

Saint Helen's Anglican Church

**"A wonderful place to be together as family and friends
where we bring the inclusive light of Christ
to reflect God's light in the world.
We reach out in love, in gratitude for God's love for us,
serving our neighbours as friends"**



**2021 Annual Reports
and Financial Statements
to the
Annual Vestry Meeting, February 27th, 2022**

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Agenda St. Helen's Annual Vestry Meeting - February 27th, 2022

- 1/ Call to order, Opening Prayer and Opening Remarks
- 2/ List of Attendees:
- 3/ Appointment of Scrutineers
- 4/ Appointment of Vestry Secretary
- 5/ Adoption of the Agenda
- 6/ Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of February 28th 2021
- 7/ Acceptance of Annual Reports (Excluding Financials)
- 8/ Treasurers Report and Financial Statements for 2021
- 9/ Appointments and Elections
 - a/ Appointment of Rector's Warden
 - b/ Election of People's Warden
 - c/ Election of Treasurer
 - d/ Election of Secretary to Church Council
 - e/ Synod Delegates
 - f/ Election of Synod Alternates
 - g/ Youth Synod Delegate
 - h/ Election of Members-at-Large
 - i/ Election of Trustees
 - j/ Appointment of Screening in Faith Officer

10/ Lay Administrators for 2022

Motion: That Bishop John Stephens be asked to authorize the following persons as Lay Administrators in the Parish of St. Helen, Surrey for the year 2022.

Cathy Anderson	Roshan Mathew	Wendy Russell	Edward Villar
Mareen Mathew	Vee Villar	Janette Bulkan	Ian Mulcaster
Angelita Sotana	Cynthia Richards	John Palmer	Jacquie Stinson
Anil Richards	Kelly Foulds	Lynn Turner	Judy Nicolson
Carol Young	William Lah	Maureen Thompson	

11/ Presentation of the Forecast Budget for 2022.

12/ Votes of Thanks

13/ Motion to Adjourn

14/ Closing prayer

Minutes - St. Helen's Annual Vestry Meeting - February 28th, 2021

Due to pandemic restrictions, 2021 AVM was conducted online, with attendees connecting via Zoom.

All pertinent material, agendas and reports are included in a package emailed to attendees by Rector Steve.

1/ Rector Steve called the meeting to Order at 12:03pm, with opening prayer.

Attendees were instructed on some basic Zoom meeting protocols, Do's and Don'ts, to ensure that the meeting goes smoothly. For convenience, "in Favour" vote count is assumed, unless otherwise objected by a show of hand. Two attendees who do not have camera may voice their objection.

2/ List of Attendees: (below are all attendees, admitted from Zoom waiting room by the Host).

Steve Laskey (host).	Lynn Turner	Roy Francis	Neil Seedhouse
Cathy Anderson	Dodi Mesenchuk	Mareen Mathew	Wendy Russell
Jacque Stinson	Kelly, Les Foulds	Jane Denton	Judy Nicholson
Marion O'Byrne	Janette, John Palmer	Anil Richards	Simon Lee

After the brief opening remarks, Rector Steve proceeded to appoint scrutineers and secretary for the vestry meeting.

3/ Appointment of Scrutineers – Marion O'Byrne; Wendy Russell

Moved By: Lynn Turner Seconded By: Roy Francis

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

4/ Appointment of Vestry Secretary – Simon Lee

Moved By: Lynn Turner Seconded By: Roy Francis

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

5/ Meeting proceeded with adoption of the Agenda – call for any additions to the agenda – None.

Moved By: Lynn Turner Seconded By: Roy Francis

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

6/ Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of February 23rd, 2020

Rector Steve called for omissions or errors – none.

Moved By: Simon Lee Seconded By: Cathy Anderson

2020 AGM notes is adopted.

7/ Acceptance of Annual Reports (Excluding Financials)

Moved By: Lyn Hebert Seconded By: Anil Richards

Discussion and Questions ensued regarding the Reports

The floor was open for questions and clarifications of the reports

After this has taken place, the vote was taken to accept / receive the reports for 2020

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

8/ Treasurers Report and Financial Statements for 2020

Floor was turned over to Mareen who presented Treasurer's report and reviewed financial statement for 2020. Rector Steve advised deferring questions to until Mareen has completed.

On completions, there was a call for questions and clarifications on the reports.

After this has taken place, the vote to accept / receive the financial reports for 2020

Moved By: Mareen Mathew Seconded By: Roy Francis

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

Rector Steve and attendees expressed gratitude (show of hands clapping) for Mareen's hard work.

