

Saint James Anglican Church, Caledon East
Vestry Meeting – 2006-02-12

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Incumbent's Report to Vestry **12 February, 2006**

These are interesting times for the church in Canada and more to the point in our Diocese. We await the results of the forthcoming 2006 Canadian Census with anticipation. If the findings of the 2001 Census are confirmed then Canadian churches of almost all kinds are in for a difficult period at least in the immediate future. One of our bishops has likened the situation in the Canadian Church to the Old Testament account of the years of famine in Egypt that followed years of prosperity and plenty. In seasons like this, creativity, courage, and perseverance are needed to survive and thrive. In our Diocese, the Bishop of Toronto has initiated a program to evaluate the ministries of our over 200 parishes. Based on this evaluation, to help us face the future, some churches will be consolidated, others closed, and still others built. A Diocese-wide study has looked at the life and ministry of every single church with a view to helping each parish understand its health and its vision. I am now in possession of a large binder of material about Saint James' that came out of that study.

All of these concerns do not mean that the situation is necessarily bleak for Christianity in Canada: many studies have shown that there is a trend indicating that Canadians are open, even searching, for spiritual reality. And there are wonderful signs of life in our own Diocese; there are churches growing and flourishing that are exciting and attractive.

Throughout the past two and half years I have worked on strategies to prepare us for the future. I have tried to take seriously our motto: *joined by faith, recalling the past, embracing the future*. In an effort to nurture our faith I have continued work to enhance our worship times both during the special seasons such as Christmas and Easter and during our regular weekly services. Also, I have tried to prepare experiences for adults in which our faith can be challenged and deepened such as the Wednesday weekly Bible study and programs like *The Anglican Vision*. The truly excellent work of Cobina Price-Jones and all the Sunday School teachers along with the dedicated ministry of Jonathan Massimi with our youth has furthered this emphasis on education.

As we look to the future I have been concerned to prepare us by developing an infrastructure that can serve us well and promote growth. Slowly we are building a network of guilds and committees that can provide ministry to and for us in a variety of ways. Major steps toward this can be seen even in today's Vestry meeting: we now have an Advisory Board that conforms to the canons of the Diocese and we are voting today to affirm the work of a very fine Baptism Policy Committee. There are many signs of vigour and vitality among us at St. James'. Today, for example, for the first time our numbers allow us elect two lay members of Synod. Our attendance has continued to grow as the following table suggests and signs of life are present in many ways.

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE		AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
2003	72	2003	72
2004	85	2004	99
2005	93	2005	107

Much more work needs to be done, however. I am concerned that both pastoral care and outreach achieve a higher level of development in this coming year. Also attention needs to be paid to such concerns as a marriage policy and a mission statement that can guide us on our onward way.

As we develop infrastructure and policies for the future, we cannot forget the present: a well-organised, prayerfully-considered worship life and pastoral care that meets the needs of our members and the wider parish have been central concerns of mine in the past year. In the months past we have again witnessed a number of important milestones: this year we entrusted to God’s loving and wise care Norman Judge, Russell Taylor, Gordon McDonald, Dorothy K. Judge, Frank Caschera, Lillian Neelands, Rene Simmons, Ian Patterson, Jan Brouwer and our beloved Jean Reed. Moments of sadness, however, were tempered with joy as we welcomed into the body of Christ Kennedy Ryan, Megan Goertzen, Colton Blanchard, Alexandra Stephenson, Warren Smith, and Sebastiano Seraphini. We also celebrated the marriages of Kim Judge and Paul McConnell, Lindsay Norberg and David Mizener, and Kristine Rasmussen and Stuart Snyder.

And so we begin a new year. My prayer is that we will march boldly through this year not anxious but trusting in God’s power that can strengthen and inspire. Finally, a church is only as strong as the commitment of its members. We are so blessed at St. James’ to have an enterprising band of faithful people who give so freely to the ministries of the church. Today we acknowledge two who are retiring from their responsibilities. Few will ever know the countless hours Karen Carley has given to the church first as Sunday School teacher, youth leader and most recently as warden. Margaret Forbes should be a legend in the annals of Anglican Chancel Guilds: for 18 years she has served so faithfully as chair of our Guild. Margaret and Karen have been an inspiration to us all. If I have one concern at this time it is for those ministries in the church that are without leadership: one glance at the ministries needing help currently will show that we urgently need new persons to take the places of those who now rest after years of committed service. Please prayerfully consider involvement in new ways in the life of the parish.

May God help each us to be faithful to his vision for our church and our parish in the coming year.

John +

WARDENS' VESTRY REPORT February 12, 2006

This has been another busy year for the Wardens. We welcomed Bruce Neville as a Deputy Rector's Warden and said goodbye to David Finch as the People's Warden. We started off the year with financial concerns; although we set the budget to reflect our needs and desires, it did not take too long to realize that our costs exceeded our intake.

