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ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
March 1, 2026

The Annual Meeting of the Vestry of Church of the Holy Wisdom

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 12 pm

**Location:
The Church of St Jude (Wexford)
10 Howarth Avenue
Scarborough**

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All vestry members of the parish are earnestly requested
to be in attendance at the Vestry Meeting.

AGENDA

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The College of Bishops Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2026

to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting

To the clergy, churchwardens and parishioners of the Diocese of Toronto:

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

"So they cast [the net], and now they were not able to haul it in because of the quantity of fish." – John 21:6

God's goodness to the Diocese of Toronto amazes us every day. As your bishops, it is our joy and privilege to bear witness to the rich blessings, the varied gifts, the talents and skills, the sacrificial generosity, and the deep faithfulness of the Body of Christ in this Diocese. Every parish and community, and the many devoted Anglicans who make them up, inspire us. It has been a natural response for us to "Lift Up Our Hearts" in a spirit of gratitude and encouragement in 2025.

The very first Call of our [Cast the Net visioning process](#) was a Season of Spiritual Renewal. We heard over and over again that our Diocese is hungry to know and love God more deeply. During the season, more than 40 workshops were offered, geared to priests, deacons, lay leaders and people desiring to deepen their spiritual lives, hone leadership skills and discern God's call. We held five "Lift Up Our Hearts" worship services: at St. James Cathedral; All Saints, Whitby; Trinity, Streetsville; St. James, Orillia; and St. Paul, Bloor Street. Large crowds gathered to worship, sing and pray for the renewal of the Church. Each one was a moment of grace and joy. The Season of Spiritual Renewal officially draws to a close with the end of the season of Epiphany 2026. Now a small group gathers to discern how we continue to grow disciples, enhance ministry and form servants of the Gospel, building on the foundation of what has been offered. Stay tuned!

The Netminders is a group of clergy, lay leaders and staff who continue to help parishes engage with the Cast the Net Calls and to bring them to life in each community. Every parish was invited to choose three or four Calls from the 20 – those that reflect the ministry that they are a part of now or hope to be in the future – and to bring them to Synod for discussion and mutual encouragement. With each part of the Body engaging our common Calls in different ways, we move as one.

At the annual clergy conference last May at Trent University, our speaker, the Very Rev. David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury, offered reflections based on Jesus the Good Shepherd, an image that resonated with our clergy, particularly in this time of disruption and uncertainty. Our clergy work so hard at hauling in the nets, and we say to them now, to all our priests and deacons: we see you, and we are grateful to God for the ministry that you do. The annual clergy conference is always a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones, and this year was no exception. It was also our joy to host smaller clergy retreat days in the spring and fall. These were opportunities for clergy to gather in deanery groups for Bible study, to hear from their bishop and archdeacons, to deepen fellowship with one another and to share a meal. We want to respond to Call #12 to "continue and enhance support for all ordained people" as they engage in vital ministry.

Regarding shared ministry, our partnership with the Diocese of Brasilia continues to flourish, now entering our third year of seven. Our motto, "Partners in Christ, united in mission" (*Parceiros em Cristo, unidos na missão*) is grounded in Calls #4 and #13 regarding our participation in God's healing work and ministries of service in the world. Dr. Paulo Ueti from Brasilia and the Rev. Canon Dr. Christopher Brittain from Toronto offered an online bilingual study day

on liberation theology for clergy and lay leaders of both dioceses last March. The Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Espiua from Brasilia invited us to seek signs of resurrection in his keynote address at the Outreach Conference in October. Bishop Mauricio Andrade participated in our bishops' Advent series in December. Looking ahead, we will welcome Dr. Paulo Ueti as our guest speaker at this year's clergy conference, and we can't wait to receive a delegation of Brazilian youth for the ReCharge Youth Retreat. We also hope a small group of Toronto Anglicans can visit Brasilia this year.

We are pleased to be moving ahead with our work on equity, decolonization, diversity and inclusion with the hiring of our new EDDI Advisor, Dilesa Stelmach. Dilesa brings a strong experiential and educational background in this ministry, centered around Ephesians 4: 4-6: "there is one body, one Spirit, one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father, Creator of all, who is above all and through all and in all." With support from our HR department and the Bishop's Committee on Intercultural Ministries, Dilesa is mindfully engaging, both practically and theologically, with our people – volunteers, staff, clergy – and with our infrastructure – policies, practices and the constitution and canons of the Diocese. She will be helping us to see the familiar in unfamiliar ways as we build up the ministry of every single beloved child of God in our Diocese.

To all our faithful people in so many vital ministries in our Church: thank you. To our hard-working churchwardens and treasurers, children and youth ministry workers, parish musicians, office administrators and envelope secretaries, altar guilds and custodians, ACW and outreach volunteers, and countless committee members: thank you. To our diocesan volunteers, members of Synod Council and participants on bishop's committees: thank you. To the staff team at the Synod Office: thank you. Together we all make up the strong net of the Diocese of Toronto, and together, by following the ways of Jesus, we receive "more than we can ask or imagine" – so many blessings collected in our net that we are barely able to haul it in.

When the nightly news seems especially dire, when anxiety is pervasive and the future seems uncertain, God's reign can feel far away. Yet our commitment to our baptismal covenant, our tenacious acts of faith, persistent resistance to the powers of evil, small but powerful acts of kindness towards our neighbours, and a deep, unshakable, unwavering belief that "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24) will carry us through troubled times.

Please pray for us, as we pray daily for you.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

The Right Rev. Andrew J. Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

The Right Rev. Riscylla Shaw
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

The Right Rev. Kevin Robertson
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

2024 Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Head Table

The Reverend Gerlyn Henry; Wardens Claire Wilson and Lisa Turner; Chris Torres; Brian Snider; Sandra Lewis
Vestry Clerk: Lisa Turner

Appointment of Vestry Clerk

A motion to appoint Lisa Turner as Vestry Clerk was made.

Moved by David Finnamore, seconded by June Kerr.

Carried.

Receipt of Minutes – Annual Vestry 2023 (March 3, 2024)

One correction was noted: the third last line on page 28 should read “*heating and ventilation.*”

There being no other errors, a motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected.

Moved by Ian Physick, seconded by Jesse Caldwell.

Carried.

The meeting then opened with prayer.

Rector’s Report

The Reverend Gerlyn Henry presented highlights from her report, noting:

- The diversity of voices within the congregation and the regular presence of guest preachers (approximately one per month).
- Growth in the number of young people attending Holy Wisdom, particularly those living between Holy Wisdom and Grace Church. This has led to a thriving young people’s group, led by Gita Thiagarajah, Youvi Mayooran, and Jesse Caldwell.
- Strong community outreach, including the seniors’ ministry (Helping Hands), and Holy Wisdom’s role as one of the largest outreach donors in the deanery.
- Numerous community gatherings organized by Claire Wilson and continued work toward parish amalgamation.
- Significant support from Board of Management volunteers Sandra Lewis, Brian Snider, and Chris Torres, whose contributions have been invaluable over the past three years.
- Chris Torres’ work with parish finances, Brian Snider’s leadership of the Renovation Committee, and Sandra Lewis’ experience with amalgamation and recent role as an ODT.
- Hope that the parish will be revitalized by 2025.
- Ongoing work around discipleship, focusing on living out faith beyond Sunday mornings.
- A shift in the fellowship model to allow more parishioners to organize events.
- The “Friendly Phoners” initiative as part of the parish’s *No One Gets Left Behind* philosophy.

There being no questions, a motion was made to accept the Rector’s Report.

Moved by Patrick Chan, seconded by Cathy Grotheer.

Carried.

Wardens’ Report

The Wardens noted that their report was complete as printed in the Vestry Booklet and had nothing further to add. There were no questions.

A motion was made to accept the Wardens’ Report.

Moved by Gita Thiagarajah, seconded by Patrick Chan.

Carried.

Financial Report

Chris Torres, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the financial report, noting:

- A small surplus of revenue over expenditures for 2024.
- Receipt of a \$75,000 diocesan grant.
- A reduction in allotment to \$10,000.
- An increase in offerings of approximately 3%.
- A remaining cumulative deficit of approximately \$100,000.
- Renovation costs as the major expense item.

Chris introduced Peter Tsui, the parish auditor. Peter Tsui reported that the audit had been completed, that church personnel were fully cooperative, and that his opinion was reflected in the written audit report.

Questions and Discussion:

- The flower fund is no longer a designated fund; donations now go into general contributions.
- Food Bank funds are invested in the Diocese Consolidated Trust. It was noted that these funds could be moved if desired, and reassurance was given regarding their safety.
- The “going concern” statement was not included in the audit because the parish had a surplus for the year.
- The Anti-Hate Grant was used for security and signage.

