



Trinity Church

A Community of Hope

Annual Vestry

Sarnia, Ontario

February 21st, 2021





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Trinity Anglican Church, Sarnia

Agenda

February 21, 2021

1. Call to Order & Opening prayer - Rev. Musa Daba
2. Attendance
3. Election of the Vestry Clerk
4. Memorials
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of February 16th, 2020
6. Reports
 - A. Motion to receive (and dispense with reading of) all reports as circulated.
 - B. Rector's Appointments
 - C. Church Wardens Report (Mary-Ann Cunningham)
 - D. Treasurer
 1. Financials Results 2020
 2. Line Item Report
 3. Motion to Approve 2020 Financial Statements
 4. Presentation of Budget 2021
 5. Motion to Approve Budget 2021
7. Questions Arising from various reports
8. Election of Officers for 2021
 1. Report of nominating committee – *Wardens*
 2. Elections
9. New Business
10. Vote of thanks - *John Damoiseaux*
11. Closing prayer (*Rev. Musa Daba*) and adjournment



you will shine like the stars in the sky

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Report of The Nominating Committee:

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, is pleased to place into nomination the following persons for the various offices as indicated. All have agreed to serve in 2021, if elected.

Auditor:	Sue Smith
Vestry Clerk:	Rachel Phillips
People's Warden:	Mary-Ann Cunningham
Deputy People's Warden:	Rebecca Reed
Synod Lay Delegates:	Scott Trinder, Teresa Morris
Synod Sub-Lay Delegates:	Stephanie McDonald, Kristen Mason

Additional Members of Parish Council:

Cliff Crossland	Member-at-large
Kiersten Brouwer	Member-at-large

Rector's Appointments:

Rector's Warden:	John Damoiseaux
Deputy Rector's Warden:	Teresa Morris

Additional Members of Parish Council:

Myles Vanni	Member-at-Large
Michelle McKay	Member-at-Large

Other Appointments:

Mary Blenkhorn	(Inreach Mission Coordinator)
John Damoiseaux	(Property and Maintenance Mission Coordinator)
Bob Shrumm	(Outreach Mission Coordinator)
Sue Collins	(Gathered Mission Coordinator)
Rev. Musa Daba	(Growing and Sharing Mission Coordinator)
Lay Readers:	To Be Licensed: Brenda Bandy, Teresa Morris, Sue Smith, Levidia Daba
Chancel Guild Director:	Colette Wilson
Children's Workshop Coordinator:	Meghan Kelly
Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Rep:	Levidia Daba
St. Nicholas Eve Coordinator:	Kris Reed
Fall Fair Coordinator:	Shirley Pettit

The Rector appoints as **Lay Communion Administrators for 2021:** Anne-Marie Airey, Elaine Allen, Bill Baldock, Barb & Dave Barcroft, Mary Blenkhorn, Sue Brouwer, Levidia Daba, John & Rita Damoiseaux, Teresa Morris, Lenie Severin, Sue Smith, John & Missy Stephens, Scott Trinder, Martha Wilson.

Church Warden's Appointments For 2021:

The Church Wardens are pleased to appoint: Treasurer/Envelope Secretary: Scott Trinder

Bishops Report

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend

Bishop's Letter to 2021 Vestry Meetings

January 2021

Dear friends, my siblings in Christ, grace and peace to you.

As you gather for your annual meeting of Vestry, I simply want to let you know that I am praying for you and I am grateful for your faithful discipleship over the past year.

What a year it was. In the midst of so much disease and division, in a time when everything was constantly shifting under our feet, the Anglican churches in Huron found ways to survive and thrive through it all. That took good leadership, wisdom, generosity, and prayer!

2020 has left some damage in its wake and we continue to wonder how we will fare in 2021. My commitment to you is that we will find ways to support one another, financially and spiritually, so that we can all begin 2022 in healthy condition.

The annual meeting is a time to gather up all that has happened, good and bad, and offer it to God in thanksgiving. It is a time to look forward with hope, in order to wisely steward all that God will bring to us in the future. I have encouraged every church and person in the Diocese of Huron to seek ways to shift the centre of gravity in our life together from "operations" and mere survival to renewal and new creation, better revealing the marks of mission by becoming: a learning church, a just church, a diverse church, a new church. Perhaps you will make progress in these areas as an extension of your current mission and ministry plans. The key focus in Christian life is to follow in the way of Jesus, and to be open to God's desire for us and for the world. I pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you further in this direction through your life together in Christ. Blessings to you, all.

+ Todd

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend
Bishop of Huron

Rector's Report

Rev. Musa Daba

He counts the stars and calls them by name



Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

What a year since our last Vestry meeting in 2020! So much planned and dreamed yet so little of those plans were realized. The past year has been a very difficult one on so many levels for all of us individually and corporately, as a church family. Yet it is at these difficult times that our true mantle is revealed. So, I do not complain nor do I want us to feel sorry for ourselves. We have been all in this together. I wish for you to join me in gratitude to our God.

Thank you

I praise God for all of you, who in spite of your own struggles found time to pray for each other and you included me and my family in those prayers. Thank you for holding each other up. This is who we are as Christians and this is how I have come to know Trinity Sarnia folk over the past 18+ months in this place. You are sacrificially loving towards each other and others outside our church community.

