wife, Sandra Donatucci for offering support as we attempt to establish ongoing Christian Education. This has shown the most promise in perhaps 15 years.

As another function of the closure of the Gloucester South Senior's Centre, we regrettably had to forgo our involvement with Doors Open in 2025, which had been started by Anne Gregory around 2009. This was an important part of our outreach as we welcomed visitors into our church, when it was less intimidating to those who are not church goers. I regret the loss of our participation, but the writing was on the wall, when it was no longer possible to collaborate with our former neighbours, the Gloucester Historical Society.

Part of our Doors Open experience included a Blessing of the Animals Service. We continued this aspect in 2025 with a June 1st service. This always succeeds best as an outdoor event in the church gardens but, more often than not, the weather has not been cooperative and again in 2025, we were forced inside with only one dog participating. We are considering a date later in the season for 2026 (July 19th) when summer weather is more consistent.

Our annual Yard Sale and Strawberry Social took place on June 21st. Although it was quite successful, we were rather disappointed by the turnout of customers despite the good weather. We asked ourselves about the number of competing yard sales, whether yard sales were falling out fashion or whether our product selection was not as good as other years. It was probably a combination of each. We still made a profit of \$1,711. It is arguably our best opportunity for the entire parish to work together, and it is definitely our best fundraiser.



Yard Sale, June 21, 2025

The summer of 2025 was a little different than other years. Always considered the 'quiet season', we could depend on a few tourists to stop in, often while visiting family in Ottawa. 2025 brought more visitors than normal and we were pleased that one visitor was a professional pianist, Keegan Lazarus. He delighted us with his keyboard skills on four occasions, at a time of the year, when the best we could offer is electronic recorded music. A big thank you to Keegan. We knew this was not a fit for St. James nor could we afford his services on an ongoing basis. Don't get me wrong; we are so grateful that we have our regular organist, Irene Thomas, who knows so many hymns that we love as she performs her magic on our organ. Thank you, Irene for your ongoing service at St. James.

What can I say, and maybe others won't agree, but I now look forward to the Homecoming Service each September, which took place on the 7th in 2025. This evolved from something very modest when it first started, perhaps 10 years ago. Our initial intent was to welcome parishioners back following summer vacation. It has become something more important. Some years ago, Mike Thomas obtained a rather beautiful wooden tabletop, and he suggested that it be used as a memorial board to be hung in the church to remember past parishioners. This was pushed back by Parish Council to an informal committee to come up with a list of names to be honoured. It was a slow-going process. It took years and was further delayed by COVID. But it eventually came together and finally the board was put together with small brass plaques listing those from St. James' past. Thank you, Mike, for your hard work and patience. It was dedicated at the Homecoming Service in September 2023, along with a photo exhibit. My fellow warden, Vic Wootton, insisted that the board alone was meaningless without some background history on those being remembered. He was right, of course, but I also knew that this required a monumental effort.



*Blessing at Homecoming Service,
September 7, 2025*

I was delighted that we welcomed several descendants for the 2023 dedication at the Homecoming Service. How did we do that? But what lingered was the lack of remembrances of those whose names appear. This was going to be a very demanding process, but we took a stab at it with meager results for the 2024 Homecoming. I was pleased to address this significantly better for our 2025 Homecoming when I assembled the beginnings of a memory book that included something on everybody named on the board. This represents another important piece of our long parish heritage. You can see both the photo display and the memory book on our website.

But what has made the Homecoming Service special in my mind is how it has evolved into something different from any other service during the year. Yes, we also have a lunch and barbecue, but the service itself includes a somewhat different liturgy and music which is a little less traditional, and we give everybody the opportunity to have a small item of personal significance blessed during the service. Modeled after a 'Blessing of the Backpacks' for returning students, it has been expanded to include everybody. Please see the photo showing the items blessed in 2025.