9/ Appointments and Elections

a/ Appointment of Rector's Warden – Lynn Turner

b/ Election of People's Warden – Nomination of Roy Francis

Moved By: Lynn Turner Seconded By: Jacquie Stinson

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

c/ Election of Treasurer – Nomination of Mareen Mathew

Moved By: Roy Francis Seconded By: Jane Denton

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

d/ Election of Secretary to Church Council – Nomination of Simon Lee

Moved By: Anup Thomas Seconded By: Anil Richards

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

e/ Synod Delegates – Nomination of Cathy Anderson and Jane Denton

Moved By: Lynn Turner Seconded By: Roy Francis

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

f/ Election of Synod Alternates - Nomination of Roy Francis and Lynn Turner

Moved By: Anil Richards Seconded By: Anup Thomas

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

g/ Youth Synod Delegate – Nomination of Lyn Hebert

Moved By: Lynn Turner Seconded By: Roy Francis

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

h/ Election of Members-at-Large - Nominations of Ian Mulcaster; Anil Richards; Anup Thomas

Moved By: Jane Denton Seconded By: Mareen Mathew

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

i/ Election of Trustees – Jacquie Stinson; Fil Sotana; Judy Nicholson

Moved By: Lynn Turner Seconded By: Roy Francis

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried

10/ Signing Authority for Banking – Wardens, Treasurer, and Rector (Any 2 of 4 signers necessary)

Moved By: Lyn Hebert Seconded By: Simon Lee

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried

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Anil Richards	Kelly Foulds	Pat Nociar	Lynn Turner
Judy Nicholson	Carol Young	Maureen Thompson	

Moved: Cathy Anderson Seconded: Simon Lee

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried

12/ Presentation of the Budget for 2021. Floor was given to Mareen.

Mareen reviewed the balance sheet for 2020 (omitted earlier), and then proceeded to the 2021 Budget.

Moved By: Mareen Mathew Seconded By: Roy Francis

Objections: none Abstentions: none. Motion carried, 2021 Budget is adopted.

Rector Steve thanked Mareen for the hard work preparing the budget.

13/ New Business

Care, Repair, and Restoration of the Church. A update/preview was given on where we are at on the work involved, and how it might be financed.

Rector Steve touched on the extensive Depreciation Report done by Adrian Walsh a year ago.

Rector's Warden Lynn Turner, mentioned the possibility of the sale of a parcel of our land. This is still an ongoing discussion. Before this comes to fruition, it will go from Council to Parish members, to Diocese, Bishop, etc.

Government grants are also possibility source of funding. These grants have to be project specific with detail budgets, competitive bids by contractors etc., in order to be approved.

John Palmer indicated via Zoom chat, the need for engineering, electrical and/or architectural survey reports, etc.

14/Votes of Thanks

Rector Steve thanked everyone for all they have done collectively, especially during the past difficult year, and encouraged everyone to try and stay connected. Thank You.

Lynn Turner on behalf of Parish, thanked the Rector for everything he has done, far above and beyond what is expected, putting in a lot of extra hours.

15/ Motion to Adjourn

Moved By: Marion O'Byrne.

16/ Meeting closed with the Grace. 1:20pm

Parish Statistics 2021

Category	2021	2020
Total Households on the Roll	165 (Active families 95)	165
Total Members on the Roll	311 (Active members 123)	296
Number of Identifiable Givers	81	120
Average Sunday Attendance	5 January – June 13	72 (Jan – March 15)
Average Livestream	159 January – June 13	276
Average Sunday Attendance	41 June 20 – December	5
Average Livestream	123 June 20 – December	182
Christmas Attendance	71	0
Christmas Livestream Views	311	380
Easter Livestream Views	231	580
Sunday School Attendance	0	12 (Jan-Mar)
Baptisms	4	0
Confirmations	0	0
Weddings	0	0
Funeral/Memorials	1	2

In Memoriam

We remember those who have died this past year, especially members of this faith community:

Jo Codling

Alan Ellis

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Annual Reports 2021

Interim Priest in Charge Report for 2021

It is hard to write a report for a year when you were only in residence for 2½ months!

You wardens reports will cover a lot of the activity earlier in the year, but I am going to speak to what I have experienced in the last months of 2021.

I arrived on Thanksgiving Sunday, and I am grateful for the welcome I received.

As many of you will know, my sister died suddenly just as I was preparing to change parishes and I am very grateful to have been able to go to England for her funeral and to help manage her estate.

As an Interim priest there is often nervousness and anxiety present when I arrive in a new place. Change and transition is difficult within any community but doing it during a pandemic makes it much harder. COVID has brought much uncertainty to the parish and added to that the retirement of your Rector means that there is so much more.

Who will be the new Rector? how long will we have to wait? can we afford it? what will they want to do that is different? All very reasonable questions!!

My role as an Interim is to spend time observing the parish, building relationships, bringing the parish practices into alignment with the Diocese, helping the parish get in touch with its story, that is data gathering, encouraging participation from a wider group of members.

This is hard enough under normal circumstances, but when at least a third if not more of the congregation aren't able to get to church because of the pandemic this becomes considerably harder.

However, I believe that we have made a strong start. We are building some structure around the administration of the parish; Matthew has worked very hard with me these past months as we go through the different levels of administration needed. We have overhauled the Bulletin, produced some documents to help make us a little more efficient and bit by bit are assessing the role of Administrator so we can hopefully look for a permanent staff member.

With the wardens we have been looking at contracts and leases as well as trying to find new paths to sourcing income towards our renovation of the church. Sadly, some of the plans that were looking hopeful before COVID have completely stalled due to lack of funding further up the chain. These ideas haven't gone away, but we need to look at alternatives as the work on our heritage building cannot wait.

I enjoyed getting the Christmas services organised. And I was very pleased that so many people came together for the Carol service and for Christmas Eve. The weather was not cooperating but still people came!

Once again, I encourage anyone who would like to talk to me about anything that is going on to be in contact. Town Hall style meetings are not for everyone, so if you are more comfortable speaking in a smaller or group or just with me you are more than welcome to let me know!