Praise God for giving us the means to be able to worship him even if we are not meeting in-person. We are more fortunate than many congregations because the Lord, through you has given us enough resources to be able to continue to worship Him together and also meet all of our obligations. I praise God for our Staff team. Rachel, Wendy and Rev. Dave Hewett have been nothing short of amazing in doing the work assigned to them during this time. Dave for his part has struggled

with leaving home and doing what he would do under normal circumstances, because of the vulnerability of Sheila his wife. Looking after her well-being is paramount to him, as it should be even with these struggles, he has not been out of touch with the office and some of our members. Rachel's work ethic and efficiency has not waned even under personal challenges. Thank you for your hard work with the administrative duties, Rachel, it is greatly appreciated.

Wendy, as music director has done amazing work. Preparing services with the music, during the pandemic was not easy. Especially when nobody was allowed in the building, she and her team of musicians and sound technicians were able to record more than enough music to be on Sundays for months. Thank you, Wendy for your hard work...

I would be silly if I did not add a note of thanks to Graham Blenkhorn. Since March of 2020, Graham has been constantly improving our production of live streams and recorded services. He started as a "novis" at this, but determined to learn, and as a result we are able to bring church gatherings to your home on time and with ever improving quality. Graham, Darwin Wilson, Jim Collins (and his team) are real stars... whenever you can, please let them know how much you appreciate their work. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters for your amazing work behind the scenes.

Last but not least to my family for their daily support and prayer. I love and appreciate you very much.

Joys and pains

In the past year we have been blessed with the birth of Charlotte Barcroft, Elizabeth Anstey and Olivia Cope. We continue to pray for their well being and growth. We pray for their families as well.

With these joys, there's been the pain of loss of loved ones. We've mourned the deaths of Carolyn Wright, Wife to Mike and mother to Jason Wright; also Sally Dunn, Joanne Dunn's mother; Terri Farr, beloved Daughter of Shirley Pettit; Beverly Fleming, Wife to Stephen and mother to Meghan, Kennedy, Allana, Jordan & Kallen. Our most recent loss, Bonnie Carter, a faithful servant at Trinity and will be greatly missed by many. May their souls rest in Peace and rise in Glory.

We rejoice with those who rejoice and we mourn with those who mourn. Rom.12:15

Challenges

As noted above 2020 has been one never to forget. It presented us with many new challenges. From an isolation point of view, it has been extremely hard for many not to be able to meet on Sundays for services or during week days for Life groups. The isolation also meant that doing regular visits to homes and the hospitals was going to be a challenge but some how we were able to cope.

The past year presented us all with unprecedented pastoral concerns. A number of people in our church community found themselves with significant health challenges that seem to have been exacerbated by the prevailing pandemic atmosphere. I will not mention any names here, but we are all aware of those whose ailments are due to age and/or sudden onset of serious disease. Also, there are some who have been affected mentally or emotionally by the pandemic. They are constantly being cared for, from the churches side, through pastoral care and general kindness of brothers and sisters in Christ. Administratively, we have tried to adapt to the prevailing circumstance by improving our means of communication. Suffice to say, there's room for improvement in this regard, especially from the rector. We've been aware of those who are not online to receive electronic communications and have been using conventional means of communication (paper). Again, we seek to constantly be improving.

Opportunities

By God's grace we have been able to find opportunities in the midst of challenges. As mentioned before, we now have a YouTube presence and our services are seen by all who can and from far flung places. This is a plus for Trinity. It is not the same as meeting together in person but we are still church and we continue to be the best way can.

Opportunities for ministries have also arisen. By ministries I mean opportunities to *serve*. Due to ill health, Elaine Allen and Bonnie Carter stepped down from their duties. Mike Tanner and Tony Gartshore have also stepped down as would be normal when a new rector comes in. I am very grateful to them for their long and faithful ministries in the church. I am assured that they will continue to serve in other capacities as opportunities present themselves.

Their departure has given Brenda Bandy, Sue Smith, Teresa Morris, and Levidia Daba opportunities to exercise their gifts as lay readers. They are currently in training and will be licenced in due time. I do appreciate their availability and willingness to serve.

Other opportunities to continue serving have been taken up in the sphere of pastoral care. People have availed themselves to constantly be in touch with various members of the church by phone or email. Also, our prayer chain folk have been kept ever busy with the concerns of the church community. The In-reach mission is being invigorated by Mary Blenkhorn and her team to reach those in our community pastorally, and we look forward to other creative ways to make this and other Missions of the church work best in these times.

With that in mind, thank you to our Mission Chairs and their teams for their continued hard work. Also, may I please urge those of you that feel the call and passion to serve the church in whatever capacity, to be in touch with me and the church office. We'll find something rewarding for you to do.

Youth Ministry

At our 2020 vestry meeting we expressed the desire to employ a youth coordinator for our children. After a long process (prolonged by Covid-19 uncertainties), we found the person best suited for the post, Maud Muchena. Her report can be seen in the booklet.

She came in at a very challenging time but I believe she has done a stellar job so far, navigating these challenges. Maud is currently a part-time member of our staff. She and her husband Prince have been warmly welcomed by the church community. We praise God for their service among us. Please pray for this ministry because it is not easy at this time.

Thanks to Sarah Morrow for her work with our youth for the past few years. Thank you also for availing herself to this ministry whenever needed. We wish her all God's best for her new-found full-time work.

