

**The Parish Church of St. James Caledon East
6025 Old Church Road
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Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

**Annual Vestry
Sunday 4 February 2007**

**Reports of the Incumbent and Church Wardens
Financial Reports
Reports of the Officers of the Parish and Its Organisations**

**For the year ended
31 December, 2006**



Romans 12: 4-6, 11-12

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so *we*, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:... 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord, 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

**Bishop of York/Credit Valley
Incumbent
Church Wardens**

**The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole
The Rev. Dr. John W. Stephenson
Rector's Warden: Bruce Neville
People's Warden: Karen Carley
Deputy People's Warden: Robin Holder**

**St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East
Vestry Meeting — 2007-02-04**

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Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, A.D. 2007

to be read and/or reprinted for circulation on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting

To the Clergy, Churchwardens, and Parishioners of the Diocese of Toronto

Dear Friends,

I greet you in the Name of God, who creates us, redeems us, and sanctifies us.

Amen.

As you gather for your annual vestry meeting, I offer you the prayerful support of the College of Bishops of Toronto and our good wishes for the year ahead. I also take this opportunity to express our profound thanks to all of you for your faithfulness and commitment to worship, proclaim and embody the Christian faith as members of the Anglican Church of Canada.

'Of whom much is given, much is expected.' We are the recipients of the generosity of faithful Anglicans in the past who have given so much for the continuing work and ministry of our diocese. Our goodly heritage requires of us to be responsible stewards of what we have received to ensure that our resources are used wisely, effectively and meaningfully for the good of the whole Church locally and beyond, today and tomorrow.

Vibrant parish ministry is crucial for our diocese if we intend to be a significant presence in the communities we serve.

Our diocesan synod will address this in two parts this year. From May 3-5, 2007 all members of Synod will gather in residence at Durham College, Oshawa to consider the work of the Church in this diocese under the theme "building communities of hope and compassion through healthy, sustainable parish ministries." Youth synod will meet concurrently. A day-long financial Synod will be held in mid-November to set the budget and assessment.

In preparation for Synod, I am currently meeting with many of you at Church Hall meetings throughout the diocese. I am looking forward to engaging you in discussions about how together as a diocese we can continue to build communities of hope and compassion, and how together we build healthy, vibrant and sustainable parishes.

I am often asked, "What can I do for the church?" My response is to invite each and every one of you to work to ensure that your parish life is as healthy and vibrant as possible. Be passionate about God and passionate about people.

Part of that is your service to others in need. Because of your efforts, FaithWorks contributions have exceeded \$1.4 million this year. You are making a tangible difference in the lives of men, women and children across the diocese. Thank you.

I seek not only your financial contribution. Advocating on behalf of the poorly housed is a top priority for our diocese. The provincial government has asked the bishops among others for our input into the budget. You could considerably strengthen our voice by passing a nonpartisan resolution at vestry stating "that this vestry urges the provincial government to make affordable and supportive housing a high priority in the 2007 provincial budget."

Some difficult but responsible decisions have been made this past year to close some ailing parishes that are no longer sustainable. We honour the good work and ministry that was carried on in those places in the past and are finding ways to continue their heritage through support of new ministry and witness in another way or another place.

Closings, like deaths, are painful and they make the news. What we often do not hear is the new spiritual life that is percolating all across the diocese. There is exciting new ministry happening in the heart of the city, in our suburban parishes and in numerous small towns. I see examples of health and renewed commitment to our fundamental mission to proclaim and live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ, We must be .and will be good stewards in supporting the energy, vision, and new direction necessary to build for the future of a distinctive Anglican presence in our communities.

The College of Bishops joins me to thank churchwardens, members of synod, and all lay-leaders in our parishes for the tremendous work that you have carried out during the past year, Your faithfulness enables your parish to engage in effective and meaningful ministry. To those not returning to office in an official leadership role, we offer our gratitude for all that you have shared and done for your church. I say “official” because I believe that even when you are not on the front line, you still have much to contribute by way of experience and wise counsel.

To all assuming any leadership responsibility, whether for the first time or not, your self-offering is greatly appreciated. The busy lives we live make it extremely challenging to take on additional tasks. I wish you every blessing and encourage you to draw on the many gifts of others around you who bring their varied and wonderful talents for effective work and ministry of the Church. I also thank the many volunteers across our diocese for the difference you are making by the selfless and devoted ministry that you carry out in the wider community. It is your contribution that makes our civil society civil.

Finally, I express my heartfelt thanks to the clergy in our diocese. Yours is a tremendous responsibility and privilege in serving as pastors to those entrusted to your care. You share with your bishop in loving, caring and ministering to God’s people in the community in which you serve. Contemporary parish ministry presents many challenges but the Diocese of Toronto is fortunate to have so many dedicated, faithful, gifted and good priests and deacons. Thank you for all that you do for and with the people and for exercising your ordained ministry with dignity and honour.

