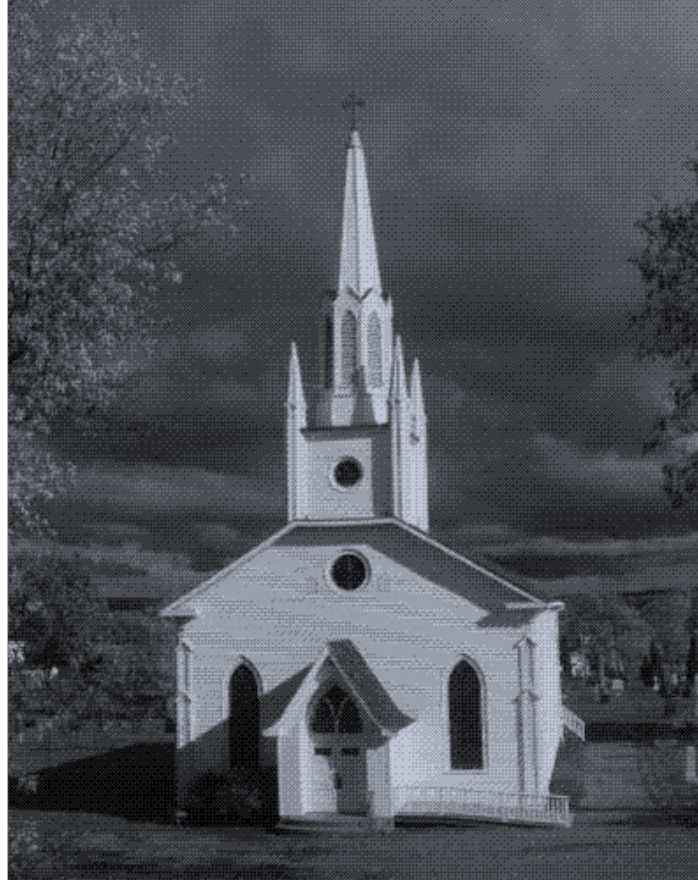


# **The Anglican Churches of Pictou County**

## **Christ Anglican Church**



**31 December 2019**

**Annual Report**

**Christ Anglican Church, Stellarton**

The Anglican Churches of Pictou County  
Christ Anglican Church Annual Report  
December 31 2019  
AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Election of the chair of the meeting

Election of the secretary of the meeting (if necessary)

Approval of 2018 Minutes

Unfinished business from 2018 annual meeting

Business Arising from 2018 minutes

Communications: Report on the church's efforts to promote God's mission & to promote outreach in the church

Consideration of written reports with regard to assets, liabilities & investments made since the last annual meeting

Financial Reports

General Account Summary

General Fund Detailed Report & Budget

Consolidated Report

Investments

Dorcas (ACW) Financial Report

ACW Financials

Cemetery Financials

Report of the Rector

Report of the Warden

Consideration of a written report of each committee of the church and the reception of reports of church organizations

Property Committee Report

ACW Report

Statistics

New Business

Elections

Closing Prayer

## Christ Anglican Church Annual Report December 31 2018

Rev. Darlene Jewers called the meeting to order on February 12, 2019 and Ron Dunn; put forward Rev. Darlene Jewers and Stacey Ferguson as Chair and Secretary respectively. Bill Colbourne seconded. Motion carried.

Opening Prayer/Discussion – Rev. Darlene Jewers

Adoption of Agenda – Jason Ferguson made the motion to adopt the agenda. Susan Higdon seconded it. Motion carried.

Minutes 2017 AGM and special Congregational meetings March 11, 2018 & July 8, 2018 – Adjustments – Ben Gord should Ben Gourd; and “...no fully wired” should be “... fully wired”. Susan Higdon made a motion to accept all Minutes 2017 AGM with adjustments. David Harrison seconded. Motion carried. Susan Higdon made a motion to accept the March 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Bill Colbourne seconded. Motion carried. Ron Dunn made a motion to accept the July 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Jason Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Business Arising: N/A

Motion to Receive Reports – David Harrison made the motion to receive the reports. Susan Higdon seconded. Motion carried.