A motion was made to accept the Financial Report and to appoint Peter Tsui as auditor for 2025.

Moved by Gail Thompson, seconded by Yvonne Murray.

Carried.

Church Operating Budget for 2025

Chris Torres presented the proposed 2025 operating budget, noting:

- The budget was prepared by the Finance Committee.
- A \$12,500 reduction in the diocesan grant and a \$5,000 increase in allotment.
- Reduced rental income due to renovations.
- An anticipated deficit of approximately \$25,000 for 2025.
- Expected rental income of approximately \$50,000 next year, increasing to \$100,000 annually once renovations are complete.
- A five-year projection indicating a positive financial position if assumptions hold.

Discussion included:

- The remaining allotment debt is being paid down and may be forgiven.
- Debt would carry forward if not forgiven, typically amortized over several years.
- Questions regarding stewardship initiatives such as *Cast the Net* and clarification that a projected increase figure in the budget should be closer to 20%, not 3%.

A motion was made to approve the 2025 operating budget.

Moved by Patrick Chan, seconded by June Montesano.

Carried.

Additional Financial Reports

The Envelope Secretary's Report was received as printed in the Vestry Booklet.

Motion to accept the report.

Moved by Cyril Kerr, seconded by June Kerr.

Carried.

Renovation Committee Report

Brian Snider presented the Renovation Committee Report, highlighting:

- Completion of site surveys, soil testing, and hazardous materials assessments.
- Engagement of engineers, architects, and a construction manager.
- Completion of drawings for tender, with the project going to tender shortly.

- City approval of the site plan and submission of the building permit application.
- In-house improvements completed in the sanctuary, including new sound and video equipment.
- Delay in installing the new exterior sign due to zoning issues, with a variance application underway.
- Total expenditures to date of approximately \$464,771.
- Ongoing challenges related to rising costs, tariffs, and new hydro requirements.
- The need for a Special Vestry to approve final costs once tenders are received.
- Anticipated project start by June, pending approvals.

Questions addressed hazardous materials, seating capacity, pew replacement, asbestos removal, permits, and diocesan funding (confirmed at \$4.95 million, not \$15 million).

A motion was made to accept the Renovation Committee Report.

Moved by Patrick Chan, seconded by Linda Luciani.

Carried.

Brian thanked members of the committee for their work.

Parochial Reports

The Rector requested acceptance of all Parochial Reports as printed.

Motion to accept the reports.

Moved by Youvi Mayooran, seconded by Cathy Grotheer.

Carried.

Additional comments included acknowledgment of Sunday School children's participation and discussion regarding expanding the music ministry.

Motion to Create a Musical Instruments and Equipment Committee

Following discussion, a motion was made to create a Musical Instruments and Equipment Committee for 2025. The committee will make recommendations and have no independent budget; all financial decisions will require Warden approval.

Moved by John Hanson, seconded by Julian Austin.

Carried.

Social Justice Motion

A motion to approve the Social Justice Motion on Protecting and Expanding Harm Reduction in Ontario was made.

Moved by Lisa Turner, seconded by Linda Luciani.

Carried, with one abstention.

Appointments and Elections

Reverend Gerlyn announced that Holy Wisdom has received approval to dissolve its Canon 25 status and read the list of appointments as nominated:

- People's Warden: Lisa Turner
- Rector's Warden: Claire Wilson
- Deputy People's Warden: Linda Luciani
- Deputy Rector's Warden: Robert Silk
- Lay Representative to Synod: Bob Bowering
- Alternate Representative to Synod: Robert Silk
- Youth Lay Representative to Synod: Rachel Dharmarajah
- Envelope Secretary: Deni Mahendran
- Parochial Tribunal: June Montesano, Jillian Reeves
- Renovation Committee Chair: Brian Snider

Ministry leadership appointments were also read.

The Treasurer for the coming year will be Ralph Vasagam.

Final Thoughts

Thanks were extended to Madge and the counting team. Feedback was shared regarding sanctuary sightlines, to be referred to the AV and Renovation Committees. Appreciation was expressed for departing board members Chris Torres, Brian Snider, and Sandra Lewis, who will be honoured at a celebratory luncheon on April 6. Claire Wilson offered thanks to Reverend Gerlyn for her leadership and dedication.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made.

Moved by David Finnamore, seconded by Lottie Bowering.

Carried.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Special Vestry

May 4, 2025

Raising Up a Deacon in Holy Wisdom

Motion #1: Support for Diaconal Ministry

Moved by: Bob Bowering

Seconded by: Yvonne Murray

Resolved:

That Holy Wisdom supports, in every way and with enthusiasm, the presence of a deacon in our midst to model baptismal and diaconal ministry in the world, and to lead and encourage our community in its baptismal ministry.

Discussion:

David Finnimore spoke in favour of the motion.

There being no further comments, the motion was put to a vote.

Carried.

Motion #2: Nomination to Diocesan Discernment Process

Resolved:

That Holy Wisdom nominates Ian Physick to the diocesan discernment and screening process, in order that he may continue his discernment toward Holy Orders. It is understood that this represents the next step in the discernment process.

Discussion:

Shirley Elliot spoke in support of the motion, noting that she had long hoped to see this step taken and offering her blessing and encouragement to Ian.

Jesse Caldwell requested clarification regarding the discernment process, its timeline, whether a further Vestry vote would be required, and when Ian might become a deacon.

Ian Physick explained the expected process and noted that ordination could take place in the spring or early summer of next year.

The Reverend Gerlyn Henry stated that no further Vestry vote is anticipated, given passage of this motion. She noted that if the Holy Wisdom building is closed due to renovations, the ordination may take place at St. Jude, but emphasized that Ian is called to Holy Wisdom and will serve wherever Holy Wisdom gathers.

Gail asked whether Ian's ordination could be the first major celebration at Holy Wisdom following the completion of renovations. Reverend Gerlyn noted that deacon ordinations do not generally take place on Sundays.

The motion was re-read and put to a vote.

Passed unanimously.

Reverend Gerlyn stated that Holy Wisdom now sends Ian forth into the next step of his discernment.

Adjournment

A motion to close the Special Vestry was made.

Moved by: Lance

Seconded by: Gita

Carried.

Incumbent's Report to Vestry

This year has been one of profound transition for our parish. Three years ago, we stepped into an amalgamation—an act of faith that asked us to trust that God could weave together many histories, gifts, and longings into one body. Since then, we have been engaged in the renovation of our church building, a visible sign that God is not finished with us yet, that renewal is not only something we pray for but something we dare to undertake. But besides the renovation, there has been much that we have undertaken and achieved.

Liturgically, we tried out a lot of new things. For the first time, we invited people to a NYE service and New Years's Day service, both were well received. This year we also welcomed into discernment Ian Physick, to the office of the Diaconate. In the season of Lent, we highlighted the gifts of the choir, working closely with John, offering contemporary music with many solos and duets. Our Good Friday service, had 7 lay preachers each of whom reflected on one word of Jesus from the cross. By Easter, we had hit a season of stability and growth, in terms of donations and attendance that was unprecedented. Between Palm Sunday and Easter Morning, over 600 people walked through the doors of Holy Wisdom. Our Ignite Children's ministry, coupled with adult formation and dinner, was also very successful – drawing people from a number of parishes within the deanery. The work of discipleship and formation was paying off.

Then in May, due to an unexpected moment in our renovation process, we were unexpectedly asked to leave our building. What felt at first like disruption—like loss—has revealed itself to be both gift and grief. We were sent, not by our own choosing, into shared life with St. Jude Wexford. This has not been easy. It has required patience, humility, flexibility, and grace—learning new rhythms, navigating logistics, blending traditions, and even negotiating parking. And yet, this shared life has been good.

When the carpet was pulled out from under us, we did not fall through the floor. Instead, we discovered hardwood beneath—strong, worn, and beautiful. We discovered that Christ is our foundation, not our plans, not our timelines, not even our cherished spaces. In the disorientation, God met us. In the uncertainty, God spoke.

The renovation project remains an important and hopeful work. I am deeply grateful for the commitment of our property committee and volunteers, who have stewarded this process with patience and wisdom. We look forward to returning—not simply to a renewed building, but to a renewed sense of purpose, ready to be sent again into God's mission.

The outreach ministries of the parish, which remains a huge part of our calling, continued to run despite the displacement. Those in our community who look to the Church for support and community, found it. This is a testament to our sustainability and commitment to Christ.

