

St Andrew's Vestry report

September 2025

Priest's Reports

Well it has been a long summer with far too many goodbyes, but a lot of work towards the future as well. Many of the programs slowed down over the summer as usual, but liturgy, administration and planning were very busy.

Meetings/ administration

Over the summer we most suspended the meetings, however Esther and I continued to work closely together and meet daily to coordinate. This summer especially included a lot of specialized bulletins both for the summer worship schedule and unfortunately for the several funerals that we hosted.

This summer as well included a lot of planning and organizing for the parish going forward into the fall. We hired Scott Coulter as Music Director, starting in July, which also involved a number of meetings and administrative arrangements. I will be continuing to meet with him monthly.

I met with members of altar guild regarding the new altar guild formatting and we really put the guild to the test this summer with the heavy work load.

Corporation met once since the last vestry and had a lot to catch up on. I have completed an annual review for Esther (waiting input from one source) and have been very pleased with that hire.

There have also been articles for parish newsletter that needed writing and catching up on my lapsed theological journal subscriptions.

Pastoral

The major pastoral concern over the summer have been around funerals, grieving and death. There has been far too much. For each funeral I arrange by phone the initial meetings and information, I then meet with the family once or twice to plan out the service. Bulletins are created by Esther and I edit them, sermons are written, multimedia is arranged, rehearsed and sometimes planned by myself. The services and /or interments take place and I follow up as needed.

The following people and their family and friends were ministered to this past summer:

Phillip Tanner, Bob Lane, Don Hunter, Fran Cass, Pat Coleman, Raymond Wheeler, Edward Cheetam

In addition to the funeral pastorals, I have had 12 other pastoral visits these past few months. I continue to lead services at Golden West Care home and services at Sturgeon 1 and 2 were cared for by the lay readers.

Some of the care homes suspended services over the summer, please see the pastoral report from Audrey.

Visioning/planning

I spend a good amount of time this summer reflecting and visioning for the fall and for the future of our parish.

I, with Esther's help, have been putting together maps of the community, our parishioners proximity and the Anglican churches in the city and near by. This has been helping me get an idea of the trends that are taking place and the needs of our parish community.

I have met with St. Andrew's Circle to help plan out this year's educational and reconciliation events, which will focus on the ways we are living out the Calls to Action now.

I have planned out and implemented the new liturgical readings from the Narrative Lectionary with the intention of helping the parish to explore the bible in more detail.

I believe this is going well.

Selfcare

I have had a lovely vacation this summer in the mountains with my family, and have taken a lot of thought about this years work/life balance. I plan to be working from home on Thursdays in general and taking better care of myself. I have taken several sick days and missed out on my planned continuing education time due to funerals.

I will take the last of my vacation and a week of continuing education in October.

Liturgies

Funeral liturgies have been most prominent over the summer and I have been grateful for all the parishioners who have stepped up to minister in so many ways to the families of the deceased. Scott as well has done an excellent job providing for music at the funerals.

As Scott began his ministry here I have taken a more prominent role in music selection over the summer as he settled in. However, starting in September I will be relying on his choices (with oversight).

We had worship committee this August and have booked in and reviewed special services from September until Christmas. New readers have been added to the roster and the Narrative lectionary has been implemented.

A huge thank you to those who have taken care of worship while I was away.

Education

There hasn't been too much education going on over the summer months, but as we headed in to September we have resumed.

Bible study has started to meet again with a solid 10 people gathered to read the epistles.

Sermons continue to be a major educational aspect of worship.

I hosted a training session for Altar Guild and Lay Readers this past Sunday which went very well.

I have also been educating myself in preparation for our first Town Hall which will discuss the major changes and reorganization of the national church. Stay tuned for more on that!

Diocesan

June held our annual Clergy Residential Retreat which is a vital time to learn about and catch up with the diocesan clergy and news. This year we paired up with the Diocese of Brandon to save money and build community. I learn there that a great many parishes are closing and many more have part time clergy or none at all.

We, as a parish and as a diocese, are going to need to face some radical changes in the future.

I have been meeting and talking with Ryan, the Diocesan Ministry Developer and it seems that we have been placed high on the list of parishes to teach /mentor new students and clergy. We may be seeing more of that in the future. I have also been asked to help develop some deanery wide or diocesan wide lay reader training courses.

I continue to meet with the Ordained Ministry Team (discerning the call of potential priests/deacons) and attend those meetings regularly.

Deanery also continues, but we have fewer clergy attending due to the parttime nature of our clergy and as St Peters continues without an incumbent.

This past week also saw the instillation of our new bishop, The Right Reverend Naboth Manzongo. It was a fully packed service with a lot of lively music and more clergy than I've seen in a long, long time. St. Andrew's made a wonderful showing with a good dozen parishioners in attendance!

I think that that is enough for now!

Respectfully submitted Rev. Liz

Pastoral Care report to Vestry September 2025

Led a service at Kiwanis Metropolitan in July using Reserved Sacrament and after the service it was decided that there would not be a service in August.

I received a call from the event coordinator of Kiwanis West and it was discussed and decided that we forgo services for July and August.