The **Robbie Burns** evening was organized by Wendy MacLeod and was another great success. In February, Carl Kinzinger organized a **Mystery Dinner**. This proved so enjoyable that it has become an annual event.

In February, we planned to have **signage** made for the church; it had to be put on hold because of financial constraints. We also revisited our price structure for space usage in the hall and kitchen and brought it into line with other similar space in the community.

We continually met during the course of the year with the **daycare** staff to express mutual concerns. We now have a designated room for the Sunday school that the daycare does not use. This permits our teachers to leave items out each week. We also have spent a lot of time and effort in solving the drainage problems at the daycare front door. This included redesigning the flower box and deck to allow for regular maintenance, repairing the underground pipes and replacing the cistern pump. Overflow from the toilet in the upstairs men's washroom resulted in our replacing the daycare's kitchen and laundry room ceiling tiles. Ten months ago, we promised the daycare an extraction fan in the kitchen. They are aware of our financial concerns and have been very patient, but we must do this in 2006. We now share the cost of the dumpster with the daycare because our own garbage was being ravaged by the raccoons on a regular basis.

The **Heritage Committee** has been so successful in meeting our needs at St. James that we opened a special account for their memorial donations. We also purchased a security vault to hold our most precious items.

In April, we held a **special vestry** to elect an alternate lay member of Synod and to officially change the name of the Parish Council to Advisory Council. We elected Bruce Neville as alternate to Synod and Ruth Sowrey as Secretary to Advisory Council.

This year we kept the **church open** to the public during office hours and we purchased a sandwich board to be used near the sidewalk. This initiative will be continued year round.

We have stopped **advertising** in the newspaper on a weekly basis. Special flyers are delivered at Christmas and Easter instead. This has had positive feedback and resulted in increased visitors.

St. James operates primarily through the loving labour of **volunteers**; we cannot even begin to list all the work done over the year by so many. The cleaning of the church basement offers a good example. Many parishioners, young and not so young, offered up a summer Saturday getting the basement organized. Time and talent are given so freely at St. James it is astounding. As wardens, we are aware of all the committees; we don't always realize the number of hours each member puts into their successful projects. We

are grateful for your support and pray that you will have the desire and the strength to continue to meet the challenges to which you are called.

The **Choir** asked for their own space and we were able to give them half of the Leon Reed room. They now have privacy and everything is held in one place.

In September, the wardens hosted our annual **Corn Roast**. This always proves an enjoyable beginning to the fall season.

If we were not already worried about finances, the report from the diocese added to our burden of concern. The diocese stated that it would be changing our **allotment** (amount levied by the diocese) over the next three years, for a total increase of 150%. We immediately requested a meeting with diocesan officials and discussed ways to reduce this figure. Bruce Neville and Allan Whike continue with this work, but we must prepare for a substantial increase in what is expected of St. James.

The **Finance Committee** meets four times during the year to assist the wardens in making budget decisions.

The **Silent Auction** in November helped our finances as well as providing lots of fun and fellowship. The organizing committee worked very hard and we appreciate their efforts.

The church was open for the **Rotary House Tour** in December. Many visitors came to see our facilities.

In December, we hoped that we would get through the year without borrowing more money from the bank. Then the water heater in the rectory started leaking and the furnace needed to be replaced. At an advisory council meeting, everyone present expressed a feeling of personal involvement and concern about our financial difficulties. Peter Sabbagh thus composed a “**Troubleshooting**” plea to be shared with the congregation the following Sunday. A big “Thank you” to everyone who came to the rescue and spared St. James an increased bank loan for Christmas!

On another positive note, we are able to continue with the **youth program** and the growing 9:30 a.m. service. Thanks to Jonathan Massimi for his dedication to St. James.

You may have noticed that **St. James House** has improved 100% on the outside this year. The inside also is being restored to its original condition. Linda Moon has spent her own money and much of her time restoring this house. She is very meticulous and does her research before starting a project. We are very lucky to have such a conscientious occupant.

St. James has a **Pre-Authorized Gift Program (PAG)**, which makes it easier to support the work of our parish through regular offerings. It is easy to register and a void cheque ensures no more envelopes, cheque writing or bookkeeping on your part. It also makes it easier for the church to meet our expenses when there is a regular, dependable flow of contributions to the parish and Faith Works.

Sandra Morrison has taken on the responsibility of the **Shop and Support Program**. This is another easy way to give to the church without any additional cost. Order a gift card for each store where you regularly shop and your card will be available the following week. \$100 buys \$100 worth of merchandise and St. James receives 3% to 15%, depending on the retailer.

I have enjoyed being your Rector's Warden for the past three years and I know Peter Sabbagh and Bruce Neville and our newly elected Deputy People's Warden will carry on very well on your behalf. Old Wardens never die; they just change committees!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Carley, Rector's Warden

Envelope Donations

The following figures were provided from the record of envelope givings during 2005. The number of envelopes is the total number of donations recorded during the month (including both donations in assigned envelopes and donations from individuals without assigned envelopes). The first row of figures for each month provides the total givings for the category for the month. The second row provides the average for that category over all donations received.