May Christ’s love and presence illumine your hearts and minds and empower you for service in his kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
The Rt. Rev, Colin R. Johnson
Bishop of Toronto

Diocese of Toronto

Anglican Church of Canada

The Right Reverend M. Philip Poole BA., MDiv, Mth
Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley

A pastoral letter from Bishop Poole to be included with your Annual Vestry Reports

January 2007

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice. and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God” Micah 6 v 8.

On February 5th will begin my third year as the Bishop responsible for York Credit Valley. I have been so impressed as I visit from church to church with the faithful ministries being undertaken in so many places. Whether churches are large or small I find faithful Anglicans who gather to pray, to break the bread and share the wine, to uphold the church and to seek to make a difference in the communities in which they live. These are challenging times in our church but we do well to remember the words of the prophet Micah as we seek to move faithfully into God’s future.

Over the course of the past year we have begun four conversations with groups of parishes in Parkdale, North Etobicoke/Weston, South Etobicoke/Lakeshore and St. Clair West to see whether there are ways in which we can work more effectively together. I have been encouraged by the willingness of the congregations to enter into these conversations and pray that God will bless their work as we move with faithfulness into God’s future.

I believe that we are all part of a wider church family and wish to encourage each congregation to consider whether they ought to be in conversation with their neighbours in the Anglican Church. Most often we do better when we work together than we do individually.

I have long been a personal supporter of the Diocese of Toronto’s Faith Works program. The enormous ministry that is able to be undertaken as a result of our collective participation in Faith Works is extraordinary and makes huge difference in the lives of people we’ve never met, who live in circumstances of great challenge. I want to encourage every congregation in York Credit

challenge. I want to encourage every congregation in York Credit Valley to engage in the Faith Works program. I am grateful for those parishes who take this as a serious part of their outreach ministry and wish to encourage those who do not to give consideration to involvement in 2007.

Last year I encouraged each congregation to set a target for growth of five percent. I'm wondering how you made out? While numeric growth is not the most important thing in the life of the church, it is an indicator of health. I continue to encourage you to do all you can to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to those in your community and invite them to join with you in your congregation.

These are both exciting and challenging times with the church. I remain grateful for the ministry you undertake. I wish I had an opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers for ministry within the church as members of Chancel Guild, members of Music Ministry, Wardens, Advisory Board, Prayer Groups, Outreach Programs and a myriad of activities that take place in the life of the parish community. Without the participation of each of these people our ministry together would be diminished. Please take the time to thank volunteers in your community for their ministry in your midst.

I'm also grateful for the clergy of our area. We are blessed with an extraordinarily talented group of the clergy and I'm appreciative of their ministry.

Please know that you are in my prayers as you meet in Vestry and as you continue your journey of doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with your God.

Yours sincerely,

The Right Reverend Philip Poole
Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Toronto
Area Bishop of York Credit Valley

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Incumbent's Report to Vestry

4 February, 2007

This report is unique in that it will be my last; this parish is on the cusp of a new chapter in its adventure of faith. In these, the dawning days of 2007, I believe that St. James' has much for which to be thankful but also has a number of challenges to face in order to be the kind of church that makes a significant impact on Caledon East for the sake of the Gospel. As this parish begins to plot its course into the future, it is healthy to look reflectively at where we have been together especially in the past year.

A Year of Blessings

First, here are only a few of the many blessings of the past year. We have a team of superior wardens: very few will ever now tell the full story of the dedication of Bruce, Karen, and Robin. And now Diane will join this team. Along with the strength of the wardens, this year has seen the Finance Committee come into its own: as I have said to the members of that committee, churches of a much larger size and scope don't have Finance Committees as talented and wise as ours. We all owe thanks to David Finch for his excellent chairmanship of this committee and to Alan White, Elizabeth Morton, Sue Fletcher, and John Swinden for their great ministry to this church in the area of finances. We have also been so blessed to have an excellent Youth Minister with us: Jonathan has given such dedicated and able service to our youth for over two years.

So many have contributed so much to the life of this parish over the past year, each one using their gifts to bless us all. It's always dangerous to start naming names but in every area of ministry there have been those whose leadership has been most salutary. I think of Carl Kinzinger and all he does to organise our worship services, and Margaret Forbes who finally was able to retire in the knowledge that the Chancel Guild was in most capable hands with the new leadership of Christina Wiggins, and Cobina Price-Jones who works so hard wearing three hats (Sunday School Co-ordinator, Webmaster, and interim Chair of the Advisory Board), and Gordon Morton who has two important hats (Director of Music and Property Manager). Lastly, I must mention the faithful service of Ruth Sowrey: Ruth is often the first line of contact when people call or visit the church and she has been a true source of inspiration to me and to all those who have witnessed her quiet demonstration of what service to others is all about. In addition, each one I have mentioned is joined by many others who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to ensure that the ministry of this church is sustained and allowed to grow. Memories of times working with each one will always stay with me.

