

The Parish of St. Mark Ocean Park Anglican Church



2016 Annual Report



Reaching out to all people with Good News!

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To be a community of God's Servants

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Of Christ's saving Grace and Love

By our words, thoughts and actions.

IN MEMORIAM 2016

Parish of St. Mark – Ocean Park

Wendy Aiken	Marian Allen
Ronald Anderson	Nancy Dexter
Jack Insell	Margaret Lowe
Robert MacKellar	Terry Piche
Dilys Shotton	

Statistical Information 2016

Membership	559
Baptism	6
Confirmation	0
Weddings	2
Renewal of Vows	1
Funerals	12

Staff

Rector:	The Reverend Craig Tanksley
Pastoral Assistant	The Reverend John Mash
Deacon	The Reverend Steve Bailey
Music Director:	Annabelle Ip
Choir Director:	Beverly Neville/Emily Worden-Kwok
Office Administrator:	Sheila Johnston
Youth Coordinator:	Joshua Brown
Custodians	Heather and Geoff Higginson

Parish Council 2016

Rector:	The Reverend Craig Tanksley
Pastoral Assistant	The Reverend John Mash
Rector's Warden:	Catherine Featherstone
People's Wardens:	Roger Hussen, Ken Miles
Recording Secretary:	Isabel Chernoff
Treasurer:	Barbara Carington Smith
Synod Delegates:	Dianne Clou, Anne Schreck, Brian Walks, Linda Zeal
Alternate Synod Delegates:	Kerry Zeal, Stewart Wallis, Peter Boorman, Cliff Neyedli
Members at Large:	Jock Ferguson, Barbara Grantham, Gertrude Musherure, Holly Zhang
Youth Synod Delegate:	Joshua Brown

Trustees

Rev. Craig Tanksley, Barbara Carington Smith, Ann Colman
Catherine Featherstone, Lynne Hurd, Roger Hussen,
John Ritchie

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ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK

Sunday February 21, 2016

PRESIDING CHAIRPERSON: Brian Switzer

PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE: 128

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. John Mash

WELCOME

Brian Switzer called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting. In his introductory remarks, he reflected on the upcoming baseball season and the words of the Toronto Blue Jays pitcher, Paul Molitor, prior to the 1993 World Series. "To move the line along" was Molitor's objective for his team, to move the base runners along, so that runs could be scored and games could be won, with every team mate doing his part.

Brian applied the same analogy to the work we do as team mates at St. Mark's, moving the line along for God's work.

Paul reminded us in Corinthians that we are the body of the church through Christ. We are all involved in doing God's work. We work as teams. I worked on a team as a warden with the clergy and the Parish Council. Teams work within teams to move God's work along. Nobody is going to hit a home run and solve all the problems. I have talked with Ken Turnham, who was a warden decades ago and some of the issues he dealt with are the same things we are dealing with today. Other issues we won't know about until tomorrow. All we can do is to deal with the issues before us, and to move God's work along as best we can – with Jesus as a part of us and of what we are trying to accomplish here.

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- a. Circulation of Register
- b. Appointment of Vestry Clerk: Trish Herron
- c. Canon 1401 – Eligibility to Vote
- d. Canon 1402 – Provision of Notice
- e. Memorial Recognition: Olive Pociwuschek (moment of silence)
- f. Greetings to: The Archbishop of Canterbury: the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada: the Most Reverend Fredrick Hiltz, the Metropolitan of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon: the Archbishop of the Diocese of Kootenay, the Most Reverend John Privett: the Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, the Right Reverend Melissa Skelton.
- g. Appreciations: Catherine Featherstone

We would like to thank a number of people for their involvement in preparing for this Vestry meeting. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all ministry leaders for submitting their reports on time. A special thank you goes to our Treasurer Barbara for her work in preparing the Financial Statements to include in our 2015 Annual Report. Thanks also go to Sheila Johnston for her preparation and assembly of the Annual Report and to Lynne Brownridge and Debbie Emery for helping to sort and staple the reports together. Thanks also to

Trish Herron for acting as Vestry Clerk, to Roger Hussen for his preparation of Vestry documents, and to Brian Switzer for chairing the meeting.

Thanks to the following for helping to set up the Hall: Peter Boorman, Tom Chernoff, Art Go, Heather and Geoff Higginson and family, Roger Hussen and Brian Switzer: to Brian Maxwell and his team for setting up the sound system: to Bob Pedersen, Ernie Thiessen and Darlene Wiegand for acting as scrutineers: and to Karen Benge for sharpening all the pencils and cutting the ballots.

All of us here today give a heartfelt thank you to Janet Van Nes and her great team of helpers who have provided a delicious lunch for all of us to enjoy. We sincerely appreciate your service in feeding us so well at Vestry year after year.

Last but not least, Linda Zeal asks that we thank Wendy Aiken and Margaret Appleton for their many years of service to our Children's Ministry.

2. APPROVAL OF VESTRY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15 2015

MOVED BY BARBARA WALKS, SECONDED BY LYNNE HURD that the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of February 15 2015 BE ACCEPTED as written in the Vestry Annual Report. CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: LONG TERM FINANCIAL PROJECTS

Brian Switzer referred to the Building & Maintenance Report (see page 34 of the 2015 Annual Report).

A long range building and maintenance capital expenditure report is being prepared by Ken Miles and Don Hamilton, and it is expected to be completed by our next Vestry Meeting in February 2017.

Two items need attention before the next Vestry Meeting. First, it is recommended that the roof of our Hall be replaced, and second, that the three outdoor sheds also be replaced.

Ken Miles answered questions, and there was discussion about both items.

MOVED BY BARBARA CARINGTON SMITH, SECONDED BY KEN ANDERSON that the Hall roof be repaired and replaced for the amount up to \$55,000.00 plus taxes as per estimates received, with funds to be taken from the Capital Funds. CARRIED.

On a point of order, that motions, would be subsequently voted on by a show of hands, not voices.

MOVED BY BARBARA CARINGTON SMITH, SECONDED BY KEN ANDERSON that a new 40' container to replace 3 outdoor sheds used for storage be purchased for the amount of up to \$15,000.00 plus taxes, with funds to be taken from the Bequest Funds. CARRIED.

4. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS: Bob Pedersen, Ernie Thiessen, and Darlene Wiegand

5. ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2016

- a) Recognition of out-going members: Lynne Brownridge, Rev. Denise Doerksen, Art Go, Kate Herron, Trish Herron, Tom Mackie, and Bob Pedersen, Brian Switzer. Brian thanked our outgoing members for their

contributions as faithful servants. They have all given of their time, talents and resources while serving on Parish Council.

b) Appointment of Rector's Warden: Catherine Featherstone

c) Election of Parish Council and Trustees:

- i. Election of People's Wardens (2) - Roger Hussen and Ken Miles
- ii. Election of Synod Delegates (4) - Dianne Clou, Anne Schreck, Brian Walks, Linda Zeal
- iii. Election of Alternate Synod Delegates (4) - Peter Boorman, Cliff Neyedli, Stewart Wallis, Kerry Zeal
- iv. Election of Members at Large (4) - Jock Ferguson, Barbara Grantham, Gertrude Musherure, Holly Zhang
- v. Election of Youth Synod Delegate (1) - Josh Brown
- vi. Election of Trustees (4) - Barbara Carington Smith, Ann Colman, Lynne Hurd, John Ritchie
- vii. Trustees Ex Officio (3) - Catherine Featherstone, Roger Hussen, Rev. Craig Tanksley

d) Call for further Nominations for all positions: None - Elected by acclamation.

e) Re-Appointment of Treasurer: Barbara Carington Smith

f) Re-Appointment of Donations Secretary: Douglas Brown

g) Appointment of Recording Secretary: Isabel Chernoff

h) Appointment of Eucharistic Servers, Lay Administrators and Acolytes: MOVED BY CAREL SCHOCH, SECONDED BY ANNE SCHRECK that the following be licensed as Eucharistic Servers, Lay Administrators and Acolytes for the year 2016 upon approval of the Bishop. CARRIED.

Marie Buddingh, Barbara Carington Smith, Isabel Chernoff, Dianne Clou, Roger Hussen, Michael Klaver, Robin Klaver, Lauren MacPherson, Vanessa Musherure Verina Musherure Shannon Poulsen, Carel Schoch, Anne Schreck, Holly Tanksley Bear, Phil Tubbs, Brian Walks, Vivienne Wu.

j) Appointment of Home Eucharistic Servers: MOVED BY REV. CRAIG TANKSLEY, SECONDED BY GEOFF HIGGINSON that the following be licensed as Home Eucharistic Servers taking communion into the home for the year 2016 upon approval of the Bishop. CARRIED.

Leslie Anne Hebb, Lynne Hurd, Anne Schreck, Janet Scott, Brian Walks

6. THE STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM – PETER BOORMAN

Peter introduced the members of his team: Brian Walks, Sue Indridson, Michael Klaver, Heather Davies, Mari Anne Hussen, Cory Paige, Michael Musherure and Brian Maxwell. Rev. Craig Tanksley is an intermediary between the team and the Parish Council. Peter thanked Rev. Denise Doerksen for her work.

We are doing strategic planning now because a strong organization continues to plan. Canada's demographics are changing, as ours is a multicultural country. Many people in our congregation have been at the church for a long time. Our team has looked at attendance and offerings numbers and they are quite stable over the last three years.

Reginald Bibby, a famous church psychologist, has said that Christian churches are in Renaissance now. However, he also reports that although 80% of Canadians believe in God, only 22% attend church. That is why we have this strategic planning team, and why we have work to do. We are trying to keep things simple, and we are putting forward three questions for you to consider today.

1. What do you love about St. Mark's, what are its strengths?
2. Why do you think newcomers decide not to stay at St. Mark's?
3. What would you like to see changed, to help our church flourish?

Our strong Parish Council keeps the church stable, and our strategic planning team will look to the future and plan over the next two years. This is our first chance to reach out to you, and it will not be the last. Please fill out your pink question sheets and place them in the box.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Barbara Carington Smith gave a Powerpoint presentation of the financial reports on pages 26-33 of the 2015 Annual Report. Notes and Comments:

- a. Capital expenditures in 2016 will be used from the Capital Funds given and bequested to us in 2014, as the Capital Renewal Funds have been fully disbursed.
- b. There were Bequests of \$36,000 in 2015.
- c. It is important for us to note that the Parish Operating Fund Surplus was reduced to **\$3,896.27** at the end of December 2015. Further, we need to note that at the end of January 2016 there is a Deficit of \$5,827.29. Thus, the church is in an Operating Deficit position and is now relying on other funds for its operations.
- d. Barbara reviewed the Statement of Parish Operations speaking to the Deficit of \$13,046.04 at the year end. She encouraged the parish to review the 2015 Actual and 2015 Budget line items on the Comparative Budget Statement, noting the Total Expenses were \$6,230 under Budget in 2015. Barbara asked rhetorically, "How can we change this?" She answered that our cost control, leadership and faithful servants, and Budget are all sound.
- e. She explained the implications of the Operating Deficit, concluding that if our Operating Deficit exceeds \$3,896.27 at the end of 2016, **Bequest Funds** will have to be moved into Operating Funds at year end. She prays that this would not be necessary.

Barbara observed that God works among us. She answered several questions. The Donations Secretary provided general information about weekly/monthly envelope donations. There was discussion about strategies for increasing Contributions. It was suggested that quarterly notice of members' Contribution levels by the church might help to increase Contributions (by up to 20%, according to givings research).

MOVED BY BARBARA CARINGTON SMITH, SECONDED BY BRIAN MAXWELL that the Treasurer's Report and the December 31, 2015 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

8. 2016 BUDGET

Barbara presented the 2016 Budget, noting changes that will be helpful to our disposition in 2016. She discussed meeting our various commitments and responsibilities (the Diocesan assessment, insurance, operations and administration expenses, etc.) during the year to do God's work. The Budget was prepared in consideration of only one full-time clergy effective February 1st, resulting in a reduction of Clergy Expenses by \$44,000 and a few other minor adjustments. The 2016 Budget has been reduced by \$44,956.

Barbara enquired of the Congregation as to their communication preferences regarding any Operating Deficit concerns in 2016. The response was that both Parish Pulse and Sanctuary announcements would be appropriate. The Lord says to us, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

MOVED BY BARBARA CARINGTON SMITH, SECONDED BY CLIFF NEYEDLI that the Budget for 2016 be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

9. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Brian Switzer noted several corrections. First, on page 11 of the 2015 Annual Report, third paragraph, line 1: **Holly Conversations** is corrected to read **Holy Conversations**.

Second, on page 11, tenth paragraph, lines 3-4.: **Both individuals are being recognized for their many outstanding years of service to our parish** is corrected to read **Olive Pociwuschek is being recognized for her many outstanding years of service to our parish. Dorothy Mash is being recognized for her many outstanding years of service at the Diocesan level.**

Third, on page 13, first paragraph, line 2: **120 Ave.** is corrected to read **20 Ave.**

MOVED BY SUE INDRIDSON, SECONDED BY CATHY TESKEY that the 2015 Annual Ministry Reports be accepted as corrected. CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS – ST. MARK SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE – MICHAEL KLAVER

Michael gave a brief history of how members of the parish had become concerned about sponsoring a Syrian refugee family in the autumn of 2015. The Refugee Committee was created, and the Committee received both the parish's encouragement and its formal approval.

After research and review, the Refugee Committee decided to proceed with a blended sponsorship arrangement, involving the parish and the Canadian government jointly sponsoring a Syrian refugee family. It is about a \$36,000 project for the parish, and Michael thanked the congregation members who have already provided pledges or cash donations. He added that financially supporting the family needed to be above and beyond members' ongoing commitments to St. Mark's. Michael described the work of the different Subcommittees preparing for the refugee family's arrival.

Michael explained that there was a new group of refugee families arriving within a month, and he expressed the hope that our family would be in this group. He promised to update the parish as the situation unfolded. Michael opened the floor for questions, and there was a general discussion about the local churches that have already welcomed Syrian refugee families. Michael observed that there was tremendous amount of excitement in the parish about this project. He added that the Syrian family could potentially arrive next month, and he described how people could financially support the project immediately via their numbered donation envelopes.

11. RECTOR'S REPORT

My heart is full today as we come to the end of this meeting.

I am full of gratefulness to God for the way the Lord continually meets our need-

We came to the end of last year with a sense of sorrow at the loss of two staff members who were precious to us. And also many leaders who had fulfilled their time of service and were stepping back from those roles, Brian Switzer not the least. Hasn't he done a great job! We wondered how we would move forward and what could possibly fill that void. And the Lord has provided.

God has given us wonderful new leaders to serve us in the coming year on Parish Council and in several other important areas of ministry here.

We also welcome Beverly Neville to St. Mark's as our new Choir Director. God has blessed us in her with someone full of talent and creative energy. If you want to be musically involved, please talk to Beverly.