The Other category covers all donations that were not attributed to any of the other categories.

Note: When we receive a donation from an individual without an assigned envelope, we assign an envelope number that does not currently exist for record-keeping purposes.

Month	Current	Faith./Out.	Construction	Other	Envelopes
January					
Summary for 'Month' = 1 (170 envelopes)					
Sum	\$7,535.00	\$304.00	\$0.00	\$2,355.00	\$100.00
Avg	\$44.32	\$1.79	\$0.00	\$13.85	\$0.59
February					
Summary for 'Month' = 2 (145 envelopes)					
Sum	\$7,580.00	\$141.00	\$300.00	\$125.00	\$5.00
Avg	\$52.28	\$0.97	\$2.07	\$0.86	\$0.03
March					
Summary for 'Month' = 3 (154 envelopes)					
Sum	\$7,456.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$565.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$48.42	\$0.97	\$0.00	\$3.67	\$0.00
April					
Summary for 'Month' = 4 (137 envelopes)					
Sum	\$5,766.00	\$462.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$42.09	\$3.37	\$0.00	\$3.54	\$0.00
May					
Summary for 'Month' = 5 (165 envelopes)					
Sum	\$6,191.50	\$189.50	\$15.00	\$1,655.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$37.52	\$1.15	\$0.09	\$10.03	\$0.00
June					
Summary for 'Month' = 6 (142 envelopes)					
Sum	\$6,836.50	\$294.50	\$0.00	\$990.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$48.14	\$2.07	\$0.00	\$6.97	\$0.00
July					
Summary for 'Month' = 7 (133 envelopes)					
Sum	\$6,120.50	\$254.50	\$0.00	\$445.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$46.02	\$1.91	\$0.00	\$3.35	\$0.00
August					
Summary for 'Month' = 8 (90 envelopes)					
Sum	\$4,262.50	\$232.50	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$47.36	\$2.58	\$0.00	\$5.56	\$0.00
September					
Summary for 'Month' = 9 (127 envelopes)					
Sum	\$4,867.50	\$217.50	\$0.00	\$1,270.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$38.63	\$1.71	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
October					
Summary for 'Month' = 10 (169 envelopes)					
Sum	\$9,886.00	\$202.00	\$0.00	\$645.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$58.50	\$1.20	\$0.00	\$3.82	\$0.00
November					
Summary for 'Month' = 11 (158 envelopes)					
Sum	\$6,715.00	\$154.00	\$0.00	\$1,515.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$42.50	\$0.97	\$0.00	\$9.59	\$0.00
December					

Summary for 'Month' = 12 (191 envelopes)					
Sum	\$32,083.46	\$198.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,290.00	\$0.00
Avg	\$164.53	\$1.04	\$5.24	\$6.75	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$105,299.96	\$2,799.50	\$1,315.00	\$11,840.00	\$105.00

Number of assigned envelopes: 95 (identical to 2004 – includes PAG)

Number of active assigned envelopes (one or more donations): 93 (up 1 from 2004 – includes PAG)

Donors without assigned envelopes: 58 (down 2 from 2004)

All Categories (2005) : \$121,359.46

All Categories (2004) : \$103,665.45

% Change from 2004 to 2005 = +17.1%

Treasurer's Report

For your Treasurers the year 2005 was difficult in that our bank balance was depleted, month by month, by our expenses exceeding our revenues. Fortunately, in December the congregation responded generously when our Warden Peter Sabbagh explained the situation, and our balance recovered somewhat.

As your Treasurers we anticipate that the imminent Stewardship Campaign will have positive results and will make our lives easier. If we had to choose one major factor, it would be the widespread adoption of Pre-Authorised Giving (PAG) by the congregation, to replace the traditional envelopes; this would provide a steady cash flow throughout the year and would allow more accurate financial planning.

However our budget is also dependent on successful fundraising events. These events must be kept at the front of our agenda and be planned well in advance.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Morton, Co-Treasurer

Alan White, Co-Treasurer

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Church Staff

Incumbent: Rev. Dr. John W. Stephenson
Youth Minister: Jonathan Massimi
Secretary: Ruth Sowrey
Sexton: Diana Trainor
Choir Director: Gordon Morton
Organist: Mary Judge

Officers of the Church

Appointments

Rector's Warden – Bruce Neville (2 years remaining)

Vestry Clerk – Ruth Sowrey
Worship: Carl Kinzinger
Education – Deirdre Fowler
Pastoral Care – Heather Sabbagh

Rector's at large member of Advisory Board: Kim James

Elections

People's Warden – Peter Sabbagh (1 year remaining)

Deputy People's Warden –

Lay Members of Synod Representative – Deirdre Fowler; Bruce Neville

Alternate Lay Members of Synod - David Finch; Karen Carley

Finance: David Finch
Service: Bob Williams
Property: Gordon Morton
Administration: Diane Allengame-Kuster
Social: Dee McEnaney
Communications: Cobina Price-Jones
Vestry at-large member of the Advisory Board: Ruth Sowrey

Parish Tribunal: Incumbent, People's Warden, Rector's Warden, Deputy People's Warden, and 2 members elected by Vestry: Fred Bilton, Alan Whike.