Decoration of the church is something that shows our love of God and remembrance of our loved ones. St. James goes all out to beautify the church during three seasons, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. I have to admit that I love flowers and seeing the church looking special really lifts my spirits. I also love participatory events, and I am so happy that several years ago we decided to put up a cross that all parishioners decorate with cut flowers on Easter morning as a reminder of the resurrection and of new life. This adds a special touch to our Easter celebrations.



*Grace MacIntosh and Phyllis Smith
Easter 2025*



Thanksgiving 2025

We have also made other special days more meaningful in small ways, whether National Aboriginal Day of Prayer, Canada Day, All Soul's Day and Remembrance Day. I am always looking for something to make a service a little more special.

The Annual Italian Spaghetti Supper, held on November 8th was a disappointment. With the closure of the Seniors Centre in October 2025, we were forced back into our small church hall. It didn't work. Attendance was low, and the financial outcome was not great. I have to admit that I am not a big fan of spaghetti, but I have to give it to ladies that they have perfected this dinner. This just added to the disappointment. We attempted to analyze why the dinner was a failure. I suspect part of it was closure of our past venue but also the recent road construction and the Bank Street reconfiguration. This will not get better in the future. Whether we hold this dinner in 2026 will depend on the outcome of the Céilí dinner at the new venue, St. Aidan's Anglican Church.

Christmas is Special at St. James

Of course, our Christmas lighting program is another evolution that started fairly modestly but has blossomed into something that catches the attention of every passerby. I guess I have become the 'Clark Griswold' of St. James, for better or worse. This will not last forever. I am not getting any younger. But while I am able, it is an outlet for my creativity, and it offers both active and passive outreach for St. James. It has certainly put St. James on the map. Everybody in the neighbourhood knows about our Christmas display and I expect some of the extra people that show up on Christmas Eve are drawn to St. James because of the nightly display. I tweak the display every year, never a major change. But in 2024, we were gifted anonymously with a large 'Seasons Greetings' sign. Not ideal because of its secular message, but Reverend Nash told me to go for it. One slight disappointment was the quick failure of a blowup nativity scene. It lasted not much more than a week. It was not expensive and I will try to repair it. The other surprise was the amount of community corporate support that we received. It covered more than 50% of our expenses. This idea was floating around my mind for a few years, but I never had the time or energy to reach out to businesses. Would anybody like to help out seeking corporate support next Christmas? It is free money.

As I have already said, Christmas is special at St. James but not just because of decoration. We have fine-tuned our celebrations through both the Advent and Christmas seasons. For whatever reason, Christmas 2025 was a little more special than in the past. We had a lovely Christmas service at Bridlewood Retirement Home. I thank TAD Higginson, Sandra Donatucci and others for putting together a delightful pageant. Our caroling night was a little different, not because of the locations. We visited the Rotary Home to sing to the disabled children, and we sang to the seniors at Bridlewood Retirement Home. Nobody wanted us to leave. Eventually, our voices began to give out, but it was nice to bring joy to people who have various limitations in their lives. In the end, we kept the seniors up beyond their normal bedtime, but everybody enjoyed singing their favourite Christmas songs and carols. But don't sing 'I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas', my ongoing threat to our singing group. Christmas Eve was magical, with the biggest crowd at St. James in several years. Half the congregation were visitors, and Reverend Nash rose to the occasion, offering the perfect message on this special evening. Thank you, Reverend Nash.

I will add another special event when TAD Higginson took all the young people downtown and distributed food coupons to those in need. TAD, what a great thought.



A small portion of the Christmas Lighting display in 2025



Presentation of Grace Johnston History Award to Mary Boyd (centre), Reverend Nash Smith and Glenn Clark, December 17, 2025



Reverend Nash Smith - Christmas 2025

2025 Baptisms



*Baptism of Sterling Oluwajimi Ayoola
March 9, 2025*



*Baptism of Nicolas James Makort
(in white shirt and pants) December 7, 2025*

We have maintained all our normal outreach programs, regular donations to the Pavilion food bank, the Christmas shoe box campaign, donations of warm clothing through our 'Mitten Tree', and of course, our monthly service at the Bridlewood Retirement Home.

