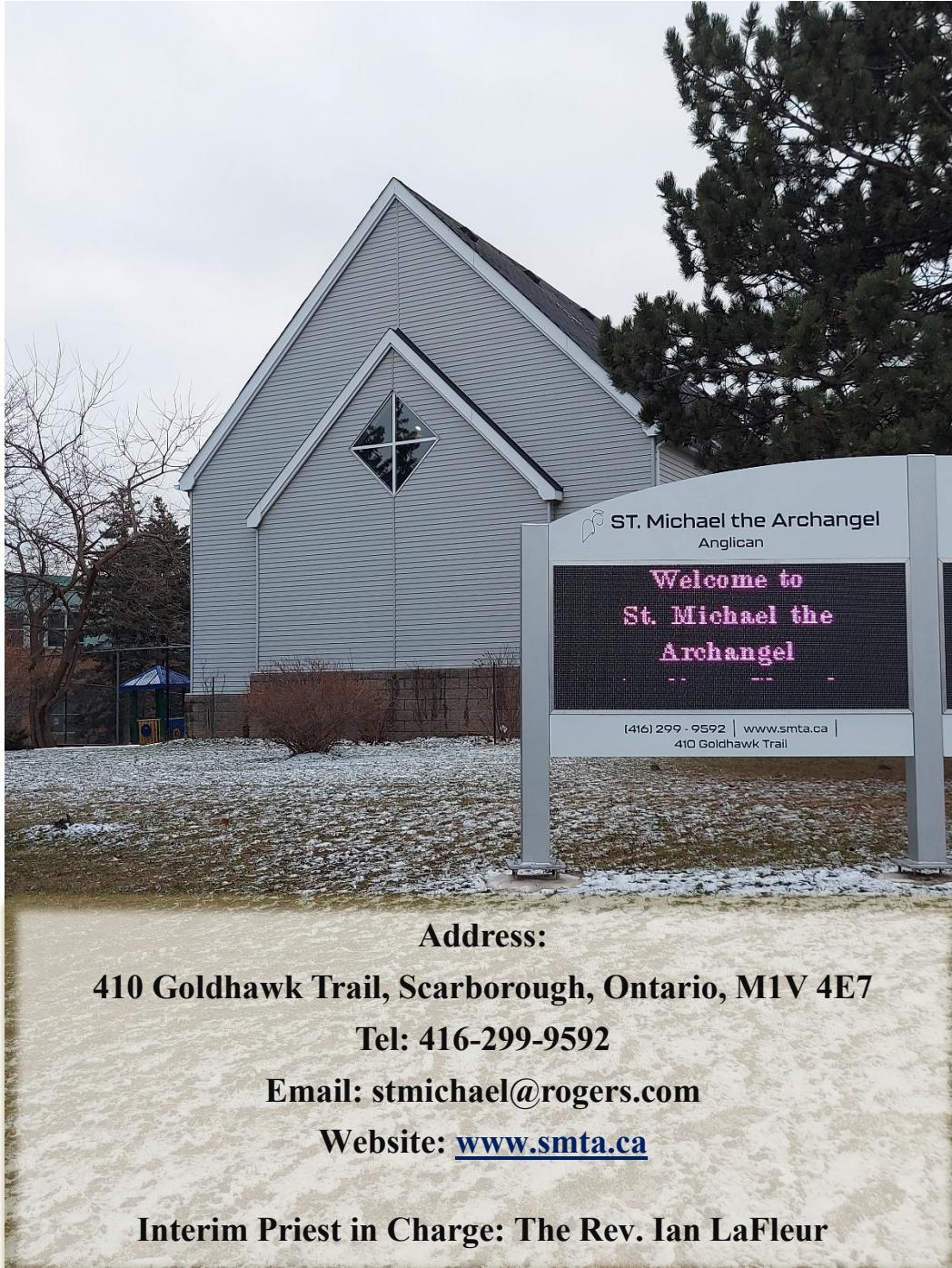


St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Church

2025 Vestry Reports for the year ending Dec. 31, 2025



A Christ centered and caring community where all are welcome, and no one is a stranger.

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RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR VESTRY 2026

Rules and Procedures for Vestry 2026

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATIONS

In the interest of efficiency and good practice, members of the Vestry are requested to secure, in advance, the consent of any person being nominated by them for offices. However, this does not restrict members of Vestry from making nominations from the floor.

PRESENTATION OF MOTIONS

All motions must come with a Mover and Seconder and must be ready to send to the Vestry Clerk for the Minutes.

USE OF TIME

Five (5) minutes is the limit for the person presenting a motion. Three (3) minutes is allowed for the person seconding the motion. Two (2) minutes each is allowed for any others debating a motion.

No member shall speak more than once on the same motion, and not more than once on an amendment, except the mover of the original motion, who shall have the right to reply. The mover of a motion, or amendment, is requested to write out the text in full and give a copy to the Chairperson.

AGENDA FOR VESTRY FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Agenda for Vestry February 1, 2026

AGENDA

1. Priest-In-Charge or Alternate Takes the Chair. (*Canon 14. Sec. 13*)
2. Opening Prayer
3. Appointment of Vestry Clerk (*Canon 14 Sec.13*)
4. Review & Adoption of minutes of last annual Vestry meeting
5. Business Arising from last Vestry meeting
6. Report of the Priest-In-Charge to Vestry (*Incumbent's Report*)
7. Wardens' Report for Year 2025
8. Campus Report for Year 2025
9. Presentation & Adoption of Audited Financial Statements for 2024 - 2025
10. Presentation & Adoption of the Proposed Operating Budget for Goldhawk Church Campus for 2026
11. Presentation & Adoption of the Proposed Operation Budget for SMTA Church for 2025 – 2026
12. Adoption of Reports from Parochial Organizations
13. Nomination and Election of Officers
 - a) Election of People's Warden and Deputy People's Warden
 - b) Appointment of Rector's Warden & Deputy Rector's Warden
 - c) Other elections as needed
14. Motions
15. New Business
16. Adjournment & Closing Prayer

MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Minutes of Vestry Meeting - February 2, 2025

Members Present – Rev. Bob Bettson, Ann Bain, Joseph Bain, Cynthia Bovell, Judy Brewster, Dave Brown, Elizabeth Campbell, Ron Campbell, Joan Cardozo, Grace Cumberbatch, Juliette Cummins, Rhonda Dove, Sanford Eastmond, Waveney Greaves, Delores Layne, Yvette Mathew, Denise Phillips, Roslyn Phills, Beryl Piggott, Virla Ryan, Lynette Trotman

The meeting was called to order at 11:39 AM, and Rev. Bob Bettson said an opening prayer. Elizabeth Campbell was appointed Vestry Clerk.

Adoption of 2024 Vestry Minutes

There were no changes or corrections to the 2024 Vestry Meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes: Moved by Dave Brown, seconded by Ron Campbell. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Members have no business arising from the Minutes. Rev. Bob Bettson referred members to Canon Tanner's report, but there were no questions on it.

Wardens' Report – Denise Phillips

Denise invited members to ask questions about the Wardens' Report but there were none.

Campus Report – Rhonda Dove

Ron Campbell asked for an update on our appeal of the hydro vault replacement costs. Denise reminded members that Judy Phillips had volunteered to pursue this at the 2024 Vestry Meeting. Denise said that Judy had phoned both Toronto Hydro and our MPP's office. No answer has been received from Toronto Hydro yet, but she warned that the process is long. So the matter is ongoing.

MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Financial Statements – Sanford Eastmond

Sandy told members where to find the financial statements in the Vestry Report. He said that St. John's and St. Mike's have a joint venture with Toronto Beijing Mandarin School, in which the income and expenses are split evenly. The Statement of Financial Position gives a picture of the financial situation of the church as of June 30 2024, which was the end of our last fiscal year. Some explanatory notes can be found at the end of the Financial Statement. Sandy also went over the figures for income, disbursements and opening and closing balances.

Budget 2024 – 2025 – Sanford Eastmond

St. Michael's had a surplus of \$51,612 in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. For the current year the budget shows lower expenses of \$111,500 and lower expenses of \$87,200, leading to an anticipated surplus of \$27,800. St. Michael's is not paying housing expenses for Rev. Bettson, but there were housing expenses for Canon Tanner in the first half of the fiscal year.

Motion to approve the 2024 – 2025 budget – moved by Sanford Eastmond, seconded by Dave Brown. Carried

Reports from Parochial Organizations

Rev. Bettson asked if anyone had questions about any of the reports from parochial organizations. There were no questions. Rev. Bettson then asked if the Men's Fellowship is still active. Joe Bain said that it still exists but is doing less as there are fewer members.

Campus Budget – Rhonda Dove

Rhonda said that Campus met after the Campus Report was written, and had decided to spend money on some more needs. Elizabeth Campbell said these included installing dehumidifiers in both halls, stripping and rewaxing the floors downstairs and washing the walls. Ron Campbell asked about the cost of the dehumidifiers and Rhonda said that each church would pay for the one in its own hall.

MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Rev. Bettson asked about accessibility to the basement. He said the cost of making washrooms wheelchair accessible was covered by a government grant at one of his previous churches. Denise Phillips replied that she has looked into the cost of stair lifts to the basement. The cost was more than Campus could afford, partly because there would have to be one stairlift going up to the worship areas and another down to the basement halls. Joe Bain asked if an elevator was an alternative, but was told that would be even more expensive. Elizabeth Campbell reported on her efforts to get a grant from the Ontario Trillium Fund for upgrades, but our churches do not qualify.

Motion to approve the 2025 Campus budget – moved by Rhonda Dove, seconded by Ron Campbell. Carried.

Appointments and Nominations

Denise said that all those in appointed positions have agreed to continue serving in their present capacity. She then asked if anyone wants to be People's Warden, but no one volunteered.

Juliette Cummins said that she wants to step down as Alternate Synod delegate. Denise asked for someone to replace her. Orville Brathwaite, our Synod delegate, said the alternate rep would not have to attend Synod if Orville himself attends. Ron Campbell said he would take on this position.

Joe Bain will be Member-at-Large to the Parish Advisory Board and will need to attend their meetings.

Orville Brathwaite asked for someone other than Burnett Shaw to lead the Men's Fellowship, but Ron Campbell said that only members of that group can make this change.

Rev. Bettson moved that all nominations be adopted.

MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING - FEBRUARY 2, 2025

New Business

Rev. Bettson said that the Diocese is moving ahead with Cast the Net, which has 20 calls of action for parishes. He suggested the process of envisaging our future that St. Michael's is going through with Janet Marshall could be part of this.

Rev. Bettson also encouraged the vestry to vote in favour of the Diocese's Social Justice Vestry Motion. He explained that the motion criticizes the provincial government for mandating the closure of 10 supervised drug consumption sites and refusing to open any new ones when studies and site workers all say that more sites should be opened. Rev. Bettson said that the Progressive Conservative Party, both federally and provincially, is against these sites but closing them will lead to more overdose deaths. Denise Phillips asked how people could support the motion. Rev. Bettson said it would be helpful to those fighting this government policy to say how many parishes support the motion. Joan Cardozo asked what individuals could do. Rev. Bettson said they can write letters and speak to candidates at the door in the upcoming provincial and federal elections.

Motion to approve the Social Justice Vestry Motion – moved by Sanford Eastmond, seconded by Joe Bain. Carried

Joe Bain asked why the church's garbage containers are often not taken in after garbage day. Elizabeth said that TBMS is supposed to put the containers out and take them back in, and it was agreed at the most recent Campus meeting that Carl Jagassar will speak to Lucy at TBMS.

A motion to adjourn was made by Orville Brathwaite. The meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM with a prayer by Rev. Bettson.

Elizabeth Campbell
Vestry Clerk

INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2026

INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2026

For the period July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

GOSPEL FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2021

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

MATTHEW 5:1-12 NRSV

The Rev'd Ian M. LaFleur
Priest and Pastor,
Interim Priest-in-Charge
St Michael, the Archangel

GREETINGS

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:2)
Welcome to the annual Vestry of St. Michael, the Archangel, Anglican Church.

INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2026

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

It is my privilege to acknowledge, on behalf of our community, that this sacred land is the traditional territory of several Indigenous Nations – the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of the New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the *Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt* treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes peaceably. In the spirit of that treaty, we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

“In the midst of life, we are in death;
From whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.” (BAS p.576)

In remembrance of loved ones who died in 2025, let us pray,
Creator of all,
we pray to you for those we love but see no longer.
We pray for Prince Henry Hunte, George Alfred Husbands, and Zephrah Kim
Silverthorn.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May their souls,
and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
And rise in glory! Amen.

GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART!

“My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,

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and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?" *Canticle of the Turning – Rory Coney*

Well, the world turned in 2025! It turned meaner in my opinion. And yet, in this community and so many others around the globe, the light of welcome, hospitality, cooperation, and love shines in the darkness.

We thank God for Denise, Rhonda, Elizabeth, Waveney, Orville, and the Frs. Vernon, Bob, Richard, and all who, by extraordinary and faithful effort, have helped in the shared life at St. Michael, the Archangel. And I thank God for all of you. For your kind welcome to me and your immense generosity and support over the past seven months, and for all who have adopted me as their son. I am humbled and thankful.

THEN HE BEGAN TO SPEAK AND TEACH THEM.

I teach that Matthew 5-7, often called The Sermon on the Mount, is the mission statement of the Jesus movement. Jesus announces God's will to turn things upside down so that they may be right side up. Blessed are those who are starting from the bottom. God intends to make them equal to those starting from the top. So, if equality and justice are indicative of God's will, then the Church's imperative has always been to be counted among those persecuted for the sake of God's righteousness here on the earth.

I argue that since the Constantinian takeover in the fourth century CE, the Church has been domesticated with an imperial and later colonial theology. A theology which postpones the urgency of Jesus' announcement and displaces the Kingdom of heaven from the earth to the skies, postponing the naked now to not yet.

I argue that the future and health of St Michael the Archangel, and indeed the whole Church, depend on a recovery of the urgency of God's indicative will, and the embodiment of that word, as imperative, for times like these.

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SO, WHAT HAVE WE DONE TOGETHER?

WORSHIP

Worship services were held regularly, and we celebrated all customary festivals. Year C, the year of Luke, concluded with an abridged reading of Luke's Gospel, chapters 1-8 and 21:5-9, on the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. The following Sunday, the Reign of Christ, I took your questions as Preacher in the Hot Seat. Some additional responses were included in subsequent bulletins. I hope that over time, you become increasingly comfortable engaging the Word.

To make it simple to share in worship, Bulletins were revised.