Property Management

The following is a summary of the main Property Management activities during 2005.

Church, Parish Hall, etc.

- The security light on the south wall of the Parish Hall was repaired.
- Grass cutting was done by Norman Davids on an “as required” basis.
- The snow clearing contract for 2005 – 2006 was awarded to Green Day Landscaping and includes cleaning of walkways.
- After the men’s breakfast in the Spring, the participants adjourned to the outside for a yard clean-up. Garbage was cleaned up from around the perimeter of the church property and the concrete curbs were placed along the edge of the parking lot.
- Several of the Austrian Pines on the property had reached the end of their useful lives and were cut down. One of the trees was in front of the church and the others were on the property line next to St. James House.
- The storm windows covering the stained glass windows on the west side of the church were repaired and repainted. Thanks go to Bruce Neville for the great restoration job.
- A gas leak in the ceiling of Phase II was located and repaired.
- Service and maintenance of the furnaces and HVAC units will be carried out on a trial basis for 2006 by Circa Refrigeration Inc.

Daycare

- The concrete slab outside the main entrance had heaved and was interfering with the door. Several attempts were made to grind the slab down but eventually a small section had to be broken up and removed.
- Once again, during a particularly long and heavy rain storm, runoff water did not drain fast enough, resulting in water entering the daycare through the main door. Several measures were taken to reduce the risk of future flooding:
 - Several large drain holes were added to the planter.
 - Overflow pipes were installed in the storm water cistern.
 - Damage to the roof drain was repaired.
- Several leaking taps were replaced.

Rectory

- New windows were installed in the front bedrooms.
- A new furnace and hot water heater were installed.

St. James House

- Maintenance and landscaping is being done by Linda Moon, the new tenant. We are grateful to Linda for all the work she has done.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Morton, Property Manager

Worship Report

The worship committee met 3 times during 2005. The purpose of the worship committee is to assist the Rector with suggestions and feedback by reviewing and planning worship activities for the year. The committee is made up of the Incumbent, Church Secretary, Organist, Choir leader, Worship Planner and a representative of the Sunday School, Choir, Altar Guild, Sides persons. Any other interested parishioners may also attend.

After several years as chair of the worship committee, Jennifer White resigned and we extend our grateful thanks for her service. Carl Kinzinger has assumed the chair.

The World Day of Prayer service was held at St. James in 2005.

Lent and Easter 2005.

Palm Sunday - procession outdoors which most of the congregation joined (The United Church has asked if they might join us in 2006)

Maundy Thursday - pot luck supper and communion followed by symbolic washing of Warden's feet and stripping of the altar and a prayer vigil ending with Compline.

Good Friday - Journey of the Cross (also known as the stations of the cross) followed by service and erection of the wooden cross outdoors

Cemetery Decoration day -Sunday June 5 - slight reduction in attendance, most were guests, very few children present this year. Flowers were put on each grave.

July 24 we celebrated the feast of St. James our patronal saint.

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday - church beautifully decorated as usual with fruit and vegetables which were taken to "Choices" in Orangeville following the service

All Saints Day - lighting of individual memorial candles very thoughtful and very touching - most people in attendance lit a candle. There were also 2 baptisms.

Remembrance Day - a very considerate and moving service. John Heighton read the roll, Robin Holder tolled the bell 60 times, Fred Bilton recited "In Flanders Fields". We also dedicated 2 new cruets.

Advent and Christmas 2005

During Advent the Wednesday service was moved to 7:30pm service and well received by those who attended.

Lessons & carols & children's pageant on 3rd Sunday in Advent - well attended

Christmas Eve - family service moved to 5:30 pm, a new service for seniors/singles (and those looking for a quiet service), usual 11:00pm service preceded by cider and carol singing - a brass quintet accompanied organ and choir and Travis Fowler played guitar accompaniment to Silent Night - well received

Experimented with different communion wines and finally settled on Rosato (a pink semi-sweet) wine.

Eight o'clock service going well with attendance running 15 - 22/23 each week.

The contemporary service at 9:30am was moved to 4:00pm for a time but this didn't work so it has been put back to 9:30am. Attendance is *very* slowly growing. The band loves the service, Jonathan preaches every week.

We have been invited to join with four other parishes (Erin, Orangeville, Mono Mills, Tottenham) to hold joint Evensong services every 2nd month on a rotation basis with the 5 choirs merging for the service. Agreed to give it a try.

We currently have 10 servers plus 2 occasional servers, 5 intercessors, 7 deacons/chalice administrators and 21 readers. On a rotating basis the deacons are taking a more active role in the service of Morning Prayer.