For the foreseeable future

My vision remains the same for our Church. I see our Church growing in: **Loving God, Loving our neighbour and Serving God in the world.** This is not at odds with our churches mission statement: **to be a Community of Hope. Reaching in and Reaching out to Bring Christ's healing to a hurting world.** Loving God in worship, devotion to the study of his word and personal prayer, fills us and makes a Community of true, certain and undaunted *Hope*. This in turn moves us to obediently **love our neighbour** by *reaching in to those of our church family and reaching out, bringing Christ to a hurting world.*

This has been and must be the character of our church as the visible body of Christ in Sarnia and members of the invisible communion of saints throughout the world and throughout the ages. When people speak of Trinity Anglican church Sarnia, they speak of these qualities. A place where God is taken seriously and His call is obeyed. We will continue to grow in the knowledge of Christ our Lord and trust him to add to our numbers those who are coming to the knowledge of Christ and enjoy the fellowship of believers at Trinity Sarnia.

Changes to Parish Council

You'll note during our Nominations and appointments that the number of Parish council member is less than previous years. This is done because Mission Chairs will no longer be required to attend Parish Council (PC) meetings. I believe we need to streamline our meetings so that we can be more effective. So, only people who really need to be attending PC meetings are. The Mission chairs have Executive Mission support in PC to represent their needs. And bring in any reports. They will still need to submit reports to Annual Vestry Meetings.

Thank you to all who have served in Vestry in any capacity. Your ministry and leadership are always appreciated.

Also, I wish to thank Dave Bandy who has led Growing and Sharing for a long time. Dave is stepping down from chairing this mission. He has no formal replacement at this time. Me and Mary-Ann Cunningham, and others will look after this mission until someone is found to lead it. Leading Missions will always be a team effort. Thank you to Mary Blenkhorn for Chairing In-Reach after a long vacancy in that mission. We appreciate you and your team.

Thanks to all other mission Chairs who will continue to serve.

In conclusion

I pray that whatever 2021 holds for us as a body, we will always know and trust the one who holds all of history. Our moments and times are not lost to Him. In fact He is in sovereign control of everything in this crazy world. We may not fully understand the reasons for the continued troubles of our day, but we can trust our loving Father, who *"works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose."* Rom.8:28

Please do not stop praying for your leaders. Remember me too with my family as I remember you all in my prayers.

Much love and Blessings
Rev. Musa Daba



Wardens Report

Mary-Ann Cunningham



Faith that moves mountains

“We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield, in Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His Holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.” Psalm 33: 20-22

Well, I'm sure you've said it or heard it said before, "Thank God 2020 is over" or something similar. I like the rest of you have said or felt something similar. However it comes with sadness and reflection as I consider where God has been in these last 12 months. When I am overwhelmed working from home and have 2 kids going stir crazy and not getting along. When I am trying unsuccessfully to keep my kids focused through online learning and trying once again unsuccessfully, to maintain a shred of Grace. But then I reflect and get a true sense of God in the midst of it. He led me through prayers with each of my children, He allowed me to fall at His feet in guilt and frustration. "I can't do this anymore!" I'd yell. When I was at my lowest points, needing uplifting, needing God's teachings, He provided moments, minutes or hours to talk, pray and minister to a friend who was desperately struggling with a deeply difficult situation. It uplifted my heart, my soul and reminded me of God's presence, right there in the midst.

See, in all of this, God is God, He is I AM. May we not forget that. God is in control, He knew what was coming. I'm sure He was even preparing us for it, with or without our knowledge. God has been in the midst of the desperate loneliness, in the wake of the deepest despair, in the stressful moments and through it all He remains Faithful and unchanging.

God has healed His creation through this pandemic, He has brought down nations, kingdoms that have been built by man. He has met me in every moment through Christian radio, through the reading of His Holy Word, through friendly phone calls, etc. God is the God of the universe and I love Him!

At Trinity we have sadly been unable to meet in person for much of the year. It saddens my heart. But I remain so Thankful to Musa for his ability to preach, sing, introduce new characters in our online services. It makes it so easy to worship, sing aloud and forget you're sitting in your living room, still wearing your pajamas. Musa of course was not alone in this endeavour, many hands were involved. Wendy, Darwin who sang their songs, Graham and Jim who recorded and mixed their sounds. I'm sure I'm forgetting many aspects and names, so please forgive me. Many hands continued as we were welcomed to worship in person and begin live streaming. I give thanks to all of you, Musa, Rachel, Wendy, Darwin, Jim, Graham, Tessa, Joy, Sue B, Glynn, Michelle, Kiersten. We thank you for all of your hard work and countless hours.

Trinity has been kept busy through out this year. Meals are still prepared and delivered to the Inn of The Good Shepherd. In an effort to raise money to support LARC bringing the Nassan family of 12 to Canada, hosted a roast beef dinner for pick-up, raising over \$4000.00. Thank you to Myles Vanni who was instrumental in this success. Trinity provided 2 meals to 2 different long term facilities through the lockdown in order to show our appreciation and support of their unending hard work. Trinity Mission chairs and their teams, as well as other volunteers have given of their time to drop off paper copies of services and bulletins to parishioners without access to wi-fi. Phone

Vestry Minutes

2020

Trinity Anglican Church, Sarnia

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 16th, 2020

To be received and approved at 2021 Annual Vestry

Call to order at 11:56pm and Opening Prayer by Rev. Musa Daba.

An attendance sheet was circulated; there were 62 people in attendance.

Musa read what a voting member of vestry is.

Election of the Vestry Clerk: Rachel Phillips was nominated and acclaimed as 2020 Vestry Clerk.

Memorials: Rev. Dave Hewett read the list of members and those associated with Trinity who had died since our last vestry meeting and said a prayer for those people.

Vestry Minutes: asked if there were any errors or omissions from the 2019 vestry minutes.