I give thanks for all who serve this parish: our staff Gillian, John and Michael, our wardens, Lisa T., Claire W., and our deputy warden, Linda L. and for a short time, Robert Silk and our treasurer, Ralph Vasagam. I thank God for our ministry leaders, musicians, volunteers, and every parishioner whose faithfulness sustains our life together. Your prayers, generosity, and quiet acts of love are signs of the Kingdom already breaking in among us.

As we look toward the year ahead, we do so with hope and holy expectation:

- to complete the renovation and return to our sacred space;
- to deepen our shared life in Christ through ongoing spiritual formation;
- to welcome people into the life of the Church—on Sundays and throughout the week;

- and to listen carefully for how God is calling us into new ministries in places we have not yet imagined, especially the digital world.

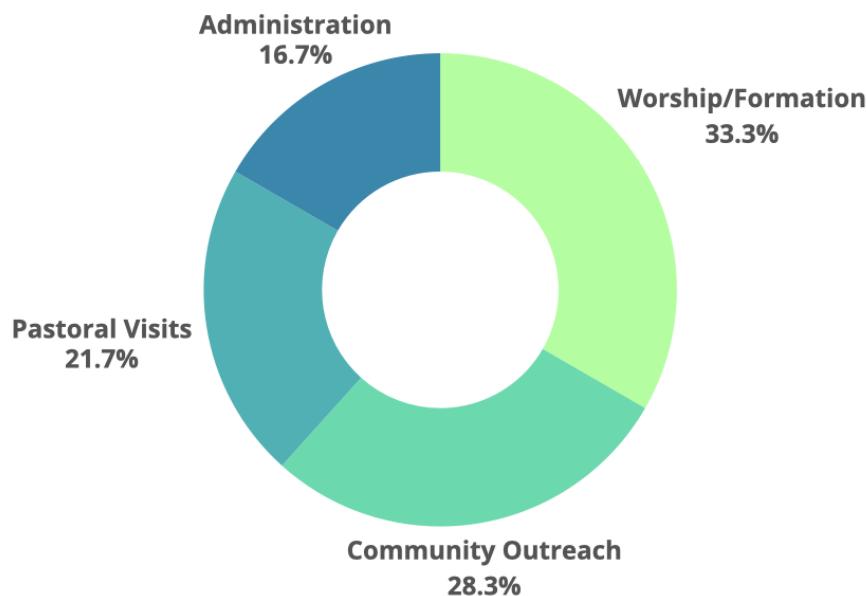
This is a year of transition—of leaving what we knew at Holy Wisdom, of loosening our hold on what we have become accustomed to at St. Jude, and of stepping onto a path that is still unfolding. Let us not rush past the mystery. Let us trust that the Spirit is already ahead of us, making a way. Where God leads, there is life. Where God unsettles, there is growth. Where God calls, there is grace enough for the journey.

Peace,

The Rev. Gerlyn Henry

Incumbent

What does Clerical Ministry Cost?



Worship/Formation \$1386

This includes Sunday morning: planning, practice and execution, children and young adults ministry, and Bible Study/formation. 14h

Community Outreach \$1176

Participation in our outreach ministries, online presence, community committees, (14h)

Pastoral Visits \$882

At home visits with parishioners, Long term care homes, “hanging out” during committees that meet, hospital visits (8h)

Administration \$672

Strategic planning/vision, bulletin, e-news, emails, phone calls (6.5h)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – PROFIT AND LOSS 2025

**Church of the Holy Wisdom
Profit and Loss by Month
January - December 2025**

	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2025	Jun. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2025	Sep. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025	Total
INCOME													
40130 Outreach Income													801.68
40181 Food Bank	\$ 669.02	\$ 664.03	\$ 707.03	\$ 1,759.10	\$ 1,211.10	\$ 1,551.01	\$ 2,327.98	\$ 1,237.49	\$ 572.21	\$ 1,395.23	\$ 486.07	\$ 12,580.27	
Total 40130 Outreach Income	\$ 10.00												13,381.95
40155 Other Income													210.00
40134 Funeral Donation (non memorial)	\$ 695.00												695.00
Total 40155 Other Income	\$ 705.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	905.00
40301 Envelope Offerings													0.00
Seasonal offerings - Envelope	8,705.00	\$ 6,935.00	15,092.00	11,322.60	7,855.00	7,580.00	7,310.00	7,870.00	7,064.00	7,240.00	10,550.00	23,240.00	120,763.60
Total 40301 Envelope Offering	\$ 458.00	\$ 274.55	697.23	1,059.30	\$ 11,322.60	\$ 7,855.00	\$ 7,580.00	\$ 7,310.00	\$ 7,064.00	\$ 12,715.00	\$ 10,550.00	\$ 23,240.00	\$ 126,288.60
40302 Open Offerings													5,525.00
Seasonal Offerings - Open													
Total 40302 Open Offerings	\$ 458.00	\$ 274.55	\$ 697.23	\$ 1,059.30	\$ 336.65	\$ 1,207.66	\$ 444.25	\$ 407.00	\$ 261.56	\$ 172.35	\$ 236.00	\$ 451.50	\$ 6,046.95
40303 Special Offering													247.40
Total 40300 Offerings	\$ 9,163.00	\$ 7,263.15	\$ 15,846.73	\$ 12,434.90	\$ 8,191.65	\$ 8,855.96	\$ 7,754.25	\$ 8,277.00	\$ 7,352.41	\$ 12,887.35	\$ 10,844.15	\$ 23,741.50	\$ 132,582.05
40340 Property Revenue													1,050.00
40345 Hall Usage	150.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	550.00
Brethren and Sisters Church of Christ													3,750.00
Heaven Embassy													8,750.00
Total 40340 Property Revenue	\$ 2,875.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,675.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 14,100.00
40350 Fundraising													0.00
40355 Bazaar													1,444.00
40370 Miscellaneous Events													1,670.00
Total 40350 Fundraising	\$ 695.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,444.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,114.00
Diocesan MAF Grant													62,500.00
Flowers Income													1,635.00
Total Income	\$ 18,646.34	\$ 16,815.51	\$ 24,734.09	\$ 21,670.26	\$ 19,153.08	\$ 15,275.39	\$ 14,813.59	\$ 15,863.31	\$ 13,348.23	\$ 18,817.89	\$ 17,542.72	\$ 31,037.59	\$ 228,218.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 18,646.34	\$ 16,815.51	\$ 24,734.09	\$ 21,670.26	\$ 19,153.08	\$ 15,275.39	\$ 14,813.59	\$ 15,863.31	\$ 13,348.23	\$ 18,817.89	\$ 17,542.72	\$ 31,037.59	\$ 228,218.00
EXPENSES													
60100 Rector Stipend													50,328.00
60110 Clergy Benefits	4,081.17	4,306.83	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00	4,194.00
Total 60100 Rector Stipend	\$ 5,365.94	\$ 5,863.59	\$ 5,714.78	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 5,864.25	\$ 50,328.00
60200 Staff Remuneration													19,398.00
60300 Synod Assessment													
Total 60200 Staff Remuneration	\$ 7,529.69	\$ 6,950.95	\$ 5,534.42	\$ 7,669.14	\$ 6,203.71	\$ 6,849.88	\$ 5,876.49	\$ 6,069.85	\$ 5,897.92	\$ 6,557.58	\$ 6,203.71	\$ 6,981.32	\$ 78,294.66
60400 Maintenance Church													69,726.00
Alarm Church	62.86	44.69	44.69	44.69	44.69	44.69	44.69	44.69	44.69	44.69	44.69	44.69	286.31
Church - Water-509923	40.24												198.94
Church Gas	668.84	1,797.92	1,206.03	1,113.92	464.11	278.31	50.31	43.35	42.41	14.60	74.14	1,167.39	6,921.33
Church Hydro	185.73	466.87	367.88	403.21	387.25	409.81	313.65	479.03	337.72	357.86	509.46	743.53	4,958.00
Insurance Expense	2,184.50	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	1,281.70	13,719.80
Maintenance - Other	466.90	405.34	260.53	124.73	196.07	169.17	124.73	124.73	124.73	124.73	124.73	124.73	3,616.90
Repairs	46.77												772.27
Snow Plowing & Landscaping	978.80	2,078.80	2,000.00										
Total 60400 Maintenance Church	\$ 4,634.64	\$ 6,075.32	\$ 5,160.83	\$ 3,693.75	\$ 2,585.20	\$ 2,183.68	\$ 1,770.39	\$ 1,928.81	\$ 1,729.88	\$ 2,733.90	\$ 2,023.17	\$ 5,223.71	\$ 39,743.28
60500 Rectory Expenses													0.00
60501 Property Taxes	83.00												871.73
60502 Rectory- Gas	76.41	167.41	171.46	167.41	167.41	167.41	167.41	167.41	167.41	167.41	167.41	167.41	1,970.78
60503 Rectory-Water-000505927	-400.00	591.18											2,116.75
60504 Rectory- Telephone/Internet	258.80	188.12	181.89	183.55	191.03	187.09	197.82	197.48	197.48	197.48	197.48	197.48	2,375.48
60505 Rectory Hydro	68.06	144.16	128.09	124.81	127.09	127.60	212.70	267.58	164.88	136.74	148.75	148.75	75.00
60510 Rectory- Misc. Expenses													5,266.88
Total 60500 Rectory Expenses	\$ 86.27	\$ 1,090.87	\$ 560.39	\$ 562.82	\$ 2,241.09	\$ 2,233.77	\$ 682.57	\$ 778.69	\$ 2,259.01	\$ 2,315.17	\$ 560.20	\$ 956.45	\$ 14,327.30
60600 Administration													0.00