When I announced that John Mash would be coming on board as our part-time Pastoral Assistant, there was a collective sigh of relief. We know and love him and Dorothy and they have proven themselves to be talented and faithful workers among us.

Above and beyond all that, the Lord is providing us with something entirely new. We are about to enter into a covenant with a retired Deacon by the name of Stephen Bailey. Most of you have already met Pamela and Stephen. What a gift they are already offering as Stephen is teaching our Lenten Course this year on Anglican Formation. He will also be helping us train and prepare the newly elected Parish Council for the work ahead. The covenant is a brand new thing in our Diocese, and Stephen will be amongst us for about a year teaching us about the ministry of a deacon. What a blessing this is!

I want to mention a further great blessing. God has provided a service of contemplation prayer and teaching on Sunday evenings through the gifted ministry of Revs. Scott and Miriam Tolhurst. What a wonderful surprise, and this ministry is speaking to the deep places of longing in the hearts and spirits of a number of our fellow seekers.

I am so grateful for the provision of God.

I am deeply thankful for the faithfulness and generosity of many servants in the church. I read carefully every report and I felt like my heart would burst. What a wonderful story this report is. A story of people who love God. Who care about the work of God. Who pour their lives, their time, their treasure and their prayers into this place. And who have given so generously to the needs in the community around us.

I am proud of you. I am proud to be a member of this faith community. I am deeply thankful to each and everyone for all the things that you do, both seen and unseen, that make St. Mark's such a very special place. Praise the Lord.

12. VOLUNTEERS requested to assist with clean up

13. COMMISSIONING: Rev. Craig Tanksley inducted and commissioned all elected and appointed positions.

14. CLOSING PRAYER – Lynne Hurd

15. THE GRACE

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Ken Miles at 1:30pm.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear St. Mark's Family,

We have entered a new year, 2017, and at this Vestry we take time to look back over the year that has gone and the blessings of God in it. They are many!

We have enjoyed some amazing teaching and seminar opportunities this year thanks to the wonderfully talented people God has given us. Deacon Steve Bailey played an important teaching role by effectively leading our Parish Council Retreat in March. He followed up with a truly outstanding course on Anglicanism 101. We thank God for our Deacon and his talented work among us. Remember that he and his wife Pamela faithfully commute from Coquitlam to serve us!

Rev. Scott and Miriam Tolhurst have been a wonderful blessing in our parish for leadership in contemplative prayer. The every other Sunday evening for meditation and silent prayer is serving a deep hunger in our parish. Scott led us through two seminars, "Change Of Heart" in March, and the "Spirit of Galatians" in September that were uniquely crafted and current, engaging for all who attended.

Rev. Mark Davies taught a course on Modern Mental Health. It was so interesting and beneficial that by the end of the four-part series there were more than seventy people attending, many from our local community. We have received many wonderful comments from participants.

Our worship has been creative and robust. We give thanks for the addition of Emily Worden-Kwok our new choir director along with the many talents she brings to us - including her lovely guitar. The Music Planning Team carries one of the most difficult jobs in the church. The team strives to choose music that is appropriate and creative while being responsive to congregational need. We always welcome your specific requests for a song or hymn. We are moving to integrate more contemporary worship music and yet not lose the gift of our traditional worship and liturgy as an Anglican church. Annabelle is a pillar. Our Contemporary Worship Band along with the Youth Band have played a role in our worship this year. Emily has plugged into everything and also brought the Children's Choir back to life again. All this is good news.

God has blessed us with a terrific clergy team. I am personally so grateful for the ministry of Rev. John Mash and Rev. Stephen Bailey. We work well together. One of our members has often commented that, "You will always hear a good sermon at St. Marks!"

Sheila continues to provide an anchor in the church office handling a multitude of daily tasks to coordinate our life together.

At the core of our parish is strong lay leadership. Our annual reports demonstrate an amazing amount of volunteer ministry as people generously share their talents with us in the work of God. I am deeply grateful for all of our leaders and our staff who coordinate our activities, lead programs, care for seniors, and run our youth and children activities. Still others carry on the many less visible tasks like building and mechanical repair, cleaning, setting chairs, washing dishes, making coffee. It is a very long list and we are rich in loving, generous people. Our parish is filled 'week-in and week-out' with the activity of God.

God always supplies our need. We see wonderful new leadership raised up in our Sunday School, our Men's Club, our Wardens and Parish Council. We must each of us listen carefully to the call of Jesus, "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of people."

Which brings me to our *raison-d'être*. It has been said that the church is the only organization that exists for its non-members. I have always believed that we are like a battery charging center. People come to worship, to be fed the Word of God, to eat the Sacrament of bread and wine. We encourage one another and fan the flame of faith to life. We charge our spiritual batteries so that we can walk through the doors of the "Servant's Entrance" to share the life and light of God with our community and our world. It thrills my heart to see the money we raise specifically to give away. I am proud to be a part of a parish that chooses to adopt not just one, but two refugee

families. Every week we worship on Sunday and then we spread out to serve. And all of it bathed continually in prayer. That is the deep center that fuels our life together.

What does the future hold for us? We have engaged in a Strategic Planning Process that may chart some new direction. I hope it does. Every organism adapts or dies. Our National Church is facing some challenging days as we look ahead to General Synod 2019. Our Bishop is doing everything in her power to support the whole diocesan family in every parish of every theological persuasion. I am grateful for her warm pastoral presence and support.

And so I enter this year with a thankful heart. I hold on to a tremendous hope and expectation that the Lord will lead us. That the Lord will walk with us. That the Lord will give us new vision and along with it every resource necessary to carry out God's will and purpose for St. Mark, Ocean Park.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Rev. Craig Tanksley

PASTORAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

Did you know that February 2017 marks my second first anniversary of ministry with you?

Many will recall that I first came to St. Mark's in February/March 2013 (five years ago – how time flies when you're having fun) for what was then to be a six to eight week temporary assignment. You will also recall that "temporary assignment" stretched to nineteen months before Denise came to be your full time assistant. This February will mark her first anniversary since she took up interim ministry in Tsawwassen and I returned to be a part of this parish's ordained ministry team. Thus February 2017 is my second first anniversary.

What a pleasure, privilege and joy it is for me to be with you again as a pastoral associate working with Craig and Steve. My responsibilities this time around follow closely those of last time. My time is divided between liturgy, administration and pastoral care and I have taken on some advisory tasks with a couple of ministry committees. Preaching and Pastoral Care are the joy of my ministry and I eagerly await the opportunity to share the Gospel. Visiting both in homes and in institutions is a pleasure and delight as I seek to get to know each of you and to offer encouragement and support in whatever life situations you find yourself.

Thank you so much for welcoming both Dorothy and me into your fellowship and for the many kindnesses you share with us. Craig indicates that my appointment is for "a season". Long may it continue as we travel this "way" together.

Respectfully Submitted,
"John".

DEACON'S REPORT

"The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; indeed my heritage is beautiful to me".
-Psalm 16:6

It is a privilege to be a diaconal presence among the people of St. Mark Ocean Park. Pamela and I have been warmly welcomed and feel supported by this wonderful community of people who love Jesus and seek to follow him.

Working within the parameters of "teaching deacon", I have been able to share in the worship, pastoral care, and teaching ministries of the parish. A clear goal we have is that God would call one or more persons at St. Mark's to enter into ordained diaconal ministry. I say "ordained" because diaconal ministry among the laity at St. Mark's is already strong, but God may be speaking to someone to enter into the type of ministry that has a special servant relationship with the parish and with the mission of God in which we individually and collectively participate.

Sharing worship leadership with Craig and John and our faithful choir, musicians, readers, intercessors, sidespersons, servers and crucifers is indeed an honour. Carrying out the traditional diaconal roles of setting and clearing the Communion table, reading the Gospel and being part of the preaching ministry is indeed a privilege.

A highlight for me was our 2016 Lenten Series, "Anglicanism 101". As we gathered together to explore our Anglican heritage and ethos, we developed a community of inquirers - celebrating together the diversity and Christian expressions that constitute Anglican Christian life and practice. I'm looking forward to Lent 2017 where Craig and I will share teaching around the "Anglican Marks of Mission". These sessions will be coordinated with a preaching series which Craig, John and I will do.

I was also able to lead a retreat day last Spring with the Parish Council where we explored some procedural methods and self-reflection techniques for church governance.

I've also been able to speak about the life and work of a deacon and about my own diaconal ministry with several parish groups including the Men's Club, The Ladies Guild, the Youth Group, and the Wardens and Parish Council. We now have several copies of the diocesan Deacons Handbook in the parish. If you would like to see a copy, just ask and I'll get you one.

Since diaconal ministry is centred in "bringing the needs and concerns of the world to the church, and the Good News of the Gospel to a needy world", I continue to serve our Lord in the community. I continue as Padre of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 263 (Coquitlam) and am part of the Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Unit of the diocese. I'm also a part of the Advisory Committee for the Downtown East Side Ministry led by Rev. Matthew Johnson. I am also chaplain at the Emergency Food Cupboard at St. Barnabas in New Westminster where I am able to talk with and pray with a variety of marginalized and even homeless people as well as new immigrants. My work with the Board of Directors of the BC Retired Teachers Association has opened the door to be part of the First Call Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition and part of the Advisory Committee of its subsidiary, the Living Wage Campaign of British Columbia.

Thank you, St. Mark Ocean Park, for giving me the opportunity to be a "deacon in residence". May we continue to be a mutual blessing to one another during my time here.

Rev. Steve Bailey
Deacon

RECTOR'S WARDEN REPORT

I started the year as head of the Nominating Committee, in charge of finding new leaders to join our Parish Council. We managed to find great leaders that church members were able to endorse at Vestry. Once again, I head a Nominating Committee to do the same for 2017.

The diocese accepted our choice of Lynne Hurd to receive the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster and I gathered the necessary background information that we needed to put her name forward for this award.

We put on an All Hallows Eve Dance, which was well-attended and well-received. I organized the help and secured our wonderful DJ, Frances. We are currently planning a St. Valentine's Day Dance and thereby hope to continue the wonderful tradition of getting the St. Mark's church family out having fun on the dance floor!

I submitted notices for the Pulse which encourages children not to run inside during coffee hour and reminds parents to ensure adult supervision while the children are outside. In addition, I suggested everyone at the church be encouraging to young families and treat this place as "a village" in order to help young parents fellowship during coffee hour as well. I purchased the little green plastic "man" and have it placed in the hall to remind children to slow down.

I have, at various times, bought cards and flowers to honour the great work our volunteers do and occasionally bring concerns from various groups and individuals back to Clergy and Wardens meetings.

Finally, in the Fall, I started what I am calling Messy Bible Study. This brings together younger adults for Bible Study and fellowship once a month on a Friday night. Those with young children and without child care can bring them along. While the adults study and socialize, the children play and watch a family-friendly movie. This has been a lot of fun and I look forward to having more of these in the coming year.

God bless,

Catherine Featherstone

PEOPLE'S WARDENS REPORT – Roger Hussen

I'd like to begin my People's Warden report with a few phrases borrowed (and edited for brevity) from the "Diocesan Warden's Handbook".

"Church wardens were originally guardians, as they protected the people from the priest, and the priest from the people. Today however, wardens don't need to be bodyguards because the clergy and the congregation share equally in the running of the parish."

Thank goodness I didn't have to be a bodyguard during my time as a warden.

Seriously though, all the above being said, our wardens, our clergy, our parish council, and our congregation couldn't do anything to "run" our church without God's help. We all need to continue to pray for wisdom to follow God's plan for our parish. In Proverbs ch 3 vs 5-6 it says, **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."** And in Jeremiah ch 29 vs 11 it says, **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

From the "Diocesan Warden's Handbook" again, "Church Wardens are responsible for the buildings, records and funds of the parish."

Those few words make the job of a warden sound simple enough. But, the three areas of responsibility listed are huge tasks to carry out, and impossible for two or three wardens to fulfill by themselves. At St. Mark Ocean Park we are fortunate to have many people in many different ministries working together to follow God's plan for us. As it says in Romans ch 8 vs 8, **"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."**

Over the past 50 years that St. Mark Ocean Park has existed in this place (and before that in the Church of the Ascension in Crescent Beach) we have benefitted enormously from the tireless and selfless work and service of many, many dedicated parishioners. We wouldn't be here without those people who came before us. We are so grateful for them and for those who continue their work here today, in faithful service to our loving God, in Ocean Park. Even though we'd like to thank everyone personally for their blessed service to our church today, we know there are simply too many ministries to do that. These many Ministries serve our community and our whole church family: our children, our youth, adults, parents, seniors, girls, boys, men and women alike. If we tried to list all those ministries, we would invariably forget to mention someone. Let us simply thank all the members of the many ministries of St. Mark Ocean Park for all their faithful service to our parish and our awesome God.

Below are some of the things we've accomplished together during the past year.

In February/March, we added to our wonderful team of staff: John Mash as our assistant priest, Steve Bailey as Deacon and Beverly Neville as our new Choir Director.

In March, Parish Council confirmed that St. Mark would sponsor two refugees from Syria. This commitment became a reality when, in answer to our prayers, we were finally able to meet Fouad and Lewa at our Salmon Barbeque in September. God bless them, and all the work our Refugee committee has done, and is doing, in giving St. Mark a second opportunity to open our hearts and sponsor another Syrian Refugee family in 2017.

In March, Parish Council started a new Creation Care ministry and Anne Schreck was affirmed to head it up. During the past year, Creation Care has done God's work to protect our environment in many ways. We are excited that this new ministry has mobilized efforts to recycle scrap metal and organize work parties to take care of the forested area on our property. We look forward to future endeavours by this important ministry.

In March we added signs saying "We Welcome You" in Chinese to both of our permanent church signs on 20th Avenue.

We held a work party to review boxes of paper files that were no longer needed. We kept anything of archival value, but shredded and recycled those financial records that were no longer required (Canada Revenue Agency obliges us to keep paper copies for the past seven years).

We came to an agreement with two community groups (Ocean Park Community Association and Camp Alexandra House) for them to use our parking lot as an alternate site at which to meet in case of a natural disaster or emergency. One group can use the east part of the parking lot and the other group can use the west part. The

groups only need to use our parking lot, not our buildings. Both groups confirmed that they have liability insurance that covers us.

As there was no Diocesan Synod in 2016, on May 14 a group from St. Mark attended a wonderful Missions Conference hosted by Musqueam leaders and elders on their traditional lands bordering the Fraser River near UBC. We also got a chance to see Rev. Denise Doerksen who is doing well in her new church St. David's Tsawwassen.

Those people in our Parish who needed to renew their Screening In Faith attended a Sexual Misconduct workshop on May 28 lead by Rich Phillip.

In May funds were raised to help support the people displaced in the White Rock Five Corners fire.

At the end of May we received word from Bishop Melissa Skelton that Lynne Hurd had been confirmed as St. Mark Ocean Park's 2016 recipient of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. Lynne received the award at a wonderful ceremony in November. Subsequent to this, the Diocesan council decided to award the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster once every two years. The next time that the ODNW will be awarded will be 2018.