Rector’s Report – submitted by Rev. Darlene Jewers. Refer to write up within the annual report. Any questions? Loretta Armsworthy suggested that when Rev. Darlene has meetings with member(s) of the congregation from a business standpoint or pastoral care to abide by Safer Church rules that she has a second person with her. This would be for both safety reasons and conflict resolution (removed the he said/she said) situations where an independent witness to what was said would be a good thing to have for all parties concerned. Bill Colbourne said that the other person should be independent and be from another congregation. Ron Dunn stated that the question is to ensure confidentiality is maintained as well. So it will be at the Rector’s discretion. The gathering approved of the idea. Rev. Darlene stated she will continue with the 5 Marks of Mission. No further questions/comments were made.

Warden’s Report (including Property Committee summary) – submitted by Jason Ferguson and Bill Colbourne. Refer to write up within the annual report. Any questions? Susan Higdon wished to thanked Jason, Bill and Ron for all their work. Jason Ferguson stated it was a very stress full year with the sale of St. Alban’s. Ron Dunn stated that he is thankful that the property of St. Alban’s was sold in a timely fashion and that it was sold to someone in the Community which meant a lot to the former congregation of St. Alban’s. Bill Colbourne commented that the building has been transformed. No update on the status of the installation of the stain glass windows in the Cathedral. David Harrison asked when we would get training on the defibrillator’s use. Bill Colbourne stated they have the materials and that it just needs to get reviewed. Ron Dunn suggested perhaps at our first Council meeting we should review the video that came with the appliance. Jason Ferguson also suggested perhaps a first aid course is an alternative way to go and offer it out of the Church for members and the wider community. The first aid course idea will be brought up at the upcoming Council meeting. There is no requirement to have one so having no one trained at this point does not mean there is a liability factor. The review of the video will be put on the upcoming Council meeting’s agenda as well. No further questions/discussions.

Property Committee Report - submitted by Jason Ferguson. Jason Ferguson wished to thank all the Property Committee members. Loretta Armsworthy asked if the corner of the ramp at the entry point to the church could be slopped on one side so no one hooks their toe. Request referred to Property Committee to look after. Rev. Darlene said she knows someone who can look at it. No further questions/discussions.

ACW Report – submitted by Julie Wynands. Refer to write up within the annual report. Any questions? None received.

Statistics – Refer to write up within the annual report.

Ron Dunn made the motion to adopt the reports. Ruth Kingsbury seconded. Motion carried.

### Financial Statements

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Ron Dunn spoke on the general account summary, other general fund financial reports and the 2019 budget.

Ron explained that there was quite a bit of movement of funds within the investments in 2018. One item was to take additional monies out to cover outstanding amounts owing to ACPC and the Diocese so that all accounts would be brought current as of the end of 2018. Ron was happy to report that as of the end of December all the bills were paid. A second item was that funds were transferred from the Building & Memorial bank accounts to the Investments to put the monies to work for us. The final item involved the monies from the sale of St. Alban's these funds were moved through the general fund and put into the investments. The details are there for transparency purposes to ensure everyone is informed. There is also an outstanding cheque and deposit related to these transfers in and out of the investments that cleared post the end of 2018. Everything is in the proper places now.

Highlights from the general expenses were: 1) we were behind on ACPC and Diocese payments at the beginning of 2018 we are now caught up; 2) \$3,400 over budget on fuel costs due to cold Spring and Fall and price of fuel was up \$0.14 a litre; and 3) general revenue was down \$5,000 from budget (year over year).

Investments are detailed as well. \$19,000 plus was removed from investments to keep the Church up to date on payables incurred. At this rate the investments will deplete quickly.

We have applied for a grant to the Anglican Foundation to cover roofing costs upcoming in 2019 at a value of \$15,000. Approval is pending. Roofing costs for entire roof could top \$30,000.

Any questions? Loretta Armsworthy asked about further details on the overage in the fuel costs. Ron Dunn provided those details and confirmed budget has been adjusted to accommodate the variables. It was noted that we also get a better rate under the Diocese program.

Ruth Kingsbury asked about the follow up on the fundraising committee meeting and what happened to the idea Brian Buckles put forward on fundraising for the furnace mortgage (sponsor a month). Ron Dunn and Jason Ferguson are to follow up. No further questions/discussions.

