

St. Philip Parish Council Agenda  
Monday 26 January, 2026

Attendees: Allen Doerksen, Larry Anthony, Dave Conway, Evelyn Savage, Judith Armstrong, Marcus Schlag, Gerianne Knowles-Robson, Mark Laidlaw (minutes)

Regrets: Jackie Prowse

Meeting came to order at 7:14pm; AD opened with prayer

Agenda approved as amended.

December Minutes Review

- Discussion about Visitor book
- Discussion about a way for greeters to find out how people found out about us
- Approved as circulated

Rector's report

- Epiphany Retreat (Jan 31<sup>st</sup>): **Light Our Path and Lead Us On.** 10am-2pm at St. Stephens; arrival time 9:30-10:00am. Focus on personal inspiration and encounter with Christ, and direction discernment.
- Book Study ("Saved From Sacrifice") – AD reports on the study of the challenging book; group's final week meets with the author, Mark Heim, on Thursday.
- AD to talk at World Religions Conference on Sunday (Feb 1)
- Lent 2026: AD canvasses about emphases or events might enhance our practice of Lent this year?
  - Agape meal
  - Stations of the cross
  - Early morning Easter service

Treasurer's report

- ML reports on Q4 2025 and annual spending for 2025.
- Budget prepared on status quo basis; to be circulated to parish before Vestry meeting.

Annual Meeting –

- AD to work on preparing a presentation on revitalizing mission and ministry; link back to retreat content
- Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>; 7:00pm.
- Parish Council Members; AD, LA, JA have identified some people to ask about serving.

Children -- see Melinda's short report

St Matthias conversation update:

- Wardens' Discussions (Judith, Larry)
  - JA and LA have met with St Matthias; discuss response from St Matthias; the sense is that they are less interested in space sharing, rather that they envision a merger.
  - LA and JA discussed some of the feedback they received during the Wednesday engagement sessions.
- Follow up from the Bishop's visit.
- Dave's comments,
  - Reports on conversations with parishioners about process.
- Discussion about response to St. Matthias proposal; council to send suggestions to Wardens.

Next meeting date: March 2