Our thanks to all those persons who help to make our worship such a pleasurable experience, not the least of which is Mary Judge on organ, Gordon Morton our choir leader, the choir, the chancel guild, Ruth Sowrey on flowers, the sides people, and our servers, readers, intercessors and deacons.

Respectfully submitted

Carl Kinzinger

Chancel Guild

The purpose of the Chancel Guild is to prepare the Chancel and Sanctuary for all services, including Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. We have two meetings a year to plan for special occasions such as Palm Sunday, Easter, Advent and Christmas. The duty roster is made up four months at a time with members signing in. One very important member of the Guild is the Flower Secretary, Ruth Sowrey, who does all those magnificent arrangements in the Sanctuary.

For Palm Sunday the church was decorated with palm fronds and 200 palm crosses were made for the congregation.

Thanks to Ruth the Chancel at Easter was a glorious explosion of spring flowers and lilies. Also thanks to Ruth and Anne Allengame for the spectacular Easter Garden

Christmas is always a busy time with decorating the church and tree (a few hours) and setting up for the four services.

We will remember 2005 as a year that St. James received many beautiful gifts for the Church - new antependia, blue dossal curtain, ceramic communion set, hammered silver communion vessels and blown glass cruets.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Forbes, Chair

Heritage Committee

During its first year the Heritage Committee facilitated several major improvements and additions to our worship life at St. James.

After a careful analysis of the worship articles and other memorial items, we created the first of two pamphlets outlining various memorial opportunities. As a result, the following gifts were offered and dedicated in 2005:

- from Bob and Mary Pat Armstrong: Sterling Silver Ciborium and Chalice, dedicated to those who gather at the Lord's Table,
- from Beverly Follett, Patricia Howell, John and Karen Carley, Arthur Carley, Dr. Ron and Edna Stokes: White silk/blend antependia (hangings), in memory of Evelyn and Cecil Carley,
- from Anne Allengame: handcrafted crystal cruet set, in memory of Annie Allengame, Millie Evans and Elise Naylor.

The committee organized a clean out of the church basement and gratefully received help from other parishioners. Many loads of trash went to the landfill, important parish records were identified and moved to a dry part of the basement, and an item from St. John's Castlemore (demolished) was found and donated to the Silent Auction.

In 2006 the major focus of this group will be to create a Heritage exhibit and display in the Gathering Space and to provide advice for the Rector and Wardens with regard to the heritage aspects of the church itself and items within.

Members: Marg Forbes, Robin Holder, Ruth Sowrey, Christina Wiggins.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Allengame, Chair

Sunday School Report

St. James' Sunday School ran from January 16th to June 19th (winter and spring semesters), and from September 11th to December 18th (fall semester).

For the winter and spring semesters, we had 4 teachers. In June, Wendy Smith-Bilton retired, but we were joined by Bev De Savigny and Kathleen Blanchard. So, for the fall semester, we had 5 teachers.

Attendance

Over the year, the average attendance was 11 (6 for the primary class, and 5 for the junior class). The average was lower in the winter and spring semesters (8) than in the fall semester (13). Attendance was high in the month leading up to Christmas, peaking at 23 (14 primary, 9 junior).

Curriculum

For the winter semesters, we used the One-Room Sunday School curriculum (the "Creation" unit) for both the primary and junior classes. When we finished that unit, the primary class continued with "The Life of Jesus" and "The Early Church" (also part of the One-Room curriculum), and the junior class began working with a curriculum called "Exploring the Bible," which we found in our "archives". This curriculum was very popular with the students, and we continued to work on it during the fall semester. The primary class spent the fall semester working with the "Friends" and "Christmas" units of the "Piece By Piece" curriculum. We are continuing to search for a curriculum that meets the needs of all of our students, and is easy for the Sunday School teachers to implement.

Outreach/Good Works

The Sunday School held a Penny Drive this year, to raise money for Caledon Community Services. We raised a total of \$112.50, in friendly competition with Bolton United Church, Caledon East United Church, and Caven Presbyterian Church.

During our annual Spring Planting, the Sunday School planted pansies around the main entrance to the Church.

Events

The Sunday School hosted three major events, the Children's Ash Wednesday Service, the Parish Picnic, and the Advent Craft Day.

Ash Wednesday: The child-friendly Ash Wednesday service followed a pot luck supper in the Parish Hall.

Parish Picnic: The Parish Picnic was held June 19th in Caledon East Park. For a nominal fee (to cover the cost of renting the Park), members of St. James were able to enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, and pot luck salads and desserts. There were also games for children and adults. As it has for the last few years, the event fell on Father's Day. In 2006, we will be holding it a week earlier to avoid this.

Advent Craft Day: Advent Craft Day was extremely well attended (25 children and 15 adults). The children had the opportunity to make 5 different crafts, plus an Advent wreath, after which everyone partook in a light supper of soup and sandwiches.