I am thankful for the support and care of the congregation through these challenging times. I hope that as we venture into a new year, we can learn more about each other and the needs and wants of the parish, so that you may call a new Rector with a sense of purpose and direction for the mission and ministry of this church. My prayers are with you all through this process.

The Rev'd Philippa Segrave-Pride

Rector's Warden Report for 2021

On the one hand, this is a difficult report to write.

I could say there's not much change from last year considering that we are still called to handle the Covid issue but things did get a little more challenging. We, along with our rector have had to deal with the ever changing protocols. We have had to change and regroup and ensure that all those using our buildings are complying.

Also, now two years into virtual or on and off shut down, the number of people actively caring for the Church and doing the ongoing work has been left to just a few. So, one of the first things that we can report to the parish is that we need many more people to help out. There are many short and/or long term duties that you can take on, so please consider joining a committee or take on one or two small things that will help out in a huge way. Even though Covid has separated us in so many ways, the life of the parish does go on. This has been our prime concern. When the parish is not able to meet openly and enjoy the fellowship that our Church life affords us, it depletes us and it certainly has depleted our coffers. We did well on the one event that we were able to hold. Many thanks to all who supported the smaller, but very successful bazaar.

Having an Office Administrator in place has been a huge benefit, although it is not yet a full time position, we now have a voice on the other end of the line, and a face in the office.

We are pleased that the grounds are kept tidy and the buildings well cleaned, this is part of the look that is reflected in the neighbourhood. Purchasing the proper camera has enabled us to live stream, and it is encouraging that we have several hundred people watching our services.

However we do need people in the pews, this is safe and important. It is a very sad fact that our members are not contributing to the upkeep of the buildings, which includes the monthly bills, to the same extent as they do when they attend Church. We do encourage all to continue sending in their donations.

The many storms have meant that there are constant repairs needed especially in the Church, but also because of wear and tear, in the lower hall. Thoughtful consideration as to how we secure funds that will enable us to move forward is always top of our agenda. Covid has meant that we can develop plans and get reports and assessments and create long wish lists, but for the most part these get shelved “until we are able”.

In 2021 our Rector Stephen Laskey announced his retirement. This is something that all parishes know will happen, someday - so in September we said goodbye to Steve and Jos, and thanked them for more than seven years of service to St. Helen's, for which we are most grateful. I know that the four of us who served as Wardens during Steve's tenure very much appreciated his leadership and deep concern for all in his charge. We were so thankful that we were able to have a bit of relief in the protocols so that we could have a meal together and wish them a very happy retirement. Now we enter into the process of finding a new Rector, the Search committee will begin by asking each and every member of the parish to make their thoughts known. What will you be looking for in your relationship with your new Rector? Please make every effort to share your thoughts.

We have a long list of unfinished business, most of which was reiterated in last year's report, but we are hopeful, and we are most thankful for the guidance, leadership, insight and knowledge that our interim Priest-in-Charge Philippa has so ably provided. We have enjoyed really meaningful worship, especially through Advent and Christmas and we look forward to working with Philippa in the months to come.

1 Corinthians 12:14• *“The body of Christ, or the people that are the whole of humanity, are a team. The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are one, we are strongest working together in unity. Teamwork is the key to living life in harmony, so that we can do God's will.”*

Lynn Turner

Peoples Warden's Report for 2021

2021 began as another year living with the turmoil of Covid 19 restrictions affecting many peoples way of life from family, friends, work, travel and religious gathering. Thankfully the people of St. Helen's remained dedicated and attended the services in person when possible and permitted and many more by virtual attendance and also the act of financial giving that kept the church operational.

During the Annual Vestry Meeting the issue of the lack of normal rental from Creative Zone childcare was raised and at the next Council meeting a decision was made to give the childcare notice of eviction ending the hall rental. This became a contentious issue and with the advice of the diocesan lawyer the eviction was affective Jun 30th 2021. After this date there was still property of the daycare in the lower hall and her legal rep was advised it would be disposed of after having given them two 72-hr notices of removal. There after we had the outer doors on the hall re-keyed.

These issues were affecting the health of Father Steve as he was becoming very stressed and it was then that he advised us of his intention to retire after he explained that he was staying to see the restoration done on the church. His well-being had become his priority.

In December we were advised by Boughton Law that a legal claim had been issued against the Diocese and St. Helen's Church by Creative Zone daycare and they would handle the case in court.

In Aug/Sept we were approached by Junior Einsteins daycare for temporary use of our hall facilities after their building had been destroyed by arson fire and on agreement they are now the occupants of the lower hall and from 3-6pm parts of the upper hall with good rental paid.

In January 2021 St. Helen's Church Building Condition Assessment & Capital Plan was prepared by Adrian Walsh and he met with members of council and explained and discussed the assessment and capital plan of about \$1 million plus over a period of time of 20 years.

During 2021 the issue of the restoration of the church was brought up at council meetings and selling certain property was discussed to finance this restoration and this is still on going.

There was also the issue of a few homeless squatting in and around the church grounds but this has mostly been resolved.

We need to be very thankful to Leo Sotana for the janitorial church and hall work and grounds keeping work that he has done in this period of extreme heat and rain but he could use help in spring and summer times with grounds keeping.