I cannot thank everybody enough for all your contributions, big and small. This is the heart and soul of St. James.

The Transition

I mentioned a transition near the start of my report.

The Gloucester South Seniors Centre closed in October 2025, with unknown future plans for the site. I expect the building will be demolished at some point in the not-too-distant future. This is a loss to Leitrim/Findlay Creek area. Where will we hold community dinners in the future? Our own hall is not big enough for anything more than parish lunches. We will see whether our choice for the Céilí dinner is a success. There are not many alternatives.

Road construction in the area is also impacting us. I am not pleased with what is happening and the lack of meaningful consultation. A median was installed in front of the church without notice in November, and this created a dangerous situation. This has blocked access to the church from one direction. Other plans to revise the Leitrim Road intersection will have an even worse impact. I am very stressed out about this. Is anybody willing to help me deal with the bureaucracy? We need to convince the city that some changes are needed to the current plan.

On a positive note, we have miraculously and suddenly seen an influx of new parishioners, both adults and younger people. This after years of stagnation, which was made worse by COVID when we lost a couple of years of in-person services and community building.

I hope all of you will stand with me as we walk through this rather dramatic transition into the future.

Let us pray for our St. James community.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Clark
People's Warden

Deputy Warden's Report

Deputy Warden's Report

I have participated in various ways on helping out the parish to flourish and become a well attended church. I do Eucharistic every second week and am a reader.

Every six weeks for the past 2 years I have run a food cupboard from the basement of the church. In 2025 I researched and found a new entity that will assist in donating food product since the the one I have been using for food from for the past two years has prioritized giving there load of food elsewhere.

Last year I joined the Ladies Guild and have been with Vic doing the open doors activity for the past five years.

I have also hosted a few times this year and last year the Coffee Hour and assisted when needed to give a ride back home to parishioners.

I have attended Synod for the past four years with Vic and together we report give a briefing the following week. I participate at all Council meetings and give my sound opinion and ask questions at time for explanation or clarification.

I also participate at all activities and assist when asked for set up or assisting with a task such as the 50/50 draw.

I would love this year to see more activities or see new ones added to our parish...hope with can see what could be possible since there is more parishioners in our congregation now. It would be good to invited at the church/parish a visit from Carole Breton to be on her green list, and finally get a bit more recognition of our existence and needs.

Thanks, Carole.

Carole Ladouceur
Deputy Warden

Wood's Cemetery Report for 2025

First, I wish to thank Billy Wootton (Vic Wootton's grandson) for maintaining the cemetery during 2025 and keeping it in presentable condition throughout the year.

Following the May 21, 2022 derecho storm, we replaced a number of the Norway Maple trees at the front of the cemetery that were removed due to storm damage. The new Shagbark hickory, sweet chestnut and chestnut oak trees suffered during extreme drought conditions during the summer of 2025. One sweet chestnut was lost and was replaced with a small Shellbark hickory that I donated. I also cut off weed trees and vines that were growing in the new front fence. This will need to be monitored and repeated in subsequent years.

The annual memorial service was held on June 8th and was led by Reverend Nash Smith. We were treated with pleasant weather, and the service was held in the cemetery. The battery pack purchased in 2024 was used and worked well with our computer and sound system. There were 20 in attendance.

There were no burials in 2025, but there will be a Hawn full casket burial in the spring of 2026. The burial date will be finalized later.

Our 2026 memorial service is planned for Sunday, June 14th at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Glenn Clark

Wood's Cemetery Committee

Christian Education Report for the Year 2025

Sunday School

Interesting year for the Sunday School! Suddenly we have kids in the program, and the great thing is that they are super kids! In fact, we have two classes. In the senior class it all started with Nico and Aiden. Both brought friends and relations and now we have Lilly and Kayleena and Raymond, occasionally we have others too! In the junior class we have Vivian and Miracle Rose.