A Year of Changes

In our world in which sadness can too often make itself felt, as we as the apostle Paul reminds us, yearn along with all creation for the moment when suffering and death will be no more, we remember all those whom we committed to God's eternal care over the past year: Geri Drummond, Val Hadley, Bob Payne, and John Wilkinson. But we also remind ourselves that this is our Father's world and we have often seen his creative hand among us this past year. We welcomed into the family of God Madison Bell, Nina Brown, Crystal Caschera, Kiara Johnston, Cole Smith, and Lauren Stark. For the second time in as many years we had a Confirmation group which included Georgia Kidd, Jonathan Massimi, and Adam Neville (in 2007, we have a full class of 6 Confirmation candidates!). Four couples entered in the sacrament of marriage at St. James' this past year: Renata Callocia and Robert Goencz, Michelle Collis and Jeff Bernardino, Monica Savini and Darryl Bond and of course our own youth minister Jonathan and his bride Erika Milley. As I review all these names I am thankful for the dedicated team who worked so hard to ensure that baptisms, funerals, and weddings were very meaningful celebrations: thank you especially to Mary for her dedication to the ministry of music, to the Chancel Guild for all that they do, and to our Sexton, Diana.

The Challenges Ahead

In the past year we have indeed been deeply blessed. However, that should not cloud our realization that we do face some serious challenges. First, while statistics are always suspect, they do offer a window on to the health of the parish. As the following table indicates, for the first year in the past four, we have not grown but stayed roughly stable.

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE		AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
2003	72	2003	72
2004	85	2004	99
2005	93	2005	107
2006	91	2006	105

What concerns me about our attendance patterns is that while we have attracted a number of new families who are now becoming involved in our ministries, along with those who relocated from the area, we have seen a number of members reduce their attendance and involvement. This seems to be especially true of families with teens.

We have had such an excellent youth minister and I hear stories from families who are most grateful for the role Jonathan has had in the lives of their teenagers. On the other hand, while many churches search unsuccessfully for a qualified youth minister, we have had a number of families who have not taken advantage of the great gift we have had in Jonathan. The number of teens who attend our youth programs are only a fraction of the total number of teens associated with St. James'. As young people face so many pressures from so many sources to conform to values that can only lead to negative results, the community of St. James' needs to think carefully about the priority it places on youth ministry and its role in the lives of teens. This includes midweek youth programs and the 9:30 am service.

One step removed from teens is the social group of 20s and 30s many of whom have just begun families. We have had a number of young families visit the church this past year and who have not stayed. In 2007, intentional thought needs to be focused on ways to attract them so that they will become active members of our community.

Finally, a church can only function with the support and involvement of its members. The people are the church after all, not the clergy nor the Diocese. The outpouring of financial support in December was truly wonderful. However, in the future the aims for 2007 should I think be three-fold: to regularize givings throughout all 12 months, to attract more donors, and to move more towards the excellent and convenient PAR program. Stewardship is certainly not just about money: a stewardship of time and talent is needed as well as of treasure. There are many areas of the church's ministry in which the addition of talents of new members would be so refreshing for all.

In summary, it has been a good year. We do have much for which to be thankful. The challenges that face St. James' are many but it's precisely those challenges that make life so interesting for a Christian. May God go with us all every day and in every avenue of endeavour during this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Stephenson

Wardens' Report 2007

As I sit here preparing to write this report and look back over the past year I am overwhelmed by how much we have accomplished and how much still needs to be done.

At Vestry 2006 I was signed on as the new Deputy Warden and looked forward to working with Bruce Neville and Peter Sabbagh as we bid Karen Carley a fond farewell after her three years of hard work and dedication to the job. However, things changed quickly as Peter resigned as People's Warden and we were on the search for a replacement. Karen graciously agreed to serve one more year and her line "Old Wardens never die; they just change committees." rang "oh so true" or as in her case just join the same committee again. At a special vestry on March 26 she was officially reinstated as People's Warden. Thank-you Karen for taking on this very important job for one more year.

There have been many changes made around St. James this past year as we strive to make improvements. Early in 2006 the storm window blew off the large stained glass window in the front of the church and we have almost completed the task of replacing it. We are still waiting for the other stained glass window in the church to return as it needed more attention to repair it properly. We installed an extractor fan in the daycare kitchen to get rid of all the steam and odours. A fence was installed around St. James House to keep little feet from tramping over private property. The youth group did a superb job of painting over the graffiti on the mall. A new cupboard was built in the sacristy to hold the Deacon's gowns and the altar panels. The Heritage committee has worked hard making panels for the altar for every season. We have put up a bulletin board in the hall so everyone will know what is happening at St. James this week. Check it out. If you wish to add something please see Ruth.

There were many and varied activities and events held this year that keep this parish alive and well. In February Carl Kinzinger organized another successful and fun Mystery Dinner. Hope you have your ticket for Saturday night, February 10, 2007. At the beginning of lent a pancake race was organized and many woman raced from downtown Caledon East to the church doors flipping their pancakes all the way. A great time was had by all and they enjoyed a pancake supper in the hall afterwards. I think this may become an annual event—so ladies get your fry pans ready for February the 20th. The Parish Picnic was held in June and was well attended and everyone had fun.