We are so blessed to have incredibly gifted and knowledgable people in our parish. In February/March Deacon Steve Bailey conducted a six-part Lenten experience on Anglican Heritage and contemporary reality. Mary Brown, Betty Bear and Barb Grantham held courses on Healthy Living for people with chronic pain/conditions. Scott and Miriam Tolhurst lead two wonderful seminars in 2016: "Change of Heart" in March and "The Spirit of Galatians" on the September 30 and October 1 weekend. As well, Mark Davies held four popular sessions to discuss topics concerning "Modern Mental Health", "Stress", "Anxiety", "Depression", and "Positive Psychology". We'd love to have Steve, Mary, Betty, Barb, Scott, Miriam and Mark host more seminars for us in 2017.

In 2016 the Diocese requested that we respond to two surveys. In March, Anne Schreck collated the congregation's opinions on the role that clergy, parents, godparents, parishes and the diocese should take with respect to confirmation. In June, Parish Council submitted responses to a "Gathering the Mind of the Community" Assessment Task Force Survey. The survey asked Council to rank in priority those ministries at the Diocesan level. The survey also asked for feedback about the Diocesan Assessment and the levels of assessment for congregations of various sizes. In October a conference at St. Dunstan's Langley was held to discuss some of the survey's findings.

In June, after serving for 4 months, Beverly Neville stepped down as choir director. She and the choir were doing great work, but Beverly found the commute from Vancouver too much for her. We trusted in God and he provided us Emily Worden-Kwok as our new choir director in August. Since September, Emily has worked with the adult choir, is helping with the Praise Team, restarted the Children's Choir, and in December, assisted Linda Zeal and the Sunday School with the music during the Children's Christmas pageant, which was awesome! Congratulations to Emily and Annabelle for all the positive comments we've received in the past few months about our music.

In August, Linda Zeal lovingly organized a very successful Vacation Bible School. We're hopeful that Vacation Bible School will be able to run again in 2017.

Our battle with silverfish is still continuing. We spread diatomaceous earth on the baseboard in all areas around the church, especially in "hot spots" like the choir room, kitchen, bathrooms, etc. and this has certainly helped. We'd ask groups in the church to continue using plastic containers for storage, rather than cardboard boxes, which can be an unwitting food source for silverfish.

We requested a bus bench for the bus stop on our property on 20th Avenue. The City of Surrey kindly delivered a bench right away.

The Sound Ministry has gone through some changes after their leader, Brian Maxwell, moved to Chilliwack. A few new members have joined the Sound Ministry, which is in transition at this time.

In November and December, we received great support from the Peace Arch News. Alex Browne read "A Christmas Carol", by Charles Dickens on Dec. 9. Unfortunately the snowy weather limited attendance, but not the enjoyment, that evening. Everyone was very impressed with Alex' dramatic reading and asked if he would be able to do the reading again next year. Alex is keen to do that, so we've tentatively penciled him in for Friday Dec. 8, 2017. Alex's reading of "A Christmas Carol" was sponsored by our "Journey of Christmas" ministry, which, as you know, is a great blessing to our community. For many families in our community, a walk through our "Journey" is an annual tradition for them, one that begins their celebration of Christmas.

In conclusion, I'd like to allude to two lines from the St. Mark Ocean Park Ministry Description for the People's Warden.

- Experience the satisfaction of creating a safe, welcoming environment in which to worship and serve God
- Explore your own spiritual gifts and deepen your commitment to Christ

I hope that, during the past three years, in some small measure I, along with all the many people working together at St. Mark Ocean Park, have been able to accomplish the first statement. I know that I have definitely experienced the second in my personal life.

It has truly been an honour and privilege to serve God and this congregation for the past three years as your People's Warden. But, I'm not going anywhere, so I get to continue doing God's work in this place, but I simply get to wear "a different hat".

May God bless you all,

Roger Hussen
People's warden

PEOPLE'S WARDENS REPORT – Ken Miles

I have always believed that God has preordained a task for each of us. In my case it was the preservation of the grounds and the building structure of St. Mark's. I believe that if we are to be good stewards of what God has given us, we must take everything he has given us and when we depart either leave what he gave us as we received it or preferably we improve upon it. With the previous thoughts in mind, the year of 2016 has been a good start but still has room to continue.

In late spring, the church was approached by two different associations to use our property each with a different intent. The first association was the Ocean Park Community Association Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee who wanted to use the grounds of St. Mark's as a gathering location for the people of Ocean Park in case of a disaster. This request of using the total grounds excluding the interiors of any of the church buildings was granted. The second association was the Boy Scouts who wanted to locate their storage container on the church property. After a small amount of negotiations, the scouts and St. Mark's entered into a land lease agreement in that the Scouts would pay the church a nominal fee (\$1.00 per year) and perform two days a year of volunteer labour to clean up the church grounds to the north of the church.

The preservation of the envelope of the church buildings must be protected. With this in mind and a recent history of leaks in various parts of the sanctuary, it was decided to replace the old roof on the hall with a new one of a torch-on type and to recaulk all the windows and to inspect and repair all the flashing as necessary in the Sanctuary. This work was completed in late summer and to date it would appear to have been very successful with no apparent leaks.

As a result of this repair to the roof, it would appear that it is time to repaint the walls and ceiling of the Sanctuary. This repainting is the major project of the year 2017.

As many of you know the old wood sheds, used to store garden equipment, etc., are susceptible to wood rot and require being painted. Don Hamilton's idea of replacing these sheds with one shipping container modified for our use was acted upon and is now in place. The inside of the container will be adapted over the next few months to become a very valuable resource for storage and working on church items. This one time cost of \$10,000 for the container could potentially save us from replacing any sheds for at least the next 50 years and probably a lifetime or more.

In addition to the major capital expenses, two failures of essential pieces of equipment in the kitchen have consumed a large amount of maintenance time and cost in order to allow the kitchen to keep operating. The new cooler (refrigerator) and especially the new dishwasher consumed a lot of hours due to redesign in order to meet our requirements. In both cases annual maintenance contracts were taken out to try to improve the longevity of the equipment.

Efforts to reduce our annual costs in regards to lighting continues, but at a slower pace as florescent and CFL bulbs are replaced with LEDs.

During the month of June, Anne Schreck took on the position of Chair of the gardening committee and this committee was absorbed into her Creative Care Committee. This has resulted in a more coordinated approach to the church grounds which over the future years will yield benefits as the grounds mature.

The kitchen committee continues to function in a coordinated approach with the various groups who use the kitchen. The last inspection by Fraser Health was passed with only one minor comment which will be dealt with shortly. Both Roberta Braddock and Isabel Chernoff are to be congratulated for their work on the committee and for taking over the inspections by Fraser Health and other associations that are concerned with the kitchen.

The year 2017 will not be as busy as 2016 as capital expenses will be limited to three or four smaller items such as re-flooring the offices, repainting the Sanctuary and possibly fixing the retaining wall to the east of the Hall.

Blessings,

Ken Miles, People's Warden

ADOPT-A-STREET-TEAM REPORT

The purpose of this ministry is to be responsible for litter pick up on 20th Ave between 140th and 128th Streets as part of the City of Surrey's Adopt-a-Street. It takes about one to two hours for a team to clean the segment of 20th assigned to us. Each team has done a litter pick up twice a year.

The commitment began in October 2013. Our number of volunteers has increased this year despite the natural drop from those who have moved on to other commitments. The Youth Group of St. Mark's has been a great addition cleaning two months out of the year.

This year has not had many interesting finds, but the amount of construction materials is on the rise. When we find large items an email to the city leads to a pick up and cleaner streets for all.

Well done team!

Submitted by M. Hussen

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

As we come to another liturgical year, the Altar Guild is once again looking for members.

We have just come through Advent and Christmas and all the decorations, tree, crèche and Advent wreath, the wreaths, and poinsettia tree in the Narthex.

We now will start on the preparation to decorate the church to celebrate Easter.

One of the jobs for the Altar Guild is to be sure that the Sanctuary is adorned in the colour of the season. This is one of the perks of the Anglican Church. We have different colours for different seasons of the year.

We would like to ask anyone who likes to decorate, as well as look after the Altar and set up for the weekly services to please consider joining this worthwhile group.

We are a great group to work with; we have three meetings a year to prepare for Thanksgiving, Advent into Christmas, and Lent into Easter.

My thanks goes out to the members, especially those who have gone above and beyond to help in these trying times of missing members.

"The church cannot function at its best to the glory of God without a loyal, dedicated, loving Altar Guild. These loving servants, in their essential ministry, are truly servants of the servants of God."

Respectfully submitted
Kathryn Smith
President

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW) REPORT

This has been another busy year for us at St. Mark Ocean Park. We have on average 12 members attending our meetings. The numbers are down but we have homebound members who love to keep up with our activities.

We started 2016 off with David and Ruth Ulstrom (OMF) talking about their work in Taiwan. Sadly, January also saw the loss of two of our members.

In February we had our two members placed on the memorial roll: Nancy Dexter, who was the first recipient of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster award (ODNW). She was also the president and secretary of our ACW forever. The other member was Wendy Aiken. As well as being a member of our group, she, along with another member, made cards that we send to members for special occasions. She was also a teacher and director of the Sunday School.

This year we helped collect towels, face clothes, sheets and comforters for players at the World Softball Tournament, who could not afford hotels and were accommodated in a high school gym.

June saw our annual spring sale and lunch on the 4th, followed by lunch for all the members of the church who have helped us during the year for our bazaar and receptions. Beth Fortin came and talked about ACW Place and the bales to the north program.

Our catering got a good workout. Following the lunch we had five funerals and a 65th wedding anniversary to cater in June and July.

We needed August off. We made our Christmas Spiders for the National ACW meeting and prepared for the November 26th Holly Berry Fair.

Our knitters have been going wild on the knitted baby outfit project, and to date we have submitted 1,700 outfits. This project has been great for shut-ins and nursing homes. We have knitters in Edmonton, Abbotsford, South Surrey and White Rock, as well as on the Island and they are doing a great job for us.

We have now been asked to make a larger tunic for older children, as well as hats and cowls for the seafarers. Patterns, wool and needles are available.

If you would like to join this fun, and active group our meetings are at 2pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

Respectively submitted,
ACW Executive

ST. MARK'S A.C.W. – FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016

Financial statement from January 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Balance forward January 1, 2016 \$ 3,613.91

Credits

Funerals and Catering	6,050.00
Membership	170.00
Calendars	104.00
Tea Money, Bank Interest and Miscellaneous	760.11
Crafts and Sales (Spring Luncheon and Holly berry Fair)	5,236.40
Fellowship of the Least Coin	48.30
Memorial Donations	<u>319.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 12,687.81

Disbursements

Funerals and Catering	\$ 3,896.21
Membership	300.00
Supplies	1,403.93
Miscellaneous expenses	887.34
Donations and gifts (Charities, Speakers, etc.)	4,712.00
2016 Fellowship of the Least Coin	<u>48.30</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 11,247.78

BALANCE JANUARY 01, 2017 \$ 5,203.94

Financial review by:



Respectfully submitted: Janet Van Nes

BIBLE STUDY REPORT

We continue to have 5 wonderfully strong Bible Studies happening through St. Mark's. Just over 50 people attend either a Tuesday morning or one of the evening groups and topics have included The Armour of God, Reframe (a ministry in the workplace study developed at Regent College,) the Gospel of John, Romans, Hebrews and Christian Disciplines. Holly continues to lead an ESL study group and I have started Messy Bible Study, which welcomes young children, who play and watch a family-friendly movie while their parents socialize and study the Bible. We always welcome new people.

Blessings,

Catherine Featherstone

CHILDRENS' MINISTRY REPORT

During 2016 we continued to use the lectionary-based program "Roots". Subjects covered with the children included the Epiphany, Luke's gospel where John the Baptist tells about the Messiah, Jesus being baptized by John and receiving the Holy Spirit, Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine, Jesus attending the synagogue in Nazareth claiming Isaiah's prophesy about the Messiah being fulfilled in him, and the peoples' anger when He teaches in the synagogue.

The children and youth had a pancake and fruit breakfast the first Sunday in February with a discussion about Lent. The following week they learned about Jesus being led by the spirit into the wilderness, being tempted by the Devil for 40 days but resisting. Then they learned of Jesus' refusal to turn back from Jerusalem after being told by some Pharisees of Herod's plan to kill him, and predicting he would die there. The month concluded with an intergenerational service.

In March they learned of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Palm fronds were handed out on Palm Sunday and we talked about all the events that happened during Easter week. Easter Sunday was an intergenerational service and a children's talk with Rev. Craig.

April began by exploring how Jesus meets needs differently, voicing doubts, unlocking fears, and receiving the gift of the Spirit. Other lessons during the month included how the risen Jesus helped the disciples catch fish and invited the disciples for breakfast, forgiving Simon Peter his denial, telling some Pharisees that he is the Messiah, but they don't believe him. Rebecca gave a children's talk at an intergenerational service and the children sang a song from a prior VBS "Love the Lord", tying in with the message about Jesus giving a new commandment – Love one another.

May was Missions Month and our motto was "Roll up your sleeves for Jesus". Kate Hoos talked about the various missions the Children's Ministry supports, including the "Lunch Bags for Kids Program" through the Food Bank. We surpassed our goal of 60 by assembling 76 bagged lunches by the end of May. Our Mother's Day gifts were completed and distributed to all the "church mothers" on Mother's Day. The youth and their leader Josh conducted the children's program the following week with good interaction and great success. Pentecost Sunday was an intergenerational service including a children's talk. The final lesson for the month was from Luke 7 about the Gentile centurion asking Jesus to heal his slave and a discussion about faith and what it meant to the children.

June started with Environment Day and a talk by Anne Schreck about the environment and how each one of us can do a part to protect it. The next week we learned all about how a sinful woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair, poured on oil and how he forgave her of her sins so she could go in peace. The last day of Sunday school we had a movie and popcorn session and the Fathers' Day gifts that the children had made were given out to all the church fathers during the last hymn.

Barbara Walks organized and arranged volunteer teachers and helpers for the 10 week Summer Sunday School program. Many thanks Barbara for a job well done!

Vacation Bible School was held towards the end of August with a week-long program called Cave Quest which was well attended and a great success.

Our school year Sunday School start-up was Sept. 11th when we learned about two parables Jesus told about finding things that were lost (Luke 15). Banners were made about rejoicing and celebrating and were hung in the Education Centre. Our annual hot dog social was Sept 18th supervised by Kate Hoos assisted by the 9 and 10 year olds and some of our youth, as well as Rick Hoos, our barbequer extraordinaire. Many thanks and well done, another successful hot dog social for our church family. The younger children learned about Jesus telling his disciples about a man who was dishonest but wise and encouraging his disciples to focus on God and not money. We celebrated National Forest Week and National Tree Planting Day on Sept.25th by having the children plant their very own trees. This was arranged by Anne Schreck who had them prepare by writing their names on plastic ribbon and tying them on stakes to identify their trees. Thank you Anne.