Also a thanks to Simon for his efforts with the security set up and video help in church and the time he was present to help Tom Beneteau when there was flooding in the lower kitchen. He also helped in moving the tall cabinets from the church and setting them up in the office.

With the second flooding of the lower kitchen Tom was able to be there within ten minutes of receiving my call and rectified the issue. This is an issue noted in 2017 already that has become an issue with heavy rains and should be dealt with in the coming year.

We have to thank Les Foulds for being our unofficial resident handyman always doing something in the church or hall when needed like painting the rector's office, replacing light bulbs or fixtures , maintaining the yard lawn mowers etc. and saving \$\$\$ for St. Helen's.

Also thanks to Matthew and Cathy for accepting their administrative duties.

It is evident that more volunteer help from members of the congregation is needed to ensure St. Helen's can continue to function as a well-run church operation at all times with God's blessings.

Roy Francis

Envelope Secretary's Report

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Helens for their generosity and faithfulness as they support the church in its work week by week. Donations have been received from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021, via: envelopes, e-transfer, pre-authorized or loose in the offering plate:

- Envelopes: 65*
- Online/e-transfer: 19
- Pre-Authorized: 11

*(included in this number are families/individuals who have also given by e-transfer and Pre-authorized)

Each donation that comes in with a name attached or in an envelope with a number will receive a tax receipt for their year's contributions. Thank you to Wendy Russell who tallies the weekly envelope and loose cash donations and to Matthew Ma, Interim Parish Administrator for recording the donations in the computer and several other record-keeping tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Anderson

Report of the Primate's World Relief Development Fund

PWRDF works towards a just, healthy and peaceful world by responding to relief and development on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Will Postma the director sent out a letter you can read on the web site. I will attempt to say something of what he said.

The world is a difficult place and this year and the last Covid has taken its toll. Women have been isolated and shut off from much needed support and services. Extra support is needed but men must also be engaged to end gender-based violence and poverty.

The roots of colonization, racism and privilege need to be re-examined. Grants are on place to support indigenous led programs--

Programs that improve health, safe water for drinking and youth mental health issues.

These lessons remind us to love our neighbors by listening with open hearts and minds.

some of the many projects:

food relief Kenya

BC floods

Afghanistan relief

Manitoba farmers help Haiti

Lytton fires

Haiti fund match

Vaccine education and many more

Budget

for details go on website

St Helen's raised \$1200 and a cheque was sent. Thanks very much for your support. We were originally putting the money towards a well with a hand pump, but several people were wanting some money to go to BC. I asked the directors to put the money where it was most needed. I hope that is ok with you all.

Paulette Smith

Prayer Circle Annual Report for 2021

St. Helen's Prayer Circle is a parish ministry which seeks to provide comfort and support in times of need, as well as thanksgiving. Its members offer prayers upon request for parishioners, their families, friends, co-workers, and others.

They have committed themselves to pray in a confidential manner. They offer their time to support the faith journey and needs of others. While at home, work, study, or play, they take the time to hold up others and their needs seeking God's wisdom and healing grace.

This ministry operates 'behind the scenes.' Prayer requests are circulated by email as quickly as possible. Confidentiality is most important and we respect the need to deal with certain issues in a quiet way. In light of this, we do not automatically include these requests in the 'Prayers of the People' during Sunday morning worship. There is a separate list at the back of the church for this purpose. At times, some situations are widely known but care is taken by the prayer circle members not to discuss the content of prayer requests in general conversation.

In order to record details accurately, it is most helpful for parishioners to speak directly to me following the 10 am service, at coffee/fellowship hour, by phone at 604-594-8562, or email at bnichols@dccnet.com. Progress reports are most appreciated. If not further up-dated, prayers will continue for one to two months. Whether received in person, by email or phone, a spirit of caring prevails.

In December, two of our devoted parishioners and Prayer Circle members, Diane and Christopher Richards, moved to Williams Lake. In addition, after twenty years, Joyce Sytko has retired from this ministry. I extend a well-earned thank you to each of you and wish you every blessing and good health.

Our Wardens, Roy Francis and Lynn Turner, and the following parishioners participated in this ministry with Steve, Philippa and me in 2021.

Pat Clegg	Jane Denton	Kelly Foulds	Jos Laskey	Ann Matthew
Pat Nociar	John Palmer	Paulette Smith	Jacquie Stinson	

Judy Nicholson

Grounds and Cemetery Report for 2021

There were three work parties organized for the gardens and the cemetery:

The first session was well attended and those who participated agreed to take on a small section of the church gardens for ongoing maintenance during the year. The plan was for individuals or couples to weed and maintain the plot that they had selected. For the most part the work was kept up and the gardens looked good. A donation was made to the gardens and two flowering dogwood trees were purchased and planted in front of the rectory. Zoltan agreed to keep them watered during our very hot summer. Hopefully they have survived the heat, rain, and snow and will bloom in the spring along with all of the other plants we have been caring for.

The second work party concentrated on the cemetery but due to work being done in the hall we had few people. The heat was prohibitive to work being done but some work was done cleaning the grave markers. More will be needed in the future.

The third work party was well attended. Work was done to continue cleaning the grave markers and weeding. The central section of the graveyard was the focus to clean up the area for the poppy cross set for Remembrance Day.

A big thank you to all who participated in the ongoing work in the gardens and the cemetery.