The fall started off with the Corn roast and we were blessed to have Bishop Phil join us for the day. He enjoyed himself and many of us had a chance to speak to him. The Blessing of the animals on October 1 was a new service this year and the church was full of pets and their owners as they prayed and had their pets blessed. The larger animals waited patiently outside for their turn. The yummy treats provided at refreshment time were a huge success for both pets and owners. At the end of October many teams revved up their cars and set off on a car rally organized by Gordon Morton and his committee.

Once again this year we have not advertised on a weekly basis, but have had special articles written by Heather Sabbagh about the pancake race and the car rally. We also distributed special flyers to every household in the area to announce our Easter and Christmas events. These resulted in an increase of visitors to many of our services.

As always finances are a huge worry and concern as we struggle to pay the monthly bills. Early in the fall we quickly realized we were in trouble as we had to use our line of credit. This situation did not improve as time passed and the financial committee met often to strike a balanced budget. We once again sent out a special appeal for help and everyone dug deep and we were able to end the year in the black. But as a new year begins we are already concerned as to how to improve this situation.

HOW CAN I HELP???

One is by signing onto the PAR program. This insures a regular monthly income and less worry for how to pay those monthly bills. Ask a warden how.

Second is our SHOP and SUPPORT PROGRAM. By ordering certificates to your favorite stores and using them just like money we receive a %. Just ask Cobina Price-Jones or Sandra Morrison how to get started.

This past year after attending a workshop on Demographic Studies led by the diocese, Bruce Neville collated the information and presented it to the congregation at all three services. It was very informative and if you missed it, just Bruce to explain. Thank-you Bruce for all your hard work and time dedicated to this worthwhile endeavor.

This year has seen an increase in the attendance at the 9:30 service.

Thank-you to Jonathan and his amazing band for their continued dedication to this much appreciated service. On a more personnel note we congratulate Jonathan and Erika on their marriage this past summer.

It has been a very busy year and I once again thank Karen and Bruce for all their support as I try to learn the ropes. Karen has been an excellent mentor and I hope I can lend the same support to our newly elected Deputy Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Holder, Deputy Warden

Vestry Report for 2006 Envelope Donations

The following figures were provided from the record of envelope givings during 2006. 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	Faithworks	Special Outreach	Youth	Other
January (172 envelopes)					
Sum	\$7,979.00	\$102.00	\$20.00	\$200.00	\$770.38
Avg	\$46.39	\$0.59	\$0.12	\$1.16	\$4.48
February (113 envelopes)					
Sum	\$5,661.00	\$182.00	\$40.00	\$155.00	\$495.00
Avg	\$50.10	\$1.61	\$0.35	\$1.37	\$4.38
March (135 envelopes)					
Sum	\$8,350.11	\$80.00	\$58.00	\$219.00	\$243.00
Avg	\$61.85	\$0.59	\$0.43	\$1.62	\$1.80
April (183 envelopes)					
Sum	\$11,449.00	\$134.00	\$45.00	\$347.00	\$440.00
Avg	\$62.56	\$0.73	\$0.25	\$1.90	\$2.40
May (144 envelopes)					
Sum	\$6,914.00	\$113.00	\$24.00	\$201.00	\$3,082.57
Avg	\$48.35	\$0.78	\$0.17	\$1.40	\$21.41
June (132 envelopes)					
Sum	\$7,162.00	\$120.00	\$41.00	\$296.00	\$920.00
Avg	\$54.26	\$0.91	\$0.31	\$2.24	\$6.97
July (149 envelopes)					
Sum	\$9,024.92	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$220.00	\$694.57
Avg	\$60.57	\$0.81	\$0.60	\$1.48	\$4.66
August (103 envelopes)					
Sum	\$5,651.00	\$57.00	\$20.00	\$235.00	\$225.00
Avg	\$54.86	\$0.55	\$0.19	\$2.28	\$2.18
September (150 envelopes)					
Sum	\$8,200.00	\$402.00	\$45.00	\$295.00	\$2,401.00
Avg	\$55.03	\$2.68	\$0.30	\$1.97	\$16.01
October (154 envelopes)					
Sum	\$8,808.50	\$170.00	\$115.00	\$271.00	\$1,615.00
Avg	\$57.20	\$1.10	\$0.75	\$1.76	\$10.49
November (140 envelopes)					
Sum	\$8,157.00	\$139.00	\$20.00	\$155.00	\$180.00
Avg	\$58.26	\$0.99	\$0.14	\$1.11	\$1.29
December (222 envelopes)					
Sum	\$26,935.00	\$832.00	\$116.00	\$378.00	\$3,247.50
Avg	\$121.33	\$3.75	\$0.52	\$1.70	\$14.63
Grand Total	\$114,291.53	\$2,451.00	\$634.00	\$2,972.00	\$14,314.02

Number of assigned envelopes: 104. This is up 9 from 2005 and breaks down as 75 sets of Envelopes and 29 PAR donations as of the end of the year.