1. To include art related to the texts on the front cover,
2. With an integrated welcome and territorial acknowledgement, and
3. Except for hymns, the entire liturgy is now in the bulletin.

In Advent, after a false start, the Advent Wreath liturgy followed the Welcome. We celebrated Holy Communion on the first three Sundays, while the Fourth Sunday of Advent featured a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Christmas Eve and the First Sunday after Christmas were duly celebrated with Holy Communion.

PASTORAL VISITING

By God's grace, I have visited and shared communion with most of St. Michael's shut-in members.

PREACHING AND TEACHING

For our time together, we have been studying and engaging the Word as a Learning Community. And I am immensely grateful to you all who have been willing to share in this crazy, high-wire act that we accomplish each Sunday by God's grace.

This approach is first catechesis; it is the retelling of the Good News of Jesus the Messiah, as a continuation of and fulfillment of the story of biblical Israel. And most importantly, it is an invitation to see ourselves as a part of that story. We are part of the covenant people, through whom God's light pierces the darkness of this world that is passing away.

INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2026

Catechesis is the instruction and formation in Christian faith. The Greek term *Katēchēsis* signified the original oral teaching of the faith, conveyed by word of mouth from one person to another, often over the course of several months.

In my opinion, the Anglican Church in Canada lives in a catechetical crisis. Many Anglicans are cultural Christians, shaped by colonial theology, with a superficial understanding of the story of salvation, a flimsy grasp of the cost and benefits of baptism, and consequently, an approach to the Church and Christian life as membership in a heaven-bound escape society.

Especially among younger, educated, critical thinkers, this theology is insufficient, and many have rejected it, while remaining deeply aware of the spiritual dimension of life. Colonial theology limits spirituality to worship, prayer, and charitable works. It ignores Jesus' imperative to hunger and thirst for righteousness, now. To disrupt the status quo now. To share with God now, in bringing in the reign of equal rights and justice for all.

So, we are learning in two modes:

1. The indicative, which is the proclamation of God's will for the healing of Creation, and
2. The imperative, which is what God invites us to do in response. It is God's invitation to share in God's mission for the healing of Creation.

I argue that, as the Church is the Body of Christ in the world, reconnecting to Jesus, embracing the risk and urgency of the Gospel, through the renewal of faith, knowledge, experience, and vocation, is crucial for the revitalization of the Church in Canada.

ON THE STATE OF THE PARISH

Beloved, by God's grace, St. Michael the Archangel is in good shape. It is limited by a lack of resources for ministry. Folks, I am told, are tired. And yet, ours is a story of God working through unlikely persons and communities. So I fully expect that when God calls, St Michael the Archangel will respond, "Here we are, Lord, send us!"

This community embodies a tangible joy, one that is both palpable and difficult to put into words. So let me say that I experience joy among you, and my heart smiles whenever I think of you.

INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2026

For all that you are and for all that you do, we give thanks in the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is One. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Fr. Ian M. LaFleur

INTERIM PRIEST IN CHARGE'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2026

The Rev'd Bob Bettson, Interim Priest in Charge

Jan.1 to June 30, 2025

It was an honour to be appointed by the Bishop to serve as interim priest at St. Michael the Archangel following the retirement of the Rev'd Richard Tanner. In the changeover, Richard and I found we had served the same parish decades apart. He was at Church of the Messiah in downtown Toronto in the 1990's and I served as interim priest in charge at Messiah from 2022 to 2024, just before I came to St. Michael the Archangel.

Richard left a legacy of strong leadership, a loving and caring community and vibrant worship. I was blessed with the continuing ministry of Denise and Rhonda, our two wardens, and the Rev'd Vernon Lafleur, our honorary assistant.

Highlights of my time with the parish included Black History Month in February, Holy Week and Easter, and participation in the discernment process in where the parish is heading, in conjunction with Diocesan staff, and the clergy and leadership of St. Paul's L'Amoreaux.

A town hall meeting with Deb Whalen, of the congregational development staff brought the parish together to discuss next steps and pose questions.

I was inspired by the strong and faithful community within the parish, and the willingness to embark on a new journey together with St. Paul's and our Presbyterian brothers and sisters to explore both additional ways of ministering to the community around us with the possibility of a Chinese church plant, and the development of badly needed affordable seniors housing on the large footprint of land the Church is built on.

I was delighted to learn that the Rev'd Ian LaFleur, who I had met when he was newly ordained at Holy Trinity, Thornhill, was appointed to take over for me July 1 as interim. I spent the summer filling in at a number of parishes for summer vacation supply, then was appointed Sept. 1 to be associate interim at St. Mary Magdalene and St. Matthias, Toronto.

I enjoyed coming back to the afternoon Christmas Caroling gathering before Christmas.

Blessings in this new year of 2026.

Bob+

WARDENS' REPORT 2025

Wardens' Report 2025

As 2025 comes to a close we at St. Michael's are excited and filled with hope as to what is to come in the future. We began the year with questions, not really knowing where the future would lead us but with prayer and discernment we can now see a path forward.

With the retirement of Canon Tanner in December 2024, Reverend Bob Bettson was appointed as Interim-Priest-in Charge for a six month period from January 1 to June 30, 2025.

We are grateful for his leadership and support as we went through the process of discernment for our parish. He attended congregational development meetings and his input was positive and inspiring. Rev. Bob continues to stay in contact with our church via periodic messages to the wardens.

Reverend Ian LaFleur assumed the role of Interim-Priest-In-Charge from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. His arrival was highly anticipated and brought a feeling of renewal within the congregation. Parishioners enjoyed his energy and fresh new approach to the gospel, (viewing the gospel through a social justice lens), his ability to engage the congregation through his thought provoking sermons and his joyful singing during worship. Weekly attendance increased during this period. We are also grateful to Rev. Ian for his leadership and invaluable input into our congregational development plans. His contract has been extended to April 30, 2026 as we begin the search for a permanent priest.

We were saddened by the passing of four members of our congregation: Winston Holder, Erla Francis, Prince Hunte, and George Husbands, all of whom were actively involved in the life of St. Michael's over the years. We are also saddened by the passing of Zephrah Silverthorn, the daughter of Effie Campbell, Faye Matthew-Hess, the daughter of Yvette Matthew, and Joseph Bovell, the husband of Cynthia Bovell. We pray for comfort for their families. Rest eternal grant unto them O, Lord.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Congregational Development

This has been a year of growth, excitement and momentum. The Congregational Development Committee began the challenging task of forging a path forward for St. Michael's. What began as a possible partnership between St. Michael's and St. Paul's

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L'Amoreaux in the areas of ministry and programming, blossomed into exploring a Senior's Housing and Community Centre development like the one they have at St. Paul's. Should this development be possible, the partnership could last at least 10 years. This proposal was put forth to the congregation at a Town Hall Meeting in May where parishioners were given the opportunity to address all of their concerns, the biggest being the closure of our church. After much discussion and the assurance that the intention was not to close but to seek growth through addition, the proposal was voted on and accepted with enthusiasm by the congregation. The hope is to build a legacy of ministry and service to our neighbours as we experience decline in membership.

As part of our future plans we also reached out to our neighbours at St. John's regarding partnership between our two churches in ministry and social activities. We are hopeful that this can be achieved in the new year. St. John's congregation was also informed of our plans regarding the above mentioned project and we are awaiting a formal response from the Presbytery.