Performances

The Sunday School children shared their talents with the congregation in a number of ways. They performed "A Circle of Life," they told the story of "The Life of Jesus", and they shared "The Good Shepherd Rap." During Advent they explained the meaning of some of the Jesse Tree ornaments, and on December 18th, they put on their Christmas Pageant.

Sunday School Schedule

For the winter and spring semesters, children were joining their parents for communion one Sunday a month. This proved to be confusing for everyone involved, so we have instituted a new procedure. Starting in the fall semester, the students go upstairs for communion during each BAS communion service. (There is no appropriate place for them to join the congregation in the BCP communion service.) To allow enough time to cover the Sunday School curriculum, the students now start the service downstairs in the Sunday School. Since this means they no longer have the "Children's Time" with the rector, the rector joins the Sunday School at the start of the Morning Prayer service, to spend some time with the children. So far, this seems to be working out quite well.

Fund Raising

In 2005, the Sunday School organized and ran a Robbie Burns Dinner, which was open to the entire Caledon East community. The dinner raised a total of \$675.50 for St. James.

Respectfully submitted,
Cobina Price-Jones, Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Ministry

2005 was filled with many interesting events such as Laser Quest, Bowling, Movie Nights and Fear Factor. We also had the opportunity to visit our brothers and sisters at the L'Arche Day Break Community. Our goal for 2006 is *commitment*. We will encourage the young people of our parish not only to attend when particular events occur, but also to *commit* to the stability and growth of the youth group by attending on a regular weekly basis.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Massimi

Contemporary Service

In 2005, the contemporary service went through many changes such as time, location and music. At first, this service was not well attended, and often we were literally preaching to the choir, but I am happy to say that we are now experiencing some growth. We have returned to a 9:30 AM time, and have continued to make changes in the area of liturgy. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Massimi

Outreach Committee

The parish outreach activities in 2005 included the response to several diverse causes, all of which were generously supported. The total of faithworks and outreach donations was \$8,524.50 and this disbursed as follows:

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Whike, Chair

Social

Coffee Hour continues to be well attended and enjoyed after the eleven o'clock service. Thank you to all who provide food for this and tidy up. We encourage all the regular people who attend to make sure new people or visitors are made to feel welcome. Anyone wishing to contribute Canadian Tire money may place it in the jar provided at Coffee Hour. We thank you for exchanging with others when your scheduled time is not convenient.

We have enjoyed another year of wonderful fellowship at pot luck supers and theatre nights at Caledon Town Hall. Between twenty-five and thirty members of St. James meet at Dee and Phil McEnaney's for a pot luck supper and then proceed to the theater in Caledon. Our next theatre night, "An Act of the Imagination" will be March 4, 2006. Anyone wishing to attend should phone Dee at 905-838-3255 to pre book the tickets. Most nights are a sell out so phone early!

Respectfully submitted,
Dee McEnaney

Just Friends

This year was our 15th year as a group of older women meeting once a month for an hour of fellowship.

This year has been a sad one with the death of one of our founding members Jean Reed, and the declining health of Madelaine Elms another founding member. We have plans to dedicate a tree in Jean's memory in 2006.

This year we met mostly in the Parish Hall but we did celebrate Dorothy Plewes' 90th birthday with a luncheon at the Woodside Restaurant. In October we enjoyed a pot-luck lunch and had a great hour of fellowship.

This is the 14th year we have contributed to the "Bundles for Babies" project. This is our outreach to needy, young, single mothers through Moorlands Community Services in Toronto. We filled a large carton with layette articles and we know how much they are appreciated. We thank John and Joan Pelly for faithfully delivering to Toronto yearly!

We welcome anyone looking for an hour of friendship. We are inter-denominational. No membership fees for this group! Just bring along a brown bag lunch on the last Thursday of each month at noon in the Parish Hall. You will be sure of a welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Allengame

New Members Committee

Chair: Heather Sabbagh
Members: David Finch
Bruce Neville
Rev. Dr. John Stephenson
Former: Margo Young
Doreen Walsh
New: Dierdre Fowler
Audrey Spurr

The New Members' Committee welcomed Dierdre Fowler and Audrey Spurr as members in 2005. Dierdre and Audrey replace former members Margo Young and Doreen Walsh, both forced to retire because of illness in their families. The New Members' Committee thanks Margo and Doreen for their service.

The main work of the New Member's Committee is ongoing from Sunday to Sunday, as its members seek out newcomers to St. James and endeavour to make them feel welcome to our worship service and later at Coffee Hour.

The committee members also are prepared to visit the homes of individuals who express an interest in joining the congregation, to offer information booklets about St. James Caledon East and about the Anglican faith and to answer any questions. There appears to be some reluctance among newcomers to encourage home visits. This has discouraged the work of the committee somewhat, such that it now meets infrequently.