Number of active assigned envelopes (one or more donations): 100 (up 7 from 2005 – includes PAR)

Donors without assigned envelopes: 71 (up 13 from 2005)

All Categories (2006) : \$134,662.55

All Categories (2005) : \$121,359.46

% Change from 2005 to 2006 = +11%

Treasurers Report

For your Treasurers, 2006 was an exciting time, as each month the bank balance dropped to a dangerous level. December was looking pretty bleak but the congregation responded to the appeal from the wardens over the Christmas period and restored our finances to a reasonable level. Could we make a plea: the more use made of our P.A.R. program, the more stable and predictable will be our finances throughout the year. Neil Price-Jones who takes care of P.A.R. would be very happy to answer any questions you might have.

Although our year end bank balance did slip a little from 2005 we managed to pay off our Diocesan Loan (SBL15 that allowed us to finish the daycare space in 1998), reduce our bank loan by \$24,162 and send \$5,000 to Trinity, Campbell's Cross as part of the equity settlement with them when we became a one point parish; a total debt reduction of \$29,898. Our total outstanding debt is now \$437,279 compared to \$547,226 at the end of 2003.

Property Management

The following is a summary of the main Property Management activities during 2006.

Church, Parish Hall, etc.

- Grass cutting was done by Norman Davids on an "as required" basis.
- The snow clearing contract for 2006 – 2007 was again awarded to Green Day Landscaping. The contract includes cleaning of walkways.
- After the men's breakfast in the Spring, the participants adjourned outside for a yard clean-up. Trash was cleaned up from around the perimeter of the church property. After another men's breakfast in the Fall, annuals were trimmed, leaves were raked and bagged.
- First aid kits were installed in the kitchen and in the church near the Narthex.
- The old apple tree by the parking lot was weakened by a windstorm and, for safety reasons, had to be cut down.
- An electrical shut-off switch was installed on the rooftop HVAC unit.
- The eaves trough on the south of the church front porch was replaced and a new downspout was added to the north side.
- The "Judge window" on the west side of the church was removed to have the bow in it repaired. The repairs are expected to take several months.

- A new storm window of tempered glass has been installed on the large stained glass window on the north end of the church.
- At the request of the wardens, quotations were obtained for installing air conditioning in the church. The quotations ranged from \$20,000 to \$23,500 and include new furnaces (the existing one is nearing the end of its life), air conditioning units, additional ducting, and electrical work.
- Several sections of lawn have died and need to be reseeded.

Daycare

- An extraction fan was installed in the ceiling of the kitchen to remove the steam caused by cooking and the dish washer. At the same time a separate duct was installed for the clothes driers.
- Both sewage pumps had to be replaced because of damage caused by foreign objects.
- Miscellaneous: Several minor repairs were carried out, such as replacing of washers, faucets, and a toilet bowl float.

Rectory

- New basement windows were installed. Three windows remain to be replaced – living room, dining room and cold room.
- A new programmable thermostat was installed because the old one was “fried” during power fluctuations in the summer.
- Large sections of front and back lawns have died and need to be reseeded.

St. James House

- A privacy fence was installed.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Morton, Property Manager

Cemetery

Once again in 2006, the St. James Cemetery Committee owes a number of faithful volunteers a sincere thank you for the upkeep of the cemetery. These are: John Carley, Chuck Davies, Joe Campbell, Warren Twiddy and Alan Keyes.

Two of our devoted committee members, Pam McKinnon and Anne Allengame have stepped down as trustees. We thank them sincerely for all their work and time and are grateful that with their historic knowledge, they intend to still sit on the committee.

Our special activities through the year included a Decoration Day in May, during which a pagoda dogwood tree, given by "Just Friends" in memory of Jean Reed, was dedicated. In June we had a Discovery Day and many head and footstones were found and raised. In November after a Remembrance Day service in church, crosses with poppies were placed on our five war veterans graves.

We contracted a report from stonemason Per Neumeyer on the condition of the monuments. With the revelation of how dangerous some of the stones were, a few were lifted down and laid on the ground until they can be properly repaired.

We now have a comprehensive, detailed report that will also be an historic document.

We have been very fortunate to have had an incumbent for the last three years who took an interest in the cemetery and viewed its upkeep and preservation as important. We must not lose our momentum and determination to establish a columbarium, thereby ensuring the cemetery remains viable.

Our bank balance as of December 31, 2006 was \$5,398.42.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Sowrey, Chair

St. James' Heritage Committee

St. James' has been blessed by several significant memorial donations this year, including a new processional cross, dedicated in memory of David Finch's father George Finch. New antependia for the Trinity season has been purchased featuring a Celtic cross motif, echoing the design of the new processional cross and acknowledging the cultural origins of many parishioners.

The curio cabinet 'inherited' by the church has been put to use by the committee to exhibit photographs and memorabilia. Work is underway on the Heritage Wall, which will highlight the history of the church in the community, including photographs of incumbents.

A special display of related items was created for Heritage Sunday, celebrated on May 28. A pamphlet outlining our history was produced for this event in addition to a revised memorial opportunities pamphlet.

A new Union Jack and Canadian Flag were obtained for Remembrance Day in thanksgiving for the life and stewardship of John and Joan Pelly. The flags have been placed in the Gathering Space where they flank the Rolls of Honour. During 2007 the Committee will be working on a supplementary Roll of Honour listing the names of service men and women who have joined the parish since 1945.