Parishioners were given the opportunity to express their ideas about the qualities they would like to see in our new priest. All ideas were collated to provide a guideline to create a parish priest profile. The search for a new priest will begin in January 2026. The congregational development team will continue to work with St. Paul's L'Amoreaux in the new year to implement proposed plans.

“Where all are welcomed”

The Corporation, in conjunction with Congregational Development Team, recognized in January 2025 that changes were required to present a more welcoming atmosphere to visitors.

Ronald Campbell accepted the role of site coordinator for the SMTA website, succeeding Canon Tanner. The redesigned website reflects our understanding of the audience by offering user-friendly links that make it easy to find information. The coordinator regularly monitors the website to ensure all content remains relevant and current. The welcome statement on <http://www.smta.ca> presents the image we aim to convey to visitors.

Orville Brathwaite provided weekly updates through the electronic bulletin board for our members and the broader community. These messages consistently reinforced our

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presence and purpose as Christians. Updates included information about church events and the Christian calendar, along with reminders about periods of reflection in the Anglican liturgy.

Under the leadership of Denise Phillips, in collaboration with the Chair of Goldhawk Campus, the corporation worked throughout the year to enhance the welcoming environment at St. Michael the Archangel. Improvements included upgrading the entryway doors and repainting both the narthex and the basement to add warmth and appeal.

Finances

Our financial situation is favourable at this time. We continue to be grateful for your continued support. Expenses have been reduced since we do not currently have a permanent priest.

Jamaica Hurricane Relief

After the devastating destruction of Hurricane Melissa in October, we felt compelled to assist our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. We began a Relief campaign which lasted for a month. The total amount collected was \$2005. We will be putting forward a motion at Vestry to have the Church match the donations to a maximum of \$2000. All proceeds will be sent to the Jamaican Canadian Association as voted on by the congregation. In 2026 we would like to explore other ways that St. Michael's can make an impact in the area of Outreach to those less fortunate in our community, and welcome any ideas you may have.

Thank you to all heads of committees and those parishioners working behind the scenes, for their continued commitment to support our parish life. All of your time and efforts are appreciated as we work together for the glory of God. We ask for your continued prayers for our church and leaders as we work to revitalize our parish and bring new ministry and parishioners, with the hope of seeing our church standing strong and vibrant in the not too distant future.

Respectfully submitted,
The Wardens
Denise Phillips, Rhonda Dove, Waveney Greaves, Elizabeth Campbell

FINANCIAL REPORT 2024-2025

Financial Report 2024-2025

The following provides an overview of the financial activity for St. Michael the Archangel for the year ending June 30, 2025.

We received a total income of **\$122,644** which included \$73,803 from offering, \$6750.00 from Rental Income, bequest of \$5000.00, \$36,868.00 from invested funds and \$223.00 from Fundraising, and Sundry.

Expenses of **\$94,695** included Personnel Costs, priest's housing expenses as well as Mission, Administration, Repair and Maintenance, Ministry and Worship.

Also realized was a surplus of **\$27,947**.

The following is the value of our Investment Funds as at June 30, 2025 as listed below. The amount of \$20,000 was deposited to the Unrestricted fund from surplus funds in the Operating account. This accounts for the significant increase in the Unrestricted Fund.

	June 2025	June 2024
Unrestricted Funds:	\$92,047	\$63,509
Restricted Funds	\$13,677	\$12,157
Contingency Fund	<u>\$ 10,940</u>	<u>\$ 9,725</u>
	\$ 116,664	\$85,391

2026 Budget

We are once again projecting a surplus for the upcoming fiscal year. Please note Unrestricted investment funds will be used if necessary to offset budgeted expenses.

The Wardens

PROPOSED SMTA OPERATING BUDGET FOR YEAR 2025 - 2026

Proposed SMTA Operating Budget for Year 2025 - 2026

Revenue	ACTUAL	BUDGET/ESTIMATE
	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>June 30, 2026</u>
Offertory Envelope/Open	\$ 73,803	\$ 75,000
Rental Income	\$ 6,750	\$ 7,000
Bequest	\$ 5,000	\$ 00
Fund Raising Activity	\$ 215	\$ 200
Trust Investment/Net	\$ 36,868	\$ 36,000
Sundry Revenue	<u>8</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 122,644	\$ 118,300
 Expenses/Disbursement:		
*Personnel	\$ 57,888	\$ 74,000
Mission	\$ 12,757	\$ 14,000
Ministry	\$ 2,301	\$ 2,500
*Priest housing	\$ 11,154	\$ 00
Administration	\$ 9,201	\$ 7,000
**Goldhawk Campus/Distribution Net	(\$ 1,394)	(\$ 2,000)
Fund Raising	\$ 00	\$ 800
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 00	\$ 1,500
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$ 00</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>
Total Expense	\$ 94,695	\$ 101,500
*Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 27,947	\$ 16,800

*Priest Housing Cost for upcoming fiscal year is reflected in Personnel Cost.

**The above deficit of \$1,394 reflects half of Campus Operating loss of \$2,788.

CAMPUS REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

Campus Report for Year 2025

A review of the activities and events of the Goldhawk Campus Committee for the year ending December 31, 2025.

ADMINISTRATION:

The board consisted of the usual eight members - 4 members from each Church.

St John's Presbyterian Church: Carl Jagassar (Chair), Albert Suphal (Secretary), John Smith and Rev. Ken Ramkeesoon.

St Michael The Archangel: Rhonda Dove (Treasurer), Denise Phillips (Co-ordinator), Waveney Greaves and Elizabeth Campbell.

The date of our virtual meetings was changed to the last Tuesday of each month. In the summer months meetings are not held, except if an emergency arose warranting a unified decision.

The main source of income continues to be from our tenant, Toronto Beijing Mandarin School (TBMS). The temporary agreement of monthly adjustments to the school's rent of \$4,167 (\$50K Yearly) remains in place. TBMS also pays 50% of the utility bills.

FINANCE:

Detailed financial statement/accounts are recorded by Rhonda Dove in the monthly Treasurer's report.

SNOW REMOVAL & GRASS CUTTING:

We have an outside contractor that we hired for snow removal and TBMS school pays 50% of the seasonal cost. We also hired a contractor for seasonal grass cutting, which is paid for entirely by Campus.

CAMPUS REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

JANITORIAL:

After a meeting with TBMS School, the principal agreed that they will pay \$600 dollars per month, and Campus will pay \$200 per month to get the entire basement of both churches cleaned 24 days each month. We are now in the process of negotiating with the same cleaner to get both churches cleaned upstairs as well, and to stop the \$200 funding from Campus to help TBMS School.

Listed below briefly is what makes the Campus Team Tick:

John Smith makes sure all the fire alarms are tested, and the furnace and air conditioners are maintained annually.

Waveney Greaves looks after any small washroom jobs, door locks, and leaking pipes. He does the repairs on his own, just by his weekly walk around.

Albert Suphal is our Campus Secretary and thinks outside of the box with recommendations for any undertaking.

Rev Ken Rakeesson always keeps the team in sync with his spiritual guidance. That helps us achieve any new undertaking and make decisions in the interest of both Churches.

Denise Phillips continues to be Coordinator of the board. She always looks at the big picture and provides added value.

Rhonda Dove, beside being the Campus Treasurer, is also the Zoom Host who provides the link for our monthly virtual meeting. Very methodical, in her role, the information she provides is correct.

Elizabeth Campbell, who has the passion for gardening, looks after planting the front gardens. She has some great volunteers to help her beautify the front of the building every summer.