A "Welcome Newcomers" breakfast held in May 2004 was enthusiastically attended. The committee hopes to again host such an event in late spring 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather A. Sabbagh, Chair

Saint James' Cemetery

The Past Year

The year 2005 was a year to feel proud of the appearance of St. James' Cemetery. The work done in 2004 continued to enhance the grounds, but the grass cutting by Norm Taylor, Bob Evans, John Carley and Joe Campbell meant that the grounds never looked unkempt. The cemetery looked loved and cared for throughout the entire season. We have had a new volunteer come forward with an offer of help this year and we are so grateful for the work of all these people.

A Decoration Day was held in June. Just in time, two lovely benches were installed, providing a place to rest when visiting. There were fewer people attending, but the

contributions towards the maintenance were generous. Once again there were some interesting visitors. We were pleased to have descendants of the Matthews, the donors of land for the first St. James' Church attend. We look at their memorial window in the Chancel (the figure of St. James on the left) each Sunday.

After a meaningful Remembrance Day Service in the church, crosses and Canadian flags were taken to the cemetery to place on the five graves of those who had served in the Armed Forces. It is a visible sign to the community that their sacrifice is not forgotten.

Future Expansion

The majority of our energy has been spent on assuring the upkeep and maintenance of the stones and grounds, but this year we have looked to the future. There are several serious considerations:

1. There are not sufficient funds in the Diocesan Cemetery Trust Fund to ensure proper upkeep, especially in the long-term. We do not receive enough dividends yearly from this fund to have the grass cut commercially. Those who cut grass do so on a volunteer basis and provide their own gas.
2. A good many of the stones are damaged, need straitening or digging out. A more generous base in the Diocesan Trust Fund would allow for proper upkeep. These stones are of importance to our own history at St. James and also the community of Caledon East and Caledon. They are worthy of our care.
3. We have no more plots available for sale. We cannot provide any care for our own parishioners.
4. There are no facilities in the Town of Caledon for the inurnment of ashes.

With this in mind, we began some research. We have visited cemeteries, columbaria, memorial gardens and manufacturers. We came away enthused about the possibilities, but we need the approval and enthusiasm of this congregation. The request for feedback in the Christmas newsletter did not elicit one reply.

We have made contact with the adjacent landowner and feel there is a good opportunity to have sufficient property to allow for the inurnment of ashes. We have contacted a stonemason who is familiar with our properties and has a sympathetic approach to the design of columbaria. Of prime concern to us are the aesthetic properties. Whatever is done would have to be in keeping with a rural graveyard with historic stones.

At this time we would like some sign of approval from the congregation, before carrying on any further. We also need to add to the committee someone with financial, legal and business abilities to steer us on the right path.

As of January 1, 2006, the Cemetery Fund had a bank balance of \$6,107.49.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Sowrey, Chair

SUMMARY		2005 Budget		2005 Actual		2006 Budget	
Summary of Revenues							
	Operating Revenue		155567		159176		173157
	Debt Repayment Revenue		68700		70200		60000
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	TOTAL REVENUE		224,267		229,376		233,157
Summary of Expenses							
	Total Administrative Expenses		104815		106506		115290
	Total Program expenses		15335		19899		15150
	Total Property Management expenses		44075		49681		47800
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	Total Operating Expenses		164225		176,086		178,240
	Total Debt Repayment		55135		53,316		50,651
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	TOTAL EXPENSES		219,360		229,402		228,891
Reserve Fund							
	Total Operating Revenue		155567		159176		173157
	Total Operating Expenses		164225		176086		178240
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	Transferred from Operating		(8,658)		(16,910)		(5,083)
	Total Debt Repayment Revenue		68700		70200		60000
	Total Debt Repayment Expenses		55135		53316		50651
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	Transferred from Debt Repayment		13,565		16,884		9,349
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	NET TO RESERVE FUND		4,907		(26)		4,266
Year End Chequing A/c Balance							
	Chequing A/c at Dec. 31 '04		14465		14465		13268
	Transferred to reserve fund (Net)		4907		-26		4266
	Balance Sheet Accruals (Net)		-1171		-1171		-240
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	Chequing A/c at Dec. 31 '05		18201		13,268		17,294