October was eventful and included lessons from Luke 17 about the disciples asking Jesus how they can make their faith bigger and how to be good servants and from Luke 18 about the proud Pharisee and humble tax collector who both go to the temple to pray. A thanksgiving discussion and short movie was included. Tom and Stephanie Mackie and friends brought their dogs to perform agility training and small circus acts. The children learned how to stay safe around dogs with a short meet and greet. A big thanks to Tom and Stephanie. On Oct.30th we talked about the history of All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day. The children then had a chance to carve a pumpkin each to take home. Many thanks to the youth as well as Geoff Higginson, Chris Simmons, and Cameron McPherson for supervising the pumpkin carving.

The children remained upstairs and were included in the November Remembrance Day service and Rev. Craig gave a children's talk. On Nov.13th we talked about Jesus telling his disciples that the Temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed. The disciples wanted to know when this would happen but Jesus told them to have faith and trust in God for the future. The following Sunday pageant preparations began by talking about the angel Gabriel visiting Mary. We appreciated Emily's help in practising the chosen songs. Thank you to all who helped make the Children and Youth Table at the Holly Berry Fair a great success.

The first week of December we rehearsed for the Christmas Pageant which was presented Dec. 11th. Thanks to Heather Higginson for the gingerbread and fruit snacks and Mari Anne Hussen for the children's talk. The last Sunday School of the year was celebrated with a pajama morning with waffles, fruit and Christmas movies, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "The Little Drummer Boy".

It was another busy year with some challenges along the way. Our average attendance has been 20-25 and that swells on certain Sundays.

A very big THANK YOU to those who have been faithful about coming down to help us. We so appreciate all that you do.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Zeal, Children's Ministry Coordinator

CHOIR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As St. Mark's choir director since September 2016 I have enjoyed getting to know the choir, congregation and staff at St. Marks.

The adult choir practices every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 pm. We review the current week's music and any upcoming new or specialty pieces. Our goal is to present an anthem once a month that we feel shares the message of the Gospel. Something new for the choir is the use of electronic practice tracks available as mp3 files for download to help members practise at home. The choir is growing and at Christmas we invited singers from outside the choir to join us for an anthem. I hope to encourage everyone to introduce themselves and share their gifts as they are able.

The children's choir at St. Mark's practise following the 10am service on Sundays. We sing fun songs and every few months we all pick a song that we enjoy to share with the congregation. My goal is to introduce the children to different styles of music, teach them some basics about music, and have fun.

On a more personal note I have enjoyed playing and singing with the Praise Band and look forward to working with this team of musicians in 2017. I have also joined Annabelle with my guitar for certain hymns and look forward to more opportunities to enhance the music. As part of the music selection team I aim to include music from all styles and try to achieve a balance between old and new as well as peaceful versus upbeat. I am always open to suggestions and feedback so feel free to send me an email emily0707@yahoo.com.

Emily Worden-Kwok

Choir Director

COFFEE HOUR REPORT – 10am

Coffee, Tea, Juice and Cookies are offered to the congregation after the 10am service every Sunday. The duties of doing the preparation and the service is handled by a team of 5 people each Sunday. There are about 50 people taking a turn once per quarter.

Our coffee hour is a very social time and contributes much to the fabric of the Parish life at St. Mark's. It is a very important time to welcome visitors and newcomers.

Thank you to everyone for helping in this service. Also, a big THANK YOU to the Ladies Guild for supplying the funds for the coffee, tea etc., and to the Men's Club for a constant supply of cookies.

If you would like to contribute to our Parish life by joining one of our teams we will find a spot for you!!

Isabel Chernoff, Coordinator

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY REPORT

Your Community Outreach Ministry undertakes to provide weekly, monthly or annual support to provide a 'hand up' to several members of our community. These include, Single Mothers and their young children, Senior Women, Soup Lunches for Disabled Women, Young parents and their babies, and young men struggling with addiction are all the recipients of your generosity.

These members of our community receive assistance directly from the parishioners of St. Marks Ocean Park. Without your financial support and your support of 'Souper Sunday' all of the following would not be possible.

The direction of your Community Outreach Ministry is guided by the Mission Statement taken from St. Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 35 to 40 as follows:

**I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me water
I was a stranger and you took me in;
Naked and you clothed me; ill and you comforted me;
In prison and you visited me.
And the King said, "what you do to the least of these my people, you do unto me".**

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History:

The late Pat Louis, a strong and vibrant parishioner of St. Mark's began this Ministry in early 1999. This Ministry was originally called "The Front Room" in recognition of what "The Front Room" -- a shelter in Whalley -- did for those who are homeless, mentally ill or struggling with addiction.

It began with teams making sandwiches in the church kitchen and serving them at the Front Room in Whalley. The Community Outreach Ministry has grown and is now supporting the various organizations and programs outlined in this report.

At the end of that first year, the 'Front Room Ministry' had \$2000.00 in operating funds. As of 2016, the Community Outreach Ministry supports projects both here in the South Surrey area and at the Front Room in Whalley, and now has an operating budget of \$11,000.16

LEADERSHIP

The planning and administering of the programs are the responsibility of the Steering Committee which is comprised of members of the congregation: Barbara Grantham (Chair), Pat Aiken, Betty-Ann Bainbridge, Roberta and John Braddock, Lynne Brownridge, Ann Colman, Lawrence Hurd, Alvin Myhre, Shannon Poulsen, and Darlene Wiegand.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The past year's financial support came from the following sources: the Parishioners of St. Mark's, Women's Evening Guild, the Sunday School and the Men's Club. The Souper Sunday sales have enabled this Ministry to provide some 'extras' for the groups currently supported.

The following financial statement documents funds received and the distribution of these funds to each project. It should be noted that the Community Outreach Ministry operates on a receipts-based reimbursement for any and all expenditures.

Financial Statement for 2016

January 1, 2016		
	Opening Balance (2015 Fund Surplus)	10,500.16
	Plus Cash Advance (Float)	500.00
	Annual Contributions	14,192.82
	Total Funds for Distribution	25,192.98
Distribution of Funds		
	HIV/AIDS High Protein Food Bank	3,300.00
	Lunch Basket for Hungry Children	6,075.00
	Food Hampers	400.00
	Protein Project	1,417.41
	Stepping Stones	819.00
	AMA House (Senior Women)	809.74
	Souper Sunday	475.77
	Food Bank	500.00
	Launching Pad	352.85
	Women's Place	400.00
	Total Funds Distributed	15,049.77
	Surplus as of December 31, 2016	10,143.21
	Less Cash Float	500.00
	Adjusted Closing Balance as of December 31, 2016	9,643.21

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS --- 2016

Throughout 2016, your Community Outreach Ministry continued to meet with the organizations supported through the Ministry. Programs are reviewed to ensure that what is being provided to each organization is what is best suited for their needs. Representatives from these organizations are invited to attend Ministry meetings to discuss their organizations and challenges they face on a regular basis.

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children Program currently provides support to five Single Mothers whose children and youth would otherwise go to school hungry, along with a grandmother who cares for her three grandchildren on a full time basis. These families are identified to St. Marks from Women's Place and reviewed on a regular basis.

- Safeway Gift Cards to the value of \$15.00/child per week are distributed monthly to young Mothers to purchase food for their children.
- Extra Gift cards for special holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas are provided to the families who participate in the Lunch Basket Program for Hungry Children. These families can enjoy some extras at these holiday times as do others in the community.
- Christmas Dinner Gift Cards for Safeway were provided to these families in the Lunch Basket for Hungry Children Program this year. This change was due to special food and diet considerations for the families.

Financial support for the Lunch Basket is received through contributions made by St. Marks parishioners. The Donor Pledge Calendar posted in the Parish Hall is where these pledges can be made. A thanksgiving or Memorial donation is recognized weekly in the Parish Pulse.

Thank you to Shannon Poulsen, who delivers these Gift cards each month to Women's Place and to Darlene Wiegand cares for the Donor Pledge Calendar. Thank you to both of these ladies for their ongoing effort to keep the program running smoothly.

The Protein Fund

Stan Hodgson, a long-time member of St. Marks originated this program to purchase high protein food for those who participate in the 'Lunch Basket' program. Beef, chicken and pork and other high protein foods are purchased with donations received from within the parish. These 'Protein' packets are made up and delivered to Women's Place.

In addition to the participants in the Lunch Basket program, a single mother with an adult disabled daughter also receives this high protein package. This lady was also referred to this Outreach Ministry through Women's Place.

Thank you to Roberta Braddock for her dedicated time and organization of this program.

Christmas Hampers

Each year, those families who are participants of the Lunch Basket Program and The Protein Fund receive Christmas Hampers. These Hampers are organized by the Outreach Ministry and supplied by The Sunday School, Ladies Evening Guild, ACW, Bible Studies and the Outreach Ministry itself. Gift Cards are given early in December, so that the parents have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their children, and food for their Christmas dinners.

Thank you to Ann Colman for organizing and delivering these cards.

Women's Place – Soup Making & Delivery Ministry

Each and every Wednesday of the month, a soup lunch for Disabled Women is made by a dedicated group of parishioners. This homemade soup is delivered to Women's Place by these dedicated people. The following members of the congregation make and deliver the soup: Betty Ann Bainbridge, Isabel Chernoff, Ann Colman, Janet Cormode, Maggie Ferguson, Insa Fricker, Fran Friedel, Jamie Grantham, Jean Hornstein, Lynne Brownridge, Debbie Maxwell, Michelle Palmer, Shannon Poulsen, Mary Thirsk, Toni Wallis and Linda Zeal.

Thank you to Betty-Ann Bainbridge for coordinating this Ministry.

The Blanche Biddle Trust Fund.

The Blanche Biddle Trust Fund is used to support Single Mothers and children who need a 'hand up' in a temporary basis. This past year funds have also been used to support the Lunch Basket Program. We were also able to purchase extra Christmas gift items for some students at Old Yale Road Elementary School.

This program was pioneered by the Outreach Committee eight years ago with the original donor, Blanche Biddle. The breakfast program started in just one school. The program was so successful, that the Surrey School District has now taken it over by obtaining special funding from the province for qualified school communities.

Thank you to Alvin Myhre who has coordinated and overseen this program.

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is a non-profit organization which welcomes all pregnant and parenting youth between the ages of 12 and 24. Most of these young parents come from unsupportive homes and have nowhere to turn for support. These young Moms are faced with overwhelming odds and challenges. Young Mothers and now Young Fathers attend programs to improve their circumstances.

Monthly funding was provided to Stepping Stones for young Mothers to purchase diapers, and for bus tickets for these young parents to attend workshops and support groups at this non-profit organization.

AMA Transition House

AMA Transition House is the first transition house of its kind in Canada. Accessible to women 55+ who are experiencing abuse – AMA House serves a community where the number of seniors per capita is twice the national average. There are no geographical limitations for access. This 'First Stage' residential care home provides immediate assistance to Senior Women in need.

Monthly funding provides bus tickets and personal items for women who are residents of AMA House.

We now have some volunteers from St. Marks who visit AMA House, visiting and teaching the women how to knit and crochet.

Funding for Fresh Vegetables

This past year, \$100.00 each quarter was sent to both Women's Place and the South Surrey Food Bank for fresh vegetables. This program was originated to replace the fresh vegetables delivered from Arocha. The funding enables both the Food Bank and Women's Place to purchase vegetables on a regular basis at a reasonable price.

'Souper' Sunday 2016

Souper Sunday continues to be a wonderful success. During the cooler months of the year members of the Community Outreach Ministry gather together to prepare homemade soups. We are blessed to have skilled shoppers, choppers and sellers!

The Committee members meet on the Saturday to prepare soup for Sunday morning sales. This homemade soup is for sale after both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.

The 'Souper Sunday' project has been able to assist in purchasing and delivering items on 'wish lists' to the following organizations:

AMA House	Pyjamas and slippers purchase for both current residents, and those newly arriving clients.
Launching Pad	Purchase of new roasting pans and a large rice cooker.
Stepping Stones	Funding was provided to purchase books about the true meaning of Christmas. This was to provide each child a gift who were attending the Annual Christmas Dinner for these young parents and their extended families. 200 people attended this dinner.
South Surrey/White Rock Food Bank	Again this year, all soup sales for January and February were donated to the Food Bank -- as these two months at the Food Bank are the slower donation months of the year.

Thank you to Roberta Braddock for shopping for all of the soup supplies and organizing the soup preparation in the kitchen.

ON-GOING PROJECTS AT 'THE FRONT ROOM'

These programs are on going which the Community Outreach Ministry supports on a regular basis.

Projects Delivered at the Front Room Homeless Shelter

- \$300.00/month is donated to the Djaeff Mahler Food Bank (Positive Haven) located at the 'Front Room'. This is a high protein food bank for those living with HIV and AIDS.
- Small toiletries are collected and delivered to the Front Room. A basket with a list of preferred items is located in the Narthex.

Thank you to Michael Klaver for delivering these small items to the Front Room.

CONTAINERS IN THE NARTHEX are for

WHITE ROCK/SOUTH SURREY FOOD BANK

The Food Bank basket located in the Narthex is for food and used wearable clothing may be placed. A list of preferred food is attached to the basket.

Thank you to Michael Houston for delivering the items weekly to the Food Bank.

FRONT ROOM

This basket, also located in the Narthex, and labeled Front Room is for small toiletries, brushes, combs, socks, gloves and small items for those who are living on the street is delivered to the Front Room regularly.

Thank you to Michael Klaver delivers these items to the Front Room.

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WITH THANKFULNESS

Your Community Outreach Ministry would like to thank St. Mark's parishioners for your prayers, generosity, and on-going support. We are also grateful to the Ladies Evening Guild, Men's Club and Sunday School for their support of the various projects under this ministry. This ongoing support enables St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry to provide a 'hand up' to those in our community who are in need.

A Special thank you also to Sheila Johnston, Office Administrator, for her support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Grantham, Chair

CREATION CARE MINISTRY REPORT

Thank you to the many parishioners and others who have helped us in our journey to uphold our Baptismal vow as we care for and renew God's creation gift to us. From the dedicated gardeners extraordinaire, the Tuesday morning 'Back Forest' crew, the Scouts clean-up crew, the Sunday School children's Tree Planting, the Enhanced Recycling Programme, to surveying the safety & integrity of the forest, the Metal Recycling Drives, the First Fruits Garden Project and so much more, we shall continue our challenge to improve our stewardship of our physical resources while reducing everything possible from entering the landfill.

St. Mark's Garden Committee

In the Spring a group of our avid gardeners met with People's Warden Ken Miles and decided that the oversight of St. Marks' gardens would come under the 'umbrella' of the Creation Care Ministry. There have been many challenges with the very early spring, very dry summer followed by a very wet Fall & current harsh winter conditions. We shall continue to replenish the gardens with additional soil and continue in our aim to reduce water consumption through water wise plants and considering further drip watering systems. We welcome all skills and time offered to plant, water, weed and to dead-head God's gardens.