Due to covid 19 there have been no funeral teas in the past year and only 2 internments attended by immediate family members only.

Several people have reached out for information for estate planning and three have purchased the Right of Internment for plots in the Graveyard.

If you have any question regarding this please leave me a message in the church office and I will get back to you with the information.

Respectfully Submitted , Cemetery Committee , Jane Denton

St. Helen's Anglican Church Women Annual Report for 2021

You may wonder....what is the glue that holds our ACW group together? It is our FAITH. Each of us has been called to bring about God's Kingdom by using our time, talents and resources. No matter how long we have been parishioners of St. Helen's or our particular backgrounds or circumstances, our group of ladies rely on one another for support. We are a small part of the history of the WA (Women's Auxiliary) and ACW (Anglican Church Women) here at St. Helen's, in our Diocese and across Canada.

It is God that has called us to respond to the needs of others and the building of His kingdom in our communities and around the world. A shared responsibility that we take seriously. Individually, we know that our **Secret Prayer Partner** is praying for us. Knowing this, receiving a greeting card or small gift on special occasions and revealing our identities and exchanging gifts at our annual Christmas Party deepens our relationships.

During 2021, our **in-person monthly meetings** have been limited due to COVID health regulations. Thankfully, we have been able to connect by email, phone, driveway chats, and occasionally by Zoom. Gratefully, we gathered in the Upper Hall for in-person meetings in September, October and November and enjoyed lunch, fellowship and business meetings together. This marked a departure from our evening meetings but had been suggested to avoid driving on dark, rainy winter nights.

It has been most encouraging to see our numbers swell with the recent attendance of 5 more ladies, including our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev'd Philippa Segrave-Pride.

It has also been a year of **farewells**. After seven years of loving guidance, **Father Steve and Jos** decided to retire. On September 26, the church and hall were full as we wished them a fond farewell and every success in the next leg of their spiritual journeys. A potluck lunch (Anglican Tradition!) and favourite memories were joyfully shared.

Our ACW (and parish) also said good bye to **Marion O'Byrne** and her husband, **Ken**, as they sold their family home and moved to Sidney, BC. Most recently, she was our ACW Treasurer but throughout the years she has always been quick to respond to all group and parish requests for help. At a surprise gathering in June, we presented them with a cake, flowers, painting and our sincere best wishes.

The ACW continues to provide **Church Calendars** and **Devotional Booklets**. One of our members faithfully sends **greeting cards** on behalf of the parish to those who are not well, celebrating special birthdays, grieving, and needing to know someone is thinking about them.

Special Easter and Christmas mailings of 35-40 cards are sent as well. Our ACW provides cards and postage stamps.

As the parish connects with the Diocese, our St. Helen's ACW also has a bond with the **Diocesan ACW** and keeps up-to-date on their activities. In October, six of our members attended their **Fall Gathering** and enjoyed their business meeting, lunch and guest speakers. It was also nice to chat with other ACW members from various parishes.

With parish support, we held our annual **Dorcas Shower** in November. Members purchased brand new baby items including sleepers, hooded bath towels, onesies, diaper pins, toddler tee's & pants, socks, toys, dresses, comb/brush sets, travel-size toiletries, and small books. Philippa blessed the items and prayed for the families that would receive them prior to our donating them to the Diocesan ACW to include in layettes for the Bales, as well as, locally when emergency calls are received from single moms/families who have limited resources.

Dorcas, also called Tabitha, is mentioned in the Bible as a woman known for her good works and charitable deeds. Following her example, this is an **outreach project** that encourages the ACW and other parishioners to look for opportunities to do good and take action.

The annual **2021 World Day of Prayer Service** focussed on the country of Vanuatu. Four of our members participated via Zoom with host church, Our Lady of Good Counsel, and 6 other local churches. This global ecumenical movement calls us to affirm that prayer and action are inseparable. In 2022, the service will be written by a committee representing England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Several of our ACW members use their **knitting** skills to make baby sweater sets for Layettes, Toddler & Child sweaters, and slippers. Baby booties and mitts are always needed.

At each of our meetings, we make a point of having **Devotions**. A variety of topics, including What Is An Anglican and Looking for a New Rector give us food for thought. In November, Philippa shared some of her background with us. We also begin our meetings with the National ACW Prayer and end with The Grace.

I'm sure you have heard the words, **The Bales**, mentioned in conversations or during Coffee Hour and wondered what does that refer to? Hopefully, the following words will give you a clearer picture.

One of the **outreach projects of the Diocesan ACW, the Bales, has a long history.** In the 1950's, the women of the WA (Women's Auxiliary) in Vancouver recognized the needs of Northern Parishes in BC and the Yukon and started providing 'bales' of clothing, blankets, layettes, and

warm socks and shipping them to these needy areas where access to shopping was limited and costs were out of reach for most residents. **This work** began in Vancouver with the purchase of a house and now **continues** in Burnaby at a warehouse aptly called ACW Place. Three times a year, 25-30 bales are shipped via Canadian Freightways. They are greatly received.

YOU can support this work. If gently used clothes (baby, child, youth, adult), bedding, towels, tablecloths, placemats, clothing with tags still on (sent in the 'Christmas Bales'), purses, men's suits, belts, warm winter coats, business attire, sleeping bags, new cosmetic bags and small unused toiletries are taking up space in your closets or drawers, or that of family or friends, **why not donate** them to this worthwhile cause? Weight can be an issue with shipping so shoes/boots are not encouraged unless they are suitable for an office environment (ladies or men's) or construction site.