60601 Miscellaneous	452.14	35.78	0.08	488.00
60610 Supplies				0.00
Computer Supplies				385.33
Office Supplies				406.46
Postage	288.00	396.25	151.83	852.14
Worship and Communion Supplies	\$ 979.63	\$ 288.00	\$ 705.05	\$ 151.83
Total 60610 Supplies	\$ 18.00	6.00	8.00	16.96
Bank Service Charges				7.00
Choir and Music				2.00
Coffee Hour				4.00
Donation Transaction Fee				9.00
Fellowship and Hospitality				9.00
Flowers Expense				9.00
Formation Programming				200.00
General Expenses				200.00
Interest Expense				200.00
Outreach/Mission expense				200.00
Community Event Expenses				200.00
Food Bank				200.00
Total Outreach/Mission expense				200.00
Photocopies**				200.00
Professional Fees				200.00
Risk Police Check				200.00
Rogers-Internet+Telephone				200.00
Synod Registration fees				200.00
Youth & Sunday School Expenses				200.00
Camp				200.00
Total Youth & Sunday School Expe				200.00
Total 60600 Administration				200.00
Ministry of Finance (ON) Expense				200.00
Total Expenses	\$ 20,245.21	\$ 26,506.63	\$ 23,089.98	\$ 23,185.60
Net income (expense)	-\$ 1,598.87	-\$ 9,691.12	\$ 1,644.11	-\$ 1,515.34
				-\$ 7,210.72
				-\$ 6,989.60
				-\$ 4,408.68
				-\$ 5,325.36
				-\$ 6,495.80
				-\$ 2,642.00
				-\$ 1,966.17
				-\$ 3,062.28
				-\$ 43,137.27

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 2026

INCOME	YTD 2025	BUDGET 2025	PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2026
40360 Congregation Offerings	1113,708.33	135,000.00	125,000.00
40301 Envelopes	6,293.45	-	7,000.00
40302 Open Offerings	12,580.27	-	12,500.00
40181 Food Bank	14,286.95	-	-
40155 Other Income	14,100.00	32,000.00	35,000.00
40340 Property Revenue	3,114.00	8,000.00	5,000.00
40350 Fundraising	62,500.00	62,500.00	46,435.00
Dioceasan MAF Grant	1,635.00	500.00	750.00
Flower donation / Sundry Revenue	228,218.00	238,000.00	231,685.00
 EXPENSE			
60100 Rector Stipend	69,726.00	69,910.00	72,008.00
Total 60200 Remuneration	78,294.66	80,594.00	83,012.00
60300 Syncd Assessment	29,247.48	29,248.00	30,125.00
60400 Maintenance Church	39,743.28	48,707.00	50,169.00
60510 Rectory- Misc. Expenses	14,327.30	11,871.00	12,263.00
60601 Miscellaneous	488.00	-	-
60610 Supplies	4,581.90	5,000.00	5,000.00
Food bank	12,560.27	-	-
Flower Expense	1,316.59	-	-
Outreach/Mission expense	3,819.36	-	-
Total 60600 Administration	15,802.29	15,916.00	16,394.00
Interest on Diaconal Debt	-	2,898.00	3,000.00
Youth & Sunday School Expenses+ camp	350.54	-	-
Syncd Registration fees	1,097.58	500.00	500.00
Ministry of Finance (ON) Expense	271,355.27	259,144.00	272,471.00
 DEFICIT	-43,137.27	21,144.00	40,786.00

Wardens' Report

It has been a year of great hard work and educational. Our renovation project taught us so much. We learned about planning for the church's needs, budget, costing of materials, re look at those plans in order to fit within the budget. We learned about removing old materials, taking down trees, and getting the right permits. We were exposed to many different trades that are involved in renovating a building. On top of all that, we had to pack up and move our whole church family as we were told we could not stay in the building while the work was being done.

At the last Vestry, we said a big Thank You and goodbye to Chris Torres, Sandra Lewis, and Brian Snider, the three Bishop of Toronto appointees who came to assist us with the legacy churches amalgamation and stayed with us until the start of the renovation. We thank them for their expertise, time and willingness to work with us.

A special thank you to Brian Snider for staying with us to guide us through the renovation process. We are grateful and blessed that you have shared and continue to share your knowledge with us.

A very big thank you to David Molyneux. He is a retired architect who shares his time, skills and wisdom with us to simplify the professionals' lingo and to keep us on track.

We also thank Claude Williams, Cyril Kerr, and Lance Wilson for their commitment and support on the renovation committee and participating in the biweekly meetings with the OAC*.

We were happy and a little nervous to join a new church. Canon Greg and the St. Jude's Wexford family welcomed us (in June) with open arms. We feel very loved there. We have become such good friends with St. Jude's Wexford that it will be sad to leave.

We extend our sincere thanks to the many dedicated individuals who worked meticulously to sort, declutter, and pack up years of accumulated items for the move. Your hard work in determining what to keep, discard, and share with other churches and communities is deeply appreciated.

A special thank you to Carolyn, St Jude's Admin, for graciously sharing her office space during this transition. We also want to recognize Gillian, our Admin, for her seamless work in getting the new CHW office space up and running efficiently.

Our Food Bank needed a place to continue its weekly operation to the community. It is now running out of the Rector's garage. Thanks to Food Bank crew, the garage was brought up to code and is working very well. We thank Rev. Gerlyn and Jesse for giving up that space. This is a very kind gift, especially since the snow and cold have been so harsh this year.

We also thank Michael Barrow for watching over the rectory, bringing to our attention all required and urgent repairs, and for having those repairs carried out in a timely manner

But we are so excited! Our building should be ready by **July 2026**. We can't wait to worship in the Holy place the Lord has made for us and our neighbours.

May you feel the love and the prayers we send to you every day. May your heart stay strong as we finish this journey together.

Thank you all for your kindness.

Claire Wilson
Priest's Warden

Lisa Turner
People's Warden

Linda Luciani
Deputy Warden

February 7, 2026

* the OAC is a meeting with the Corporation, Architect, Project Manager and Site Manager

CHURCH OF THE HOLY WISDOM

Envelope Secretary's Report to Vestry 2025

Breakdown of Offerings from Envelope Holders January 1 – December 31, 2025

Offerings	# of Donors	% of Donors	Total \$	% of Total Offerings
Over \$5,001	5	5%	42,470.00	32%
\$3001 - \$5,000	6	6%	23,905.00	18%
\$1,001 - \$3,000	26	28%	46,968.55	35%
\$701 - \$1,000	6	6%	5,130.00	4%
\$501 - \$700	10	11%	5,915.00	4%
\$301 - \$500	14	14%	5,625.00	4%
\$101 - \$300	18	20%	3,866.95	3%
Up to \$100	9	10%	230.00	0%
Total	94	100%	134,110.50	100%

Distribution of Offerings were as follows:

Offerings	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$	
General (incl. *Special Offerings)	126,288.60	119,934.37	
Foodbank	1,260.00 ⁺	1,364.00	+nonmembers=\$5,135.95
Community Lunch	150.00	650.00	
Outreach	1,435.00 ⁺	2,490.00	+non-members=\$200.00
Faithworks	2,936.90	1,128.00	
PWRDF	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Memorial	0	200.00	
Flowers	940.00	2,320.00	
Other (Votive Candles)	0	520.00	
Total	134,110.50	129,706.37	

The Dollar amounts included in General offerings by way of SPECIAL Envelopes:

* Special Offerings	Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
Initial	265.00	310.00
Lenten	480.00	745.00
Easter	1,470.00	1,648.55
Thanksgiving	6,015.00	1,765.00
Christmas	2,705.00	6,130.00
Total	10,935.00	10,598.55

of Active Members (with envelopes) as at December 31, 2025: **94**

of Inactive Members (without envelopes) as at December 31, 2025: **10**

Total Members: 104

Respectfully submitted:

Deni Mahendran

PARISH REPORTS

Altar Guild

It has certainly been a very busy year for Holy Wisdom's Altar Guild.