CAMPUS REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

What we did as a Team in 2025:

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

While the physical structure of the church's building internally and externally is in good condition, the recurring problem of water seepage in the basement area continues.

The octagon skylight of St John's Church was caulked again with addition of plastic guards to take the water away from the walls, so that the water cannot seep through to the basement. This repair seems to be working.

The parking lot lines were repainted.

The entire back doors were replaced.

The skylight and part of the roof between the 2 sanctuaries were repaired to stop water seepage into St Michael the Archangel sanctuary.

The entire narthex hallway and both washrooms upstairs were repainted.

Dehumidifiers were installed in both halls downstairs.

Four electric heaters to provide heat for our tenant and her students were replaced.

Carl Jagassar (Chair)

2026 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR GOLDHAWK CHURCH CAMPUS

2026 Proposed Operating Budget for Goldhawk Church Campus

	2025 Proposed	2025 Actual	2026 Proposed	
Expense:				
Utilities - Water	1336.40	1591.90	1630.11	Assumes inflation increase*
Utilities - Garbage	0.00		0.00	Assumes inflation increase*Charitable organization fees are waived
Utilities - Gas	6906.28	7576.96	7758.81	Assumes inflation increase*
Utilities - Electricity	7153.69	7908.13	8097.93	Assumes inflation increase*
Utilities - Internet	1117.22	1084.68	1110.71	Contract effective until July 2025 (\$90.39*12); effective August 2025 increase to \$107.34
Insurance - Umbrella liability package and service fee				
Insurance Premiums	8805.76	9315.00	9538.56	Annual payment direct to AON Assumes inflation increase*
Snow Clearing	5339.25	8661.45	8869.32	Based on negotiated with affiliate to \$1067.85+ tax per month * 5mths plus inflation
Building Repair & Mtce.	20000.00	43603.27	20000.00 3000.00	***2026 - Front door repairs; 2025 maintenance included back doors, window repairs, Narthex painting; plus other repairs
Building camera				Camera replacement 2026
Annual Cleaning expense	2000.00		2000.00	Expected annual cleaning as a landlord responsibility (floor stripping excl)
Cleaning Services	6000.00	7947.22	6600.00 0.00	Cost with negotiation to new service provided cleaning and supplies (\$550.00 per month); TBMS will pay for basement cleaning
Cleaning Supplies	278.76	599.17		New service provider - cleaning supplies included in monthly payment;
Fire Protection	669.24	864.34	885.08	Assumes inflation increase*
Copier Servicing	289.43	489.50	501.25	Assumes inflation increase*
Copier Replacement			3500.00	Refurbish asset - Best Buy researched prices
Office Supplies	0.00		0.00	No changes
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	Fees reversed; additional fees incurred for new cheques not expected for this financial period
Additional maintenance				Actual 2025 cost for maintenance; Basement Restoration, Parking lot; Replacement doors. All cost for maintenance reflected in Building
Building Inspection	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	Repair and Maintenance
Misc.	N/A	N/A	4000.00	Diocesan Building Stewardship Policy; inspection every 10 years
Total Expense:	1760.27	1709.00	1750.02	Assumes inflation increase*
Income:				
Investment Returns	2519.50	2446.12	2084.27	Investment gains/losses are not included in income total
Rental Income	50004.00	45837.00	50004.00	Assume 12 month's rent at \$4167/mth & 12 mths re-negotiated rate
Renters contbrtn to Utilities	9196.74	9236.94	9514.05	Assume 5 mths @ \$1200/mth with snow clearing, increase
Parking				Enbridge/Toronto Hydro & 7 mths @ \$400/mth
GST/HST Rebate	3527.75	3425.00	3527.75	
St. John's	0.00	0.00	0.00	Contribution to Goldhawk Campus**
St. Mike's	0.00	0.00	0.00	Contribution to Goldhawk Campus**

2026 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR GOLDHAWK CHURCH CAMPUS

Total Income:	65247.99	60945.06	65130.07
Projected Surplus/Deficit:	1591.68	-31144.65	-16868.54

Notes: Inflation rate 2.4% and

**Annual contribution to Goldhawk Campus from churches waived for 2023 to 2025, pending review by Campus

ENVELOPE SECRETARY REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

Envelope Secretary Report for Year 2025

Reporting Period

Fiscal Year : July 01, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Calendar Year January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Fiscal Year Envelope Donations for the reporting period listed above is \$75,282.98

Calendar Year Envelope Donations for the reporting period listed above is \$77,780.61

Number of Active Envelopes in 2025 remained constant at 57.

This report is based on the documented weekly envelope Offerings, donations and contributions received by the church wardens for the 2024 / 2025 fiscal year, and the 2025 calendar year. The number of active envelopes remained relatively constant. Although some parishioners are unable to attend church to worship due to the challenges of ill health, they continue to make their envelope donations.

Donations can also be made electronically. Kindly speak to the Wardens if you are interested.

There were also some donations where the donor's names were missing on their envelopes. Kindly speak to me or the Wardens regarding this.

In 2025 there was a Fundraising drive for the Jamaican Hurricane Relief.

2024 Envelope givings: \$79,272.50

2025 Envelope givings: \$77,780.61

Jamaican Hurricane Relief: \$2255.90

ENVELOPE SECRETARY REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

We returned to ordering new envelopes for 2026, so all parishioners should have new parochial envelopes for 2026. It's always helpful to write your name on your envelope. It adds another layer of tracking and documentation of your Givings. You may also continue to indicate in writing where you wish to direct your donation.

Please note if you have made contributions through Canada Help, you will receive a tax receipt for your donations from the Canada Help administration.

Please contact the Church Wardens or myself regarding any questions about envelopes or any discrepancy in amounts reported on your 2025 Tax Receipts.

St. Michaels gratefully acknowledges your continued financial support.
May you be Blessed with abundant Goodness for 2026.

Submitted by: Wayne Applewhite

Envelope Secretary

SCREENING IN FAITH COORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR 2025

Screening in Faith Coordinator's Report for 2025

Our parish has continued its commitment to fostering a safe, and welcoming environment for all who participate in our ministries. As part of this commitment, all Police Record Check renewals for individuals serving in designated High Risk ministry positions for 2025 have been completed. In addition, every person in these roles has successfully completed the online Sexual Misconduct Policy training introduced by the Diocese in 2022.

The Responsible Ministry: Screening in Faith process has continued to evolve. As stated in Section 1.1 of the Screening in Faith Policy, “Ministry—paid or volunteer—is a privilege.” With this understanding, the Diocese has implemented several administrative processes to ensure that all ministry roles are carried out responsibly and with appropriate oversight.

For those wishing to learn more about the policy or review the guidelines in detail, the full Screening in Faith Policy is available on the Diocesan website.

Submitted by
Hazel Ward
Screening in Faith Coordinator

SYNOD REPORT FOR VESTRY YEAR 2025

Synod Report for Vestry Year 2025

The Diocese of Toronto's 163rd Regular Session of Synod held Nov. 7-8 at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North hotel in Richmond Hill.

