

WARDENS' REPORT TO VESTRY FOR 2020

It was a truly unpredictable year at Christ Church. We started the year off well, with a successful Pancake Dinner only to be quickly shut down due to Covid-19. The Pandemic forced us to cancel many of the planned activities for 2020; however we were able to live stream our services. We went from broadcasting on Facebook and YouTube to having a dedicated streaming service.

Although most of the year we were forced to close our doors or only allow a limited number to attend in person services, we pulled together to make our Church a safe place to worship by putting the required Covid-19 protocols into place.

A Lay Pastoral team was created so we could contact the more vulnerable of our Parish. They reached out to those who live alone or in need of assistance during this time.

As well as the Live Streaming services, Zoom became an important part of Christ Church's ability to reach out to one another. Several Christian education programs were held in 2020 including Prayer 101, Bible Study, Vex the Vicar, Explaining the Gospel of Matthew, Teach us to Pray; and St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

A Community Garden was set up in the spring and with the harvest we donated approximately 800lbs of produce to CCS - The Exchange.

Even with the restrictions put into place, Christ Church was still able to celebrate Christmas. Although we could not have communal worship, we had a drive through prayer and blessing set up prior to the live streaming of our Christmas Eve service.

The much needed repairs to the Bell Tower have been completed. We can now ring the bell and hear the beautiful chimes calling us to Worship. This work could not have been completed without the generosity and support of our parishioners. Even during these restricted times, members continued to support the church and drop off donations as well as contribute through our webpage.

We received funds from Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) to assist in paying our dedicated and gifted staff. The Diocese of Toronto also helped, by paying a 3 month stipend for clergy, as well as forgiving 3 months of the Diocesan assessment (Called Jubilee assistance).

And finally, we were blessed with a very generous bequest of over \$100,000 on the death of one of our long-time parishioners. This was designated as Heritage Fund income, and pushed our investments in that fund well into a positive position; these funds are included in the 2020 budget.

Your ongoing support and these funds have given us a strong feeling of security through the pandemic and we continue in a strong position financially at the start of 2021. Thank you to all for helping us manage the challenges 2020 put forward.

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