'Back Forest Work Party' – Tuesdays May through October 9-11:00am 3-7 people gathered each Tuesday morning to work around the property to clean up in the forest, reduce the fire load, clear areas for new trees, remove ivy, prune, and to assist with removal of the shed. Gardens and forest are 'works-in-progress'. We welcome all who wish to join in this year's projects as we continue work in the west parking lot and continue our work to reclaim buried tree trunks.

St. Mark's Scout Troup

In November the scouts pitched in with their energy and enthusiasm for the Fall clean-up in the forest & around the grounds. They had a great deal of fun & hilarity while working on their commitment and lending us their muscle!

Sunday School Tree Planting

Two Sundays this year the children focused specifically on caring for God's creation. For National Tree Day in September many of the children had great fun labeling, staking & planting 25 Western Red Cedar saplings that they will continue to monitor and enjoy. These trees are close enough to the church to be well watered until they can be transplanted throughout the forest or property where needed.

Enhanced Recycling & Metal Recycling

We are continuing our efforts to streamline the recycling at St. Mark's following the City of Surrey By- Laws and supplementing these efforts with the further collection of church waste in the form of plastic grocery bags, packing styrofoam, light bulbs, batteries & small appliances that are collected in the wooden cupboard outside the East wall of the kitchen. These collections are for church waste only – and are taken to the Recycling Depot for appropriate recycling. Only St. Mark's spring & fall Metal Recycling projects are for gathering & collecting all forms of metal at the church. This year we kept more than 1TON of mixed metals out of the landfill!!!! Well done and thank you all!

Our greatest challenge for 2017 (and beyond) is to reduce our use of plastic and styrofoam. We are exploring a substitute for the black plastic and the styrofoam used in the parish this year. A new corn based product may be a viable and more eco-friendly substitute for use at the BBQ's & the Childrens' Hot Dog Social.

The First Fruits Garden Project - No Project in 2017

We are grateful to all who have participated in making this fund raising project such an amazing success. Over the past 8 years thousands of dollars have been raised for our many forms of outreach while so many tasty fruits, & vegetables have been enjoyed. There's hardly a parishioner who hasn't taken home some of the magnificent flowers grown in our folk's gardens or here at St. Marks. This has been a wonderful experience while raising much needed funds to care for others. God has so blessed us that we might be His Blessings to others. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Schreck,

DONATIONS SECRETARY REPORT

Once again it is that time of the year when we look back on the prior year to see whether there are any lessons to be learned so that we can improve the way we record donations and make our system more efficient. We order 140 weekly envelope sets and 80 monthly envelope sets and there appears to be no change necessary. As in prior years for various reasons on average about 20 weekly and 12 monthly envelope numbers become available for re-allocation in the New Year. This year many donors used pew envelopes and perhaps it would be of interest to all donors to learn how we process weekly/monthly/PAD/pew envelopes and all other donations to arrive at the end of year and print Tax Receipts for all accumulated donations \$20 or more.

After 'the counters' have emptied all cheques and cash from the envelopes and banked all donations the envelopes are collected by the Donation Secretary for processing. Where pew envelopes have been used these are cross-referenced to a master number list and the allocated number recorded; if the donor is 'new' then a number is allocated. This system allows us to issue Tax Receipts for all donations above \$20.

In 2016 41 newcomers donated through pew envelopes and there were another 59 carried over from 2015. During the year several of these 'newcomers' decided to donate through either PAD or weekly or monthly envelopes and another 50+ have continued to donate using pew envelopes.

As mentioned in the 2015 report when you look at the comparative figures there is just one item that requires explanation, note that years 2012 and 2013 there were "Capital Renewal (WRF)" campaigns, and in 2013 the campaign had been completed and so these donations to Capital (WRF) should not be compared with those of 2014 onwards.

On behalf of Irene Snow, we thank all members of the "Counters Teams" for their dedication to duty.

All donations are received in the strictest confidence and are receipted for income tax purposes at year-end. The following summarizes the financial donations by the parishioners of St. Mark, Ocean Park in 2016 with comparative figures for 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012. Note that items marked with an * are included in the total for that specific section.

Envelope Receipts	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ministry/Maintenance	356234	351669	376354	351146	353338
Open	8026	8291	8131	9022	\$8,664.00
Sub Total	364260	359960	384,485	360,168	362,002

Designated Funds

ACW	69	1000		100	100
Altar Guild & Flowers	2564	1050	1,995	1,890	4,420
Capital	7460	4915	4,815		330
Capital Renewal (WRF)		395	10	2,550	33,903
Sunday School	835	1400	150	575	350
Designated - Other	655	90	1,472	2,380	1,405
First Fruits	50			400	
Garden Maintenance	1230	1896	745	870	1,190
Library	140	50		80	265
Memorial Garden	885	1110	1,783	580	1,055
Men's Club	25	1025	100		
Music/Piano	40	1445	285	240	140
Concert Ministry		900	3508		
Prayer Shawl	155	480	90	210	160
Vacation Bible School	325	1220	360	190	275
Youth	1150	2020	595	1170	1210
Sub Total	15583	17547	16953	18650	46123

Outreach Programs	8108	7440	8810	10450	10108
A Rocha	240	240	240	240	225
Syrian Refugees	20265				
Food Bank	2415	3875	4710	3550	3362

Community Outreach – Total *	33618	11795	11795	11535	13,410
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Lunch Basket *	2170	2120	1985	2,410	2155
Protein Project *	420	550	740	550	990

Going Extra Mile					
Journey of Christmas	200	20	150		150
Missions - Other	420			200	300
PWRDF - Total *	2090	6215	5380	8237	8921
YWAM	2400	3400	1400	2012	1250

Sub Total	38728	23,415	27,649	27,561	33,705
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Total	54311	424,857	406,467	\$ 435,686	\$ 457,545
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* Does not include donations sent directly to PWRDF

Identifiable Donors	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Envelopes					
Weekly	85	91	95	105	117
Monthly	62	64	71	66	59
Pre-Authorized (PAD)	60	57	51	52	47
Donated (No Envelopes)	7	7	7	9	16

Sub Total	214	219	224	232	239
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Visitors Donated	66	59	59	64	51
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Total	280	283	296	296	290
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Deaths	9	13	14	5	6
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Respectfully submitted by,
Douglas Brown
Donations Secretary

ESL BIBLE STUDY REPORT

Each Tuesday evening in the Spring (after Chinese New Year!) and Fall, the Christian Ed Center (or office) rings with laughter, English and Mandarin. What fun we have learning English and the Bible together - no doubt due to the very special folk God has brought here to St. Mark's. Some students are neighbours of the church and some have joined word of mouth. In the Spring we studied 'Christianity Explored' using a video and workbook and started the Book of Acts in the Fall of 2016. The core of the group has been together for 3-4 years and is quite advanced. My only concerns are the folk who come with hopes of learning but who do not have the level of English or Bible knowledge to keep up with the group. We need a beginner's class as well!

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Bear Tanksley

EUCCHARISTIC SERVER, LAY ADMINISTRATOR & ACOLYTE COORDINATOR REPORT

The key element for 2016 continued to be a solid team of committed and flexible individuals who met the needs as they arose throughout the year. Whenever someone was looking to find a replacement or when Easter and Christmas services needed to be specially filled, there were always those who came forward in support – some even committed to two services during these busy times of the year. Dianne Clou stepped back from serving in July 2016 due to health issues: We thank her for her service. We had a very well attended training session on September 15 after service to discuss imminent changes in how we perform our duties, and to answer any clarification questions – Craig, John and Steve were all there to show their support. To conclude, it is a privilege for us to support Craig and John during service time, especially during communion, and we continue to welcome others to fill the important roles of Eucharistic server, lay administrator and acolyte.

Eucharistic Servers, Lay Administrators & Acolytes:

Bear Tanksley, Holly (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Carington-Smith, Barbara (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Chernoff, Isabel (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Hussen, Roger (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Klaver, Michael (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Klaver Robin (Lay Administrator)
MacPherson, Lauren (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server – on maternity leave until July 2016)
Musherure, Vanessa (Acolyte)
Musherure, Verina (Acolyte)
Poulsen, Shannon (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Schoch, Carel (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Schreck, Anne (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Schmid, Maria (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Tubbs, Phil (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Walks, Brian (Lay Administrator/Eucharistic Server)
Wu, Vivian (Acolyte)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year 2016 was a very successful year financially and also a very fulfilling year with much accomplished with our brigade of volunteers. Without major catastrophes, we were able to focus on proactive projects for the future.

The Operating Fund Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, reflects our steadfastness.

♦ Total Contributions and Revenues -	\$406,244.79
♦ Total Expenses -	<u>\$389,430.49</u>
♦ <u>Net Surplus -</u>	\$ 16,814.30

I appreciate and thank every ministry and their leaders for their good financial stewardship. In addition to the operating contributions and revenue, we also received \$7,460.00 in Capital Funds, \$48,117.73 in contributions to Community Outreach, Syrian Family Sponsorship, PWRDF and other ministries

This is not including funds raised by ACW, Evening Guild and Men's Club – as always, well done good and faithful servants! The Parish of St. Mark - Ocean Park is richly blessed by your love and faithfulness of the countless hours of "Time and Talent" to which many, many volunteer so willingly and faithfully contribute. For this, we give God all the praise and glory!

Total GIC Investments at year end is \$460,966.39. It was necessary to redeem GICs in the amount of \$30,000.00 to provide the cash flow for the capital projects done during the year. Capital expenses of \$88,226.51 was disbursed for New Hall Roof, Sanctuary Roof Repairs, New Refrigerator, Dishwasher Booster, Storage Container, Sump Pump and Church Signage.

Thank you to those that have their contributions processed by P.A.D. (pre-authorized donations). This is especially helpful with cash flow management in the summer months. Please consider signing up if you have not already done so.

Nancy Rickett of McDonald Rickett, Chartered Accountants has performed a "Review Engagement" for the year ended December 31, 2016 as required by the Charities Act. Her Review Engagement Report is included in the Annual Report with the Financial Reports.

A very heartfelt thank you to Sheila Johnston for her help and support with data entry, to the Donation Secretary, Douglas Brown, and the Clergy, Wardens and Trustees for your input and encouragement.

A special thank you to the Prayer Shield Team who covers us in prayer as we meet and seek God's will for the Parish. The Lord's guidance and presence is very much felt in these meetings.

The budget for 2017 reflects a realistic assessment of the expected operating costs of the Parish for the ensuing year. The increase in the budget is due to the decrease in miscellaneous revenue and an increase in the Diocesan Assessment. It is our goal to reflect budget and ministry costs as accurately and transparent as possible while providing for the well being of the growth and development of the parish.

Blessings to all, for your faith, commitment and support - God blesses us, when we Honour Him!

Thank you for the honour and privilege of serving you and our Lord.

Barbara Carington Smith

Treasurer

Review Engagement Report


To the Members of Parish of St Mark, Ocean Park

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Parish of St Mark, Ocean Park as at December 31, 2016 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and, accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the church.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Burnaby, British Columbia
January 17, 2017


McDonald Rickett
Chartered Professional Accountants

PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
CASH		
Coast Capital Chequing	\$ 30,012.06	\$ 51,837.82
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
INVESTMENTS		
Anglican Youth	5,916.33	5,866.60
Youth Missions	3,454.53	3,440.80
Youth Endowment	11,408.62	11,312.73
Capital (Temporarily Restricted)Designated	111,301.78	192,068.29
Bequest (Temporarily Restricted)Designated	202,508.69	204,558.69
Ministry/Operating Reserves	126,376.44	68,797.75
Total Investments	<u>460,966.39</u>	<u>486,044.86</u>
RECEIVABLES		
P.A.D. Receivable	10,097.00	10,452.00
GST Receivable	1,244.73	1,221.03
Accrued Interest	2,072.45	2,438.52
Total Receivables	<u>13,414.18</u>	<u>14,111.55</u>
PREPAID EXPENSES	5,950.00	5,600.00
Total Current Assets	<u>510,542.63</u>	<u>557,794.23</u>
Fixed Assets:		
Church Buildings	1,148,679.22	1,100,930.56
Church Land	148,350.00	148,350.00
Church Rectory	90,625.00	90,625.00
Improvements	31,365.75	49,438.38
Total Fixed Assets	<u>1,419,019.97</u>	<u>1,389,343.94</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,929,562.60</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,947,138.17</u></u>
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accrued Accounting Payable	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,075.00
Damage Deposits	2,500.00	2,100.00
Total Liabilities	<u>6,100.00</u>	<u>5,175.00</u>
NET ASSETS		
Total Fund Balances	1,923,462.60	1,941,963.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,929,562.60</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,947,138.17</u></u>

PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
PARISH OPERATING FUND				
Surplus	\$ 3,896.27	406,244.79	389,430.49	\$ 20,710.57
CAPITAL ASSETS				
Land, Buildings, etc	1,389,343.94	88,226.51	58,550.48	1,419,019.97
Capital Fund	192,068.29	7,460.00	88,226.51	111,301.78
Total Capital Funds	<u>1,581,412.23</u>			<u>1,530,321.75</u>
BEQUESTED & MEMORIAL FUNDS				
Bequests	291,810.19	-	2,050.00	289,760.19
Memorial Funds	5,348.02	-	96.36	5,251.66
Parish Life & Ministry	5,921.04	-	907.88	5,013.16
Total Bequested & Memorial Funds	<u>303,079.25</u>			<u>300,025.01</u>
YOUTH & CHILDRENS MINISTRIES				
Sunday School Missions	1,673.38	883.27	559.53	1,997.12
Youth Programs	289.30	405.00	175.00	519.30
Youth Missions	3,458.68	49.77		3,508.45
Anglican Youth	6,016.02		0.81	6,015.21
Youth Endowment	11,333.55	266.78		11,600.33
Total Youth & Childrens Ministries Funds	<u>22,770.93</u>			<u>23,640.41</u>
MINISTRY & OUTREACH PROGRAMS				
Christian Education/Alpha	1,990.68	-	401.75	1,588.93
Altar Flowers	(468.44)	2,590.00	2,060.81	60.75
Concert Fund	2,580.27	-	-	2,580.27
Journey of Christmas	2,952.51	1,665.00	1,698.08	2,919.43
Garden Funds	8,990.13	2,805.00	3,614.09	8,181.04
Prayer Shawl	663.15	185.00	449.10	399.05
St Mark's Community Outreach	10,500.16	14,192.82	15,049.77	9,643.21
Hungry Children Bequest	2,951.03	-	450.00	2,501.03
Syrian Family Sponsorship	-	22,639.72	2,533.94	20,105.78
PWRDF/Missions	645.00	2,435.37	2,295.00	785.37
Total Ministry Program Funds	<u>30,804.49</u>			<u>48,764.86</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,941,963.17</u></u>			<u><u>\$ 1,923,462.60</u></u>

PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK
STATEMENT OF PARISH OPERATIONS
December 31, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
REVENUE		
Contributions:		
Envelope Maintenance	\$ 356,224.43	\$ 353,734.29
Open Collection	8,313.91	8,446.15
Other	3,772.49	9,420.00
Total Contributions	368,310.83	371,600.44
Revenue:		
Hall Donations	8,906.00	10,137.73
Interest Income	4,586.82	6,012.24
Miscellaneous Income	441.14	6,984.07
Rectory Rental	24,000.00	24,000.00
Total Revenue	37,933.96	47,134.04
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE	<u><u>\$ 406,244.79</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 418,734.48</u></u>
DIOCESE ASSESSMENT	\$ 76,368.00	\$ 74,040.00
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses:		
Accounting - Review	3,600.00	3,075.00
Insurance	10,279.08	9,801.00
Maintenance	27,720.44	24,898.71
Office	15,073.84	15,238.24
Property Taxes/Utilities	13,643.93	13,066.91
Telephone & Utilities	14,152.65	15,131.87
Miscellaneous	1,026.82	692.85
Total Operating Expenses	85,496.76	81,904.58
Worship & Ministry		
Advertising & Promotion	3,567.47	2,931.81
Altar Guild	1,987.07	1,021.01
Music	1,804.85	1,513.41
Sunday School & VBS	4,144.61	3,724.42
Worship	2,530.80	2,863.12
Youth	386.08	888.77
Other	2,816.91	3,328.17
Total Worship & Ministry Expenses	17,237.79	16,270.71
Salaries and Benefits:		
Administration	41,100.00	39,999.96
Allowances	41,422.71	60,697.92
Benefits	35,152.10	43,107.35
Clergy	61,273.17	84,460.04
Ministry	31,379.96	31,299.96
Total Salaries & Benefits	210,327.94	259,565.23
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u><u>\$ 389,430.49</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 431,780.52</u></u>
(DEFICIT)SURPLUS	<u><u>\$ 16,814.30</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (13,046.04)</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statement and Budget

Cash:

Our ending cash balance is \$30,212.06, which I believe is sufficient for the monthly cash flow.