From January to June, our altar guild activities were the normal sort of activities that we would engage in had we not been moving: for example setting up the altar for worship, preparing flowers, taking good care of the items inside the sacristy which included laundering and ironing our small linens and fair linens, polishing our silver and brass items, making sure all of the supplies were ready for services (wine and wafers, candles and paraffin, as the need may be).

Prior to our move to St. Jude, we had to completely empty the sacristy for two reasons: there was going to be extensive construction inside the church and we wanted to protect the items we used for worship and also, in the absence of front and back doors and stairs, the sacristy door would be used as the main entrance to the building for many months and we didn't want to risk any possible water damage that might occur. We prepared all of our altar fabrics for storage. Our smaller embroidered coloured sets were wrapped in tissue paper and carefully placed in boxes and the boxes were sealed with tape to prevent dust getting in. Our large embroidered super-frontals were carefully rolled up in tissue paper and placed inside the cabinet in the altar for storage during construction. Our altar and font were moved to the upper hall and have been protected from construction dust by heavy plastic sheeting. We offer our sincere thanks to all who helped us with this delicate and important task - we really appreciated the support.

We removed some particularly important pieces of hardware out of the church for safety reasons for while we are away, because we were worried about the potential for damage while construction was on-going.

We have merged seamlessly with the altar guild at St Jude, which has been very welcoming. We donated our candle cartridges to St Jude, as well as our wine and wafers. Every other week our team helps one of the St Jude teams in preparing the church for worship. We have also continued to arrange flowers for Holy Wisdom parishioners when they sponsor flowers on any particular week. We are very much looking forward to assisting St. Jude's altar guild with their Lenten and Easter preparations.

I am grateful for the dedicated volunteers on the altar guild and thanks go out to Dilshani Dharmarajah, Kathy Domingue, Yvonne Murray, Jillian Reeves and Gail Thompson, and our trainee, Frank Dimech. Jillian and Gail are also our amazing flower arrangers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Turner
Altar Guild Coordinator

Caring Cards Ministry

The Caring Cards Ministry is a ministry that sends cards to parishioners who are unwell or who have suffered a bereavement in their family, or who need a little encouragement. This ministry is ongoing and did not stop with our move to St Jude.

If you know of a parishioner who is unwell, who has suffered a bereavement or simply needs a boost to their spirits and who you think would like to receive a card, please let Lisa Turner know by email or text. lisaturnerca@yahoo.ca.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Turner

Children and Youth Ministry

Vestry is always a good time to reflect on the many wonderful events and moments that have occurred at the Church of Holy Wisdom, alongside with the spiritual growth and progression of Children Ministry. Prior to the temporary move over to St. Jude, we had several children events and weekly Sunday school lessons. The Church of Holy Wisdom consists of three teacher volunteers (Ian, Jillian and Youvi) and two student volunteers (Rachel and Naraiya), who have provided support running the Sunday school before the move. The children's attendance varies at Holy Wisdom, from an average of 4-9 children weekly; however, in peak seasons such as Easter, Christmas and Baptisms we may have up to 14-20 children. It is always truly a blessing when children are present in the church, and that is what we aim to continue to focus on upon return to Holy Wisdom. Our lessons are based using the online resource Episcopal Digital, as well as incorporating prayer, crafts and Bible stories.

Children Events/Activities Highlights:

- Family day 2025 (collaboration with Outreach team)- Movie night & popcorn- We watched *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, a classic movie that brought many families from the community together.
- Easter day Eggstravaganza Hunt- over 250 chocolate eggs were hidden around the church for the children to find, children were also given activity bags to use during the service.
- St. James Ash Wednesday Exploration Day- a group of children attended and participated in activities; including a tour of the Cathedral and meeting the Bishop.
- Children-led service on March 30- Sunday school children participated in readings and were the Altar servers. One of our children, Jhaavan, played a beautiful piano instrumental piece. Also, the children led by our talented teacher Jillian, sang the Kumbaya hymn with actions that were performed wonderfully by the children.
- Year-end party at Putting Edge- It was a great turnout with 15 children, who laughed and enjoyed playing mini-golf, a great way of ending Sunday school before the summer break.
- Halloween Trick-or-Treat night at St. Judes, the kids came dressed up with their costumes to collect treats that were distributed by the church. Thank you to our teacher Ian with his inflatable costume and welcoming the children into the church.
- Christmas Movie night at St. Judes (collaboration with Outreach team)-We watched the movie 'Klaus' with popcorn and had pizza for dinner. Special thanks to the Lions Club for their donation in making this event successful. We had about 60 people attend, and a special visit from Santa! Thank you to the Outreach team who provided each family with a gingerbread gift basket.
- Our Children Ministry also continues to participate in the Ignite program that is run by Elaine who is a Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries. Ignite is an area-wide program that runs once a week, and rotates to different Anglican churches in the region about every 3-4 months. She does wonderful

work in engaging the children with Bible lessons and fun activities, and provides a safe environment for kids to gather. Thank you also to all the volunteers that pick up children and bring them to Ignite. Thank you Rev. Gerlyn for always including and supporting the children, you always have a special way to connect with the kids. From having the children help prepare Eucharist with you on the third Sundays when the children are in-service, to providing your insightful 'Children's Moment', which really was interactive and a great learning experience for the children as well as adults alike!

Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers and volunteers for your time and efforts in providing a safe and welcoming environment for the children, and building a faith towards God through Bible lessons and prayers. Lastly, thank you to the parish for your support in what we do, and to the children who attend Sunday school that provide so much light in our church family. We continue to look and welcome volunteers to assist and be part of the many Children Ministry initiatives that we plan to continue.

Although, this past year has gone through some changes in the church due to temporary relocating, as I reflect we have certainly done a lot collectively. With new changes, bring new beginnings, looking forward to the year ahead!

In Christ,
Youvi Y. (behalf of Sunday school team)
Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator

Coffee Hour & Hospitality

During the first four months of 2025, we had 3 and 4 teams who provided refreshments following the 8:30am and 10:30am services. Then in May we added a fourth team for 8:30am. Many thanks to all those dedicated members: Lisa, Gail, the Dharmarajah family, Linda, Preethi, Christine, Frank and June at 8:30am; Jillian, Jacquie, Kathy, Yvonne, Elaine, Lionel, Bob, Lottie, Pauline, Indrani, Chamarie, Mary and Jey at 10:30am. Our teams assisted at the Chili Lunch in January, the Valentine's Tea Potluck, the Black History Lunch organized by June K in March, the Appreciation Lunch for the outgoing Board of Management and the Deacon Discernment Lunch and Learn in April. For our last Sunday on the Holy Wisdom site in June we held a BBQ and Potluck. My special thanks for donated treats during these months by Deni's family, Liz and Jaye and to Gita for providing the food to celebrate the Sri Lankan new year..

In June we made the move to St Jude's Wexford for services. Following the first 8am service, some of the parishioners along with Fr Greg provided us with a welcome coffee hour. When we learned that they did not normally have a coffee hour following this service, our Holy Wisdom teams agreed to step in. One of our teams did not follow us to SJW, so we are operating with 3 teams. A few of SJW's parishioners now usually gather with us and I thank them for their monetary donations. A special thank you to Sarojini for the several cakes she provided and to Francine, who stepped in to help when Preethi was away on vacation. For the Sunday before Christmas, all 8am parishioners were invited to join in for a special Christmas Goodies coffee hour by bringing a favourite treat to share. We had a great response. St Jude's 10:30 am coffee hour coordinator has a well organized team, but I did offer our team members' help whenever needed. Special thanks to Claire and Lance, June K, Gita, Yvonne, Lionel, Bob and Lottie for providing food and other donations to the 10:30am coffee hour. St Jude's held their Patronal Soup coffee hour in October and I want to thank Jillian, Claire and Kathy for providing soups. As a bonus, SJW shared a portion of the donations with us for that event. All the coffee hour teams took a break during August.