The committee meets as needed and works with the incumbent, property and worship committees to ensure that major gifts to the church are of the finest quality, are true to the nature of our church and fit our worship context. Committee members in 2006 were Marg Forbes, Ruth Sowrey, Robin Holder, Christina Wiggins.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Allengame, chair

Worship Report

The worship committee met 3 times during 2006. 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, Chancel Guild and Sidespersons. Any other interested parishioners may also attend.

Lent and Easter 2006.

Palm Sunday - procession outdoors which most of the congregation joined.

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.

Heritage Day - May 28 - A new Processional cross was dedicated and following the regular service we adjourned to the cemetery where flowers were put on each grave.

July 23 we celebrated the feast of St. James our patronal saint.

Harvest Home Festival - October 1 - church beautifully decorated as usual with fruit and vegetables which were taken to "Choices" in Orangeville following the service

Blessing of the Animals - October 1 - a first for St. James and very successful and much appreciated by the community; approx. 60 attended.

All Saints Day - November 5 - lighting of individual memorial candles very thoughtful and very touching; most people in attendance lit a candle. There were also 3 baptisms. Rev. David Neelands was our guest preacher.

Remembrance Day - November 12 - a very considerate and moving service.

Val Hadley and his wife Ann read the memorial rolls, Fred Bilton recited "In Flanders Fields".

Advent and Christmas 2006

During Advent the Wednesday evening service was attended by small numbers (12 - 14) but well received by those who attended.

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

Christmas Eve - 5:30 pm family service well attended, the 7:00 pm service for seniors/singles (and those looking for a quiet service) also well attended, Midnight mass at 11:00pm once again preceded by cider and carol singing; at end of service, Travis Fowler played guitar accompaniment to Silent Night for the second year.

We continue to hold three services every Sunday.

8:00 am - said Eucharist

9:30 am - Contemporary Eucharist, with band and Jonathan preaches.

11:00 am- Sung Eucharist with Morning Prayer once a month

We currently have 10 servers plus 1 occasional server, 5 intercessors, 6 deacons/chalice administrators and 23 readers. We could use a few more servers (particularly adults).

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, chair

Sidespeople's Report

2006 was a busy year for the Sidespersons who continued in their role of helping the main 11 a.m. service on a Sunday run smoothly. Special thanks to all those who are on the rota and those who helped out (and counted the money!) at the busy times of the year, including Easter and Christmas. As we move into 2007, we extend a warm welcome to three new people, Chuck and Donna Davies and John Niedre.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Quarrington, chair

Social / Theatre Night

This year we have had a great time going to the productions by the Caledon Townhall Players. Needless to say we are so fortunate to have quality, live theatre on our doorstep at such a reasonable price.

We must also brag that our Pot Luck suppers are to "die for". Some of us have a hard time staying awake with such full tummies. Thank goodness the players keep us entertained.

If you haven't been you don't know what you are missing!

The evening is open to anyone in the parish. All you have to do is order a ticket from Dee and bring along your favourite “dish”.

Hope to see you this next season, March 3/07, May 26/07

Respectfully submitted
Dee McEnaney, Chair

New Members' Committee

The New Members' Committee has worked diligently throughout 2006 – 2007 to transform visitors to St. James' to /members/ of St. James'. We are pleased to welcome the enthusiastic participation of two new members of our committee, Dierdre Fowler and Audrey Spurr.

Our second New Members' Breakfast was held in late spring. Over fifty guests happily broke their fast between the 8 and 11 AM services, with bacon, eggs, champagne mimosas and a chance to get better acquainted with at least a few of our active parishioners.

Currently, the committee is undertaking to restyle and update some of our literature and to produce a more uniform “look” for St. James' publications. We also are encouraging members to take turns wearing an “Ask me what I love about St. James'” sticker. We are keen to spread the word of the benefits of membership at St. James'!

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Sabbagh, Chair

Just Friends

This was our 16th year as a group of older women meeting once a month for an hour of friendship and fellowship. This year we met mostly in the Parish Hall, but we did enjoy one meeting hosted by Dee McEnaney in her lovely home.

Once more we were saddened by the death of one of our members, Jean Gordon. We welcomed two new members Ann Hadley and Ruth Patterson. Our monthly get-together is attended by 12-14 on average.

In May, on Decoration Day at St. James cemetery, we planted and dedicated a native Pagoda Dogwood tree in memory of Jean Read. Thanks to Joe Campbell and Alec McKinnon for the planting. We miss our dear friend Madelaine Elms, now residing in the King Nursing Home in declining health.

This is the 15th year we have contributed to the “Baby Bundles” project. This is our outreach to needy, young, single mothers through Moorland Community Services in Toronto. We filled two large cartons with lovely layette articles and we know how much they are appreciated. We thank Joan and John Pelly for faithfully delivering to Toronto yearly. The need for Baby Bundles is increasing monthly. A quote from a worker: “You may never know how much your work is appreciated. I just delivered a B.B. to a woman who was using a towel as a blanket.” That says it all.