Here are some of the highlights from the first day

Synod starts with Eucharist and Bishop's Charge

Synod started with a worship service that included a land acknowledgement and the Bishop's Charge. In his Charge, Bishop Andrew Asbil spoke about the Diocese being on a pilgrimage since the COVID-19 pandemic. Inspired by John 21 and the Cast the Net visioning process, the Diocese and parishes are engaging with the 20 Calls, which were unanimously endorsed by Synod in 2023. The calls focus on four areas of mission and ministry: renewing spirituality; inspiring faith in action; reimagining ministry; and transforming diocesan culture. Bishop Asbil gave examples of how the calls are being lived out. Initiatives include the Season of Creation's 40 workshops and five Lift Up Our Hearts services; St. George, Grafton providing food and funding to a Habitat for Humanity build; St. Stephen in-the-Field, Toronto supporting the homeless; the Diocese hiring a DEI advisor; hybrid ministry; and regionalization. He thanked the clergy and deacons, Synod Office staff, the chancellor and his wife Mary. "My love for you grow day by day," he told them.

Consent Agenda approved

Synod approved the Consent Agenda for the 163rd Regular Session of Synod. It includes several non-controversial items that are grouped together. It can be found in Section A of the Convening Circular, pages 17-18, and is also on the Synod platform under Documents.

Synod Council's Report to Synod presented

The honorary secretaries presented Synod Council's Report to Synod, which can be found in Section B of the Convening Circular and on the Synod platform. The report outlines the work done by Synod Council between Synods. It covers activities from July 2023 to June 2025. During that time, the Synod Council had 17 meetings, including one in-person meeting and eight email polls. Highlights of the council's work included: the Cast the Net

SYNOD REPORT FOR VESTRY YEAR 2025

Working Group has completed its mandate and a new group, the Netminders, has been formed to tend to Cast the Net's vision and its 20 Calls; the Areas and Area Council Working Group continues its work and will make a presentation at this at Synod; Synod Council continued to do its work between Synods – approving Cast and Learn grants, MAF grants and Stretch grants, and continuing to work with the Human Resources, Finance, Risk and Governance and Property committees as they support ministry in the Diocese.

Synod thanks bishop

Archdeacon Cheryl Palmer, speaking on behalf of Synod members, thanked Bishop Asbil for his leadership. Bishop Asbil is now in the eighth year of his episcopacy. “Our love for you increases day by day,” she said. Synod gave Bishop Asbil a standing ovation.

Call and Response Moment

After lunch, Synod enjoyed a Call and Response Moment, which shows how churches and groups in the Diocese are responding to Cast the Net's 20 calls to action. In this moment, Synod members watched a video about the Durham Region Migrant Workers Ministry. The work shown in the video reflects calls 4,7,9,10 and 13.

Reconciliation Land Tithe extended

Synod approved Motion #2, which commits to a continuation of the Reconciliation Land Tithe through Synod 2027. The motion reads as follows: “It is moved and seconded that, whereas the Diocese of Toronto is committed to upholding our sacred obligations to reconciliation, we commit to a continuation of the Reconciliation Land Tithe through Synod 2027. With the oversight of the Reconciliation Land Tithe Committee and Synod Council, we will continue to commit the balance of the MAF tithe (on a rolling basis) for the purpose of Indigenous-led initiatives. The extension of Motion 12 (2021) from 2026 forward to 2027 will support Synod Council and the Reconciliation Land Tithe Committee so that, in 2027, a new motion may be presented that embeds permanent funding for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples into the life of our Church.”

SYNOD REPORT FOR VESTRY YEAR 2025

The Rev. Samantha Caravan and the Rev. Leigh Kern of the Reconciliation Land Tithe Committee spoke about the work of the committee and the funds that have been distributed to date.

Housekeeping changes approved

Synod approved Motion #3, dealing with housekeeping changes to the Constitution and Canons. The motion can be found in Section E of the Convening Circular.

Breakout sessions focus on 20 Calls

After the Netminders presentation, Synod members went into 50-minute breakout groups to talk about the calls and what their parishes were doing. Most of the sessions dealt with more than one call. The hope was to begin ongoing conversations across the diocese about the calls. Highlights from these gatherings will inform the Netminders' as they focus on efforts moving forward.

Prayers end day

The evening ended with night prayers by members of the Bishop's Youth Ministry Committee.

Saturday: Synod resumes

Synod resumed on Nov. 8 with a pre-recorded musical reflection from St. James, Orillia and Morning Prayer led by the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine. Cdr (Ret) the Rev. Carol Bateman and Major (Ret) the Rev. Murray Bateman led an Act of Remembrance. Today is Indigenous Veterans Day. The ceremony included the laying of a Remembrance wreath.

Bishop speaks about support for Jamaica

Bishop Asbil spoke about the devastation caused by the hurricane that recently hit Jamaica. He said the Diocese will work with Alongside Hope and other agencies to provide support, and he encouraged parishes to assist as well. Details will be available on the Diocese's website in the coming days. "Please keep the people of Jamaica in your prayers," he said.

Bishop Asbil reflects

Bishop Asbil thanked the Rev. Canon Lisa Newland and presented her with a gift, as she

SYNOD REPORT FOR VESTRY YEAR 2025

was stepping down as honorary clerical secretary of Synod, a position she has held since 2021. Constance Kendall, ODT, and the Rev. Jason Prisley, honorary clerical secretary, were elected for the ensuing two-year term. In his closing remarks, he said, “We leave this Synod as a community knitted and woven together in the presence always of a loving God who calls us to take that journey in faith knowing that God will always listen, will always be present, and can always be found. You are such a rich blessing in every community in which you live and move and have your being, and may God bless and keep you. Know the love that I have for you in this Diocese, and I know the love that you have for me. I will pray for you; please pray for me. Pray for our bishops; we covet those prayers, Sunday by Sunday, and we will pray for you.”

Synod concludes

Synod concluded with prayers.

PS: I did not attend Synod. These are excerpts taken from the DIOCESE OF TORONTO website where more information can be found.

Synod rep: Orville Brathwaite

MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO VESTRY FOR 2025

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Highlights:

- We have developed “Praise Time” repertoire before the service. Contemporary worship songs have picked up well before the service. Congregation members sing along to gospel and contemporary worship songs before the start of service. This is a great way for the people to actively get involved in the music, as well as expand worship repertoire. Every week we sing and learn 2 new songs. For Praise Time, I purchased extra sheet music on behalf of the church.
- For Men’s Fellowship Sunday, Thanksgiving and Mother’s Day, the choir members selected, rehearsed and sang special songs for the occasion. This required many rehearsals, but served as a wonderful bonding opportunity!
- For additional occasions in the case of funerals I rehearsed and accompanied songs with guest musicians.
- We have a Christmas Carols evening where, congregation members choose Christmas carols to sing, and I accompany on the piano

Objectives for the Future:

- To further develop the music part of worship, I had ideas on introducing simple percussion musical instruments. Which congregation members could join in with during “Praise Time”
- I also wanted to look into having special hymn or worship song performances done by volunteers from the congregation. Perhaps once per month. This will help make the service more engaging and will involve the community more into music making.
- Always on the lookout for youth and younger crowd. I am thinking of getting young people more involved in the church community. If any youth already play a musical instrument, we can prepare an instrumental song. Or, sing a worship song. Getting the youth engaged is very important to the future of our community.

Lada Lagover
Music Director

CHANCEL GUILD REPORT 2025

Chancel Guild Report 2025

The Chancel Guild would like to thank the head of our group, Mrs. Effie Campbell, for her support and outstanding leadership over the years.

Unfortunately, she has been unable to attend services in person for the latter half of last year, but she continued to nurture and guide the group up to the current time.

The Chancel Guild assists the priest with the procedures pertaining to the Altar.