A lot of credit goes to our Rector Rev Nash who has been promoting the Sunday School to new families and always very supportive.

I would also like to thank my good wife Sandra Donatucci who has been leading the Junior class whilst I handle the senior class. Sandra cannot do this week in and week out because of family obligations with her mom and dad, so we need at least one person to alternate with her. I also cannot make it every single week due to the nature of my work. So an alternate for me needs to be worked on. So, if you know of a person or persons that are called to this ministry please refer them to myself or Rev Nash.

Performance Ministry

Currently we do a Pageant at Christmas. We have been using the same model with small additions and variations annually. Every year we seem to get new people involved and that is great because it keeps things fresh.

A pageant would never be the same without my main man William Green. William always comes and gives his best performance! Must get that from his grandfather who does the same. Hee Haw!!!! Thanks Donkey William and the Prophet Mike Thomas! Nico was an A List star as Joseph – fantastic job Nico! December always comes with the threat of flu and other illnesses. Every year we seem to need to make last minute adjustments. Billy Wootton had to make the biggest adjustment being Mary with beard and all! All with a great attitude! Thanks Billy. He gets that from both his grandfather King Herod Vic and his father Innkeeper Vic Junior who also gave great performances. Marilyn and Carole are just angels - like real angels – for real! They did a perfect job – the only two characters who had lines to say in the pageant! True pros! This year we had Aiden who has the talent gene from his grandfather Chuck Wootton was terrific as an innkeeper and his friends Kayden and Damien chipped in as Shepherds. Off stage we had great contributions too. Thanks to Amanda who did the rear of Church direction, Sandra who was on narration, Casey who did computer backdrops, and Sam who led on audience participation.

Easter Performance?

During Covid we had a very meaningful Good Friday Drama all over Zoom. Many churches put on Easter performances and I think we have what it takes to do this and make Easter all the more meaningful at St James. This is an unofficial goal for this year.

Respectfully submitted,
TAD Higginson
Head of Christian Education

Altar Guild Report

Well I can't believe it. A whole year has passed by and I still haven't employed the assistance of any of the people that volunteered to be a St James Angel. And I consider myself to be a good delegator too! So much for that!

Part of the reason for that is that I'm getting help at home. Sandra is cleaning the linens and Casey is cleaning the silverware/brass. Sandra occasionally comes out and helps at the Church too. Thank you Sandra and Casey.

My good friend Cyrille Djina helps with the vacuuming when he can, but he is a busy fellow doing his Masters whilst raising those kids of his. Thank you Cyrille whenever we work together it's fun!

The biggest helpers continue to be Irene and Mike Thomas who are still picking up supplies and doing the flowers and more (every once in a while I find my job has been done for me!).

Respectfully submitted,
TAD Higginson
Altar Guild

Report from the 2025 Synod

The Synod has created a fund in 2025 for repairs at the Centre 105 building including new showers. Individual donations have also been received.

For large cost repairs, such as roof replacement, we should call Ascension House. In our case, this could include the ceiling downstairs.

There could be a project to redecorate the church to attract or improve accessibility for both young and not so young parishioners. Leanne is the person to call.

If we are considering renting space, we should call Ascension House, for both short term and long-term arrangements. Archdeacon Linda Hill is a good resource.

The Synod Bishop election day has been confirmed as Feb 28, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carole Ladouceur

REPORT OF ENVELOPE SECRETARY

Summary of receipts issued for the year ended December 31, 2025

Summary of Regular Givers:

Zero to 500		18	2466.00
501 to 1000		8	6081.00
1001 to 1500		1	1425.00
1501 to 2000		4	6939.00
2001 to 2500		1	2150.00
2501 to 3000		1	2930.00
3001 to 3500		0	0.00
3501 to 4000		1	3720.00
4001 to 8000		3	15626.45
	Total	37	41337.45
Special Recaipts issued		10	2830.00
Total receipts issued		47	44167.45

Respectfully submitted by Mike Thomas, Envelope Secretary.