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

Chancel Guild

The church was decorated for Palm Sunday with 300 palm crosses and palm fronds. Thanks to all who helped, especially Heather Whittier.

Our Easer garden and tomb was a spectacular display of spring flowers, thanks to Ruth and Anne Allengame. We had beautiful memorial flowers from the Allengame, Blackburn, Osborne and Whittier families.

In June of this year St. James was the recipient of a brass Processional Cross presented by David Finch and family.

In November we lost Jean Gordon, a longtime, faithful member of the Chancel Guild.

As of November, 2006, Christina Wiggins has taken over the chair of Chancel Guild from Margaret Forbes, who has stepped down after 18 years of dedicated service. Many, many thanks to Margaret.

On December 23, we met to decorate the church with greenery, cedar garland, candles etc. and also to assemble the crèche. Ruth and Jennifer Keyes made beautiful arrangements for the east windows. We had a large tree to erect and decorate and couldn't have done this without the help of Dee's daughter Jennifer and her boyfriend Chris Gill. Thanks to all who helped. The many memorial flowers also helped to make the church look so beautiful over Christmas. We were very glad of John Heighton's help in taking down the Christmas tree after the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Wiggins, Chair

Youth Ministries

In today's society free time is hard to come by. For this reason it has been said that the new poverty is time. Mindful of people's busy schedules the youth ministry at St. James' has endeavoured to create a program that meets the needs of students without being time consuming.

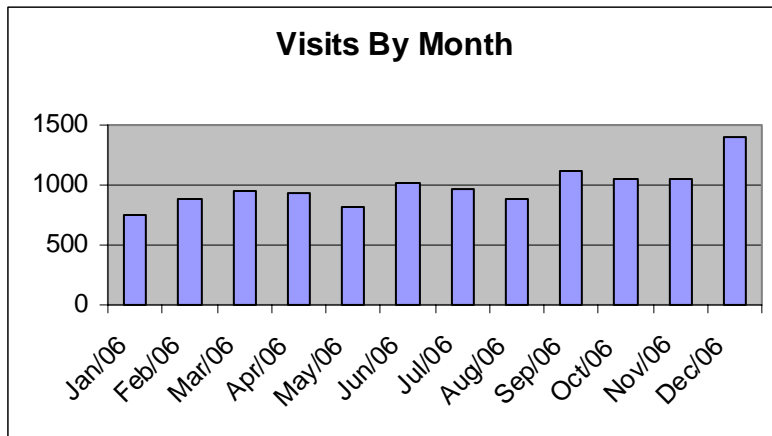
This said, rather than having multiple activities on various nights, our youth ministry set its focus on Sunday mornings with a contemporary service at 9:30 AM and a teaching time at 11:00 AM. In addition to Sunday mornings our youth ministry offers a once a month social event, usually on a Friday night. Besides a change of schedule we have also written a purpose statement which reads: **Youth @ St. James** exists to *reach* inactive Christians and students who have no faith, to *connect* them with other Christians, to help them *grow* in their faith as they *offer* themselves in *service* to Christ. In the midst of change in our church and society we believe that such a statement will keep us on course as we seek to fulfil the purposes of the Church as outlined in scripture.

In fulfilling the purpose of service and reaching inactive youth, our young people were involved in painting a mural which was featured in our local newspaper. They also participated in an event “Trick or Can” on Halloween which collected several boxes of canned goods for Choices Shelter.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Massimi

Web Site Report

Web site traffic continued to increase in the web site’s second full year of operation. Average visits per month increased from 715 in 2005 to 985 in 2006. Peak visits (in December) were 960 in 2005 and 1400 in 2006.



The following table shows some hits on some popular pages accessed by web site visitors in the fall of 2006:

	December	November	October	September
Worship Schedule	96	37	79	53
Contact Us	67	68	75	43
Directions	60	26	46	38
Staff	69	21	56	40
Events	67	34	58	47
Fees	37	17	24	17
Weddings	34	15	50	31

In addition, members of the parish regularly use the web site to view minutes of the Advisory Board and the newsletter.

This year, we continued to post upcoming events on the web site, and we reorganized the site slightly, to accommodate the increasing number of pages.

Cobina Price-Jones
Webmaster

Outreach Committee

This past year has been another strong year for the church's Outreach ministry. Continuing our theme "Here, Near, and Far" the committee encouraged the congregations to reach out in all three areas of emphasis.

Through our commitment to *CHOICES Shelter for Homeless Teens* we have given food, dry goods, and clothes on a weekly basis to the residents of the Shelter. Our contributions have made a difference in the lives of the teens to whom the Shelter ministers and the Shelter is deeply grateful for our help. In terms of outreach to needs that are "Near," in spite of not having a focus on the Diocesan *Faithworks* program, members still contributed almost \$2,500 to this important ministry. Also, during Advent members contributed clothing, toys, and food to *Caledon Community Services* for distribution to those in need. During Advent we also saw a wonderful response to the needs of suffering children through the *Sleeping Children Around the World* program. We gave well in excess of 40 bed kits to children. Lastly, we cannot forget our Sunday School children who collected \$111 .88 in pennies for *Caledon Community Services*.