Dorcas Branch financials were presented by Ruth Kingsbury. Calendar monies will be deposited in 2019. Any questions? Loretta Armsworthy asked how much the calendar's cost (\$4 per calendar). Ruth explained that any unsold calendars will be donated to Tearmann House. No further questions/discussions.

Gerry Mercer spoke on the Cemetery Financials. Veterans Care has a program they are promoting to take care of Veterans graves. That will happen this Spring at Christ Church. Gerry stated the financials are pretty self explanatory noting income, expenses and investment values. Main expenses are lawn maintenance and grave repairs post winter. There are issues with trying to maintain graves when there are no survivors of deceased persons. Some work will need to be done this year regardless and funding comes from the Cemetery fund. Any questions? None received.

The ACW Financials were presented as well. Any questions? None received.

Ron Dunn made a motion to adopt Financial Reports. Inna Harrison seconded. Motion carried.

#### New Business

- Change to Church Council size – due to the decreasing size of the church congregation the idea has been put forward at the January 8, 2019 meeting of Church Council that the current size of Council prior to the AGM meeting is too large (2 Wardens, Treasurer, Rector & 11 elected members). Prior to AGM elections we have 2 Wardens, Treasurer, Rector & 4 elected members with 4 more nominated. Proposal to make Council size to be 2 Wardens, Treasurer, Rector & 8 elected members.

Ron Dunn asked what is the right number perhaps 2 per year equaling 6 elected at large members?

Dave Harrison suggested the motion be written up as up to 9 elected members with a minimum of 6 required.

Ron Dunn made the motion to change council size to a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 9 elected at large members.

David Harrison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Building a strong Church Community and working relationships – Jason Ferguson spoke on how we conduct ourselves and business on behalf of the church throughout the year. A couple of years ago during a conversation at the Mission School (phase 1) with Bishop Ron our future was described by the Bishop as involving the churches and church families coming together. The way we stand right now that is not the case. We need to be more mindful that we need to work together or else the stress can be overwhelming especially if we are fighting amongst ourselves. If somewhere down

the road we need to become one Church/Parish we need to learn to work together in our own church before we can be a larger family.

Loretta Armsworthy thanked Jason for his words.

Susan Higdon asked who would initiate the merger of the churches. Rev. Darlene Jewers stated that perhaps a "visionary committee" should be struck to discuss it - Where will be in 5 years as a group of Churches? Susan Higdon said she would be interested in sitting on such a committee; Ron Dunn said he would as well. David Harrison stated that we need to start with our own Church and ACPC and then perhaps branch out to other Anglican Churches in Pictou County. The Bishop will not force any type of change on us; that is a last resort.

Loretta Armsworthy stated we have one Rector for three churches treat her gently.

Ron Dunn stated we need to look at what our priorities are: the building or people; perhaps we focus too much on the building. We are a divisive County and perhaps as a Church community as well. It would mean less stress perhaps with less Councils, etc. Questions around spiritual development, outreach, the missional component of the whole, etc., were brought forward with no clear answers to be given. Does that mean we close buildings; what does the future look like?

Susan Higdon raised the question of what a heritage property status would mean. The consensus was that, that might be more trouble than it is worth.

Norm Ferguson asked if at Pictou County Council of Churches meetings have there been any discussion about having one Church per town. Rev. Darlene Jewers responded that no they do not talk about that but they are looking at doing more ecumenical events.

It was agreed that the need for a visioning committee should be brought forward to ACPC at that AGM and we go from there.

Rev. Darlene Jewers also stated that the Sinclairs who were helping out won't be available to help as much if at all in the next few months as they have been assigned to cover another Parish on the Eastern Shore. So we may not be able to all have a Communion service on say Palm Sunday per church; perhaps a combined service would work? Tabled to go to ACPC AGM but Christ Church AGM was agreeable to a combined service on Palm Sunday. It was also mentioned that this change in availability of the Sinclairs would also impact when the Rector is on vacation, ill, etc. Alternatives will need to be looked into by the Rector and Wardens.