A big thank you to all the members for working together so well to form a cohesive team to prepare the Altar for weekly worship and special celebrations throughout the year.

Thank you and may God bless us all.

Yvette Matthew

SIDESPERSON'S REPORT FOR 2025

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A formal organization of Sidesperson teams is not currently deemed necessary. Sidesperson duties in 2025 were performed successfully by available volunteers at the services. The volunteers were led by Dave Brown when he was present, and by other experienced sidespersons who stepped up as needed at other times. Most of the duties were performed by Dave Brown, Delores Layne, Ron Campbell and Joe Bain. A few others assisted on occasion.

This pattern will continue until it no longer meets the needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Brown

HOSPITALITY REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

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We continue to keep this Ministry alive by catering to our members every second Sunday in the month.

We changed the dates from each Sunday to the second Sunday in the month, as we found it worked better because our team would head straight to the kitchen on Sunday mornings even though some of us are involved in other ministries, i.e Chancel Guild. This ministry is one that entails lots of work.

There will be Sundays, when we will have to cancel this fellowship, as both Juliette and myself are on the Outreach Committee, and on those Sundays, we are working with other churches providing necessities for the homeless or Refugees.

We very much appreciate the donations received from members of the congregation, and thank them.

If on any given Sunday, any member/members who would like to host coffee hour for a specific occasion, i.e. birthday, anniversary, or any other event, they are quite welcome to do so, please let us know in advance.

We really appreciate the help we get from members who will stay and support us in the cleaning up of the kitchen and the room where the food is served, because many hands make light work, and we must leave these rooms clean and in order, for the school who will be using them on Monday mornings, and during the week.

We look forward to enjoying this fellowship with you in the coming year. We do miss those who are no longer with us, and those who are unable to be with us here at church, and wish them well.

Judy Brewster

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

Outreach Committee Report for Year 2025

God of mercy, see those who are lost and without shelter; wrap them in your protection, provide for their needs and guide them to safety and hope.

Out Of the Cold 2025

The Outreach Committee continues to host the Out of the Cold lunch program for the homeless at ACSA.

The Committee prepared and delivered 200 assorted sandwiches including vegetarian sandwiches, assorted salads, fresh fruit salad, juices boxes, desserts and snacks on January 12, February 9 and March 9, 2025 to the ACSA Community Food Centre.

The Out of The Cold Shelter Mixer Barbeque, June 27, 2025

The St Michael Outreach committee, along with Knox United Church, Agincourt Baptist Out of The Cold Committee and the Ismaili Civic Organization jointly hosted the Out of the Cold Mixer Barbeque on June 27, 2025. About 130 homeless men attended this event at the Salvation Army Holiday Inn Express at 50 Estate Drive in Scarborough.

3rd Annual Knights Inn Mixer, September 27th, 2025

On this date St Michael Outreach Committee, Agincourt Baptist Church, Knox United Church Out of The Cold Committee and the Ismaili Civic Organization hosted the 3rd annual Out of The Cold Shelter Mixer at the Knight's Inn for refugees.

The committee served samosas, beef and chicken patties, boxed juices, mandarin oranges and ice cream.

There were donations of new and slightly used clothing, winter coats, shoes and socks for the residents to choose from. Care packages were handed out, donated by Hope World Way, also a raffle and door prizes.

The DJ played a mixture of African music.

The event was enjoyable.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT FOR YEAR 2025

October 13, 2025

St Michael the Archangel Anglican Church held its annual Thanksgiving Harvest service. An assortment of fresh vegetables was donated to the Harvest by the members of the church.

All the fresh produce was donated to two Shelters:

Rosalee Hall, home for single unwed mothers, and

Dr. Roz's Healing Place for Women.

Christmas Dinner 2025 Out of the Cold Shelter Mixer, December 13, 2025

On this date St Michael's Outreach Committee, Agincourt Baptist Church, Knox United Church Outreach Committee and the Ismaili Civic Organization hosted Christmas dinner at the Salvation Army Holiday Inn Express for 130 men. This was the first time that the Inn was set up for this occasion.

The menu: roast turkey/ stuffing, mashed potatoes, roasted carrots, lasagna, assorted pies and cakes.

New and slightly used clothing, boutique door prices, raffle and care packages were given out. The residents loved the set up and the ambiance, and the Christmas music.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to help and put a smile on the faces of those homeless men who enjoyed that scrumptious dinner.

Committee Members and Volunteers:

Juliette Cummins, Yvette Matthew, Monica Lewis, Fr. Ian LaFleur, Judy Brewster, Carol Hicks, Elizabeth Campbell, Shawnetta Cummings, Hazel Ward

Thank you

Juliette Cummins (Chairperson)

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT FOR YEAR 2025



Christmas Dinner Mixer



Christmas Dinner Mixer



Knights Inn Mixer



Knights Inn Mixer



Holiday Inn Barbeque



Holiday Inn Barbeque

GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

Garden Committee Report 2025

Once again last year the church gardens were cared for by Carol Hicks, our neighbour Al Roffey and myself. We all worked together on the spring planting, but without Carol's help with the watering and weeding and Al's help with deadheading, the gardens would not have looked nearly as nice as they did.

At the beginning of the season, we did a lot of weeding of the garden outside St. Michael's sanctuary, which had not been cared for since the member from St. John's who used to look after it passed away. As it is very difficult to drag a hose over to water that garden, we reduced the size of that garden by sodding over some of the front. The sod took quite well until the hot spell last August.

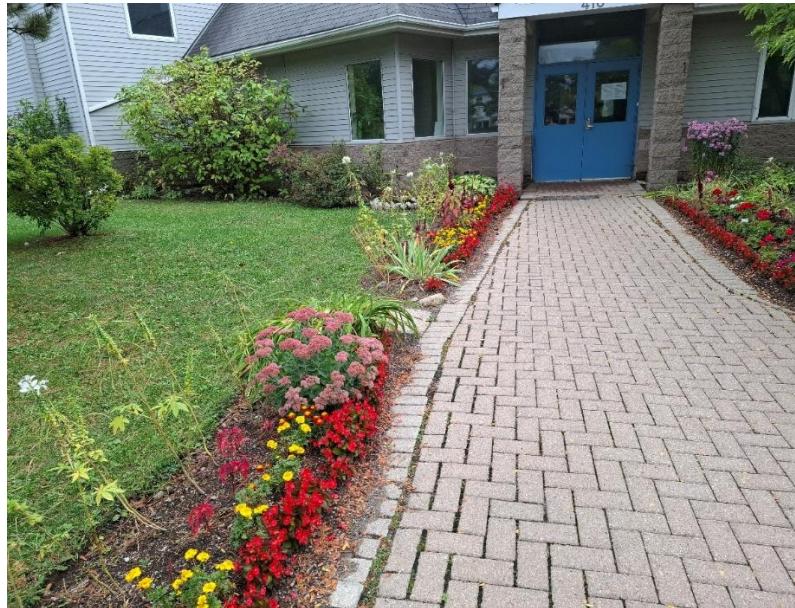
We planted the gardens along the front walk in stages in mid-May. The plan for last summer was spider flowers in the back, marigolds in the middle and begonias at the front of the garden south of the walk, and begonias and coleus around the locust tree. The flowers on the north side of the front walk were the same as those to the south, except that we planted geraniums in the middle. Most of the geraniums were ones that the three of us had propagated at our homes beginning in March. Carol also planted some cockscomb seeds she had saved the previous fall. Most of the flowers did quite well. Al planted a few native plants in the grass beyond the northwest corner of the parking lot.