As the parish faces the future, Outreach is not without challenges. The key to continued success in reach ministry is finding lay leadership. In many churches, I think that we would find that the Outreach Committee meets regularly on a monthly basis. At present, the Committee here has been meeting only sporadically. A lay person with a vision for Outreach is needed to take leadership in the organisation of meetings and the planning of Outreach initiatives.

Our record in Outreach has been strong, now is the time to build on that record as the church goes into future.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. John W. Stephenson

Sunday School Report

St. James' Sunday School ran from January 8th to June 18th (winter and spring semesters), and from September 10th to December 17th (fall semester).

Teachers

For the winter and spring semesters, we had 5 teachers: Susan Thomas, Wendy McLeod, Kathleen Blanchard and Bev De Savigny. In June, when Kathleen and Bev moved to a new home, they resigned, and Claire Thain and Jordan McLeod joined us.

Attendance

Over the year, the average attendance was 7 (4 for the primary class, and 3 for the junior class.) This represents a decline of 4 from last year. The average was slightly lower in the fall semester (7) than in the preceding winter and spring semesters (8). We did not have an official registration for the winter and spring semesters, but in the fall we had a total of 15 students registered.

Curriculum

For the younger classes, we continued using the “Piece By Piece” curriculum, which we used the preceding year. We used the units, “Animals of the Bible”, “Heroes”, “Gifts”, and “Christmas.” For the older classes, we used the Exploring the Bible curriculum, and the Internet-based Kids’ Sunday School Place program.

At the end of the fall semester, we decided to combine the two classes, since the Junior class often consisted of only one or two students.

Outreach/Good Works

The Sunday School held a Penny Drive this year, to raise money for Caledon Community Services. We raised a total of \$111.88, in friendly competition with Bolton United Church, Caledon East United Church, Caven Presbyterian Church, and Bolton Christ Church.

We tallied up the Sunday School collection for the past two years, and it totaled \$220. After discussion with the Sunday School students, we donated \$140 of this money to World Vision, for a classroom, 10 care packages, and a rooster and two hens. We also donated \$60 to Sleeping Children Around the World.

During our annual Spring Planting, the Sunday School again planted pansies and petunias around the main entrance to the Church and in the east flowerbeds.

After Easter this year, the Sunday School students took turns ringing the church bell before the 11:00 a.m. service.

Events

The Sunday School hosted three major events, the Pancake Race and Supper, the Parish Picnic, and the Advent Craft Day.

Pancake Race and Supper: The first Caledon East Pancake Race attracted a lot of attention—photographers from both local papers were present. The winner of the race was Cathy Coulter, of the Day Care. It was followed by a Pancake Supper, which, in addition to being a great social event, raised 337.57 for St. James.

Parish Picnic: The Parish Picnic was held June 11th. For a nominal fee (to help cover the cost of the food), 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. In a break from tradition, the picnic was held the weekend before Father’s Day, which we believe enabled more people to attend. Because the Caledon East Park has a long-standing booking for that weekend, we held the event at the Caledon East Community Center. We were quite happy with the space, and will try to use it again next year.

Advent Craft Day: Attendance at Advent Craft Day was lower than last year, partly because of bad weather to the north. (16 children and 15 adults). The children had the opportunity to make 5 different crafts, including an ornament for the Jesse Tree, plus an Advent wreath, after which everyone partook in a pot luck supper.

Performances

The Sunday School children shared their talents with the congregation on the June 11th and December 17th. In June, they told the story of Noah’s Ark in a whole new way. In December, they told the story of

“A Baby Born in a Stable”, followed by a performance of “O Come All Ye Faithful” on recorders. The hit of the show were the angels that flew through the church.

New Teachers are Needed for 2007/2008

Susan Thomas and I will be retiring in June of 2007. Claire Thain will be assuming the role of Sunday School coordinator, and we will be needing at least another four teachers, starting in September.

Sunday School Coordinator
Cobina Price-Jones

Church Staff

Incumbent: Rev. Dr. John W. Stephenson

Youth Minister: Jonathan Massimi

Secretary: Ruth Sowrey

Sexton: Diana Trainer

Choir Director: Gordon Morton

Organist: Mary Judge

Officers of the Church 2007

Appointments

Deputy Rector's Warden — Diane Allengame

(Rector's Warden — Bruce Neville: 1 year remaining)

Vestry Clerk — Ruth Sowrey

Worship — Carl Kinzinger

Education — Deirdre Fowler

Pastoral Care — Heather Sabbagh

Rector's at-large member of Advisory Board — Ruth Sowrey

Elections

(People's Warden — Robin Holder: 2 years remaining)

Treasurer — Neil Price-Jones

Finance — David Finch

Service — Bob Williams

Property — Gordon Morton

Administration —

Social — Dee McEnaney

Communications — Cobina Price-Jones

Vestry at-large member of the Advisor Board — Debra Quarrington

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