#### Nominations and Elections

- Jason Ferguson put forward the nominations listed below. All nominees were elected via acclamation.
  - o Treasurer – Ron Dunn
  - o Members at Large – Ruth Kingsbury (3 year term), Stacey Ferguson (1 year term), Loretta Armsworthy (3 year term) & Gladys Morgan (2 year term)
  - o Pictou County Council of Churches – David Harrison
  - o Synod delegate to be elected at ACPC AGM – Jason Ferguson
- Primates World Relief & Development Fund representative to be elected at ACPC AGM. We may look at having one per Parish – to be determined.
- Regional Council – representatives are ACPC Synod delegates, Christ Church Council Wardens & Treasurer and ACPC Chair (David Harrison).
- ACPC – representative to be selected from Christ Church Council 2019 at next regular Council meeting scheduled for March 6, 2019.

Motion to Adjourn – Norm Ferguson made the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.

Closing Prayer – The Grace

Submitted by Secretary Stacey Ferguson

### **Special Congregational Meeting Minutes September 22, 2019**

#### **Call to Order/Prayer**

Jason Ferguson, Warden, called the meeting to order and Rev. Darlene Jewers lead those in attendance with a short prayer.

- I. **Approval Agenda** – with one amendment for call for nominations of a Council member too

Susan Higdon moved to accept the agenda with adjustment and was seconded by Ron Dunn. Motion carried.

## **II. Church roof maintenance update**

Jason Ferguson spoke on need to repair roof and chimney so need to repair all of it. – add dollar value – Alleluia from the congregation and that it will be done now. Ron Dunn added on about the roof that we did have another quote and we did look into other work he has done including the Stellarton Library. Contractor is Flash Stuart Roofing and Siding.

## **III. Status of General Church Finances**

Ron Dunn was called on to go over statement of finances and – with 2012 – 2018 reviewed. Black = regular income little spike in 2013 (due to general donations) and it has been slowly declining. 2018 including St. Alban's sale and it has been invested. General expenses have increased and maintenance has been put on hold. Investments have been depleted but then another door opens. We hope to keep the investments for a rainy day further into the future. 2019 income down and general expenses have increased despite measure so try and make savings.

### **Questions/concerns/comments on state of finances, Church, etc.**

Joe Gennoe – I'm no public speaker, the charity is great, but we need to full the pews, there are a number of churches suffering, we should look at what the successful ones are doing. The places are full; they are not out bumming money they are getting it on the plate. Need to get more customers, we need to go out and fill the Church. He was at one and it was full. Cannot get his own family to come. Something is wrong need to figure it out. Does not think Bishop is on own our side either.

Harvey Ford – 38 years since he and his wife moved to Pictou County. He has served on Church Council, etc., and knows that we need to figure out why we lost some of our current members. Need to talk to these members and figure out why they are not attending. Try to bring them back cannot just let them go astray. Bringing them back will help everything.

Faye Glennen – need to get people back into it. When she came here in 1995 it was a full Church. Need to go and find out why – what is the reason. We want them; the money is beside the point.

Gladys Morgan – listen to what everyone has said and we have discussed it in Council. Demographic is that we do not have the younger families where as the other churches have younger families. Gladys has talked to several parishioners and she has received a number of excuses as to why. So she has said in turn that she is preaching this Sunday – response received -I feel like a hypocrite because I haven't been there the other Sundays. We need to get both people in and to fundraise – network.

Help us to keep this door open – Help us to get this done not just Council but as a Parish do it together.

Jason Ferguson says he knows there are criticisms going around as to what is and/or isn't being done, but he hasn't heard them directly. Joe's donation with the ACPC office is a wonderful gift and is a not a small thing. He thinks that all volunteers we have are great and we owe them a depth of gratitude. He posed the question though - Why can I only count on one hand how many go to church.

Dave Harrison expressed shock that there is complaint about the ACPC office.

#### **IV. Nomination/Election of Interim Warden and vacant Council seat**

Jason Ferguson spoke that we cannot operate with only one Warden. One person has allowed their name to stand – Gladys Morgan.

A call for further nominations was made three times. No further nominations were received. Susan Higdon made a motion for Gladys Morgan to be elected as Interim Warden (until the regularly scheduled Elections at the Annual meeting in February 2020). Julie Wynands seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jason Ferguson then called for nominations for the vacant Council member seat. No nominations were received. Seat will remain open until regularly scheduled Elections at the Annual meeting in February 2020. Joe Gennoe spoke and asked about how nominations work and the election of Wardens/Council members at the Annual meeting. Process was explained by Council Secretary, Stacey Ferguson.