Auditor's Report – December 31, 2025

I have carefully reviewed the financial records of St. James' and also the Ladies' Guild and Wood's Cemetery. In my opinion, all fairly represent the financial status of each organization.

I wish to thank our treasurer, Mr. Mike Thomas and the Ladies' Guild treasurer, Mrs. Karen McPeak for maintaining excellent accounting records and both are to be commended for this.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Clark

Auditor

St. James Anglican Church Leitrim

2026 Events Schedule

All Dates are Subject to Revision

Sunday, February 8, 2026 – Vestry Report Due Date

Sunday, February 22, 2026 12 p.m. – Annual Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 6:00 p.m. – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Mini-Auction

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, March 15, 2026 12:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, March 21, 2026 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Kitchen Céilí Dinner

Sunday, March 29, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service

Thursday, April 2, 2026 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 5, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 19, 2026 12:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, May 10, 2026 12:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 6:30 p.m. – Frank & Elizabeth Lawler Garden planting night (Rain night – May 21st)

Sunday, June 7, 2026 12:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, June 13, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Yard Sale, Strawberry Social and BBQ

Sunday, June 14, 2026 3:00 p.m. – Wood's Cemetery Service

Sunday, June 21, 2026 10:30 a.m. – National Aboriginal Day of Prayer

Sunday, June 28, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Canada Day Service

Sunday, July 19, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Animals Service

Sunday, September 13, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Homecoming Service (Blessing of the Backpacks etc.) – BBQ and Garden Party

Sunday, September 20, 2026 12:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, October 11, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Thanksgiving Day Service

Sunday, October 18, 2026 12:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Remembrance Day Service

Sunday, November 15, 2026 12:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, November 26, 2026 7:00 p.m. – Official Christmas lighting of Church (Rain Date: Nov 27, 2026)

Friday, December 18, 2026 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 20, 2026 10:30 a.m. – Carols and Lessons Service, Pageant, Christmas Lunch

Sunday, December 24, 2026 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, January 17, 2027 12:00 p.m. – Parish Council Meeting (Budget Meeting)

Ladies Guild Income Statement at December 31, 2025

Balance Forward					\$ 7,877.58
			Receipts	Expenses	
Date	Cheque #	Description			
Mar 25/25	103	Bishop's Visit - Cake and plates		76.83	
Apr. 30/25		Interest to April 30	1.84		
Oct 31/25		Interest to Oct. 31	1.97		
Nov. 17/25		Net - Spaghetti Supper	487.40		
Dec. 3/25	105	St. James Leitrim General Fund		1,000.00	
		Total	491.21	1,076.83	
		Net Income(Deficit) 2025			- 585.62
		Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2025			7,291.96

**St. James Ladies Guild
Financial Statement
December 31, 2025**

RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	3.81	
Spaghetti Supper	487.40	
Total Revenue		491.21

EXPENDITURES

Bishop's Visit	76.83	
Donation to St. James General Fund	1,000.00	
Total Expenditures		1,076.83
Deficit 2025		(585.62)

Summary of Assests

Bank Balance December 31, 2024		7,877.58
Deficit 2025		(585.62)
Bank Balance December 31, 2025		7,291.96
GIC Maturing Oct. 17, 2026		4,810.69
TOTAL		12,102.65