Items that are not sent in the Bales always find a welcome home.

These include:

Mission to Seafarers: An international organization which provides spiritual and practical support to men and women working on ships that arrive at the ports of Vancouver & Delta. Donations of new warm, wool socks, knitted toques & cowls, souvenirs, toiletries, and chocolate are welcome.

Dress for Success: A not for profit organization offering services to help clients find jobs, remain employed....and providing clothing for job interviews and workplace. Imagine if you need to re-enter the workplace and have nothing suitable to wear!

Working Gear for Men: A volunteer charity that provides clothing, gear, and support to those in need of employment.

SPCA: If towels, flannel sheets & blankets are clean but not suitable for 'people' use, they will still keep an animal warm and cozy during recovery and stay at the SPCA.

Friendship Centre in Williams Lake:

Provides free women's and children's clothing, support and services to all women and children in the area.

Aunt Leah's: Operates a Thrift Shop to support youth and foster children transitioning from care into independent living. Clothing needed.

Covenant House: Provides hope, accommodation, clothing, and support to Vancouver's homeless and at-risk youth (ages 16 – 24).

Street/Homeless Ministries: are welcome to select items at the warehouse. Donations of toques, scarfs and clothing have been given to Surrey Urban Mission and Night Shift Ministry in Whalley.

When all avenues have been exhausted, any remaining items are donated to Big Brothers for textile recycling. This is truly stewardship which helps many groups.

If you are interested in seeing the process of sorting donations, shelving them and making BALES, please let me know. This work is done on Monday mornings at ACW Place at Unit B, 7012 Merritt Avenue, Burnaby, BC 604-876-3720. Also, if you have donations, I can arrange delivery.

Thankfully, we were able to gather together for our annual **Christmas Party**. Members and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner, game, exchange of Prayer Partner & Santa Gifts and Door Prizes. It was a great evening and celebration of the Christmas Season.

With a membership of 24 as of the year end and an average meeting attendance of 13, we are proud to be one of the larger ACW groups in our Diocese. We hope to add to the heritage of previous WA/ACW members by continuing to worship and serve in this parish and beyond for some time to come.

New members are always welcome. Ladies, please join us anytime your schedule permits. You'll be glad you did. Many thanks to you our fellow parishioners for your ongoing support. It is most appreciated.

It is wonderful to see that although our activities have been greatly reduced due to COVID and changing health regulations, many faithful acts continue.

Thanks be to God.

Yours in Faith,

Judy Nicholson President

ST. HELEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
Financial Statement as of December 31, 2021

Balance forward December 31, 2020	\$1,125.22
<u>Revenue</u>	
Membership Fees 2021/2022	380.00
2022 Church Calendar Sales	196.00
Donations to ACW	
United Thank Offering/Devotional Booklets	40.00
Bank Interest	.11
Total	\$ 616.11
<u>Expenses</u>	
2022 Church Calendars	204.00
Sunshine/Family Life (Greeting Cards/Postage/Gifts)	132.61
Diocesan ACW Fall Gathering – Registration & Lunch Fees	60.00
Diocese of New Westminster ACW – 12 memberships	144.00
Farewell/Retirement Gift to Jos Laskey	50.00
Farewell Party for Marion & Ken O'Bryne	79.39
Total	\$470.00
<u>Donations</u>	
Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF)	100.00
Surrey Food Bank (Tiny Bundles)	300.00
Surrey Food Bank (Christmas Donation)	100.00
Mission to Seafarers - 'Hot Sox' (heavy wool socks)	120.00
St. Helen's Church – Altar Flowers	40.00
St. Helen's Church - Christmas Bazaar	100.00
Total	\$ 760.00
Balance December 31, 2020	\$1,125.22
Receipts	\$ 616.11
Expenses & Donations	-\$1,230.00
Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 411.33

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Nicholson

St Helen's Anglican Church

Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at 2021-12-31	As at 2020-12-31
ASSET		
Current Assets		
Bank of Montreal	56,002.35	83,221.94
Bank of Montreal - Remy	0.00	0.00
Vancity	154,166.64	17,796.25
Net Cash	210,168.99	101,018.19
CTF - Land Account	419.31	376.72
Land - Cemetery	38,386.15	34,486.29
Total Current Assets	248,974.45	135,881.20
TOTAL ASSET	248,974.45	135,881.20
LIABILITY		
Current Liabilities		
Unrealized Gain/Loss	0.00	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Long Term Liabilities		
Loan from Diocese	0.00	0.00
Loan from Govt (CEBA) through BMO	24,280.00	40,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	24,280.00	40,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITY	24,280.00	40,000.00
EQUITY		
Surplus		
Current Earnings	128,813.25	4,615.97
Congregational Equity	95,881.20	91,265.23
Total Equity	224,694.45	95,881.20
TOTAL EQUITY	224,694.45	95,881.20
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	248,974.45	135,881.20