We left the flowers in the gardens as long as possible in the fall. Once most of the annuals had been dug out, we put compost and topsoil on the gardens, including the ones outside the Presbyterian sanctuary. More daffodils bulbs were planted. Also, we transplanted a few perennials from my home garden at the back of the gardens along the front walk. This was an experiment, to see if plants that far from the walk could survive the sidewalk salt.

GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

Our last task was leaf raking. Unfortunately, the first snow came before we could finish this job and it only melted after the last leaf pickup day. So that will be our first job in spring 2026.

Elizabeth Campbell



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT FOR 2025

Men's Fellowship Report for 2025

This report is for the vestry on behalf of the Men's fellowship of St. Michael The Archangel Anglican church. The Men's Fellowship began in the year 1994, which makes it thirty two years functioning. It had a membership of thirty one members at its peak.

On Christ The King Sunday which is held in November, the fellowship make themselves present dressed in their dress code; dark suit, white shirt with red bow tie.

During the Reign of Christ service on November 23, 2025 we presented the song "Mary Did You Know?" with the accompaniment of our organist Lada Lagover. We were blessed to have Rosalyn Ramsay play the role of Mary and recite a poem. It was a success.

As proven over the years with all our endeavours as a Men's fellowship group, the Ladies of the church must be counted as our greatest support. Many of our plans would have never materialized in the grand way they did if it were not for the ladies. Thanks again to you ladies.

To my brothers and sisters of St. Michael, it's conspicuous that our membership has dwindled drastically, as in 2025 we lost three more of our members: Winston Holder, one of the founding members and first President of the Men's Fellowship, Prince Hunte and George Husbands. May the Good Lord make peace with their souls. Yet we still maintain the same heart and togetherness, so when the time comes for us to play our part we will, obviously not in the same way but in some small way we will. Our heart is still there to make what little difference we can.

This fellowship, or this ship had one captain from the time it set sail in 1994. It is fair to say that no one on or in this ship could have dreamt that it would still be afloat today. You see the captain of this ship or fellowship is Jesus and we know when Jesus is at the helm he will calm the storm.

So let us go on with confidence in our scarcity, never losing hope that our captain is asleep. He will direct us as He has done over the many years and point us in the direction where He will take us and take care of us.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT FOR 2025

Let fear be gone from thee
The sun will rise and the stars will cluster
They will be no vision of scarcity
The birds will chart their courses then we'll wonder

Let the wondering of tomorrow never block the sun
Or steal our wishes, from wishing on a star
In the palm of His hand lay your head
And dream dreams of comfort on a prayerful bed

Joseph Bain

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2025

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“Are not all Angels ministering spirits sent to serve?”

Hebrews 1:14

This fundraising group is blessed with members who serve this congregation willingly.

The efforts of the committee were impacted by the Covid pandemic and the reduction in our Church membership. Our last official meeting before this year was held in October 2023.

This year 2025 we reconvened and held our Annual Corn Roast and Bake Sale on September 28th. The event was a great success: it was well supported by our Church members and we also noticed some new neighborhood families joining us. We saw a profit of over seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars.

Our members remain faithful and dedicated we also welcome member Shawnetta Cummings to the group.

We thank our Interim Priest-in-Charge Fr. Ian LaFleur for his attendance and support. God's continued blessing.

Submitted by: Dave Brown

Fundraising Chair.

2025 MOMENTS IN TIME



40TH ANNIVERSARY POEM

40th Anniversary Poem

A POEM TO MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF OUR BUILDING

40 YEARS IN GOD'S HOUSE

*Take your place in the Lord's house,
Worship with us a while,
Let us embrace you with the warmth of*

*our honest hearts,
Like a mother to her child.
We could not greet you with
a chorus of Angels,
Or seat you in pews that boast
cathedrals pride,*

*We dare not say we are clothed in perfection
Or within these walls all the ills of the*

world have died.

*But for forty years right here we are celebrating Jesus
The years have blazed across the sky like a lengthy day*

*filled with memories, let me say
Our souls found a home here, friends became family*

*Our prayers and chosen hymns
Greeted Sunday mornings
As we gathered beneath this cross,
Right here, Right here.*

40TH ANNIVERSARY POEM

*We brought our children to Jesus upon this alter
Like sparkling stars they will never fall, or falter
They will carry the Gospel light and its teaching
And the memory of this church will be ever so far reaching.
But together, let's proclaim God's Holy name
Reach beyond that which binds us to the dark,
Lay our weaknesses to rest,
Doubtful days and uncertain nights
let us be strong at best.*

The thunder in our hymns are now few and far between

*And changes hang over our heads,
Like burnt out chandeliers*

*But we must go on thanking God in the morning
Though our numbers are dwindling
And loved ones are leaving
Don't take your eyes off the cross*

Shine your light, which have shone here for forty years

*It's the light of Christ, pass it on.
40 YEARS IN GOD'S HOUSE*

By Joseph Bain

May 25, 2025

2025 CHURCH INFORMATION

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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

DIOCESE OF TORONTO

CENTRAL ARCHDEACONY

Oversight Bishop	Diocesan Bishop Andrew Asbil
Oversight Archdeacon	Archdeacon Theodore Hunt
Regional Dean – Scarborough Deanery	The Rev. Canon Greg Carpenter
Interim Priest in Charge – Jan 1 – June 30	The Rev. Bob Bettson
Interim Priest in Charge – July 1 – Dec. 31	The Rev. Ian LaFleur
Honorary Assistant	The Rev. Vernon LaFleur
Rector's Warden	Rhonda Dove
People's Warden	Denise Phillips
Deputy People's Warden	Waveney Greaves
Deputy Rector's Warden	Elizabeth Campbell
Organist/Music Director	Lada Lagover
Secretary	Lyn Thiffault
Treasurer	Sanford Eastmond
Envelope Secretary	Wayne Applewhite
Screening in Faith Coordinator	Hazel Ward
Outreach Coordinator	Juliette Cummins
Sidespersons Coordinator	Dave Brown
Chancel Guild Convenor	Effie Campbell
Fundraising/Social Convenor	Dave Brown
Hospitality Ministry	Judy Brewster
Lay Synod Representative	Orville Brathwaite
Men's Fellowship Convenor	Burnett Shaw
Advisory Board Member at Large	Joseph Bain

APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS FOR YEAR 2026

Appointments and Nominations for Year 2026

APPOINTMENTS

Rector's Warden –	Rhonda Dove
Deputy Rector's Warden -	Elizabeth Campbell
Wardens Emeritus –	Ron Campbell
Treasurer –	Sanford Eastmond
Envelope Secretary –	Wayne Applewhite
Screening in Faith Coordinator –	Hazel Ward
Outreach Coordinator –	Juliette Cummins
Sidespersons –	Dave Brown
Chancel Guild Convenor -	Yvette Matthew & Ann Bain
Fundraising - Social Convenor –	Dave Brown
Hospitality Ministry –	Judy Brewster
Men's Fellowship –	Joseph Bain

NOMINATIONS

People's Warden –	Denise Phillips
Deputy People's Warden –	Waveney Greaves
Lay Synod Member-	Orville Brathwaite
Alternate Synod Member -	Ron Campbell
Member at Large (Advisory Board) –	Orville Brathwaite