**St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim
Comparative Balance Sheet**

ASSETS	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
Cash & Equivalent		
General Fund Allocation	13,420.12	14,656.11
Gift Allocation	0.00	0.00
Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28
Building Fund Allocation	10,085.95	9,881.95
Memorial Fund Allocation	3,129.65	2,929.65
Church Accessibility Fund	1,425.56	1,425.56
Xmas Church Lighting Fund	(633.68)	(501.54)
PWRDF Special Support	0.00	15.00
Total Cash	<u>27,738.88</u>	<u>28,718.01</u>
Investments		
Synod - Consolidated Trust Fund	16,157.21	15,558.53
Total	16,157.21	15,558.53
TD Savings Account	<u>2,070.82</u>	<u>2,033.01</u>
Total Investments	<u>18,228.03</u>	<u>17,591.54</u>
Accounts Receivable		
Prepaid Expense	247.98	0.00
H.S.T. Receivable	200.20	340.96
P.S.T. Receivable	<u>488.13</u>	<u>641.47</u>
Total Receivables	<u>936.31</u>	<u>982.43</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>46,903.22</u></u>	<u><u>47,291.98</u></u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Payable PWRDF Special Appeal	0.00	15.00
Payable Ottawa Centre Deanery	311.28	311.28
Payable Woods Cemetery	0.00	54.36
Accounts Payable - TD Visa	0.00	53.10
Reserve Xmas Lighting	0.00	0.00
Reserve - Backflow Prevention	0.00	0.00
Accounts Payable Food Bank	0.00	0.00
Reserve Church Accessibility Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>311.28</u>	<u>433.74</u>
EQUITY		
Net Worth		
Total Prior Years Equity	46,858.24	46,133.49
Current Earnings	<u>(266.30)</u>	<u>724.75</u>
Total Equity	<u>46,591.94</u>	<u>46,858.24</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>46,903.22</u></u>	<u><u>47,291.98</u></u>

St. James Anglican Church, Leitrim
Comparative Income Statement

REVENUE	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
Offerings		
Envelope (Including Par)	31,717.70	30,416.00
Bridlewood - Open	302.00	784.00
Initial	82.00	55.00
Hall Rental	0.00	150.00
Open	768.60	3,188.13
Maundy Thursday	45.00	5.00
Shrove Tuesday - Dinner	240.00	215.00
Shrove Tuesday - Auction	120.00	100.00
Ash Wednesday	195.00	30.00
Easter	2,010.00	920.00
Good Friday	0.00	20.00
Thanksgiving	1,605.00	1,350.00
Christmas	1,345.00	745.00
Memorial Greta Sheard	200.00	0.00
Caeli Dinner Revenue	839.00	848.25
Xmas Church Lighting Donations	5,306.45	5,285.42
Donations - 50/50 draw	0.00	290.00
Donations - Raffle Xmas Lights	970.00	740.00
Interest, Dividends Earned	645.69	1,351.91
PWRDF Donations	320.00	275.00
The Ottawa Rotary Home - Donations	0.00	20.00
The Greenboro Pavillion Food Bank	0.00	0.00
Hymn Book Donations	0.00	0.00
Flower Donations - Altar	689.00	674.18
Donations - Fridge, Coffee Purculat	0.00	399.13
History Books Income	0.00	0.00
Booklets - Bible Study Material	0.00	0.00
Donations - Cleaning Supplies	0.00	50.00
Donation Foster Family Farm	774.00	971.52
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale - Caeli Dinner	228.00	285.50
Yard Sale Income	2,055.84	2,618.00
Strawberry Social	0.00	0.00
Calendar Sales	48.00	60.00
Ladies Guild Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Receipts	51,506.28	52,847.04
Building Fund		
Bldg. Fund Offerings	219.00	214.00
Deferred Donation 2022 Backflow Pre	0.00	0.00
Bldg Fund - Ladies Guild Donations	0.00	0.00
Bldg Fund - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Bldg Fund	219.00	214.00
TOTAL REVENUE	51,725.28	53,061.04