Motion:

Moved By: Dave Kernohan

Seconded by: Carol Kernohan

That the minutes of 2019 Vestry be approved.

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports:

Motion:

Moved by: Martha Wilson

Seconded by: Teresa Crevier

To receive and to dispense with the reading of all the reports in the vestry package.

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Musa Daba discussed the Vestry Reports and requested that everyone takes the time to read them if they have not already done so.



Rector's Appointments

Rector's Warden: John Damoiseaux

Deputy People's Warden: Teresa Morris

Additional Members of Parish Council:

Stephanie McDonald & Kiersten Brouwer (Inreach Mission Coordinators)

John Damoiseaux (Property and Maintenance Mission Coordinator)

Myles Vanni Member-at-Large

Michelle McKay Member-at-Large

Other Appointments:

Lay Readers: Mike Tanner, Bonnie Carter, Tony Gartshore

To Be Licensed: Brenda Bandy, Brian Anderson, Levidia Daba

Chancel Guild Director: Colette Wilson

Children's Workshop Coordinator: Meghan Kelly

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Rep: To Be Determined

St. Nicholas Eve Coordinator: Kris Reed

Fall Fair Coordinator: Shirley Pettit

The Rector appoints as **Lay Communion Administrators for 2020:** Anne-Marie Airey, Elaine Allen, Bill Baldock, Barb & Dave Barcroft, Mary Blenkhorn, Sue Brouwer, Bonnie Carter, Levidia Daba, John & Rita Damoiseaux, Teresa Morris, Lenie Severin, Sue Smith, John & Missy Stephens, Scott Trinder, Martha Wilson.

Warden's Report:

Mary-Ann Cunningham

Mary-Ann discussed the warden's report. Dave Kernohan is retiring from his role as the people's warden. Musa has elected Rebecca Reed as the deputy rector's warden for 2020 and Teresa Morris will now serve as the deputy people's warden.

No questions arose from the Wardens Report.

Treasurers Report:

Scott Trinder

Scott Trinder said thank you to Rachel for her work.

Scott will highlight anything relevant that needs to be reported.

Scott discussed the Balance Sheet. We received a large lump sum offering and this was put in to a GIC and is renewed monthly. We see this on the balance sheet.

Under Long Term Liabilities. There is a new line item for designated other for a total of \$7000. Two contributions were made specified as \$5000 for building and maintenance and \$2000 for music.

Refugee line item of \$10,515 will be paid in 2020 for the refugee family supported by LARC.

Reminder made of the theological fund of \$1000 dollars for someone in the future who may need financial support for someone being educated in theology.

Income statement

Treasurer Scott Trinder walked us through the 2019 annual financial report.

Scott reviewed the Income & Expenses statement line by line.

Designated other was for the gift for Rev. Dave Hewett.

Discussed the expenses.

Discussed Moving Expenses for moving Rev. Musa Daba and his family to Canada.

Apportionment was lower this year because the Diocese made more on their investments in 2019.

Missionaries – Parish Council agreed that 10 percent of our surplus would be given to the missionaries. This approved by consensus at Parish Council and the money has been sent. We are encouraged by the amount that we have given to missionaries as they are doing the Lord's work.

Questions about Financial Report

Sue Brouwer ask about Logos – Logos is a program the clergy rely on for studying and learning for their sermons. Musa uses Logos quite a lot and it is a necessary item.

Question regarding the \$2000 designated for music, the \$2000 dollars is over and above what we budget annually and could be used for any needs the music team may need beyond their annual budget.

Scott Trinder went over the 2019 income statement and all necessary items.

Moved by: Scott Trinder

Seconded by: Bonnie Carter

That the 2019 financial report be accepted as read.

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Budget 2020:

Scott Discussed the reasoning for columns A and B.

Canon Law requires that we show what we are required to pay for apportionment in column A and in column B is our required apportionment and is what we have agreed to pay for 2020 based on our agreement with the Bishop. In 2021 our apportionment requirement will be at 100 percent.

Salaries – Budget

Scott discussed any changes to salaries. There is a cost of living increase of 2 percent for all.

\$26,000 for a part time lay youth leader. When this budget is approved, we will start to advertise for this new Youth Leader position.

Apportionment - Budget

Scott discussed the importance of apportionment and why we pay it. Scott stated that we are a group of churches and we need each other. The Diocese supports many items we may not otherwise be able to support such as the clergy pension plans. They also support the needs in the North. Apportionment is considered a debt of honour. Trinity has a long history of paying this at 100 percent and beyond. In 2021 we will pay 100 percent of apportionment. We hope and pray we are able to pay 110 percent because that is what we have done for so many years at Trinity.

- Scott went over all of the budget items.
- Scott stated that nothing was paid out for our emergency fund in 2019.
- Haiti compassion is 13 kids at 41 per month

- Neighbourlink is \$1000/month.
- Missionaries \$1000 each.
- We have budgeted \$10,000 towards LARC in 2020. The next family they plan to support is 12 people so the expenses will be higher.
- Budgeted \$14,000 for grounds and parking because we need to redo the parking lot in 2020.
- Capital Reserves – We plan to start saving for future building expenses. \$5000 will be placed on the balance sheet for capital reserves starting in 2020. The building is 20 years old now so we want to ensure we have some money in case something unforeseen happens. We hope to do this going forward each year.
- Trinity Busing has now changed. Huron Baptist is no longer able to support a bus. We will use a taxi service. Depending on how many people it is approximately 50 dollars per Sunday.