St Helen's Anglican Church

Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 2021-01-01 to 2021-12-31	Actual 2020-01-01 to 2020-12-31	Percent
REVENUE			
Total Revenue			
Open Collection	1,035.00	484.30	113.71
Envelopes - General	83,268.00	73,850.45	12.75
PWRDF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flowers	1,875.00	805.00	132.92
Refugee Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Envelope Giving	85,143.00	74,655.45	14.05
Parish Fundraisers	300.00	1,085.80	-72.37
Strawberry Tea	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bazaar	3,864.95	1,140.00	239.03
Fundraiser - Refugee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funerals - Plots	3,050.00	800.00	281.25
Funeral services	350.00	1,350.00	-74.07
Rental - Rectory	5,812.50	20,343.75	-71.43
Rentals - Church	20,400.00	22,800.00	-10.53
Rentals - Hall	30,360.00	14,150.00	114.56
Rentals - Film/TV	23,350.00	31,000.00	-24.68
Total Rental Income	74,110.00	67,950.00	9.07
Revenue from Other Charities	117,867.89	6,716.69	1,654.85
GST Rebate	1,017.00	963.88	5.51
Revenue from Federal government	34,882.71	19,315.46	80.59
Gain/Loss CTFs	3,942.45	4,125.90	-4.45
Total Revenue	331,375.50	198,931.23	66.58
TOTAL REVENUE	331,375.50	198,931.23	66.58
EXPENSE			
Operating Expenses			
Apportionment	23,127.36	16,443.00	40.65
Clergy Salary	100,285.41	111,255.86	-9.86
Clergy - Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clergy - Short Term Replacement	846.76	0.00	0.00
Clergy - Disability Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Clergy Costs	101,132.17	111,255.86	-9.10
Contracts - Music	11,400.00	10,600.00	7.55
Contracts - Office	5,160.00	1,088.00	374.26
Contracts - Janitorial	1,552.00	1,728.00	-10.19
Total Contracts Expense	18,112.00	13,416.00	35.00
Advertising	0.00	20.10	-100.00
Office expense - Computer	876.96	1,185.72	-26.04
Office expense - Photocopier	4,010.68	3,901.53	2.80
Office expense - paper	338.43	153.50	120.48
Office expense - Supplies	15.75	64.80	-75.69
Office expense - Postage	298.08	102.83	189.88
Total Office expense	5,539.90	5,408.38	2.43

Church supplies - flowers	1,859.99	1,287.13	44.51
Church supplies - misc	1,733.37	615.38	181.67
Total Church Supplies	3,593.36	1,902.51	88.87
Utilities - Telephone	1,382.92	1,277.61	8.24
Utilities - Gas Church & Hall	8,952.53	6,232.50	43.64
Utilities - Gas Rectory	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities - Electricity	3,083.00	3,363.97	-8.35
Utilities - City of Surrey	485.03	334.00	45.22
Total Utilities Expense	13,903.48	11,208.08	24.05
Repairs & Maintance - Garbage	2,670.37	3,087.90	-13.52
Repairs & Maintenance - Grounds	1,488.00	1,024.00	45.31
Repairs & Maintenance - Lawn Care	0.00	11.02	-100.00
Repair & Maintenance - Church	339.38	14,307.47	-97.63
Repair & Maintenance - Rectory	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Repair & Maintenance - Hall	13,468.27	2,017.70	567.51
Total Repairs & Maintenance	18,966.02	20,448.09	-7.25
Property Taxes	2,677.86	2,372.99	12.85
Insurance Costs	13,073.00	10,357.00	26.22
Security	432.35	172.94	150.00
Loan Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds for Transfer - Diocese	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds for Transfer - PWRDF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds for Transfer - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Funds for Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs - Fellowship	36.98	22.18	66.73
Programs - Christian Development	0.00	387.00	-100.00
Programs - Community Outreach	0.00	312.16	-100.00
Programs - Music	100.00	186.30	-46.32
Programs-Sunday School/Children's M	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs - Communications	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs - Stewardship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Programs - Refugee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Program Expenses	136.98	907.64	-84.91
Misc - Bank Charges	392.02	379.08	3.41
misc-synod costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc - Other	1,475.75	23.59	6,155.83
Total Misc Expenses	1,867.77	402.67	363.85
Total Expense	202,562.25	194,315.26	4.24
TOTAL EXPENSE	202,562.25	194,315.26	4.24
NET INCOME	128,813.25	4,615.97	2,690.60

Notes to the Revenue 2021

- Total Envelope Receipts - \$85,143.00 includes special donation of \$5,840
- Parish Fundraisers - \$300, was from bottle drive.
- We made \$3,864.95 from Bazaar this year.
- CTF Gain/Loss

The Consolidated Trust Fund held at the diocese usually gains interest each year. The interest made can be either acknowledged in the Balance Sheet or in the Comparative Financial Statement. For quite a few years it was indicated on the Balance Sheet which allowed for a reporting of lower overall revenue which lowered our assessment to the diocese. It was a way to defer assessment. For the past few years we have brought this interest to Income Statement as revenue.

In 2018, the CTF Gain/ Loss was a negative amount (\$-567.58). This figure changes with the ebb and flow of the investment markets.

In 2019, the CTF Gain/Loss was a positive figure, \$4,454.83. For the last few years the parish has withdrawn monies from the fund to go to our annual budget to do grounds work on the cemetery. In 2019 we budgeted \$2,000 to be withdrawn and did so toward the end of the year to cover the expenditures.