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EXPENSES	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
Cost of Priestly Services		
Remuneration - Incumbent	26,899.00	27,011.00
Honorarium - Substitute Priests	0.00	0.00
Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00
Total Priestly Services	<u>26,899.00</u>	<u>27,011.00</u>
Diocesan Support		
Fair Share	6,217.00	6,753.00
Insurance	1,406.00	1,406.00
Total Diocesan Support	<u>7,623.00</u>	<u>8,159.00</u>
Building Fund Expenditures		
Signage and Cross	0.00	0.00
Total Bldg. Fund Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Misc		
Conferences	215.66	188.88
Farm Boy Gift Cards - Homeless	150.00	300.00
PWRDF Donations Paid	320.00	275.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Church Calendars - For Sale	62.36	38.98
Worship	281.00	273.00
Memorial Board	15.57	0.00
Xmas Church Lighting	6,373.21	5,967.42
Donation - Our Daily Bread	50.00	50.00
Hydro	3,667.61	3,050.65
Internet Services (Data Processing)	1,835.21	1,575.05
Water	290.72	275.78
Postage	154.09	149.09
Stationary Supplies	1,332.73	1,259.75
Bldg. Mtce. Supplies	222.48	157.57
Signage and Cross	114.33	0.00
Maintenance & Repairs	0.00	786.58
Backflow Prevention Program	259.85	259.85
Church Sanitary Supplies	12.45	0.00
Yard Sale Expenses	344.84	428.87
Flowers	615.20	537.74
Celebrations, Gifts, etc.	479.09	480.52
Groceries - Pancake Dinner	85.00	52.00
Fridge, Coffee Purculator	0.00	345.19
Bank Charges/Interest	167.60	158.10
Candles	114.22	189.42
Host/Palms	40.82	14.55
Wine	91.83	86.32
Purificator, Pal, Misc	23.63	75.32
Caeli Dinner Expenses	67.00	137.25
Hymn, Prayer, Liturgica books,	83.08	53.41
Total General Expenses	<u>17,469.58</u>	<u>17,166.29</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>51,991.58</u>	<u>52,336.29</u>
NET INCOME	(266.30)	724.75

2026 Budget

St. James Leitrim 2026 Budget		Actual	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Difference
Receipts - General	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2024-2025	
Envelopes (Including Par)	37683.00	30416.00	34000.00	31717.70	33000.00	1301.70	
Initial	48.00	55.00	50.00	82.00	50.00	27.00	
Open	1878.49	3188.13	500.00	768.60	500.00	-2419.53	
Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas	3224.48	3015.00	3000.00	4960.00	3500.00	1945.00	
Biblestudy material	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Interest	8.03	1351.91	500.00	645.69	500.00	-706.22	
Flower Donations	805.00	674.18	600.00	689.00	600.00	14.82	
Donations - General	758.05	449.13	700.00	0.00	500.00	-449.13	
Memorial Fund Donations	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	
Ladies Guild Donations	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	0.00	
Maudy Thursday, Ash Wednesday	90.00	35.00	50.00	240.00	100.00	205.00	
Shrove Tuesday, Dinner and Auction	345.60	315.00	300.00	360.00	300.00	45.00	
Good Friday	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-20.00	
Bake Sale Caeil Dinner	0.00	285.50	250.00	228.00	250.00	-57.50	
Bridlewood Offerings	330.25	784.00	300.00	302.00	300.00	-482.00	
Misc. Income / /Cheer Basket	0.00	290.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-290.00	
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00	
Donations - Ukrainian Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PWRDF Donations	115.00	275.00	300.00	320.00	300.00	45.00	
The Ottawa Rotary Fund - Donations	130.00	20.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	-20.00	
Donations Center 454	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operating Revenue	45515.90	42323.85	41850.00	41512.99	40900.00	-810.86	
Miscellaneous Events							
Yard Sale	3288.74	2618.00	3000.00	2055.84	3000.00	-562.16	
Calendar Sales	30.00	60.00	50.00	48.00	50.00	-12.00	
Fundsript	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Caeil Dinner Proceeds	0.00	848.25	1000.00	839.00	1000.00	-9.25	
Church Lighting Donations	6000.00	6025.42	5000.00	6276.45	5000.00	251.03	
Church Accessibility Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Foster's Market	1367.64	971.52	774.00	774.00	800.00	-197.52	
Total Misc. Events	10686.38	10523.19	9824.00	9993.29	9850.00	-529.90	