Questions about Budget:

- Bonnie Carter stated as of January we have 13 children not 14. One more has graduated.
- Martha Wilson – Apportionment – Martha was wondering why we did not pay \$5000.00 more to pay the full 100 percent. Martha was advised that we will stick with budget b and if at the end of the year, we are able to pay the full apportionment we will discuss.
- Rita Damoiseaux had a question about the money from St. James. We had used this to pay for the cost of the Bus so we may have some of those funds left over, as the taxi is not as costly.
- It was stated that the principal of the funds from St. James cannot be touched – if we ever decided to build a new building, they would likely give us this money to build or possibly other significant building projects. Cliff Crossland stated when St. James amalgamated with Trinity that this money would be used to finance evangelism in the south end and to run a bus in the south end to allow people to attend Trinity. It can be changed but we have to do it carefully.
- It was said that great possibilities are ahead.

Motion:

Moved by: Bill Baldock
 Seconded by Martha Wilson

That the 2020 proposed budget be approved.

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rev. Musa stated he had an omission from his report about the hiring of a youth Minister. The hope is to hire someone part time, preferably someone in Sarnia, and someone that loves the Lord Jesus Christ. Our hope is that they already reside in Sarnia so they can have other employment here and no need to relocate. Our Prayer for the future would be a full time position.

Lambton Anglican Refugee Committee:

John Damoiseaux to speak about the LARC committee. Gene Thamer is away so John will make a report on his behalf. Update of the situation. They hope to settle a family of 12 who are Syrian refugees. Syriac Catholic Refugees. There are some hopes for a house but it may need to be renovated but the rent would be a reasonable cost. The rectory is in Corunna. All of the English as a second language is done in Sarnia so there will be a larger need to support this family if they are residing in Corunna they will need to be transported to Sarnia for these classes.

It was stated that LARC wanted to select a Christian Refugee family this time and because of that we would not receive Government funding. Questions were asked as to why A Christian family would not receive government funding. It was stated that their religions has nothing to do with why they will not be funded, it is because we **chose** a particular family rather than the government selecting one for us, they must satisfy the refugee status to qualify to come regardless of their religion. And the government selects the people first who have been designated with the most serious need. The main point is that if we choose a particular family regardless of their religion the government will not offer funding.

Shirley Pettit had a question for the budget for the fall fair. Scott advised if at the planning stages if the budget is not sufficient it could be discussed at that time.

Nominations:

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| Auditor: | Roxanne D'Angela |
| People's Warden: | Mary-Ann Cunningham |
| Deputy People's Warden: | Teresa Morris |
| Synod Lay Delegates: | Bonnie Carter, Gene Thamer, Scott Trinder |
| Synod Sub-Lay Delegates: | Teresa Morris, Frank Fanelli, Kristen Mason |
| Additional Members of Parish Council: | |
| Bob Shrumm | (Outreach Mission Coordinator) |
| Sue Collins | (Gathered Mission Coordinator) |
| Dave Bandy | (Growing and Sharing Mission Coordinator) |
| Cliff Crossland | Member-at-large |
| Stephanie MacDonald | Member-at-large |

The names of those nominated and their associated roles were read aloud it was asked three times for any further nominations and no new names were brought forward.

Nominations:

Motion:

Moved by: John Damoiseaux

Seconded by: Dave Kernohan

That all roles are acclaimed

Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Church Wardens appointment: Scott Trinder as Treasurer/Envelope Secretary for 2020

New Business:

Rita Damoiseaux brought up the need of a repair. John Damoiseaux said there was a small leak that was addressed but he has noticed some blisters on the roof that may need to be addressed in the 2020 year. We do not have any quotes but in the future, we will have a need. When the time comes we may need to have a special vestry meeting. Scott stated we have money in the building fund that may be able to be used and \$5000 that was donated to church maintenance.

Dave Baldock asked why we do not have a van to offer rides to parishioners. This was looked into but the cost of having a van and maintaining it with insurance etc. would not be feasible for the amount of people that presently use the bus, now taxi.

Sue Brouwer - Regarding Sunday School. There is a new program called Dwell. The program is excellent and has all that you need. Sue stated that more volunteers are needed for the Sunday School program, men and women are invited to serve in this ministry.

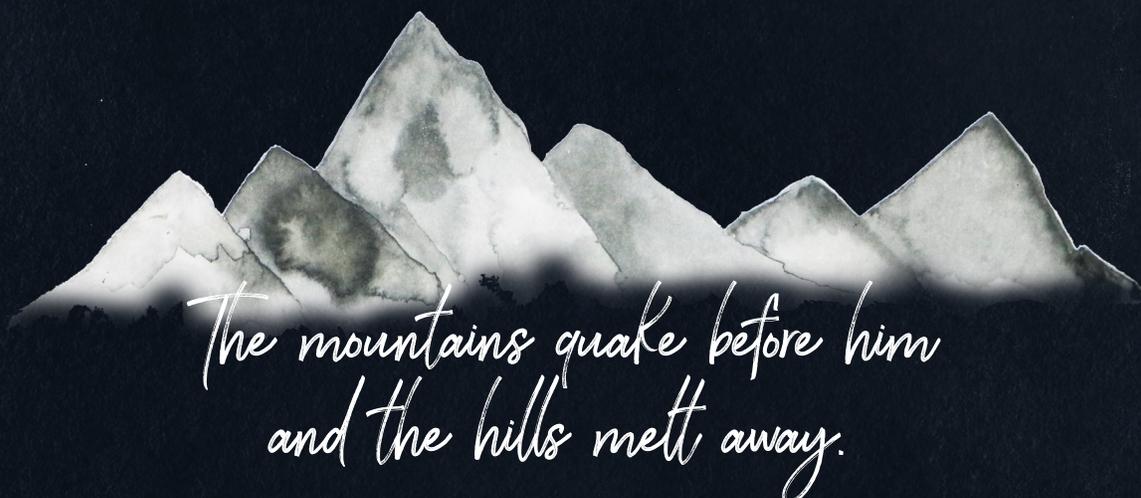
Life groups were brought up. David Bandy stated six group leaders will be doing this Invited study. 60 people total will be doing the study. Encouraging all to join life groups. Mary Blenkhorn has a study and Rev. Dave Hewett may consider adding another group if there is a demand, there is a self study option during Lent also.

