

Vestry Report April 2026

In the last month the focus of my time has been preparing for Holy Week and getting ready for our new corporation. This is going to be a shorter report as, after the business of Holy Week I took a couple of weeks away, for continuing education and holiday.

There has been a lot of meetings; between planning out music with Scott, bulletins and organization with Esther ensuring that the administration has been running smoothly. The minutes of the annual meeting were edited and the second emergency parish meeting to elect Grace McKay also took place. I have also met with Rev. Rick and Rev. Rod and Susan Sprange. There have also been additional lay reader training and server training.

This past month as well involved writing for the newsletter, organizing, emailing and a lot of planning. The bible study has finished it's study of the epistles, and after a short break we will be studying Revelation.

There has been a few pastoral meetings and one funeral that took place in March, as well as a tragic accident in our parking lot which resulted in a person breaking wrist and ankle.

This month also included a number of Diocesan events, including Deanery and deanery events such as the Easter Vigil. I have also attended Diocesan Council meetings.

The other main focus this past month has been starting up our new corporation. They are each new to the role and we spent time re-evaluating the use and role of corporations practical activities and discerning its division of labour.

Finally, there was Holy Week, which was the biggest part of this past month. The services have gone well and thank you to everyone who participated and ministered in this most Holy Week.

God Bless

Deacon Report

March 18th did service at Sturgeon Creek 1 and went to Sturgeon Creek 2 and no one showed up.

March 26th did the service at Golden West.

Attended Maundy Thursday and the service.

Attended Holy Saturday at St. George's for the service and did the Deacon thing at the service.

Attended Easter Sunday and our parish and assisted with the service.

April 15th did their service at Sturgeon Creek.

I was informed that Sturgeon Creek cancelled the service as no one was showing up.

March 23rd did the service at Golden West.

Each service I did there were quite a few people at them.

Attended all service in April and assisted with morning prayer on April 19th along with Doreen and I was able to preach and read the Gospel.

Great experience and thank so much Doreen.

Cheers

Your Deacon Valerie.

March 2026 Maintenance Report

Replaced the flush mechanism in the parish hall upstairs washroom. Rev. Liz replaced lite bulb/s in the church vestibule area.

To date I have not heard from the City on the package mailed to them regarding our parking lot issues. I will follow up in the next few days.

I will make some calls on estimates to refurbish the exterior of the church front front doors.

Respectfully submitted
Ken

Pastoral Care report to Vestry April 2026

Prayer List updated end of the month. Our prayer list has grown once again as more and more people realize the power of prayer.

Easter Cards sent to all who are on our Pastoral Care list. We have 27 parishioners on our Pastoral Care List.

Roslyn led a service of Morning Prayer at Heritage Lodge and a service of communion at Kiwanis Metropolitan.

Kiwanis St. James – cancelled.

Deacon Val led a service of communion at Sturgeon Creek 1 and a service of Morning prayer at Golden West.

Sturgeon Creek 2 has been cancelled.

During Pastoral Care phone calls there were a couple of referrals made to Rev. Liz.

Any contact and changes will be shared so our lists remain up to date and pertinent information will be passed onto Rev. Liz.

God Bless

Audrey K.

Mission and Ministry Report to Vestry

The Mission and Ministry Committee report April 2026. Next Meeting May 5, 2026

Agape Table – March 25th saw the majority of our group of 7 at Agape Table for another fun filled morning of veggie chopping, sandwich making and pastry wrapping. Many thanks to Sue, Doreen, Lisa, Norma, Shirley and Doreen's friend Sharon (our bonus member) for joining me in what could very well be our last time in the current location!

Our next volunteer dates are: Wednesday, April 22; Thursday, May 21; and, Thursday June 18

Stay tuned for the usual notice in the weekly bulletins in advance of the scheduled dates. We will then break for the summer and resume in September.

Alongside Hope – no report

Arocha – Attached to the email with the April minutes is the document, Becoming an Earth Keeping Church. This is the document shared by Scott at AROCHA. This document will guide our reflection and planning. Our May 5th meeting will be spent completing the document together. Come with your reflections and ideas for the future. Once the document is complete it will be shared with the Corporation to determine next steps.

Christmas Cheer Board – no reports until end of 2026

Lions Manor – Eye Glasses – donations taken to Lions Manor periodically

Loving Hands – Westend 24/7 & West Broadway Youth Program - -Norma has taken some books to the West Broadway Youth Group from our rummage room. Norma and Lisa were discussing changing the colour for the bags for the summer program for West End 24/7. Further discussion occurred over creating non-gender based bags. Norma will call and ask for suggestions for items for the bags.

1JustCity – no report. Pam indicated that Grace wishes to step back for a while. She and Frank will continue to administer and take items on a monthly basis.

Stamps Change Lives - -A new collection will be taken in soon. If anyone has old stamp collections consider taking them as they would be accepted. It is Charleswood United church that accepts the stamps. They take the collections to auction. They use the money for many of the same charities we support.

Thelma Wynne - Event has been added to the church calendar. April 25, 2026, set up items and put together the lunch, make sandwiches, cheese, pickles, vegetables and cake. Shelley will email the men's club to set up tables that day for the event. Shelley will purchase the food items and have them at the church Friday morning (as she will be away Saturday). We will be accepting cash donations and there will be a display area. Anyone willing to assist with set up can connect with Norma for a time. April 26, 2026, after the service we will celebrate with luncheon. Announcement is in the bulletin; bin has been placed at the back of the church for collection. A gentle reminder to all helping in the kitchen, new rule will be the only those assigned to kitchen duty will be in the kitchen with the door closed. Items and communication to be through the windows. We must make sure that all coats are hung up in the foyer, and limited amount of bags in the kitchen but not on the counters.

New Business:

- 1. Wool donations** -We currently have 3 bins of wool and parishioners have been taking wool for our projects and others have been donating.
- 2. Storage:** We have items that come in and out all of the time for Mission & Ministry. The nursery is currently used to store items, but the church would love to have this space rented out. We need to keep items tidy in the event they need to be moved. Shelley is currently looking for a more permanent storage space with Reverend Liz.

Correspondence – Tax receipts received from Agape Table and Plan International, forwarded to Pat. Thank you letter from Agape Table for “Souper Sunday” donation.

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

Shelley Gorets