Feb. 04 '06		St. James Caledon East			Budget for 2006		
Revenue				2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	
4100	OPEN OFFERING			4,500	3,260	3,000	
4120	General purpose			64000	71734	88000	
4170	Un-numbered			15000	14369	10000	
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4190	ENVELOPES			79,000	86,103	98,000	
4210	Outreach			2000	6346	2500	
4220	Faith Works			3200	2178	2500	
4230	Youth Ministry			6000	3250	4500	
4240	In Memoriam			2000	1350	2000	
4525	In Memoriam - flowers			1500	2025	2200	
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4200	SPECIAL APPEALS			14,700	15,149	13,700	
4430	Silent Auction (Net)			9500	8339	9000	
4431	Other major fundraising events			0	0	4000	
4435	Gift Cards & Certificates (Net)			0	0	2000	
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4400	MAJOR FUNDRAISING			9,500	8339	15,000	
4505	Bank Interest			150	70	100	
4520	Bequests Interest			750	662	800	
4540	Donations			17000	12483	5000	
4438	Donations for Capital & Major Repairs			0	8922	10000	
4550	Miscellaneous			1500	185	500	
4560	Refund of taxes			2867	2867	1907	
4580	Day Care share of utilities			6500	10958	9800	
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4500	SUNDRY INCOME			28,767	36,147	28,107	
4615	Social Events			1500	1022	1450	
4620	Parish Hall Revenue			14000	6156	10000	
4690	Peel Access Centre			3600	3000	3900	
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4600	EVENTS & HALL USAGE			19,100	10,178	15,350	
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	Total Operating Revenue			155,567	159,176	173,157	
4310	Daycare Licence Fee			40800	40800	40800	
4315	Daycare Loan Repayment SBL-15			8400	8400	1400	
4330	St. James house			12000	12700	10800	
4340	Parish Hall Fund			0	1300	0	
4350	Adopt-a-Road Donation			7500	7000	7000	
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4300	Total Debt Revenue			68,700	70,200	60,000	
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	Total Parish Revenue			224,267	229,376	233,157	

Expenses		2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget
5000	ADMINISTRATION			
5020	Advertising (Newspapers & brochure etc)	2000	2022	1000
5030	Telephone	1800	2109	2500
5035	Bell HS Internet	550	969	0
5040	Allotment	9000	8712	13200
5060	Fundraising Costs	1500	0	0
5080	Miscellaneous	1265	648	700
5100	Office Supplies	2500	2213	2000
5115	Petty Cash	500	300	500
5120	Music Director	6000	6000	6000
5150	Photocopier Service	1000	2168	2000
5160	Postage & mailings	750	636	1350
5180	Rector - Stipend	37500	37806	39690
5200	- Benefits	10500	11200	13200
5220	- Travel	2000	2780	3000
5240	- Prfl Devel	450	450	450
5245	Youth Minister	5000	4800	4800
5260	Secretary	6500	7288	8700
5270	Custodian	12000	12195	12000
5290	Accounting Services	3500	3695	3700
5380	Supply Clergy	500	515	500
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5000	ADMINISTRATION	104,815	106,506	115,290
5500	PROGRAM			
5505	Worship Speakers	500	170	200
5510	Music Programme	500	828	800
5515	Library	500	0	250
5520	Education - Children	800	711	700
5522	Education - adult	400	335	200
5525	Youth Ministry		1853	1200
5530	Fellowship	1500	1466	1200
5550	Worship Articles	3500	4140	3250
5560	Parish Program	1000	1107	1000
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5500	PROGRAM	8,700	10,610	8,800
5610	85% of Faith Works to Diocese	2720	2178	2125
5612	15% of Faithworks to parish	480	384	375
5615	Parish Outreach Programs	2000	5132	2500
5620	Donations	1200	830	700
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5600	OUTREACH	6,400	8,524	5,700
5655	Interest & Bank Charges	75	591	350
5656	P. A. G.	160	174	300
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5650	BANK CHARGES	235	765	650
	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	15,335	19,899	15,150
5700	CHURCH PROPERTY			
5720	Heating	5000	4053	5700
5730	Insurance - Church and offices	2200	0 See #5940	0
5736	- St. James House	1000	0 See #5940	0
	St. James House expenses	200	0	500
5750	Property Maintenance	2000	2086	2000
5760	Organ & Piano Tuning	450	590	750
5770	Property Tax	1000	972	1000
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5700		11,850	7,701	9,950
5800	RECTORY PROPERTY			
5810	Electricity	700	867	1200
5820	Heating	2100	2168	2750
5730	Insurance	1100	0 See #5940	0
5840	Property Maintenance	6000	6670	2500
5850	Property Tax	3200	3195	3250
5870	Water & Sewer Chg's	225	357	450
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5800		13,325	13,257	10,150
5900	PARISH HALL PROPERTY			
5910	Capital Projects	0	0	0
5920	Electricity	7500	7913	9300
5930	Heating	2500	2928	3600
5940	Insurance	2400	5651	6000
5950	Maintenance/Repairs	2500	3006	4500
5955	Maintenance/Repairs - Day Care	800	3593	1200
5960	Water Sewer Chg's	550	791	750
5970	Snow clearing	850	4124	1500
5980	Grass cutting & landscape	1800	717	850
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5900	PARISH HALL PROPERTY	18,900	28,723	27,700
	TOTAL PROPERTY EXPENSES	44,075	49,681	47,800
5675	DEBT REPAYMENT			
5660	Diocese Special Bank Loan (SBL-15)	8400	9100	1400
5666	Mortgage & Interest	41022	38503	43538
5667	Trinity Settlement	5713	5713	5713
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5675	TOTAL DEBT REPAYMENT	55,135	53,316	50,651