In the future, please give any new business to us ahead of time before Vestry. Even last minute so we are able to add to the agenda.

Vote of Thanks: John Damoiseaux made a vote of thanks to all of Trinity as we all contribute to the life of our Parish.

1:25 PM: Motion for adjournment by Bonnie Carter and seconded by Sheila Hewett, All Agreed.

Rev. David Hewett closed in prayer.





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Mission & Ministry

Reports



Music Ministry

Wendy Zonneville

"I come before You to say.....Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord!"

To say that 2020 was a challenge would certainly be an understatement. So many things that we had always taken for granted were brought to the forefront of creative re-invention.

Thanks to a very dedicated and talented group of people in the Music Ministry we were able to accept these tasks and face them head – on.

Throughout the summer months some of us (following stringent Safety Rules and taking turns) were able to get together and record music that could be used for the Online Services that were taking place each week. We were able to compile a roster of approximately 50+ songs that we could use for any services that were pre-recorded. Darwin Wilson became our "mix-master" and for that, we are truly grateful for his creativity and dedication.

Zoom meetings were held with our Praise Singers group so that we could still feel connected but unfortunately the dynamics of singing/recording through Zoom was too much of a challenge for us to tackle technically so our meetings were limited to conversation or one person singing a solo to the rest of us. They were quite enjoyable.

As Church services opened up in the fall we moved into "live" mode and again, several people stepped up to the challenge needed to provide meaningful services to our congregation. Our very creative and talented technical team led by Graham Blenkhorn worked diligently to provide an opportunity to live-stream our worship services. This truly gave us a sense of "normalcy".

Unfortunately, these in-house services didn't last but only a few months and then once again we were challenged to create worship services that all members of our congregation and communities

could feel connected to. Rather than pre-recording the services we have been continuing with the live – stream aspect of services. Once again, so many from the Music Ministry have stepped up to this challenge.

The Praise Singers were given the task of "Carolling" to the shut-ins from our congregation and accepted it with gusto. For two nights a "socially distanced" group of 10 of us went to 13 members of our congregation and sang a few Christmas Carols/ tunes for their enjoyment. It was a lot of fun and a true blessing to see the faces of those we visited. Our only regret was not having enough time to visit everyone.

Christmas Eve services were certainly very different from what we have been used to in the past but the message was still the same....."Unto us a Child is born, a Son is given" and that child shall be called "Emmanuel, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counsellor." Thanks be to God for this wonderful message and the best present EVER.....Jesus Christ, our Lord! Although I normally don't like to mention names (for fear of forgetting someone) I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the dedicated members of the Music Team, namely..... Darwin Wilson, Sue Brouwer, Glynn Hughes, Joy Cafazzo, Tessa Catton, Dave Bandy, Carol Kernohan, Dave Kernohan, Brenda Bandy, Jennifer Seel, Deanne Phillips, Mary Blenkhorn, Isaiah Tebbens, Jacob Tebbens, Graham Blenkhorn, Michelle McKay, Charlotte Toyne, Carlos Facca, Bazil Cunningham, Brian Anderson, Scott Trinder.

If I could give hugs I certainly would, but for now will have to settle for sending virtual hugs to all these special members of my team. They truly inspire me every day!



it will be established forever like the moon

Youth Ministry Report

Maud Muchena

Appreciation

I would like to thank the Trinity Church as a whole on their welcome they gave me and my husband. We felt part of a family and all sectors of the congregation got in touch with me to offer their support and encouraging words. From the day I started and up to now I do not think I have lacked in anything be it support, advice, resources as everyone has opened their doors for me and this ministry. To the children it has been a fulfilling experience thus far and we pray and hope that going forward we will have more opportunities to gather physically as the youth.

Initiatives Done so far

Meet and Greet – Family Feud Game

This was the first gathering I was able to organize with the help of the church staff. It was mainly for parents and youth to come and get to know the person I am and to get accustomed to each other. On the event I mingled around and met the families that were present and they got to ask me questions about me. We also had a nice session of Family Feud, all the families loved it. The evening ended well and it was a great start to the youth ministry for me.

Bible Devotionals

I introduced devotional Tuesdays to the youth where I read a Bible story and I share a lesson with the youth. I usually send them every Tuesday and when I fail, I definitely send it out by Wednesday morning. I have recently started going along with the Rev. Musa bible readings for that week to let the

children follow along as well with the rest of the Church during Sunday service. The views of the videos online are not as I expected but they are slowly rising and I am seeing more people watching which is good.