I am pleased to report that the total donations we collected covered our expenses for 2025. When we return to Holy Wisdom, our coffee hour teams will need some help, especially at 10:30am, as we have lost several members. I invite you to please consider joining us in this ministry. It is indeed a meaningful and rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,
June Montesano

Food Bank

In 2025, 483 different families accessed the food bank, making a total of 5,623 visits. Over 52 weeks, we provided food for 14,414 people. This remarkable work would not have been possible without the dedication of our core group of volunteers: Rodney, June, Linda, Frances, Shirley, Toma, Cathy G., Erich, Ken, Nicholas, Lisa, Jillian, Jacquie, Koralika, Grace, Frank, Don, Cyril, Wolf, Melissa, Roshni, Hasinni, and of course Rev. Gerlyn, our ever-present, supportive Executive Director. Also, we acknowledge Elaine and Jey, both whom we miss since they moved away.

I am deeply grateful to this team—and to the many other volunteers who cycle in and out—for their commitment and hard work. Operating a food bank involves many moving parts, and having a solid, reliable team is essential to keeping things running smoothly and ensuring the community's needs are met with care and consistency.

Operating every Tuesday is an accomplishment in itself but then we had some notable successes not to be soon forgotten: the garage conversion, receiving an award from Daily Bread, being featured in the media, passing our first ever Toronto Board of Health inspection and becoming a referring partner to the Furniture Bank —each a reminder that steadfast dedication strengthens not just routines, but the community we build together.

We took the month of May to convert the rectory garage into our new space due to the renovation while continuing to operate in the church. Thank you to Rev. Gerlyn for giving up the garage and the help in demo-ing and to Michael, David T., Claude and Rodney for their part. We've been serving clients since June 3rd from this new space rising to each new challenge as it presents itself. And yes, challenges there have been.

On November 3, June M., Lisa, and Linda attended the Best in Class Awards, presented by Daily Bread at the National Yacht Club, where we were both pleasantly surprised and honoured to receive the Commitment to Equity Award!

If you didn't hear Rev. Gerlyn on CBC Morning Radio in November, you have likely since seen the CBC or CityNews coverage. It was exciting for our small food bank to be highlighted. As a result of this exposure, we have received additional donations and made new friends.

We are grateful to parishioners, community members, friends and family who continue to support us as well as to the Malvern Onyx Lions Club, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Soley Chiropractic, Freshco, Indo-Caribbean Canadian Association, Rockcliffe Resident Council, Billyard Insurance Group, Parkway Bowl, and Cobs Bakery.

As a member agency of the Daily Bread Food Bank, we are thankful for our strong relationship. We were ecstatic to receive grant number three in the sum of \$16,884.19! From July 2024 to June 2025 (Daily Bread's fiscal year), they delivered food valued at \$229,731.99 all for a membership fee of \$200.

We are truly blessed to be part of this remarkable community, where we find joy in serving and connecting with those we have come to know and care for. It is a privilege to share in their journeys, celebrate their successes, and support them through challenges, knowing that together we are nurturing a stronger, more compassionate, less hungry community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Thompson
Food Bank Coordinator

Helping Hands

It's been a jam-packed year for Helping Hands, with our regular Wednesday meetings continuing strong. Since June, we've been delighted to call the Britton Room our new home. We are truly grateful for the warm welcome extended by the Rev. Canon Greg Carpenter and everyone at St. Jude's, Wexford.

In 2025, we hosted three Coffee and Conversations sessions, welcoming Sergeant Rodney Steffler who spoke about safety; lawyer Rahin Talukder discussed wills and estates; and from Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Marlena Rivera and Melissa Fraser who spoke eloquently on pre-planning cemetery and funeral arrangements. While the last two topics may seem a natural fit, their pairing was purely coincidental!

One of the traditions we've come to enjoy is making cards for members of the group—whether thinking of you, get well, or other cards as the need arises. In 2025, we created cards for eight Helping Hands, including Joyce. While we now miss her following her passing, we're grateful that the cards were able to bring her tremendous joy while she was still with us.

We were delighted to assist with the décor for the Valentine's Tea, creating props for the photo booth, heart displays for the walls, tissue-paper flowers for the centrepieces and adorable pillow boxes filled with treats. For the occasional, we spent one Wednesday making our own fascinators to wear, some winning prizes! Decorating for another event, you may have recognized our handi-work in the extra-large lettering displayed on the wall at the appreciation luncheon honouring the outgoing Board of Management members.

And we're not ones to shy away from physical labour. We reserved an afternoon to pack up the the sacristy in anticipation of the renovation. Also, we sorted and packed up cabinet contents and then moved them to the Garage Food Bank where we also put together shelving and a portable sink. We spent a bit of time hammering crosses into the ground at St. Jude's for the Poppy Project Display and then gathering them up.

When Helping Hands was invited to have a table at the Christmas sale, we made adorable gnomes as well as the little candy cane pockets that were handed out to each shopper. The table was rounded out by additional items some of us had donated.

We enjoyed a field trip to Bendale Acres to celebrate Christmas with 30 residents. A surprise performance from Starr Domingue was the gold bow on the gift!

In support of Holy Wisdom's many outreach initiatives, our hands were rarely still! We created "hug" cards; assembled Easter bunny pillow boxes filled with treats; fashioned fascinators, nameplates, and bow

ties; wrapped carnations; and made Thanksgiving magnets. We also put together Halloween treat bags and pillow boxes, removed labels from shirts, and assembled Lenten boxes, craft kits, and gift bags.

We said goodbye to Mary and Jey when they moved to Hamilton, to Elaine as she moved to Mississauga and to Aileen as she moved into a seniors' residence. It was a joyous day when Roselyn returned back to us!

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their support of what I put forth each week, for without your helping hands, there would be no Helping Hands!

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Thompson
Helping Hands Coordinator

Music Ministry

The music ministry at The Church of the Holy Wisdom is vibrant and blessed, and I would like to thank God, and all the various church and choir musical group members who so generously continue to donate their time, money, effort, and talents to make this ministry so special. Thanks to these efforts, our fully gowned choir musical ensemble that leads us in our praise and worship every Sunday, is continuing to grow as it taps into the incredible spiritual and musical talent of the congregation. I would also like to recognize all the faithful, talented and dedicated choir members such as May, June, Mohan, Julian, Kathryn, Bob, Roselyn, Chamarie, and Jesse, who use their beautiful voices to guide us in our hymns, praise songs, anthems, and special songs, and so our musical family continues to grow. Moving forward, I would like to put more music into our services with more service and sacred music, solos, anthems and musical works. I would also like to train and cultivate the musical skills and talent of some of our younger church members, and all budding musicians and those interested in music and worship, and encourage them to learn, worship and participate in our growing band and choir musical group, to invite more guest performers, and welcome more members to our choir musical group to add their various talents to our musical ensemble, all to the glory of God. May God continue to bless our Music Ministry, here at The Church of the Holy Wisdom.

Yours in Christ,
John Hanson
Director of Music

Outreach and Mission

Outreach and Mission continues to be a large part of what we do at Holy Wisdom. We exist not only to sit in pews on Sunday but to extend the love of God beyond our walls by serving our community, building meaningful relationships and simply being a light perhaps where none exists. Many thanks to Lisa, Linda, June, Jillian, Jacquie, Michael, Russell, Dilshani, Rodney and Rev. Gerlyn for their presence and support as we navigated through the year.

We hosted 6 Community Lunches before the jump to St. Jude's. Thank you to everyone who helped make these hot meals a joyous occasion. We hit a milestone obtaining our Toronto Board of Health Dine Safe

kitchen pass in January. And it was almost like old times when some of us helped with the St. Jude's Thanksgiving dinner.

We supported the Family Day Movie in February, the June screening of "Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts" and the Christmas movie both at St. Jude's.

The Little Free Library continues to be a reminder that we are still present in the neighbourhood. I stock it regularly with books that are left on the bookcase Rev. Canon Greg Carpenter arranged for when I asked if we could have a collection point. Please keep them coming.

Thanks to Russell for making the connection once again that led to a generous shirt donation. Once Helping Hands removed hundreds of labels, we delivered the shirts to agencies and churches serving people in need. From Lindsay to Orono to downtown Toronto, shirts were delivered to: A Place Called Home; the Migrant Workers Ministry; St. James Cathedral; St. Stephen-in-the-Fields; Holy Trinity Eaton Centre; Flemingdon Park Ministries; Golf Club Warming Centre; and St. Bartholomew Anglican Church. Many of the aforementioned are Faithworks partners.

I'll mention here that the Lenten Boxes decorated by Helping Hands and the sale of focaccias baked at sunrise on Easter Sunday (thanks Rodney!) boosted our donation to Faithworks to just about double over the previous year. Thanks to all who supported this and to those who give to Faithworks through other means. It is a wonderful expression of outreach.