#### **V. General questions/concerns from the Congregation called for**

A few questions were voiced about the status of what would become of the old steeple cross and what can be done to improve the quality of the speaker system in Church. General discussion followed with the matters being turned over to the Property Committee for further investigation and recommendations.

Gladys MacKenzie spoke that we cannot do the fundraisers as we used to due to age related concerns.

Faye Glennen spoke that younger people needed in the church as we need the younger ones.

One idea raised was if we could move out a couple additional pews to do more things upstairs. This matter was also referred to the Property Committee for further investigation and recommendations.

Beatrice Busby stated she loves helping out but again age has placed limits.

#### **VI. Closing**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Grace.

Stacey Ferguson – Secretary

Minutes signed of

### **Special Congregational Meeting Minutes December 1, 2019**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Jason Ferguson, Warden called the meeting to order and laid out the details below as to what had brought us to the meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> including the ballot wording.

This journey began with the reading of the letter from Archbishop Ron Cutler.

Council then voted at our November 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting to:

*Motion made that Christ Church Parish Council agrees to support same sex marriage as outlined in the Bishop's letter dated September 6, 2019 by Julie Wynands, seconded Ruth Kingsbury. Motion carried unanimously.*

An announcement was then made at each subsequent service given at Christ Church that at Congregational meeting would be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> post the 11:15am service at which time a ballot vote would be taken with the options being:

- I would like our parish to offer marriage for same sex couples at this time.
- I would not like our parish to offer marriage for same sex couples at this time.

Post the Council meeting, based on requests from parishioners, advanced polls were held at the 8am and 11:15am Christ Church services on November 24<sup>th</sup> and the ability to vote in an advanced poll was offered prior to the 8am service on December 1<sup>st</sup> but no voters took said opportunity.

## **II. Questions from those attending the meeting were called for**

- None were received.

## **III. Ballot vote was held**

## **IV. Ballots were counted**

Dave Harrison and Stacey Ferguson counted the ballots with Joyce Eaton acting as a witness to the count.

The results of the count were 38 total votes – 29 for offering marriage for same sex couples at this time in our parish and 8 for not offering marriage for same sex couples at this time in our parish. Conclusion, the Parish of Christ Church with St. Albans has voted for our parish to offer marriage for same sex couples at this time.

Results were announced to those in attendance and an email will be sent out to the general congregational email to advise of the results as well.

A letter will be supplied to Rev. Darlene Jewers with this information for delivery to the Bishop once all other parishes in the ACPC have completed their journey regarding this matter.

## **V. Closing**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Stacey Ferguson – Secretary

Minutes signed off

## **Rector's Report**

*“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”— Teresa of Avila*

We began the year by identifying the need for a visioning process that would look at the next five years. A team was established and we immediately recognized the need to get to know each other and to come together more often for worship and fellowship. We have met several times now and have planned a Family Fun Time which will involve all of ACPC coming together outside of a worship setting. This is actually a fresh expression of our church family as we come together for skits, stories, to share musical talents, or possibly offer up a few surprises! Also, The Gospel According to Johnny Cash is in the planning stages, an opportunity to invite the outside communities in and the proceeds will be allocated toward prison ministry in some form yet to be established.



The covenant review is intended to do two things: First, assess whether the lived experience of ministry is happening the way that the covenant anticipated, and if not, identify what needs to happen. Second, confirm that the Covenant document describes the ministry that the parish and rector are – or intended to be- engaged in.

From that review a draft covenant was written as well as a list of concerns about the ministry or life of ACPC which needed to be addressed. Some will be addressed by the visioning committee, Some are reminders about what will help make the ministry of the three parishes be more effective ( communication, hospitality to visitors, being careful of the demands on people's energy) and some are merely naming the real challenges which we face, aging, demographic, financial sustainability.

The draft covenant was approved by ACPC council on October 29 and then commended to each parish for approval. It was approved by each council, signed and sent to the bishop's office.

From the review we have a commitment to team ministry of the rector, Honorary Assistant, and licensed Lay ministers, which includes these areas of ministry, worship, pastoral care, teaching and spiritual development. There is also a commitment to a new process to coordinate this work. There will be quarterly meetings of the LLMs and rector, monthly meeting of the rector, wardens, and ACPC chair and vice chair, which will focus on: how each parish is doing, the pastoral care needs that have been identified, and periodically, scheduling the services in ACPC, including homes of special care. Once services are scheduled, the rector will work with the wardens and LLMs of each parish to assign coverage for their services.

