

Ministry Reports for 2020

Annual Report for 2020 From Warden Julia Macdonald

We all know that 2020 was very different from any other year, at least it was after Covid arrived.

It has been difficult for us having our church services cancelled along with the social events such as the spring sale and Christmas Bazaar. Personally I really miss singing in the choir, sharing the peace and taking communion, as well as gathering for coffee and socialising after the service

I have realised how fortunate I am to have John here with me and I feel much compassion for those of you who live alone. My prayers go out to you. Hopefully your neighbours and friends stay in touch!

I pray for this pandemic to come to an end and for life to get back to normal!

Love to you all!

Julia

Honorary Life Warden

Scripture Readers Report for 2020

Well another year has gone by and boy what a year it was. Never did I expect it to change the life of our parish as it has. So be it... We go on as best we can believing in our God and our future as a parish. We did have twelve participating readers up to and including March 15th, so I wish to acknowledge and thank them for all the help they gave until the drastic change in our services. Doing the readings takes the pressure off the preacher of the day and I think it makes the reader connect with the scripture more deeply. Two very good reasons to become a reader. When we are able to continue our worship as we did in the past I do hope we will have the experienced readers and possibly a few newcomers. Please consider joining us.

Respectfully, Jean White

Coffee Grounds Report for 2020

“After worship join us in the hall for fellowship” That was the invitation. Those were the days. If only we could get together for a cup of tea or coffee. We had a few Sundays in 2020 before the pandemic hit us. Sue and Julian Packer were the last to serve us before the closure and as always our glass bowl was out on the counter for donations. Over the years we have done well covering the costs of cream and sugar plus giving to other causes in the church. Our thanks to all who generously donated their change to help the parish. With the changes in the office and hall users the purchase of cream and sugar has been given to someone on the staff and therefore our major purpose of the Coffee Grounds Fund has been dissolved. So we have decided to close out the account and present the parish with a check for \$350.00 which is the balance of funds to date. Again we thank all who donated and shared in the fellowship.

Respectfully,

Bob Olmsted, Jean White

Prayer Chain Report for 2020

As Jesus prayed for us, so we must pray for one another.

It has been a strange year we just experienced and our parish has gone through some changes to accommodate the COVID19 rules so too, our little Prayer Chain Group has fallen on challenging times. We were always a small team but now we are a bygone team. I do hope we can get a plan on the table and set up a system to allow a gathering of some parishioners to pray for all those in need and for situations that need God's special grace. My apologies for not pushing this along but with the new office staff and my own situation I have let it go for now. I wish to thank all those involved in this mission in the past for their steady service and look forward to the time when we can continue our petitions.

Respectfully, Jean White

Hospitality Report for the Year 2020

We at St. Anne's & St. Edmund's started our year with a delicious Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper prepared by our dedicated men, women and youth of the parish. Then...COVID-19 arrived in Canada. The Province of B.C. literally shut down in order to

contain the spread of the virus. Freedom of movement and physical contact was severely restricted. This was especially hard on people living alone – namely the seniors. We remained inside or close to our homes. Donning masks and using 2 metre distancing, we left our homes to shop for essentials only. With time on our hands, my husband Vic & I brought home 10 day-old baby chicks to raise. This would keep us busy.

The warm weather of summer brought fewer cases of the virus. June saw the lifting of some of the pandemic's restrictions but no events would be taking place in the parish. In August and into September, some members, missing the social aspect of parish life, met once a week outside the church under the trees in the cemetery bringing their masks, chairs, water bottles and abiding by the distancing rule. Others met with friends within their own bubble in their backyards, again using masks and distancing. You wanted to keep your friends safe.

As fall approached and the weather became cooler, the virus once again became very active. November through December brought new regulations. You were now only able to associate physically with members in your immediate household. This meant no Christmas Bazaar, no Christmas Potluck, no family Christmas Dinner gatherings and no New Year's Eve gatherings. But... somehow we survived.

Since 2014, I have enjoyed being the Hospitality & Special Events Co-ordinator for our parish family. With the pandemic s-l-o-w-i-n-g things down, I found I like having a more relaxing life. While our pace of life may have slowed down, however, our birthdays, unfortunately, have not. After much thought and consideration, I feel this is the right time for me to step down from my position as Co-ordinator.

I feel confident there is another parish member waiting to become active and involved in our parish life. With heartfelt thanks, I thank every person who has helped in any way to organize, set up, clean up, work at or contribute to the very many events we have held in the last 6 years. I really appreciate your dedication and cooperation. You are the very best!

Respectfully Submitted by Leona Uniat

Hospitality & Special Events Co-ordinator