Investments:

The yearend balance of \$460,966.39 for Investments represent "Trust Funds" for Ministry Programs, Youth and Children's Ministries, Bequests and Capital Funds and Operating Surplus. At the 2016 yearend, our surplus operating funds are \$20,710.57. During the year \$30,000.00 of our investments were redeemed to finance the Capital Expenses.

Receivables:

P.A.D. (Pre Authorized Deposit) Receivable of \$10,097.00 is applied to our monthly remittance to the Diocese for payroll and the Diocesan Assessment, reducing our monthly payment.

GST Receivable of \$1,244.73 is the expected refund for the second half of 2016.

Accrued Interest – interest earned to December 31, 2016 on the GICs.

Fixed Assets:

Changes in Church Buildings and Improvements are the additions of Capital Improvements less depreciation for the year. As a note of interest, on the 2017 Property Assessment Notice, the Assessed Value is \$7,746,800.

Liabilities:

Accrued Accounts Payables are the Year End Accounting fees of \$3,600.00, Damage Deposit of \$2,000.00 for the Rector and \$500.00 deposit for Funeral Service

Fund Balances:

By reviewing the Report of Fund Balances, one can clearly see the Balances brought forward from prior year (Opening Balance), Total Income and Total Expenses for the year giving the Closing Balance of each Fund and Ministry at year end.

Income:

Contributions for 2016 decreased by \$3,289.61, and the Revenue decreased by \$9,200.08 with a net income reduction of \$12,489.69. The total income for the year was over budget by \$12,294.79.

Expenses:

While Operating and Ministry expenses were under budget by \$4,519.51, Total expenses plus our surplus income for the year resulted in a net surplus of \$16,814.30.

Budget 2017

The proposed 2017 budget for Envelope Contributions has been increased by \$10,250.00. Expenses have been analyzed to reflect the realistic cost of operations with a net increase of \$1753.00. The decrease in revenue forecast is miscellaneous revenue received in 2015 from staff benefit refund which was a one-time receipt. Therefore the amount of Contributions required by parishioners has increased for the operation of the parish.

This Budget was approved by Finance Committee and Parish Council for presentation for approval at Vestry.

PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK
Comparative Budget Statement

	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Expenses			
Diocese Assessment	76,368	76,368	78,708
Ministry Expenses			
Advertising	3,567	3,000	3,500
Altar Guild	1,987	1,000	1,000
Sunday School	1,287	1,200	1,200
VBS	2,858	1,500	1,000
Youth	386	1,000	500
Library	909	1,000	1,000
Music/Choir	1,520	1,200	1,500
Piano Tuning	285	500	500
Parish Life/Ministry	1,798	1,000	1,500
Meetings & Seminars	215	1,000	600
Sound System	687	1,000	1,500
Worship Supplies	1,844	2,000	2,000
Guest Speakers	-	250	250
Total Ministry Expenses	<u>17,343</u>	<u>16,150</u>	<u>16,550</u>
Administration			
Audit/Review	3,600	3,100	3,600
Computer Maintenance	841	1,000	1,000
Interest & Bank Charges PAD	1,973	2,000	2,000
Office Supplies	2,604	3,000	3,000
Photocopier	8,596	9,000	9,000
Postage	1,060	1,000	1,000
Telephone/Internet	3,767	3,800	3,800
Total Church & Office	<u>22,441</u>	<u>22,900</u>	<u>23,400</u>
Property			
Insurance (including Rectory)	10,279	10,294	10,284
Janitorial & Cleaning	4,134	2,000	3,500
Janitorial Services	10,367	10,832	10,800
Kitchen Supplies	837	700	900
Light & Heat	10,385	12,000	12,000
Miscellaneous	1,027	1,000	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	9,164	10,000	10,000
Rectory Maintenance	819	1,500	1,000
Security Officer Honoraria	2,400	2,400	2,400
Property Tax/Water	13,644	15,000	15,000
Total General	<u>63,056</u>	<u>65,726</u>	<u>66,884</u>

PARISH OF ST MARK - OCEAN PARK
Comparative Budget Statement

	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Staff Expenses			
Choir Director	4,500	4,500	5,040
Music Director	15,480	15,480	15,790
Relief Organist	1,400	800	800
Office Administrator	41,100	41,100	41,922
Youth Leader	10,000	10,000	10,200
Staff Benefits	10,525	10,600	11,000
Total Staff Expenses	83,005	82,480	84,751
Clergy Expenses			
Clergy Relief	650	2,000	1,000
Clergy Utilities	3,317	3,379	3,150
Clergy Car Allowance	10,959	11,130	10,613
Clergy Benefits	24,627	24,935	25,000
Assistant Priest Stipend	12,593	13,460	10,620
Assistant Priest Housing	5,547	5,793	4,438
Rector's Housing	21,600	21,600	21,600
Rector's Stipend	48,030	48,030	48,990
Total Clergy Expenses	127,323	130,326	125,410
Total Expenses	389,536	393,950	395,703
Revenue			
Hall Rentals	8,906	10,000	10,000
Interest Income	4,587	4,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	441	7,000	303
Rectory Rental	24,000	24,000	24,000
Total Revenue	37,934	45,000	37,303
Contributions Required	\$351,602	\$348,950	\$358,400
Contributions			
Open Collection	8,314	9,000	9,000
Sunday School	835	500	800
Altar Guild	302	500	300
Music	40	500	100
Parish Life & Ministry	476	200	300
VBS	875	1,500	900
Youth	1,350	1,000	1,000
Total Ministry/Open Revenue	12,192	13,200	12,400
Envelope - Maintenance	356,224	335,750	346,000
Total Income Required	\$339,410	\$335,750	\$346,000
Surplus	16,814		

FLOWER MINISTRY REPORT

Do you know what happens to the flowers that each Sunday grace our church? Usually one bouquet, but often two, are given by parish members in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

After the 10.00 am service, they are distributed to parishioners who may be shut in, hospitalized, waiting for surgery, celebrating an anniversary or needing encouragement. The recipients are always welcoming, often surprised, and it is such a pleasure to see the gratitude expressed. There are six teams of two who very graciously undertake this ministry, although we have lost one participant of long standing due to health considerations. We would welcome another member – it could be you!

Michael Weller, Coordinator

GREETERS TEAMS REPORT – 10am Service

8 teams of St. Mark's members handle the duties of Greeting and Ushering, on a rotational basis, at the 10am service each Sunday. Teams are made up of 7 or 8 members, including one family group on each team. The presence of children welcoming parishioners at the door each Sunday has continued to be very well received by everyone.

Attrition from our 2016 teams was 7 members, and I thank these people for their faithful service to the people of St. Mark's. At this time I am happy to welcome 4 new members to our teams and we sincerely hope you will enjoy contributing to the fabric of St. Mark's worship life by doing this service. Helen Gray and Bob Pedersen have both agreed to move up to Captain their teams – thank you.

Thank you everyone for your continued dedication to this service. We are so blessed at St. Mark's to have so many people who are willing to share the workload, and also so many people who are always ready to be sure that newcomers and visitors are welcomed to our services each and every Sunday.

There is always room for more!! If you would like to consider serving in this way please let me know.

Isabel Chernoff
Team Coordinator

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS

If you did not come to the Journey of Christmas this year, you missed:

****An impromptu carol sing led by Craig and Holly with Annabelle & her husband Michael Dirk breaking away from rehearsal to join them.**

****Michael Dirk's first performance at St. Mark's in 4 years as he played classical Christmas pieces and his first venture into jazz with music from Charlie Brown's Christmas. When Annabelle was not playing piano, she made sure the winter winds that blew his sheet music off the organ were placed back in the right order.**

****The joyous celebratory interactive carol singing of the Gilbert & Sullivan Society singers.**

****The international debut of Staci Silva from Brazil and her friend Julia from New Zealand who lead us in an evening of seasonal music.**

****Chris Simmons and Debra DaVaughn who put together a full evening's worth of favourite show tunes and Christmas carols.**

****The St. Mark's choir whose second evening performance of the month filled the air with Christmas cheer.**

**The buzz from the Boy Scouts as they took over the first evening with carol singing and fresh home baking that was popular with our volunteers and guests.

**A visit from our Bishop who was very impressed with our Christmas display.

**And of course, for those who liked the snow, a chance to see the Journey of Christmas with snow as you walked through the woods.

Many, many thanks to the set-up crew, the tour guides, the kitchen help, the hosts and hostesses and the take down crew for dedicating their time and talents to make sure that we carried on this Christmas tradition for its 18th year.

677 people came through this year. Three groups cancelled on us because of the snow and icy conditions, which decreased our numbers by at least 100 people. Over 90% of our visitors do not attend St. Mark's, which shows the strength of this community outreach.

Sheila has already booked Sat. April 29 for a work party. The 2017 dates are the same as last year from Dec. 15-24. Please help us to continue to bring the true spirit of Christmas to our wonderful community.

Yours on Christ's journey,
Brian Walks

KITCHEN COMMITTEE REPORT

This has been a very eventful year in our community kitchen. It is well designed and gets much use. We have a few upgrades to report. First, the current church water heater was not able to heat water fast enough and to the correct temperature to meet the food safe requirements for washing dishes for large events. The Wardens successfully had a hot water booster installed which heats the dishwasher water as needed to the correct temperatures. This enables us to meet the health inspector's standards.

As a result of the extra heat in the dishwasher we have removed the many plastic serving dishes from the kitchen. We would ask that groups use glass or stainless steel which can be properly sterilized in the dishwasher.

The second issue that the health inspector stressed was that the vent system on the stove hood needed to be professionally cleaned once a year. This has been done for the first time.

Our gas range has been acting up and the parts for the repairs are very difficult to acquire. Apparently the stove is quickly becoming obsolete. We will need to look at a replacement stove in the coming years.

Thirdly, we are having difficulty cleaning the venetian blinds in the kitchen. It might be wise to look at replacing them with roller blinds in the future, as these will be easier to manage and clean.

The microwave was replaced this year. A new set of smaller dessert bowls were purchased. The storage space in the kitchen was reconfigured and labelled, allowing for greater efficiency in dish and glass storage. Olive spearheaded the collection of Safeway knives, which are now a well used addition to the food preparation program.

The pantry is now in full operation. Many of the larger items which are used only a few times a year are now placed on well labelled shelves. Each user group is vigilant in returning clean items for proper storage.

We currently have ten plastic storage containers of tablecloths. User groups are encouraged to clean these properly before folding and storing them for future use. Please discard torn or stained cloths.

The use of bleach in cleaning all surfaces and containers is recommended to discourage pathogens. All food sources should be labelled and stored in sealed containers. Nothing is to be left on counters. Foods in the fridge and freezer must be dated and labelled by organizations. The stale-dated ones will be discarded.

We are very pleased with the consistent cleanliness and organization the user groups take with our kitchen and pantry. We would like to thank you for your awareness and vigilance in dealing with our critter issues. Our kitchen is a model of efficiency that supports endless varieties of hospitality in serving both church and community. A very valuable ministry shared by all!

Kitchen coordinators,

Isabel Chernoff and Roberta Braddock

LADIES EVENING GUILD REPORT

The Ladies Evening Guild had a busy and successful 2016. We started out the year with an interesting presentation from David and Ruth Ulstrom on their experiences as missionaries in Taiwan. Ruth is the daughter of Rev. Peter Niblock, a former minister at St. Mark's. February saw the group assisting the Men's Club with the Pancake supper and organizing St. Mark's week at the Lenten lunches, hosted by First United Church.

We held our first Children's Swap-Meet in May which was well received. We hope that this event will be continued by the younger ladies of the parish. In April we had a presentation on Emergency Preparedness from parishioner Don Hamilton, and in May Jenna Carrier and her friends gave us an interesting presentation on their school's mission project in Nicaragua.

Jenna was also the co-recipient, along with Heather Davies, of our Isabel Hutchison Memorial Bursary to assist them with their postsecondary education.

After surveying our members earlier in the year it was decided to change our meetings to the afternoons. Our first daytime meeting was held in September when we hosted a very enjoyable afternoon tea and entertaining talk with Dorothy Mash. We were joined by many of the ladies of the parish for this special meeting. We hope to be able to host more parish-wide events in the future. We will now be known as the Ladies Guild.

Rev. Steve Bailey joined us at our October meeting to speak on the role of a Deacon in the parish. While we plan and prepare all year for the Holly Berry Fair the work began in earnest in October. We met weekly at our craft mornings to prepare our gift baskets, crafts and preserves. The event was co-convened this year by myself and Lynne Brownridge of the A.C.W. We were so grateful to have wonderful support from almost 60 parishioners to make this event the success that it was.

During 2016 we were happy to assist the A.C.W. with their Spring Tea and funeral receptions. We continue to reach out to the community by supporting many charities, as well as ministries of St. Mark's. We invite any ladies of the parish to join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Family Room. We are looking forward to another fruitful year of fellowship, fun and festivities.