A large group headed over to Bendale Acres on Palm Sunday after a short lesson from Dilshani on palm cross folding to help residents fold theirs. It was a lovely afternoon connecting with them. Helping Hands returned at Christmas for a time of crafting, prayer and song.

Over the course of the year, we've supported our wider community, most notably three care homes, Strides, a group home, HW and SJW food banks, and the Warming Centre with various items such as Valentine hug cards, fascinators, magnets, bow-ties, carnations, pillow boxes filled with treats, and treat bags all produced by Helping Hands.

Both Holy Wisdom Food Bank and St. Jude's Food Bank kiddos benefited from our joint school supply collection equipping them nicely for the new school year.

Forty angels stepped forward from both parishes to provide Christmas gifts to 40 residents of Rockcliffe under the Angel Tree program.

Lisa sent out 20 cards on behalf of the church via the Caring Card Ministry. Please let her know if you know of anyone who could benefit from receiving one of her beautiful hand-made cards.

The Prayer Shawl ministry gifted 9 shawls to the newly baptized and those in need. Lisa, Jillian, Linda, Frances and myself are current makers and we welcome other knitters and crocheters. If you think someone would benefit from receiving one, please let Linda know as she is the keeper of shawls while we are in transition.

Rev. Gerlyn and Jesse continue to host refugees in the rectory, a beautiful and faithful form of outreach. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your home and for also for giving up your garage to house our food bank! We're truly sorry for the exceptionally brutal winter weather.

At time of writing, we've signed out 30 Lenten boxes for 2026, collected over 500 pairs of socks and look forward to our Family Day Drop-In this month as we open up the church to the community for a fun afternoon.

Thank you all for your support as we live the Beatitudes, serving with open hearts and willing hands. Through our outreach, we shine God's love and light into our community and beyond. Shine on!

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Thompson
Outreach and Mission Coordinator

Prayer Group and Lay Anointing

The year began with excitement and expectation as to what joining St. Jude would be like, which turned out to be very pleasant. It was business as usual with us being able to continue as usual, with the two churches, management and congregation bonded, which I admire.

I am very happy to be serving as leader of the prayer group. It gives me pleasure taking your requests to the Lord in prayer. The requests that the church receives are prayed for by me twice a day for 3 months, and can be extended if a request is made. Confidentiality is guaranteed. It would be nice if you can share your joy when you receive it with the congregation.

We still have lay anointing at St. Jude, which is also like the other ministries of the church that share God's blessings.

God bless us all.

Respectfully submitted,
Mohamed Ally
Coordinator

Renovation Report

After many meetings, and many months of planning, the construction on our church project finally began in July, even though administrative work such as securing permits, hiring the skilled trades, etc. had started much earlier in the year. The members of our renovation team have been meeting with our architects (DTAH) and construction company (BDA) and various engineers bi-weekly since the work began - it has been a very exciting time. Once the actual physical construction began, the members of the team were required to wear safety equipment on site at all times, including safety boots (rated for piercing and electrical shock), hard hats, and high visibility vests. We have been following the work attentively.

BDA began by carefully enclosing all of the church furnishings that we placed in the upper hall, with heavy-duty plastic sheeting, including the remaining pews, the organ, the font, and the altar. The stained glass windows were covered with a protective padding, as was the floor in the lower hall, which is being used as the construction offices and meeting area.

By the end of July, the interior demolition work was 90% complete, and that included some work in the nave, the demolition of washrooms on the lower level and Rev. Gerlyns's office and Gillian's office as well.

The east and west entrance doors were removed and safety coverings were installed over the openings to prevent falls. Interior doors on the ground floor were removed. Hoarding was installed at these sites.

At this time, our regular electricity was disconnected and temporary power was installed, the boiler was removed, and shoring was installed where necessary.

By the end of August, the windows were removed and hoarding was placed over the openings. Openings were cut into the back wall of the nave to make room for our two new glass doors and shoring was placed in the openings until new lintels could be installed a little later. Demolition continued on the electrical systems in the building and the interlocking brick outside the west doors near the parking lot was all removed. Excavation began on the east side of the building to place footings and foundations for our extension. Excavation work continued into September due to days lost because of rain. Shoring was placed in the area that will be the lounge. The interior stairs were removed and railings installed to prevent falls.

In October, work began on the foundations for the lift, as well as on the floor drains in the lower hall. Excavation was started on the west side of the building and foundation footings were placed in the excavation on the east side of the building.

In November, work started on the inside of the nave and in the narthex for the two new doors that are being installed at the back of the nave. The shoring was removed from the lounge area. We met with a representative of Toronto Hydro to discuss the electricity needs for our project, especially considering that the lift would have special electricity needs. We were very happy to learn that we would not need to have a transformer installed beside the church and that our needs could be met with a transformer put on the pole across the road from the church. This represented a savings of a substantial amount for us.

In December new trenches on the main floor were poured where sanitary lines were installed. Concrete started to be laid in in the excavated areas by mid-December. We signed our contract with Savaria, the company that will be installing our lift. The demolition around the altar was completed and the ramp to the chancel area was roughed in.

In January more footings were installed in the two excavations on the east and west side, there was a little more demolition of some exterior masonry walls. Wood for the framing inside the building was delivered. In order to make the workspace safer for the workers, temporary heating was installed, and this heating is only running while the workers are in the building.

It is important to note that while the physical demolition and construction is going on, there are plenty of things happening behind the scenes, including the arranging for the just-in-time arrival of equipment and necessary building supplies, the procuring of permits, the inspections by city, inspectors, etc. All of the city inspections of work in the building have passed.

We have started to discuss finishes, mill work, door locks, hinges and other small things that are a part of this project. It is quite wonderful to see the progress that is being made on our renovation and we are looking forward to a joyful return to Holy Wisdom in July.

The members of our team are: Reverend Gerlyn Henry, Claire Wilson, Lisa Luciani Turner, Linda Luciani, Lance Wilson, Claude Williams, Cyril Kerr, Brian Snider (from St John's Norway) and our consultant David Molyneux, plus the architects from DTAH, the engineers and project managers from BDA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Turner

Technology Team

Dear Members of Vestry,

It is a joy to share our technology update for 2025 with you. This year, we have worked with care to make sure our tech goals match the big changes happening in our church home. We are walking this path together with faith and patience as we build a place for God's word to shine.

A Note on Project Timelines:

Some of our big plans had to move to a new schedule this year. Our church is going through a multi-million dollar renovation. Because of this, we paused the lighting upgrade and the new outside LED sign. We did this to be responsible stewards. We want to make sure these new tools fit perfectly into our new building once the heavy work is done.

Audio/Visual (A/V) Systems Upgrade:

Even with the construction, we have great news! The sanctuary A/V upgrade was finished in February 2025. We now have a beautiful 100-inch LED wall and a new sound system. These tools help make our worship feel more alive and open to everyone.

The A/V work for the two halls is still on pause for now. While we wait, our team is staying busy. We are getting special training from Media Dynamics to ensure we are ready to serve our congregation and our community with excellence.

Looking Ahead: New Technology:

We are excited to explore new ways to bring God's message to more people.

- **Paperless Services:** We are looking at new technology that will help us move toward paperless services. This is a great way to care for God's creation by using less paper.
- **Streaming to YouTube:** We are working on ways to stream our services directly to YouTube. This will make it easier for our "peeps" and those at home to join us in worship from anywhere.

Our Next Steps and Future Growth:

As we look forward to the completion of our renovations, our team has a clear plan:

- **Coordinating with Experts:** We will work with Derek to create a timeline for putting all our equipment back in place.
- **Refreshing Our Skills:** We are asking Derek to lead "refresh" training sessions. This will make sure our current team is sharp.
- **Creating a Guide:** We are writing a manual to help new team members learn how to use our systems.
- **Building the Team:** We are looking for more helping hands to join us!

Conclusion:

We must be patient while our church home is being renewed, but your Technology Team is ready and eager. We are working closely with the Board of Management to ensure that as the renovations wrap up, our technology and our people are ready to shine.

We thank the Vestry for your support, your patience, and your prayers. May the Lord bless our work and keep us united in His service.

Sincerely,

Cyril Kerr and Lance Wilson

Technology Team

Young Adults Fellowship

It is with gratitude to God's guidance that I write this very first report of the Young Adults Fellowship (YAF) of the Church of the Holy Wisdom.

The YAF came about because we observed several young adults (young couples, students, and newcomers) who started attending CHW, but would often leave soon after the service ended. We wanted to facilitate a space where young adults can gather to build relationships and a sense of community, and to feel like they are truly part of CHW.

During 2024 we started with a few "get-to-know-you" events, and we decided to officially incorporate the YAF in the CHW ministries in 2025. The planning committee includes a total of four individuals, including the incumbent of CHW and the chair of the YAF.