Games/Activities

I have managed to organize the following for the children and most of these activities I schedule them on a Saturday night at 6pm;

- Escape Room
- Storytime
- Trivia Night
- Christingle Packages
- Away in Manger Recording for Christmas

Plans for The Future

- Summer Camp/ Youth Conference – planning for a Virtual Conference and a in person Conference just in case
- More Outdoor Activities
- Re-engaging the Teens – Creation of a Teen Group
- Planning for more interactive virtual meetings with the Youth

Challenges

- Its hard to engage more children on the virtual platform
- Low attendance
- Low teen engagement
- Covid-19



In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

Gathered Mission

Sue Collins

Due to the global pandemic the Gathered Mission team did not have any events or gatherings.

Members of the Gathered Mission Team - The Gathered Mission group consists of Mary Blenkhorn, Sue Brouwer, Jean MacCormack, Joan Lake, Rachel Phillips and Gayle Toyne. Special thanks to Carol Casey, who always helps us.

Thank you Trinity.

The Ladies Guild

Barb Barcroft

We had a very quiet Year due to Covid Closures.

Donations were made to :

- Inn's Food Bank \$300.
- Inn of Good Shepherd \$500.
- LG Foster Child \$50.

Total \$850.

Respectfully submitted
Barb Barcroft



In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him

Property & Maintenance

John Damoiseaux

My report this year will be a bit abbreviated from other years for reasons that you can likely guess.

Due to the COVID 19 lockdown and restrictions, our work was cut down significantly over the course of the year. The mission was still able to achieve a fair amount of accomplishments during the year. The major ones were:

Parking lot cracks were cleaned and filled and subsequently the whole lot was sprayed with a sealer and the lines were repainted by As part of this project some of the accessible parking spots were moved and a new ramp installed closer to the main doors.

The flat roof over the Sunday school room and ladies washroom and entrance was temporarily patched by Imperial Roofing. Hopefully this will allow us to wait at least one, maybe 2 years before a full replacement membrane will need to be installed.

The gardens were still maintained to the best of our ability.

The stair treads to the second story storage area from the worship space have been covered with wood making them wider and hopefully safer if not less intimidating to users.

In preparation for the arrival of our new youth co-ordinator Maud Muchena, Rachel's office was moved to Dave Matthew's vacant office, to give her more space, and was repainted.

New cameras were installed to accommodate streaming the services.

Of course all this work was done with the assistance of a lot of people, for whom I'm very grateful to have around me as a team and I want to express my utmost gratitude to these people: Archie Kerr, Jim Collins, Bill Baldock, Roger Airey, Gordon Saya, Sue Smith, Dave Bailey, Jim Gilroy, Dennis Handy, Kris Reed, Mike Tanner and Mike Casey.

Also many thanks to Tracey Campbell and her team for the excellent work keeping our buildings looking clean and for the extra cleaning and sanitizing efforts since our re-opening in the fall.

All members have agreed to continue to serve on this mission during 2021: Archie Kerr, Roger Airey, Jim Collins, Kris Reed, Gordon Saya and Dennis Handy.

Bill Baldock and his team of sign changers will also remain on deck: Dave Bailey, Mike Casey and Jim Gilroy.

Respectfully submitted,
John Damoiseaux, (Co-ordinator)



Growing & Sharing

David Bandy

The Growing and Sharing Mission has two main components, Alpha and LIFE groups.

2020 Highlights: Our usual ministry activities were significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. While our LIFE groups had a good start in January, effective March 15, 2020 Huron diocese suspended all public worship services and restricted access to our church facilities. Other meeting places like restaurants were also closed so effectively all our small group gatherings were halted. In late April some LIFE groups resumed meeting using online videoconference tools like Zoom. While our church building remained off limits until September, some groups also began meeting outdoors in July and this continued until we were able to resume meetings indoors. Despite these setbacks we finished the year with five active LIFE groups thanks to the faithful commitment of the group leaders. In 2020 our LIFE groups were led by Mike Tanner, Martha Wilson, Michelle McKay, Mary Blenkhorn and Dave Bandy.

Building on the 2019 Alpha, a LIFE group comprised of people from Alpha at the Inn was started BY John Damoiseaux using study material that was developed at Trinity for new believers called The Journey.

Finally, before we understood the full impact that the pandemic was going to have, we also set in motion a six week study called "Invited". This included a series of short films that explore what it means to engage in genuine, Christian invitation. There was also a written resource intended to be used by our LIFE groups to help foster conversation about and exploration into the breadth and length and depth of invitation. Invitation is at the very heart of the Gospel – that Jesus invites each one of us to come and follow him, and being an invitational people is at the very core of our identity as

Christians. Unfortunately our LIFE groups were shut down shortly after this was launched and people were left to study this material on their own.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Bandy

Growing & Sharing Mission

So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.



LARC Report

Gene Thamer

January 2020 began with the growing news of a new world pandemic with the covid-19 virus on the loose. It soon impacted all our lives with the implementation of growing restrictions on our lifestyle. With the eventual results of layoffs and closing of worship services, the thoughts and preparations for refugee sponsorship seemed to grind to a halt.

In spite of these difficulties, LARC, eventually representing both Lambton & Kent Deaneries, continued to maintain contact with the Nessan family in Jordan. (Remember that this family is made up of father & mother, 2 married sons with a total of 3 children and 3 other unmarried sons for a total of 9 adults and 3 children.)

Fund-raising for this family stayed at a trickle for the first 9 months of the year, but then began to pick up. We ended the year with a few churches having fund-raising projects which generated significant donations. Also, public communications generated many donations which enabled us to reach our goal of \$75,000 for this family and begin the fund-raising for our next family. In the new year, we will be completing all the necessary documents and submitting our request to the Government of Canada to sponsor this family.