Pastoral Care is a priority in ACPC. There is a reconfirmation that home visits are a high priority for the Rector's own ministry, as well as a commitment to train some LLMs to do home communions

The Spiritual Development Committee has been revived and will meet bi-monthly. This meeting is open to all who are interested in the spiritual growth of ACPC and beyond. At the moment we have Deborah Beck leading bible studies during lent and Advent, Rev. Lee Sinclair will be leading prayer workshops, there is a secret prayer partner ministry coming together, and a travelling bible and brew the first Monday of each month. There are many and varying opportunities to learn and grow in our faith as well as meeting and getting to know each other.

There is also a commitment to clear and regular communication within ACPC and to the diocese of financial and other matters that the congregation need to know.

A covenant in ministry is not the job description for the rector, it is a commitment of what we do together. There is an expectation that members of the various teams attend the meetings or if unable follow up to keep informed of what is happening. Services and programs are scheduled at these meetings and communicated and posted so all of ACPC are informed. No one acts independently, we do it together.

We have new updated web site where you can visit to see what is coming up as well as check dates for conflicts when planning meetings and events. Thanks to Dave Harrison for his continued dedication to this ministry.

A huge thank you to all people of ACPC, for the wardens and councils, the ACWs, the organists and choirs, the Licensed Lay Ministers, the altar guilds, all who lead, for their ongoing commitment. Stay tuned for upcoming events and services as we move into 2020, a new decade, together.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Darlene

### **Warden's Report & Property Committee Report Dec. 31, 2019**

Looking back 2019 has been a busy year here at Christ Church.

Two of the biggest jobs that come to mind are:

- 1) The Steeple Cross replacement finally going up and being put in place. Thanks for all the help from a lot of people throughout the course of this project (Chris Higdon, Bill Colbourne, Ron Dunn and the Metal Fabrication shop at the NSCC to name just a few) . The steeple cross was finally finished and Ron Dunn oversaw the project of having the cross safely raised and fastened back into place in time for Easter Services. A special dedication was performed on Easter Sunday to recognize this tremendous moment. The former Steeple Cross is safely tucked away in the Hall and the Property Committee is carefully considering all suggestions made as to next steps for its next stage of life. More news on this in the Spring of 2020.
- The Church Roof “reshingling” being completed. We were first blessed with a grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada. However, even then general funds were not abundant enough to allow the project to proceed. Just when Council thought all might be lost and called a special Congregational meeting to discuss the matter in September another blessing was received. As the saying goes God never shuts a door without opening a window. And that is what he did when a 20 year bequest from the Hilda Hoegg foundation (\$8,000 per year) was received. With both blessings and the funds raised over the prior years the project was given new life to proceed. Flash Stewart Roofing & Siding was hired to do the roofing job on the church and that job was completed in January of 2020. In addition to completing the Roofing job, Flash Stewart Roofing also installed a strap on the chimney to keep it from leaning away from the church in the future, and also a flange was installed around the base of the chimney to keep the weather out from between the chimney and the body of the church.

Other highlights included:

- Bill Colbourne stepping down as Warden in September 2019, and Gladys Morgan quickly stepping up and to assume the role of interim warden. I wanted to point out just how much I appreciated Bill being Warden for as long as he was and how ready he always was to talk things through with me, .. and then for Gladys to step up and assume the role of Interim Warden so quickly .. I was just really grateful. It just goes to show what kind of positive, co-operative relationships we’re fostering here at Christ Church.
- The discernment and ultimate vote on the subject of Same Sex Marriage being offered at Christ Church Stellarton. In December 2019, at a Special congregational meeting Christ Church voted for our parish to offer marriage for same sex couples at this time.
- Christ Church also focused even more on its traditional and new missional endeavors in 2019. Such endeavors included:
  - 1) Promoting 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays as Food Bank donation Sunday.
  - 2) The now annual School Supply drive in late summer to assist the needs of local children at the GR Saunders Elementary School in Stellarton.
  - 3) The Reverse Advent calendar challenge across ACPC that raised an abundance of donations for the Pictou County Food Bank as well as needed hats/mitts/socks for the children of the GR Saunders Elementary School.
  - 4) The distribution of Christmas boxes of Cheer to our own Christ Church family who find it difficult to get out and about.
- Work continues to maintain, improve and/or rebuild relationships within the Christ Church and ACPC Families.