Respectfully submitted

Linda O'Donovan, President

St. Marks Evening Guild Annual Financial Statements
Financial Statement 2016

Balance at December 31, 2015 **\$5,130.43**

Revenue

Holly Berry Fair	\$6,422.15
St. Mark's Pancake Supper (with Men's Club)	\$530.00
Kids Swap Meet	\$474.65
Dues	\$0.00
Bank Interest	\$0.82
Coffee Donations	\$6.95
Seniors Lunch Refund (O. Pociwuschek)	\$25.50
Donations (Funerals)	\$200.00
	\$7,660.07

Disbursements

Hollyberry Fair	\$1,812.05
Missions/Outreach	\$400.00
Overseas Missionary Fund	\$100.00
International Foundation - Thailand	\$100.00
St. Mark's Syrian Refugee Fund	\$100.00
St. Marks YWAM Mission	\$100.00
St. Marks Community Outreach	\$400.00
St. Mark's Coffee Hour	\$782.33
Fresh Fruits Garden Soil	\$100.00
Bursary	\$1,000.00
Christmas Hamper	\$200.00
Seniors Lunch	\$195.15
Expenses (Funerals, Lenten Lunch)	\$202.92
	\$5,492.45

(Deficit) Surplus at Year End \$2,167.62

Balance and Bank Balance **\$7,298.05**

Submitted by: Toni L. Wallis

Toni L. Wallis

4-Jan-17

Reviewed by: Lawrence Hurd

L. E. Hurd

LIBRARY REPORT

2016 was another successful year in the Library. Of the 390 items that were borrowed in 2016 the majority were returned, even the ones kept past their due date. A small number of items were returned in damaged condition and had to be disposed of, but overall everything has been well looked after. Our open door policy is working well with most people signing out the books they take on non-library days. Blind Date in February was a huge success and will be repeated this year. Another successful event was when the Library tested recipes from the Library books. Not only did everyone enjoy the treats but new books were discovered by our borrowers. The Knit-a-long was a lot of fun and appeared to be well supported but to date I have not seen any of the finished shawls. Please bring them in when you are done. We also sponsored Spiritual Journaling at about this time last year. Now might be a good time to find those journals, dust them off, and give them another try, or even buy a new journal for a new year. We have a lot of fun events planned for the new year so don't be shy, come into the library and see what is happening.

Respectfully yours:

Charlie Bookworm and the Librarians

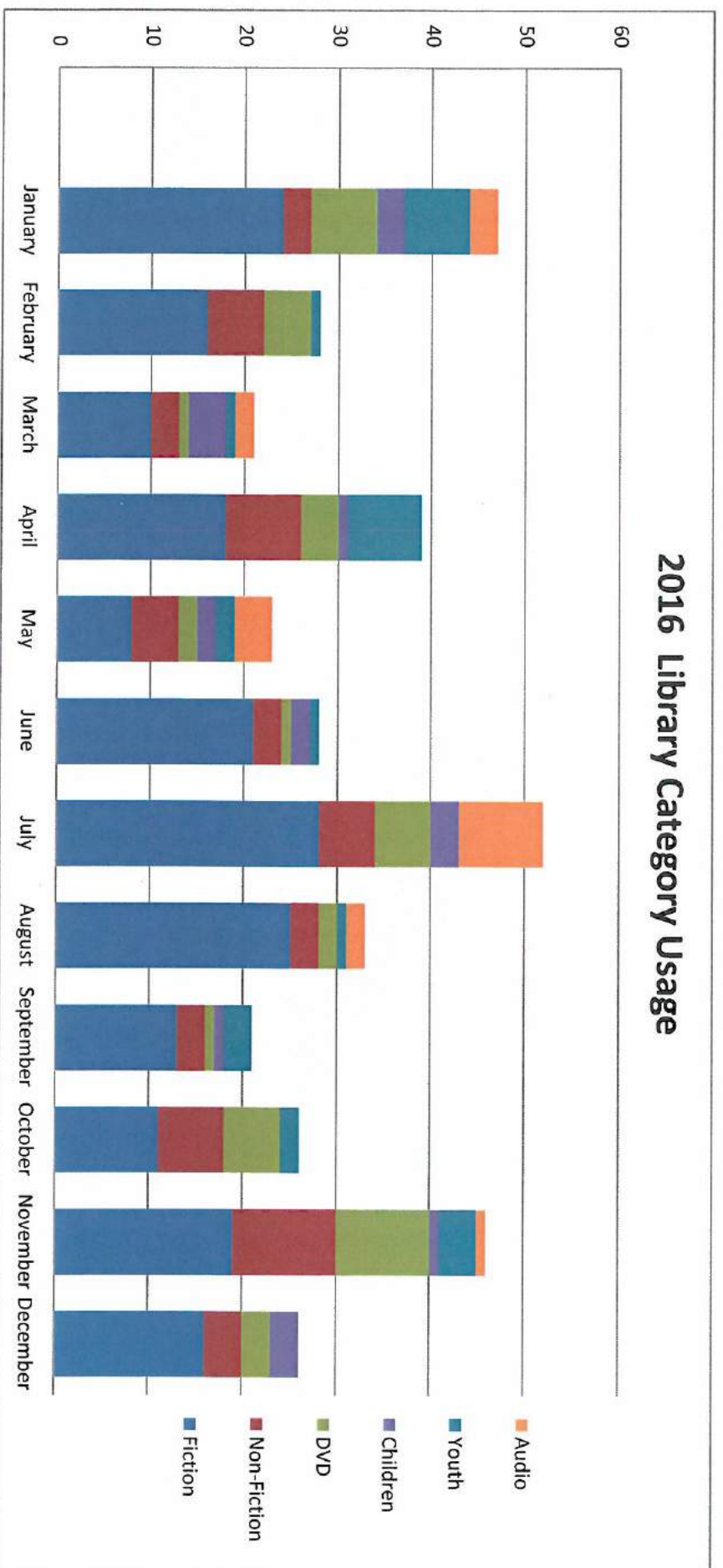
Catherine Featherstone, Morny White, Shari Dickerson & Stephanie Mackie

2016 Library Usage

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year TOTAL
Fiction	24	16	10	18	8	21	28	25	13	11	19	16	209
Non-Fiction	3	6	3	8	5	3	6	3	3	7	11	4	62
DVD	7	5	1	4	2	1	6	2	1	6	10	3	48
Children	3	0	4	1	2	2	3	0	1	0	1	3	20
Youth	7	1	1	8	2	1	0	1	3	2	4	0	30
Audio	3	0	2	0	4	0	9	2	0	0	1	0	21
Month TOTAL	47	28	21	39	23	28	52	33	21	26	46	26	390

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2016 Library Category Usage



MEN'S CLUB REPORT

The Men's Club had a very successful year, thanks to the large number of volunteers.

Our thanks go out to Michael Houston, Les Edmonds, Art Cormode, Bill Ness, Brian Walks, and Brian Maxwell among others, who prepare the dinners for our monthly meetings. Over the past year our speakers have included: David Soy, discussing his ministry in the US prison system, Bob Pedersen on a repeat of his highly entertaining events of the Canada Border Security Agency; Melanie Delva, Archivist the Diocese of New Westminster, a group from Delta High School telling us about their support of a school in Nicaragua, Karen and Brian Shaben on their ministry with the Hill Tribe youth of Thailand, Glen Mitchell on his ministry in El Salvador under the Cristosal Foundation, and Captain Gordon Wilson of the RCAF discussing his career with NORAD and his book on the Lancaster bomber.

In July, the members and spouses enjoyed an outdoor BBQ and in December, 116 attended our annual Christmas dinner with entertainment provided by Tim and Janet Rendell leading us all in Christmas Carols.

Don Hamilton and Ken Miles continue to take care of the lawn cutting and general maintenance of the church and hall. Nick Timms continues to plant and nurture a fantastic display of dahlias in the front garden. I would also like to thank our set-up crew who continue to set up for various Church and outside functions.

Attendance at the three Church events; the Pancake Supper, Chicken BBQ, and Salmon BBQ continue their success with a total attendance in excess of 500 adults and children. The Men's Club would like to thank Linda Zeal for emceeing the two BBQs and the cooks who include Ken Miles, Don Hamilton, Michael Klaver, Cam Macpherson and Chris Fetterly, among others. We would also like to thank Anne Schreck who sorted out the recycle-ables after the BBQs.

The success of these events, combined with the Holly Berry Fair holly sales and Brian the Pie Guy's sale of pastries have raised over \$8,000 which has allowed us to donate most of this amount this year while retaining a healthy bank balance for donations this winter.

The success of the Men's Club depends on the time, talent and dedication of many individuals. Although they are not mentioned by name, I would be remiss in not extending our thanks to all of them. As many of you know, Toni and I have moved to Tsawwassen and as a result I am stepping back from my duties with the Men's Club which will now be led by Brian Walks and Bob Pedersen and the Advisory Committee which includes Jock Ferguson, myself, Les Edmonds and Michael Houston.

Submitted by
Stewart Wallis
Coordinator, St Mark's Men's Club

Men's Club

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016

Item	Amount \$	Balance \$
Bank Balance Dec 31, 2015		5937
Revenue		
Monthly meals	2174	
Pie Guy	545	
Chicken BBQ	1745	
Salmon BBQ	2168	
Pancake Supper (with Evening Guild)	1060	
Set-up hall	305	
Donation/penny jar	165	
Holly Berry Fair	140	
TOTAL	8302	14,239
Outreach / Donations		
Surrey Food Bank	500	
Stan's Outreach-Protein Breakfasts for schools	1000	
Salvation Army summer camp	350	
Union Gospel summer camp	350	
Friends of the Peninsula	100	
White Rock Children's choir	400	
Elks summer camp	250	
White Rock Hospice	400	
Delta High School Nicaragua school	250	
Foundation Cristosal	250	
The Launching Pad	250	
Youth Group shoe Boxes	250	
Vacation Bible School	300	
Seniors Lunch	150	
Salvation Army	300	
Union Gospel	250	
Arocha Children's camp	250	
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	265	
Ronald McDonald House	250	
Evening Guild (50% of Pancake supper receipts)	530	
Registration for Camp Artaban	75	
Sunday cookies	700	
World Life Humanitarian Partnership	200	
Flowers-Mother's Day	80	
Garden soil	100	
TOTAL	7800	
BANK BALANCE DEC 31, 2016		6439

MARKETING/PROMOTIONS/ COMMUNICATIONS TEAM REPORT

We still don't have a name but we hit the ground running at the beginning of September. The three of us focused on our weekly advertising with the Peace Arch News so that each Friday you will see a new message from our church. In December, the Peace Arch News featured St. Mark's events many times. The paid advertising enhanced our profile. This work will continue in 2017. We have decided to double the size of ads during the 3 weeks before Christmas and during the first week of Lent and Holy Week to include our extra worship services and other events.

During the week before Christmas, a new sign hung from the west side of the church to promote Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. This sign was made so that it can be used annually without changing dates or times.

Our wish from the beginning was to co-ordinate the various communications efforts that we use at St. Mark's. We want to bring our social media presence, our external messages (Peace Arch News, outdoor sign), and our internal presence (Parish Pulse & announcements) into line, so that it is not hit and miss as it has been before. We are continuing to work on this issue.

We are a team and not a committee, which gives us the freedom to discuss without printed agendas and not to have closed membership and term limits.

Respectfully submitted in His service,

Brian Walks with much support from Rev. Craig Tanksley and Roger Hussen

MUSIC DIRECTOR REPORT

The year of 2016 has been an eventful year. At the beginning of 2016, our dear Choir Director for many years - Janet Rendell, and her husband Tim - had to relocate to the island; and by the end of January, we had to seek a new Choir Director. With continuous prayers by the clergy team and congregation, we prayed for God's guidance in trying to find the next suitable Choir Director. Soon after Janet's departure, we had the privilege of having Beverley Neville, a recently retired elementary teacher who had a Baptist musical background, who stepped in and helped us transition from the absence of Janet for a few months. During Beverley's presence and her relentless effort in recruiting choir members, the choir grew in size and the music ministry continued to grow. After summer, the Lord gave us new direction and brought us Emily Worden-Kwok. It was a delight to know that Emily came from a family of Anglican clergy, and her experience at other Anglican parishes and her experience from growing up as an Anglican helped her adapt to this Choir Director position smoothly. Emily's talent, leadership, and effort is well received by both the choir and congregation.

The St. Mark's Choir participated in the Journey of Christmas this year, and we also had the privilege of having professional singers from St. Mark's— power couple Chris Simmons and Debra daVaughn also supported the event by performing on a different night of the Journey. Michael Dirk, organist from St. John's Shaughnessy Anglican, along with my grade 11 percussion student from Van Tech Secondary in Vancouver, had lots of fun playing as a trio for one of the nights of Journey of Christmas.

The Praise Team is continually growing, and with new youth members consistently joining, we are very excited to start off the year with an enthusiastic group of musicians who continuously share their talents with us on occasional Sundays.

On Remembrance Sunday this year, we had bagpiper Robin MacAdam, a member from the New West Police Pipe band, who was the champion of the World Pipe Band Championship in Glasgow, Scotland, played at our 10am service.

On Christmas Eve professional trombonist Ken Surges from the 15th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery Band played during the 7pm & 11pm services, and the choir sang at both services as well.

The grand piano in the sanctuary has not been tuned for more than a year and it is now due for tuning. The organ was serviced by Carillon Music's Roy Hepworth, and Michael Dirk in December.

I look forward to continue serving as your Music Director and to another exciting year at St. Mark's.

With blessings and prayers,

Annabelle Ip

NEWCOMERS TEAM REPORT

In 2016, the NewComers Team was kept busy welcoming newcomers and visitors each Sunday. St. Mark Ocean Park is a busy and vibrant church that many family members, friends and new neighbours choose to visit. We find that people attend to 'try us out', and generally we see them again.

In March and October, we arranged NewComers luncheons after church at which 30 adults and 9 children attended. We are so happy to welcome our new families and look forward to getting to know you better!

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Bear Tanksley

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY REPORT

The Clergy of St. Mark's do pastoral visiting as part of its ministries and they also provide oversight to the Parish Visiting Ministry. When members of the parish are not able to get out to church activities, we try to keep them feeling connected to congregation by having other parishioners visiting them on a regular basis. We currently visit 27 people who are seldom or never able to join us in our services, and we have 26 visitors. Our visitors often visit more than one person a month. This ministry is a blessing to both the visitors and the recipients as they grow to know and care about each other. The visits may include simply a visit to a Nursing Home, or hospital, a trip out for a cup of tea, a doctor's appointment, or perhaps some shopping. We are always open to having new people join this ministry. If you feel that you are being called to it, please contact one of the clergy, or Lynne Hurd at 604-542-2772.

We also have five members of the congregation licensed by the Bishop to take reserved sacrament to the homes of members desiring communion in their homes on a monthly basis. We currently provide a Home Eucharist to 15 members of the congregation. The Rev. John Mash provides oversight to this ministry.