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		Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Forecast 2025	Actual 2025	Forecast 2026	Difference 2024-2025
Building Fund		2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2024-2025
Offerings		294.00	214.00	250.00	219.00	250.00	5.00
Donations - Furnace		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation - Renovation Projects			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donation - Backflow Prevention Program		3955.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Building Fund.		4249.00	214.00	250.00	219.00	250.00	5.00
TOTAL REVENUES		60451.28	53061.04	51924.00	51725.28	51000.00	-1335.76
EXPENSES							
C.O.P.S.		29145.00	27011.00	26899.00	26899.00	26630.00	-112.00
Priest Honorarium	(Replacements)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Priest's Expenses		29145.00	27011.00	26899.00	26899.00	26630.00	-112.00
Diocesan Support							
Fair Share		8941.00	6753.00	6217.00	6217.00	5449.00	-536.00
Insurance		1267.00	1406.00	1406.00	1406.00	1448.00	0.00
Total Diocesan Support		10208.00	8159.00	7623.00	7623.00	6897.00	-536.00
Building Fund Expenditures							
Backflow Prevention Program		3637.90	259.85	300.00	259.85	300.00	0.00
Signage and Cross		0.00	0.00	0.00	114.33	0.00	114.33
Urgent Electrical Repairs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1961.84	0.00
Total Building Expenditures		3637.90	259.85	300.00	374.18	2261.84	114.33
General Expenditures							
Conferences		160.00	188.88	200.00	215.66	225.00	26.78
Outreach Including Donations to Other Charities							
	The Rotary Home	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	-300.00
	Centre 454	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	P.W.R.D.F.	300.00	275.00	300.00	320.00	300.00	45.00
	Our Daily Bread	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Farm Boy Gift Cards	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Advertising		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-total		760.00	763.88	850.00	735.66	725.00	-28.22

Report of the Nominating Committee for 2026

The following have been appointed or agreed to stand for election or nomination for 2026

People's Warden	Glenn Clark
Deputy Warden	Carole Ladouceur
Members of Synod	Carole Ladouceur
Alternate Member of Synod	Vic Wootton
Auditor	Glenn Clark

Parish Council at Large	Brenda Houle
	Chuck Wootton
	Irene Thomas
	Deb Donoghue
	TAD Higginson
	Sandra Donatucci
	Carole Ladouceur
	Brian Raynard

Wood Cemetery Representative	Glenn Clark
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Respectfully submitted

Vic Wootton
Glenn Clark
Reverend Nash Smith

Appointments for 2026

Rector's Warden	Vic Wootton
Treasurer	Mike Thomas
Envelope Secretary	Miike Thomas
Christian Education Coordinator	TAD Higginson
Altar Guild Contact	TAD Higginson
Ladies Guild Contact	Karen McPeak
Building Superintendent	By committee
Pew Bulletin	Glenn Clark
Telephone Secretary	Sylvia Thomas
Webmaster	Glenn Clark
Pavilion Food Bank Contact	Vic Wootton
Operation Christmas Child	Vic Wootton
Food Cupboard	Carole Ladouceur
Christmas Lights	Glenn Clark
On-Line Service Coordinator	TAD Higginson

Intercessors and Readers for 2026

Dave Picklyk
 Glenn Clark
 TAD Higginson
 Mike Thomas
 Rob Mantle
 Carole Ladouceur
 Irene Thomas
 Deb Donoghue
 Sandra Donatucci
 Cyrille Djina
 Betty Nakimbugwe
 Marilyn Donnelly
 Sylvia Thomas
 Brian Raynard
 Brian Wells
 Myra Wells
 Wendy Taylor
 Sarah Thompson

Eucharist Servers for 2026

Vic Wootton
 Carole Ladouceur
 Kevin Howley
 Brian Raymond
 TAD Higginson

Ladies Guild for 2026

Karen McPeak (Main Contact)
 Irene Thomas (Contact)
 Deb Donoghue (Contact)
 Sylvia Thomas
 Brenda Houle
 Marilyn Donnelly
 Wendy Taylor
 Tammylee Sisson
 Sandra Donatucci
 Carole Ladouceur

Altar Guild for 2026

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