This month I led services at Kiwanis Metropolitan and Kiwanis West using Reserved Sacrament. I was assisted by Judie Schnell.

Donna has volunteered to continue to play the piano at both Kiwanis services. I am very grateful that she is willing to take part in this wonderful ministry.

Prayer List is updated at the end of each month. Our list continues to grow which indicates that more folks realize how great the power of prayer is!

Prayer Shawls – over the last few months four prayer shawls/lap blankets were delivered and bookmarks have been made and placed in the Prayer Shawl Banner.

Over the summer all Tele a Pal lists have been updated. Two tele a pal callers stepped down but fortunately I have been able to find replacements. A call out will be done within the next week.

We have had no further update on Grace-St. John.

God Bless Audrey

Mission and Ministry Report to Vestry

The Mission and Ministry Committee report September 2025. Next Meeting October 7, 2025

Arocha – 100 Mile Dinner: Date of September 28th; potluck brunch. Shelley made an announcement on August 31st about the brunch. Giving a month's notice is a good idea. Esther is printing out information on the 100 Mile Brunch and where we can list food items purchased for the brunch. It is a great time right now with all of the Farmers Markets. Be creative! Think Bison! There is a signup sheet at church. People can sign up to help as well. Set up will be on Saturday.

Christmas Cheer Board – no report to be given until Fall

1 Just City – With the end of the meal program at West Broadway there is no need for us to collect food. 1 Just City gets food for programming from Harvest. At this point in time they want donations of money and volunteer time. Pam wants to look into continuing the Christmas orange campaign. We received an email from Rick Morgan along with a list of items requested. We will have a new sign created for 1 Just City with an amended list of items. Pimicikamak is a program that also falls under 1 Just City. Grace has been delivering food to them. Shelley checked with Grace about this organization. Everything is in the Balmoral Hotel. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cookies are provided for their therapy program. They are also asking for hygiene products. Pam will work alongside Grace in this ministry.

Foster Child – Plan Canada – no report.

Along Side Hope (former PWRDF) – No Report

Thelma Wynne – No Report

Agape Table – No Report.

Rupert's Land Indigenous Wechetowin Ministry – No report provided.

Loving Hands/West End 24/7 – Lisa, Shelley and Norma met at the church hall on September 1st to organize the school supplies to take to West Broadway Youth at 646 Portage ave. An earlier box was taken down, including drinks and bars, along with items donated from Noreen (disposable kitchen items we are not using) and art supplies from Audrey Pattie. Reverend Liz let Shelley know that a \$75 cash donation was received at the church. Norma will speak with Pat G about who to write the cheque to. Norma dropped off 8 boxes to West End Youth Outreach on September 2nd. These were very much appreciated. Norma advised school supplies were coming later. Norma learned about the reading and art while visiting. The children get help with homework after school, after their snacks. Then volunteers help children with reading. Sometimes the volunteer reads to the children, other times the child reads to the volunteer. A child can build up "points" when reading to use for special treats, such as ice cream, etc. They have a Friday night art program as well. As the thank you note says: this program supports free recreational and life skills for the inner city children. It make a difference in the lives of these children. Photos have been posted on St. Andrew's Facebook page.

West End Woman's Resource Centre, Siloam Mission – no report

Eye Glasses, hearing aids, and Postage Stamps – Doreen Pattie will be taking over the Postage Stamp Ministry.

Ministry Resource Materials: we have compiled a listing of all the ministries we support with a small write up of the ministry as well as who directs it. We would like to have these put on the web site for ease of location, many can read about our ministries.

Business carried forward: Supporting Northern Community -flying food (Lisa) tabled to the October meeting.

Mission and Ministry thanks everyone for their ongoing support to all our campaigns
Shelley Gorets

Altar Guild Report to Vestry September 2025

Altar Guild members celebrated their year with dinner together at the Olive Garden in June. They continued to gather and do their work over the summer months. There were several internments and funerals that they supported.

Reverend Liz has invited all Altar Guild members to attend a training session on Sunday, September 14th following coffee hour.

Altar Guild will resume regular meetings on September 17th at 7:30 in the lower level of the church.

Margaret Childs continues to be our flower convener. Please contact her if you would like to put flowers on the altar. Altar Guild members continue to deliver the flowers to members who could use a lift!

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Marlatt

September Vestry Maintenance Report

The two foot square concrete pads sidewalk that was in the front of the parish hall leading to the Rectors home years ago were removed and dirt fill added to fill in the low areas and level the ground. There is some finishing work to finalize the project.

I have two estimates to discuss:
One is for a broken window in the parish hall.

The second one is to replace the lite between the east side of the parish hall and the west side of the church. It would be an on at dusk off at dawn.

There were enhancements to the Memorial Garden with Pat Coleman's valuable input. We will miss her greatly. She was passionate about the garden being involved from the inception and construction.

I wanted to get some discussion started this summer with the City of Winnipeg on the parking lot but personal issues with my house sale and family visits the summer went by quickly. So hopefully next year will work. As the weather starts to cool and winter sets in the lot should stabilize. It does not

seem to have deteriorated a great deal this summer.

Ken Wardle