Respectfully submitted
Lynne Hurd

PRAYER CHAIN REPORT

St. Mark's has an active prayer chain with 21 men and women who have agreed to pray faithfully and daily for requests given to them by members of the congregation. The ministry is a blessing to the members of the chain as they see the way the Lord responds to the requests of the people. It is also a blessing for the people for whom we pray. It is truly a faith-building ministry.

The requests are held in the strictest confidence by the members of the chain. We have four coordinators of the chain who each take a three month block of time. Should you have a request, you are asked to contact the current coordinator of the chain whose name can be found weekly in the Pulse. The coordinator then sends the request out to the members of the chain, who will pray for it for two weeks. This should be done with the permission of the person for whom we are being asked to pray. If a change occurs in the needs of the individual, we ask that you notify the coordinator. Please keep your requests up to date with the coordinator by notifying them when changes occur.

As noted last year, please be aware, that your requests written on the Sunday Intercessor sheet on the lectern at the back of the church are prayed for on Sunday morning, but not on an ongoing basis. Should you wish ongoing prayer for the person please contact the coordinator with the request as outlined above.

Respectfully submitted
Lynne Hurd

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY REPORT

The prayer shawl team is most grateful to many contributors this busy year. Numerous gifts have kept our supply bins full of interesting new yarns and old favourite basics. New members & working moms have begun to contribute interesting new styles and suggestions for patterns while older members continue to design & craft shawls to match a yarn or fit a special need when required.

Our two "Parish shawls," left in baskets in the church hall for all to work upon, were completed in November. Approximately 21 people added their own stitches to ensure they would be ready for the recipient of the Order of New Westminster 2016, Lynne Hurd; and in memory of Wendy Aiken a special presentation for her grandchildren, Stephanie Mackie organized a popular congregational Mystery Shawl event and we are eager for her next selection of a biblically linked pattern to keep us knitting and wondering.

As for statistics, we 15 members have donated 61 shawls, many squares and given set-up help to 2 other groups on the peninsula and one in Africa. Our cedar chest is half full of shawls waiting to be requested.

All members of the congregation - and their crafty friends - are welcome to join us since knitting has become a new stress management tool. Attendance at our monthly meetings is not required and supplies can be delivered. For further information please contact the office at St. Mark's or those whose names are listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Mackie, Val White, Mary Brown

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF) REPORT

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), founded in 1959, is the Anglican agency for development, relief, refugees and justice.

It strives to provide financial and human resources available to partners, respond to emergency relief and protection of refugees; and long term protection of community developments.

Examples of PWRDF activities are often printed in St. Mark's Sunday PULSE newsletter throughout the year. St. Mark's also uses PWRDF place mats during specific luncheons and dinners.

The total contribution from individuals' envelopes to PWRDF at St. Mark's in 2016 came to \$2,100.

Appreciation is also extended to groups within St. Mark's for further contributions to PWRDF;

--- (*Ladies Evening Guild* - \$345.37)

PWRDF strives to be a part of the outreach ministry of every Canadian Anglican parish and an expression for all Anglicans of their baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being.

John & Roberta Braddock
Parish Representatives

READERS' MINISTRY 10am SERVICE REPORT

Appreciation is extended to the readers for the 10am Sunday morning service throughout 2016. A total of 57 readers were active in this ministry.

A schedule of the year's lectionary reading plus a list of each reader and their telephone number is handed out in January.

Those interested in joining this ministry, please contact Roberta or John Braddock at 604 538 8642 or braddock@telus.net

Roberta Braddock

SAVVY ST. MARK'S SENIORS MINISTRY REPORT

With the blessing of God and St. Mark's, another busy year filled with Wednesday get-togethers alternate weeks and many concerts, plays and outings is complete. Thank you to Janet and Arthur Cormode for organizing the Wednesdays, Ann Colman for handling our petty cash, Denny O'Donovan for supplying cheerful bus transportation and assistance with walkers, etc., Ann, Mary Brown and Isabel Powell for leading the chatting group, and all who help with the clean-up after tea time-Sharon Ma, Cathy Teskey, Pat Zammit, Pam Hall and all other willing volunteers. The success of our ministry depends on so many people-thank you all! There are between 15 and 25 attendees most Wednesdays either chatting in the Family Room or playing cards in the church hall. We have had a few speakers come to talk about subjects of interest to the group.

This year we attended Bard on the Beach, TUTS, Gilbert and Sullivan Society pantomime and Ceilidh, Surrey Thursday morning concerts, Surrey Plays, VanDusen Gardens, Surrey Honey Farm, Remembrance Day concerts by Orpheus and Langley Capitol Chorus, Christmas concerts, and others. The biggest event was our 2-day trip to Salt Spring Island for a tour, the Saturday Market and group dinner before going to Chemainus for the night followed by Church, a Buffet lunch, and a play at the theatre, attended by 25 people.

Thank you to Craig and Sheila for supporting and visiting us throughout the year. Our one outreach project this year was to support a single mom and her adult daughter with gift cards at Christmas, coordinated by Ann and St. Mark's Outreach Ministry.

We are delighted to welcome new members from the community who wish for a happy social time among friendly folk so please join us if our program fills a need in your life!

One request only—if you have free time and would like to drive our less mobile seniors to the Wednesday gatherings, please contact either Janet or Sue as there are a number of folk who could use a drive each way.

We meet from 1–3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Indridson

Janet Cormode

SOUND MINISTRY REPORT

Changes in 2016 included Brian Maxwell stepping down in November, and Ernie Thiessen and Nick Timms stepping down at the end of December. Thank you all for your efforts and service in this ministry.

In 2017 Don Hamilton and Phil Tubbs will co-ordinate the ministry with a team of four including Don and Phil, Nancy Tucker and Tom Mackie. **It is hoped that others will step forward to assist with sound ministry in the near future.**

Future plans are to improve sound in the hall with the purchase of a rent-to-own second speaker, and a thorough check of all audio wiring in the entire building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Tubbs

SPONSOR CHILD REPORT

We read in Hebrews "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

More than fifty children around the world are sponsored by members of St. Mark Ocean Park. You can see some of the children's photos on the display board in the hall. One sponsor is all it takes to make a change in the world.

"More than nine million children around the world are sponsored by Western donors and a major new report on the work of one aid agency has found that sponsorship does improve children's lives. It has reopened a long and fierce debate over whether this hugely popular form of giving to the poor is either ethical or effective.

Academics from the University of San Francisco decided to undertake the most wide-ranging study yet in six developing countries - Bolivia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, the Philippines, and Uganda.

They interviewed more than 10,000 adults and looked at the lives of those who had been sponsored as children by the agency, Compassion, and compared them to their peers who hadn't been sponsored.

The results showed that the sponsored children stayed in school longer than their non-sponsored peers, were more likely to have white collar jobs and were more likely to be leaders in their communities and churches.

In Uganda the impact on education was particularly striking. The sponsored children were 42% more likely to finish secondary education than those not part of the program, and 83% more likely to complete university."

Quote from Emily Buchanan, BBC world affairs correspondent

God bless,
Mari Anne Hussen

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Summer Sunday School ran with a wonderful team of volunteer teachers composed of Mercedes Reynolds, Lauren MacPherson, Heather Higginson, Holly Bear Tanksley, Betty Ann Bainbridge, Mari Anne Hussen, Linda O'Donovan, and myself. Helpers were Geoff Higginson, Ashton Tucker (3), Verena & Vanessa Musherure, Darlene Wiegand, and Brian Walks. Many thanks to all of them.

We covered 10 Sundays over the summer, with the exception of July 31's outdoor chapel service. There was a high of 15 children and a low of 5. Average was 8.8 per Sunday and included some visitors.

The children learned about what it takes to follow Jesus, hindrances that get in the way, who is our neighbor, service, and prayer.

It was great to have the opportunity to share with our children's community.

Yours in Christ,
Barb Walks

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) REPORT

St. Mark's 2016 Vacation Bible School outreach, "Cave Quest", held August 22-26, was a resounding success. Children got to go spelunking through dark caves with Jesus as their light. They learned Jesus is the one who lights their way and gives them hope for each new day. His love illuminates when the path is dark. Cave Quest encouraged kids to follow Jesus where ever he will lead them. Cave Quest was filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids saw, heard, touched, and even tasted. Interactive Bible stories, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats were just a few of the standout activities that helped faith flow into real life. Plus, we helped kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we called God Sightings.

The vibrant personalities of all, including junior, youth and adult leaders and all the children added up to a total of 105 persons involved in the 2016 VBS.

Overall, the combination of enthusiastic and energetic volunteer leaders, children connecting with each other and the program was the amazing work of our Lord working in each and every one of us.

I have enjoyed my last 9 years as your Vacation Bible School Director but feel it is time for someone else with new direction and fresh ideas to take over.

A great big thank you goes out to all volunteers for working alongside me over the years as the Vacation Bible School Director. I have appreciated your tireless commitment and continuous words of encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Zeal, VBS Director

SYRIAN REFUGEE COMMITTEE REPORT

It was a busy and productive year for the Parish of St. Mark, Ocean Park Syrian Refugee Committee. We began the year with hope that we would have a refugee family here by Easter, but this proved to be overly optimistic. In March of 2016, the Federal Government suddenly announced the end of the official Syrian Refugee effort, and Syrian refugees would now be considered under the same program as any other refugee, without the expedited process they previously enjoyed. This promised to be a long and arduous process.

About this same time we presented a proposal to the Clergy and Wardens Committee, and to Parish Council, at the request of the Diocesan Coordinator for the refugee effort, to partially support a senior couple from Syria who also receives support from their family, and to fully support a family of 5, also from Syria. This proposal had the full support of the Refugee Committee, and was fully supported by both the Clergy and Wardens Committee and by Parish Council. We were off on our path!

The Parish opened their hearts and were generous in their support, in both cash donations and donations of furniture and household items, and especially emotional and prayer support. The Parish had the chance to meet the family of the senior couple throughout the spring and summer, and we were blessed to receive Fouad Elia and Lewa Ashqar into Canada in early September! After 6 months of little activity for us, September and early October suddenly became very busy! Teams of people gathered the necessary items for Fouad and Lewa's home, and a group of men moved them into their apartment in New Westminster (near their children and grandchildren) in the middle of October.

In late October, the entire family came to St. Mark's to thank us, and the power of what we did as a Parish became overwhelmingly evident – an extended family had been reunited for the first time in years! Parents, children and grandchildren were all together after years of separation, and they could finally celebrate the birth of Christ all together and in safety – praise God!

Fouad and Lewa are slowly adjusting to a new life in Canada, and as expected, this will take time. In addition to the financial support we currently give them (their rent for one year), we can further support them with friendship, as they could use some more friends. They would love to get together with anybody from St. Mark's for coffee, tea and English conversation. If this speaks to your heart, please let us know.

We still have a family of 5 waiting for a new life in Canada. They are Khaldoun Al Nouisser, his wife Samah and their 3 children Natali (16), Jamal (11) and Katherine (10). We are currently putting together the documentation package and plan on submitting it this month to the Federal Government. We do not anticipate their arrival before the end of the year – please pray for this family celebrating Christmas with us in 2017!

Financially, we are quite sound at this time with a fund balance of over \$20,000, which is more than enough to fulfill our commitment to Fouad and Lewa. However, we have committed to fully financially supporting the Al Nouisser family and for this we need to build this fund balance throughout 2017, so please prayerfully consider how much you can contribute financially to this important ministry, but not neglecting your usual financial support to the operations of our Parish. In terms of furniture and other items they will need, we will not begin to collect anything until we have a much better idea of their confirmed arrival date.

The Parish of St. Mark, Ocean Park, Syrian Refugee Committee is incredibly grateful to all those who have supported this important ministry with prayers, money, items and time. A whole host of people sprang to action in the fall – too many to name – to organize everything needed for Fouad and Lewa, and we deeply thank you. Most importantly, Fouad and Lewa, and their entire family thank you, for without you, their new life in safety and in Canada with their family would not be possible.

Matthew 25:40

The King will reply “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me”

Respectfully submitted by
The Parish of St. Mark, Ocean Park,
Syrian Refugee Committee.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

"The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:20-21

When a new year comes – especially a new year of ministry – I find it encouraging and helpful to take a moment to look back and reflect on God's grace. To close the chapter on 2016, we read through the above passage in Romans 5, where St. Paul presents us with an image of two kingdoms—one defined by the reign of sin, the other by the reign of grace. We each thought of moments this past year where we fell short in our walk of faith with the Lord and where the reign of sin took hold, as well as the moments where God's all-sufficient grace broke through and drew us closer to Him. Looking back, we have the chance to enjoy God's grace in perspective of the bigger picture.

This year, the focus of our *ReThink Sunday* classes on Sunday mornings was to spend time in prayer, worship through song, and reflection on the Sunday's Gospel lesson. On a few occasions, the youth were led by others in our parish on Sunday morning. We continued to encourage youth to be involved in the Eucharistic ministry, readings ministry, children's ministry and other interests throughout the year. This year, we also participated in a regular rotation in leading intercessory prayers. It's been encouraging to see the maturity in our youth as they serve in these important roles in the life of our parish. We even had the great privilege of witnessing the baptism of one of our youth, Rick Cao, early in the year.

Thrive Tuesdays have continued to be a highlight each week. It offers a low-key, fun, and engaging time for us to grow in relationship with one another as we walk the journey of faith together. Early in the year, we concluded a study series on "Does God Exist?" and spent the rest of the year in a study through the Old Testament with the "Collaborate" curriculum. It was encouraging to see the depth of discussion and how the group matured both socially and spiritually, especially in our times of prayer and worship. One highlight from this past Fall was getting to meet and hear from our Deacon, the Rev. Steve Bailey. Throughout the year we also had the opportunity to take part in the Adopt-a-Street program, helping to keep our stretch of 20 Ave tidy while living out our call to servant leadership.

Outside our regular programming, our *Breakout Events* provided opportunities for youth to invite friends and have fun. Highlights included a Star Wars movie night, lasagna and games event, a trip to the Extreme Air Park, and the *Jesus, Life and World Religions* event with Ravi Zacharias in Vancouver. Over the summer we planned a girls' breakfast, attended Praise Fest (which was a first concert for some!), a BBQ and Bible study at Craig and Holly's followed by a walk along the beach, a day at Cultas Lake Waterslides, and a movie at the Twilight Drive-In theatre. This Christmas we held our 4th annual bowling and gift exchange party, with the Featherstone's hosting us with some great food as we celebrated the birth of our Saviour together.

As we look towards a new year of ministry at St. Mark's, we consider where God is leading each of us in our personal lives as in our shared ministry together. We can place our full hope in knowing that whatever situations we find ourselves in, the reign of grace through the work of Jesus Christ will always be with us.

Thank you for your prayerful support of this ministry at St. Mark's!

In Christ,

Joshua Brown
Youth Director

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*“GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD ALMIGHTY,
FOR THE LORD IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.”*

- Jeremiah 33:11

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