In 2020, the CTF gain/loss was a positive amount, \$4,125.90. We however, did not withdraw any money from the fund.

We made \$3,942.45 towards CTF gain in 2021, shown under revenue and did not withdraw any monies from it.

- Revenue from Other Charities- \$117,867.89 is the residue of a non-profit society that folded and they had to disburse any and all their assets, to which we were the beneficiaries of the remainder of their funds and it is a charitable donation. We shall hold this in trust until we are able to move forward to utilize it for a good cause.
- Revenue from Federal Government- represents wage subsidy \$34,882.71 that we received from the government to help us with clergy salary.

Notes to the Expense 2021

- There was a relief for apportionment fees payable to diocese for three months, from January to March 2021. Hence the apportionment fee totals to only \$23,127.36 for the nine months paid to the diocese.
- Utilities Gas Church & Hall - \$8,952.53. These are Fortis BC charges for Church & Hall
- Repairs & Maintenance Hall - \$13,468.27
These expenses include the payment of CCTV \$5,040 (we had special appeal collection in 2021 to offset this expense), pressure washing of roof - \$2,336.25.
- Miscellaneous Other expenses- \$1,475.75 include legal cost - \$1,462.33 (50/50 split with diocese) regarding Creative zone Childcare.

Notes to the Balance Sheet 2021

- The money that we received from the Non profit Society is held in trust in Vancity.
- A government loan (CEBA) was applied and obtained for \$40,000 in 2020, with zero interest, partially forgivable up to \$10,000, if we repay the principal amount of \$30,000 by Dec 2022. We have repaid this loan to \$ 15,720 in 2021 and current loan balance is \$24,280.

<u>St. Helen's Anglican Church 2022 Forecast</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>		<u>2021 Budget</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
Open Collection	1,500.00		200.00
Envelopes General	95,000.00		80,000.00
Flowers	1,500.00		1,000.00
Special Donations			
Total Donations	98,000.00		81,200.00
Fundraising	5,000.00		5,000.00
Total Fundraising	5,000.00		5,000.00
Cemetery	1,500.00		1,000.00
Weddings	250.00		250.00
Rectory Rental	23,250.00		25,150.00
Church rental	21,600.00		21,600.00
Hall Rental	44,400.00		6,000.00
Film/TV			15,000.00
Total Rentals	89,500.00		68,000.00
GST/HST Rebate	1,000.00		1,000.00
Revenue from Federal Government			13,000.00
Transfer Cemetery Acc.			2,000.00
CTF gain/loss	2,000.00		
Total	3,000.00		16,000.00
Total Revenue	197,000.00		171,200.00

Expenses			
Apportionment	32,000.00		28,200.00
Clergy Stipend, & CRA Employer Costs	105,000.00		100,000.00
Clergy Conferences	250.00		200.00
Clergy Short term Replacement	2,000.00		1,500.00
New Rector costs	10,000.00		
Total Clergy Costs	117,250.00		101,700.00
Contract Music	13,000.00		11,500.00
Contract Office Administrator	12,000.00		-
Contract Janitorial	4,000.00		1,500.00
Grounds Keeping Person	2,000.00		-
Total Contracts	31,000.00		13,000.00
Advertising	50.00		50.00
Office Expenses Computer	1,000.00		1,300.00
Office Expenses Copier	4,500.00		4,200.00
Office Expense Paper	350.00		200.00
Office Expense Supplies	150.00		150.00
Office Expense Postage	300.00		200.00
Total Office Exps	6,300.00		6,050.00
Church Supplies Flowers	1,500.00		1,000.00
Church Supplies Misc.	1,500.00		700.00
Total Church Supplies	3,000.00		1,700.00

Utilities Telephone	1,500.00		1,300.00
Utilities Gas Church & Hall	9,500.00		6,500.00
Utilities Electricity	4,000.00		3,750.00
Utilities City of Surrey	600.00		600.00
Total Utilities Expenses	15,600.00		12,150.00
Repairs & Maint. Garbage	3,000.00		3,000.00
Repairs & Main. Grounds	3,000.00		3,000.00
Repairs & Maint. Lawn Care	200.00		200.00
Repairs & Main. Church	7,000.00		7,000.00
Repairs and Maint. Rectory	1,500.00		1,000.00
Repairs and Maint. Hall	3,000.00		3,000.00
Total Repairs & Maint.	17,700.00		17,200.00
Property Taxes	3,000.00		2,500.00
Insurance Costs	15,600.00		14,000.00
Security	450.00		450.00
Programs Fellowship	100.00		100.00
Programs Christian Development	200.00		200.00
Programs Community Outreach	200.00		200.00
Programs Music	200.00		-
Programs Sunday School	100.00		200.00
Children's/Youth Ministry Program	100.00		200.00
Programs Stewardship	200.00		200.00
Total Program Expenses	1,100.00		1,100.00

Misc. Other	100.00		100.00
Loan repayment CEBA	14,280.00		15,720.00
Misc. Bank Charges	450.00		450.00
Misc. Synod/Conference	100.00		100.00
Total Misc. Expenses	14,930.00		16,370.00
Total Expenses	257,980.00		214,470.00
Total Revenue	197,000.00		171,200.00
Total Expenses	257,980.00		214,470.00
Net Profit (Deficit)	(60,980.00)		(43,270.00)