Looking at 2020, .. there are projects waiting for us and I know we’ll get them completed .. with everyone’s cooperation. The projects I can think of right now are figuring out what to do with the old steeple cross, the repair and/or painting of the ramp outdoors, putting up several more signs/posts around the cemetery, .. and with any luck at all the painting/minor repairs of the steeple.

Let's help 2020 be a year of building and fostering of old and new relationships within our church family.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to ask Gladys Morgan, myself or any Council member and we will do our best to answer them.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Ferguson, Warden

Gladys Morgan, Interim Warden

Christ Church Stellarton

### **Christ Church, Stellarton ACW ANNUAL 2019 REPORT**

The ladies of Anglican Church Women (ACW) are a very small, but very dedicated, dynamic group of hardworking ladies and a few of our menfolk. We give a huge thanks to the congregation of Christ Church who are 150% supportive on our events and receptions throughout the year. The following are a few of the events that we took part in in 2019.

February 2019 ~ Shrove Tuesday ~ Pancake & Sausage Lunch

May 2019 ~ World Day Prayer, Sharon St. John United Church, 7 pm

(not well attended and poorly organized)

June ~ Tuesday, June 11, Davis Day, Miners Memorial Service, we provide a light lunch.

July ~ coffee party for Stellarton home coming Friday July 26, 2019.

September ~ Fall yard sale

November ~ 30 Saturday, Xmas Tea and Sale 2 to 4 pm

December ~ Shut-in Gifts, numbers are down.

~ Soup and Dessert, Last Minute Shoppers' Lunch

We also did Receptions for a number of funerals, and the ladies supply the second Sunday fellowship treats. Much thanks go out to all the ladies and gents of Christ Church for their wonderful support in all our efforts by supplying much need physical help with setting up and cleanup as well as an endless supply for food for special events. Big shoutout goes to Gladys Morgan, Treasurer for keeping our finances in order and another huge shoutout goes to Gloria Dort for all her phone calls for events.

Many, Many Thanks to you to all.

Respectfully submitted

Julie M. Wynands, Secretary

**SafeR Church Parishes of: St. James' Pictou, St. Bees' Westville, Christ Church Stellarton**

SafeR Church was invoked several years ago and we here in ACPC family of churches missed the boat, as they say. We worked through the process in a couple of meetings realizing that all three parishes are well maintained physically and do take time to ensure that their facilities are safe and well maintained.

Throughout the years all three parishes have been very careful and on top of the idea of a SAFER Church community outside their physical walls as well as inside their physical walls. Which means we all were aware of the fact that not only can we all be “hurt and damaged” by those who would cause us harm, but we need to take steps in protecting ourselves and the community at large.

Knowing the people that are involved within our parishes I have no doubt regardless if SafeR Church was enacted or not, we were always very mindful that the need was there, not only protecting our resources and people, but we always ensured that when we were out and about representing our parishes that we maintained a high degree of discretion, respect and dignity.

Unfortunately, in this age, not all those that come through our doors, come into our lives and our church events are always have the “best intentions” in mind. Having worked with the congregations in different events over the years I can say we have been very lucky in the people that have participated within our church families. SafeR Church, in this day and age, is very much needed, if only to protect our good name and reputation of everyone that attend and supports our activities in and out of our physical buildings.

Our next meeting will be held in September 2020, and just a reminder to all, that new people that are coming on board to serve on our Councils will need to have their Police, Vulnerable & Child Abuse Check done at their local Police Office within 30 days of starting to serve. I cannot stress that point enough.

Thank you for allowing me the time to work through this process for the ACPC family of churches and we are all doing a wonderful, thoughtful and through job of keeping ourselves, our members and our communities safer.

Respectfully submitted

Julie M. Wynands

Chair, SafeR Church

**2019 Christ Church Statistics**

Baptisms: 1

Marriages: 0

Burials: 5

**Parish Council Nominations 2019**  
(elected at the annual meeting)

Wardens:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Members-at-Large: