

St Andrew's Anglican Church Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026
The Reverend Liz Richens in the Chair

The Purpose of the Church is to learn and teach about God, through Scripture: loving God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, and loving our neighbour as ourselves.

St Andrew's Vision is to be a welcoming and nurturing community, using our God-given gifts in service to parish, neighbourhood and the World.

Land Acknowledgement: In this time and place, we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota people and the homeland of the Red River Metis Nation. As we come from many different places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of the land and their hospitality, which allows us to live, work and serve God, the Creator, here.

Present: the Reverend Liz, Pat, Alison, David, Shelley, Ken, Reverend Deacon Val, Cindy, Laura, Norma, Grace, Mervin, Doreen. Online: Eric, Audrey, Roselyn, Denise.

The Reverend Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

Scripture, John 1:1-14 was read by Grace.

Vestry was reminded that the matters discussed at vestry are confidential and not to be shared until the Minutes are posted.

Approval of the Agenda: to Reports, add Deacon's Report. to Ongoing Business, add Name Tags.

Motion #1: That the amended Agenda for the April 21, 2026 Vestry Meeting be accepted.
accepted by consensus

Approval of the Minutes of the Vestry meeting of March 17, 2026:

Motion #2: that the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of March 17, 2026 be accepted.
accepted by consensus

Reports:

Clergy: as previously circulated

Corporation: Cindy attended a workshop sponsored by the Diocese on defining the job of Wardens. She stated how fortunate St Andrew's is compared to other parishes in the Diocese. Other churches are struggling without incumbents, with part-time incumbents, without administrative assistants, without regular Eucharist. There was discussion re going forward and it was noted it is difficult for many parishes to continue. The bishop's message gave much information for thought and discussion: what kind of

church, what kind of leadership is needed. Cindy distributed a handout on the workshop. The Reverend Liz asked if there was a workshop for Treasurers.

Altar Guild: no report

Pastoral Care: as previously circulated

Property Maintenance: as previously circulated

Mission and Ministry: as previously circulated

Treasurer and Finance: As previously circulated. In lieu of the expected \$27K from the Endowment Fund at the Diocese, St Andrew's has received \$52,904.99. In reply to questions, Pat replied that the Building Fund is a dedicated fund, used for computers, building maintenance. The Christmas Light account remains in deficit. The amount in the St Andrew's (from St Chad's move) is \$734,890.75 as of March. 7% is released and management fees are deducted from that amount. The Reverend Liz announced there will be a financial town hall meeting after morning service coffee hour, May 3rd. Bank signatories are needed. Next Finance meeting is Wednesday, May 13. Cindy is representative on Finance.

Motion #3: that the Treasurer's Report of April 21, 2026 be accepted as circulated.
Pat/Laura Carried

Deacon's Report: as previously circulated

Timeline: being proofed

Ongoing Business:

Solar Panels: David stated that Pam has stepped away. A couple of quotes have been obtained and waiting for others. Pat is looking into grants. Several questions were raised which cannot be answered until quotes are in and the process started.

BBQ: Laura and Cindy are coordinating this event June 28th. Last year saw trouble with the small BBQ's used as they were not hot enough and therefore could not cook the food fast enough. This is being looked after. Eric volunteered to help with cooking. It has been suggested that St James, St Stephens/St Bede's and St Mary's be invited to the BBQ to increase fellowship. The Reverend Liz asked how these churches had been 'chosen'. It was answered: for close locality, in danger of closing. Those wanting to join St Andrew's at BBQ, be asked to call the office to sign up so numbers would be known. Cindy and Laura are planning to call the churches and ask to come and issue a personal invitation. Inviting the Deanery was suggested, but size is too large to begin with. The Reverend Liz suggested inviting the former incumbent of St Aidan's as he has no parish. Inviting the Bishop was suggested. The Reverend Liz will look after those two invitations.

Spring Cleaning: May 9th. Cindy has a write-up for the bulletin and is taking care of contracting for the outside window washing. Ken will make an appointment for sweeping the parking lot and a list for what needs to be done in the hall. Vestibule needs cleaning as well.

Ongoing cleaning for parish washrooms and hall: There was discussion at the March vestry meeting regarding the state of the washrooms, especially the upper hall bathroom. Richard is responsible for the bathroom cleaning. Doreen and Eileen Pollock

spent 4 ½ hours dusting and wiping the church lower hall. The length of time was due to removing and wiping all the books in the book cases. A monthly cleaning would take less time. Doreen has volunteered to do this monthly (minus the books) cleaning.

Kitchen Door: Discussion as to what message the closed kitchen door sends. It was suggested that a sign might be a first step in asking for only assigned people to be in the kitchen for safety and ease of movement.

Name tags: It was suggested that name tag wearing be re-encouraged. There are several newer people in the congregation (and all of us) who would benefit from being able to see a name. Noted that when new name tags are printed, a larger font would be helpful. Might need personal promotion.

Visioning: engaging in living out St Andrew's Vision:

The Reverend Liz: meet with schools, hospitals in the community to ask how we can be of help, reach out beyond our comfort zone, ask what they need. Denise: celebrate what we do as individuals – how can that be extended. Gather information from other parishes as to what is working for them. Suggest that people reach out to others not just in this community, but where you live. The Reverend Liz: important to make community with newcomers to our parish. Alison suggested the Bruce Oakes facility. The Rummage coordinators have been asking for a 'card' listing St Andrew's activities and times of services to hand out to customers.

New Business:

Diocesan Workshop: discussed earlier

Discussion of Wardens: A development has arisen. Mervin is having reservations about the position of being a warden. Cindy suggested that this matter be tabled to the Corporation meeting.

Gardening Plan: Cindy has had conversation with Herb and Lynda Thompson who are willing to work in the garden this year, but they will need much help – people signing up for planting, watering, weeding, etc. As well as parishioners, children and grandchildren of parishioners, students needing volunteer hours for school credits, and residents of Bruce Oakes were suggested. Need a garden team. Ken has ordered the geraniums- 48 plants of 'Sassy Red' for \$279. He will draw out the planting plan.

Protelec: Someone is needed to be the called person when Protelec has received an alarm from the church system. Nearby is preferable. It is not necessary to go to the church (especially at night) but to have camera access and call the police if necessary. Protelec does not send anyone, or call the police. They notify the customer. Pat volunteered.

Question was raised as to whether background checks were still being done for those in contact with vulnerable people. Answer: wardens don't need them and there is no Sunday School.

Cindy offered someone who offered to do a workshop for those who would like to make moccasins in five sessions. There would be a charge for materials. Cindy will inform Shirley Bender and Angline Cara to coordinate.

The Reverend Liz closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Corporation Meeting: on Timeline for Tuesday May 12, 2026

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday May 19, 2026, 7:00pm

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