In 2025, the unforeseen closure of the premises of CHW for renovation made us take a pause in the events we had planned. In the early months of the move to St. Jude Wexford, we reflected on what we were called on to do in our new circumstance. We successfully organized a "Hike and Pray" event on 19th September 2025 which was attended by close to 15 participants. We hiked a short trail at the Scarborough Rouge Park and celebrated eucharist. It was an event that brought together young adults from St. Jude Wexford as well as CHW, including parishioners who are temporarily worshipping in other churches. This marked our first formational event, and God willing will pave way for more in the future.

As we think of our move back to CHW, the YAF committee is thinking about the role we can play in establishing and re-establishing CHW as a church that feels like home to young adults. We envision the YAF as a space for community-building, support, and spiritual formation, and look forward to this next year and the opportunities it will give us to be stewards of God's love to young adults.

Respectfully submitted,
Gita Thiagarajah

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS in 2025

The Faithful Departed

*(CHW parish members, **and** parish family members whose funeral/memorial took place at Holy Wisdom)*

Marline Gladys Smith

Joyce Karuneswaraghanthan

Henrietta Sterritt

Winston Dunbar Holder

Rest eternal grant unto them, and let light perpetual shine upon them

Baptisms

Andrea Marlene Hernandez Perez

Nathan Oshoika Isa

Norah Uzoma Isa

2025 Attendance Statistics

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun*	July*	Aug*	Sept*	Oct*	Nov*	Dec*	Total*
In person	300	234	478	636	361	587	447	493	484	487	609	706	5822
Zoom	25	81	55	62	39	55	55	51	46	45	69	40	623
Total	325	315	533	698	400	642	502	544	530	532	678	746	6445

***NOTES:**

* Combined services with St. Jude, Wexford from June 15-Dec 31

Online numbers listed here reflect each connection via Zoom. Numbers of actual viewers may be higher than the number of internet/phone users connected to our online worship services. Following the instructions of the Diocese of Toronto, the online attendance figures should be multiplied by 1.6 to reflect the fact that registrations include multiple individuals.

APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS 2026

Appointments

by the Rector

Rector's Warden: Claire Wilson

Deputy Rector's Warden:

Nominations

by the Churchwardens

Treasurer: Ralph Vasagam

Vestry Clerk: Lisa Turner

I, Frances Munoz, Chair of the nomination committee for 2026 - with Patrick Chan and Farshad Ali - nominate the following people to the 2026 Vestry:

People's Warden: Lisa Turner

Deputy People's Warden: Linda Luciani

Lay Members of Synod:

Alternate Member of Synod: June Kerr

Youth Lay Member of Synod:

Envelope Secretary: Deni Mahendran

Parochial Tribunal:

Madge Latchana, Deni Mahendran

Advisory Board (Incumbent):

Linda Luciani

Advisory Board (Vestry):

Lance Wilson, Cyril Kerr

Digital Ministry Chair:

Liz Obianwuna

Newcomers Ministry Chair:

Jillian Reeves

Greeters and Sides persons:

Youvi Mayooran

Children and Youth Ministry:

June Montesano

Coffee Hour Coordinator:

Gail Thompson

Food Bank Coordinator:

Outreach:

Helping Hands Chair:

Lisa Turner

Altar Guild Chair:

Renovation Committee:

Stewardship Committee Chair:

Young Adults Chair:

Gita Thiagarajah

We believe that all of these individuals bring many special God-given gifts and talents and are of strong faith; an eligible voter -confirmed or received by the Bishop and are able to work as a member of a team.

Appendix A

Social Justice Vestry Motion 2026: Recommittting to “protect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth.”

We, the parish of Holy Wisdom in the Diocese of Toronto,

- **Pledge to honour our baptismal commitment to “safeguard the integrity of God’s creation” and**
- **urge the Government of Canada to honour its commitments to the Paris Accord, 2015: to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.**

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In our baptismal covenant, we pledge to “safeguard the integrity of God’s creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth.” This is part of our duty of care for our neighbour, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the ravages of climate change, and for whom Christ had a preferential bias.

Over 88,000 peer-reviewed scientific studies on the damage caused by CO₂ point in the same direction: that the planet is warming at a rate that poses significant threats to Creation.¹

The consequences of the warming include:

1. More frequent and more severe weather events (hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes)
2. Increased desertification of land and acidification of the oceans
3. Reduced food production capability from the land
4. Rising sea levels from glacial melt
5. Loss of freshwater resources
6. Loss of habitat and sustainability for plants, animals, and other organisms.

Secondary consequences of global warming are already massive.

1. Wars over resources
2. Increased numbers of people displaced by climate impacts
3. Diminished biodiversity
4. Increased numbers of invasive species of plants and insects due to the changing climate zones
5. Increased economic inequality (the most vulnerable nations and people will suffer the most.)
6. Increased health issues from heat, smoke, and water scarcity.

Our lived experience of 2025 offers independent confirmation of the science. It was the hottest summer on record (following the previous hottest summer of 2024)² It was the second most destructive forest fire season in Canada, with attendant smoke hazards for much of the country.³ While harder to quantify, we have also experienced many significant floods following torrential rains.⁴

Despite these growing impacts, and the overwhelming scientific evidence, the amount of CO₂ has increased every year.⁵ Scientific data alone has failed to persuade governments and industry to protect the most vulnerable and future generations by ensuring a livable planet. As Christians, we must embody our faith commitment with actions that show our care for those whom we may not know, but who will be most susceptible to the climate emergency.

Our faith informs the way we act. We proceed in hope – not fantasy, not wishful thinking – but Christian hope, which means living ‘as though’ we already dwell in the kingdom of God. Consistent with living this way, we celebrate all of

¹ <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2021/10/more-999-studies-agree-humans-caused-climate-change>

² <https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/risky-heat-climate-central-1.7636309>

³ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/climate/wildfire-season-2025-1.7606371>

⁴ <https://www.theweathernetwork.com/en>

⁵ <https://ourworldindata.org/co2-emissions>

creation, and protect woodlands and animals, birds and sea creatures, oceans watersheds, clean air and the rains, thanking God for their variety and working to ensure their vitality.

If we live this way, we will plant more forests, not chop them down⁶. We will use less energy, particularly in transportation, industry and agriculture. We will not consume more than our basic needs. We will recycle and repurpose, sharing more with our neighbours who have less.

We will also advocate for governments to honour their climate commitments. In 2015, 196 countries adopted the landmark Paris Agreement, a legally binding international treaty on climate change. The goal of the Paris Agreement is to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, relative to pre-industrial levels. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to achieve this goal and a net-zero-emission world by 2050, countries must significantly reduce their greenhouse gas emissions without delay. **Yet, current global commitments fall far short of this, leading to projections of warming by 3 degrees Celsius by 2100.**⁷

Since 1990, the Government of Canada has made many domestic and international commitments to address climate change, including commitments to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.⁸ Yet Canada's greenhouse gas emissions have decreased by only 8.5% in the 19 years since then.⁹ Oil production from the tar sands generates as many CO₂ emissions as all Canada's other human-generated sources combined.⁹ Canada is the worst performing of the G-7 countries in terms of meeting its targets.¹⁰

In June 2025, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada passed Resolution A200 endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and urging the federal government to:

- **End expansion of any new coal, oil or gas production** in line with the best available science as outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme;
- **Phase-out existing production of fossil fuels in a manner that is fair and equitable**, taking into account the respective dependency of countries on fossil fuels and their capacity to transition; and
- **Ensure a global just transition to 100% renewable energy globally**, support dependent economies to diversify away from fossil fuels, and enable all people and communities, not least the Global South, to flourish.¹¹

This vestry motion, which urges the government of Canada to honour its commitments to the 2015 Paris Accord, aligns with General Synod's Motion. Moreover, it aligns with our Diocesan Cast the Net Call #8 "Intensify advocacy and action in response to the climate crisis," and our own baptismal commitments.

There are many ways in which we can bring action and advocacy to bear on the climate crisis. To learn more, please refer to the additional resources in support of this motion, which will be made available on the Diocesan website at www.toronto.anglican.ca/vestrymotion

⁶ <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/creation-care/communion-forest-movement/>

⁷ <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-plan/climate-plan-overview/healthy-environment-healthy-economy.html#toc14>

⁸ <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-indicators/greenhouse-gas-emissions.html>

⁹ Nature Briefing, January, 2024

¹⁰ https://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/att_e_43947.html

¹¹ <https://fossilfueltreaty.org/faith-letter#faith-letter> laying out a binding global plan to:



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