We are amazed and praising the Lord for how He has and is working in us to complete this project.

Check out our new logo, below, and our new Facebook page at "Lambton Kent Anglicans 4 Refugees". Link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/442776940068047>.

As we pray for refugees and seek to sponsor refugees to come to Canada, may the Lord continue to surprise us with what He accomplishes in us and through us.

Gene Thamer, Chair Lambton Kent Anglicans 4 Refugees.

Note: to avoid expenses of changing our name at the bank, etc., we are keeping it officially as "LARC".



He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water.

Outreach

Bob Shrumm

Outreach is an active ministry at Trinity helping represent the parish's values of teaching God's word, prayerful support and caring action. There is a dedicated team of volunteers who coordinate the different activities.

Haiti Sponsorship - working with Compassion Canada, we provide funds for sponsoring children to attend school. Many Thanks to Trinity for this contribution for the children

Inn Of the Good Shepherd - We provide meals at the soup kitchen. Two teams coordinated by Martha & Darwin Wilson and Cliff & Dawn Crossland who prepare and serve meals at the Inn each month . Teams average 100 -110 people each meal . The teams also provide a special Christmas Dinner.

- FYI the Loonie Bank at the entrance to Trinity collects donations to offset food costs.

Samaritans Purse was organized by Linda Ashthorpe. Trinity provides the Christmas Shoe boxes for children who are less unfortunate around the world . Mission groups throughout Africa , Asia,& South / Central America. This is an annual huge fundraiser. Boxes are filled with toys and other needs.

Prayer Shawls - are knitted by the Prayer Shawl Team to be shared as a means of prayer , care and support for people struggling . They are very beautiful and much needed.

Baby Bottle Campaign - In lieu of the COVID crisis the Baby Bottles were changed to online support for the Pregnancy Options & Support Centre. .

Lambton Anglican Refugee Committee. This Deanery Committee is headed up by Gene Thamer . It is responsible for refugees coming to

Lambton . It is a great joy to bring a sense of safety, caring and comfort of a new home for families that have endured so much.

World Evangelism. Trinity supports a number of missionaries with prayer and/or funds to carry out their work around the world . Missions include Nelson & Kara Mejia in Honduras , Alison Blair in Burundi and Dr Steve & Peggy Foster in Angola Bishop David Parsons and the Diocese of the Arctic, Rt Rev Joey Royal at the Arthur Turner School in Nunavut, Al Shurooq Blind School in Jerusalem.

Alpha is chaired by Teresa Morris . Very successful helping bring prayer support and a better understanding of the world through teachings of Jesus

Warm Coat collection - There was an ongoing collection of warm clothing for donation to the Inn of the Good Shepherd

The Love of God is apparent by the good work that the Outreach Team undertakes everyday on behalf of Trinity and those less fortunate and to spread the message of Jesus.

Fourth Thursday Inn of the Good Shepherd

January and February meals were done in the normal fashion at the Inn. We fed the walk in crowd and the 20 at the lodge both months, about 240 meals. March saw the start of take out meals due to the Covid restrictions and each month the Trinity team that provided the fourth Thursday meals switched to meals that could be eaten cold i.e potato salad and coleslaw. The potato salad was prepared by about half the size of team from usual on the day before at the church and the coleslaw by people at home, then brought to the Inn on the Thursday. The



In wisdom you made them all the earth is full of your creatures.

Chancel Guild

Colette Wilson & Glenda Kerr

John 16:33 says "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

These words from Jesus have certainly rung true in our world this year 2020. Trinity Chancel Guild was actually "out of work" for about half the year. As our church was challenged to handle the global pandemic caused by the Covid 19 Corona virus, the celebration of the eucharist was "put on hold" in all of our Anglican churches from mid March until September 13, 2020. Our ministry team did a fabulous job of transitioning to online services and although we all missed taking communion on a regular basis, we managed.

Beginning in September we were allowed to serve communion again, although with many restrictions, but we adapted. From September until the writing of this report our parishioners have been able to celebrate and worship our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ through the partaking of bread only. Our minister Rev. Musa Daba leads us in the celebration of the Eucharist and his partaking of the wine is representative for all of us. We all really missed celebrating Christmas together. Praise God that we know that although the world is in a terrible turmoil, God is in control, and has overcome for us.

Following is the number of services prepared by Trinity's faithful Chancel Guild members, Lenie Severin, Gayle Toyne, Teresa Morris, Kate Allison, Carol Shrumm, Glenda Kerr, Colette Wilson, Simone Brown, Joan Hill, and Deane Phillips. Carol Kernohan joined us for a short time and we really appreciated her assistance. Cathy Wilson takes care of all the laundry, Magy Salmoni and Carol Shrumm are our talented seamstresses, and Kate Allison and Rebecca Reed do a fantastic job of decorating

the church for special celebrations. Thank you all for your dedicated, faithful service.

Holy Communion Services:

Worship Centre - 17
Chapel - 23

Morning Prayer Services:

Worship Centre - 12
Chapel - 12

Baptisms: none

Funerals: 1.

Outdoor Memorial Service - 1

Nursing Home Prayer & Praise Services /Individual Homes - 6

Weddings: 1

Respectfully submitted by Colette Wilson and Glenda Kerr

He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.



Praise, ye him, sun and



Moon

Praise him, all

Ye stars of light

Psalm 148:3

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