

St. John the Apostle Anglican Church



“We strive to be a spiritual centre that meets people where they are and invites them to walk with us as we learn and grow together in Christ. We seek to be the agents of transformation in God’s world, offering nourishment, compassion and support while working towards an inclusive and just society.”

*ANNUAL VESTRY REPORT 2016
As presented at the Annual Vestry Meeting
February 19th, 2017*

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Agenda for the Annual Vestry Meeting of St. John the Apostle Anglican Church
2208 St. Johns Street, Port Moody BC Canada V3H 2A7

February 19th, 2017

1. Attendance count and Voters Registration
2. Opening Prayer
3. In Memoriam
4. Appointment of the Vestry Clerk
5. Acceptance of the Agenda
6. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2016 Vestry
7. Acceptance of the reports as presented
8. Acceptance of the proposed budget for 2017
9. Announce Appointments for
 - Bishop's Warden – Terry Walton
 - Parish Treasurer- Chelsea Bylek
 - Envelope Secretary- Ruby Ng
 - Maintenance Coordinator- Rich Thompson
10. Nominations and Election of Members at Large to Parish Council
 - People's Warden
 - Associate Warden
 - Synod Delegates
 - Alternate Synod Delegates
 - Members-at-Large
11. Announce Appointments of Lay Administrators
12. Vote of Appreciation
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment and Doxology

STATISTICS FOR 2016

FUNERALS

Eleanor Florence Bishop
Edna Kerr
Marion Balden
Luke Walsh
Ronald Weisensel
Clarence McKinney

WEDDINGS

Riel Joseph LaLonde and Samantha Eileen Potts
Stephen Daniel Milner and Angela Liesel Kitley
Jason Luigi Pierotti and Catherine Jane Larsen
Maumar Howard Mohammed Alibaksh and Stephanie Joanne Lou-Hing
Brian Curtis McGlashan and Amalia Desa Miranda
Nicholas Pieter DeVaal and Kathryn Theresa Henke

BAPTISMS

Justice Cuthbertson Temrick-Kennedy
Caroline Anne Larsen
Catherine Jane Larsen
Andrew Mark Larsen
Natalie Veronika Holub
Miranda Elizabeth Sanford
Sharon Lorraine Crawford
Emily Jackalynne Anchor-Columb

Interim Priest-in-charge Report January 2017

It has been a time of endings and beginnings. For the faithful service and inspired leadership that the Ven. Grant Rodgers has given to St. John's, I would like, along with you, to give thanks to God. Grant is a valued colleague and I know will continue to serve the Church well in new areas. For the remainder of the year, the Most Rev. Douglas Hambidge and the Rev. Gary Hamblin along with Rev. Ruth Monette and our Deacon's Anne and Trudi, graciously supplied Sunday eucharists and services over the Christmas season. I am above all grateful to the Rev. Michael Chin with the deacons for their ongoing pastoral and liturgical support.

As of January 1, 2017, I am delighted and humbled to be among you as Interim Priest-in-Charge. My letter of agreement with the parish and the diocese give the terms of reference. My tenure is time-limited; I am here as a full time priest for a period of twelve to eighteen months or until by mutual consent or the decision of the Bishop it is decided that my role is ended. During this period of transition I will provide spiritual leadership, working collegially with both ordained and lay leaders of the parish. I will be guiding an exploration and renewal of the parish's ministry and mission while encouraging, mentoring, and supporting the good work that is already in progress. By the end of our time together, the parish should, with God's grace, have entered into the canonical process that is equipped and ready to call a new incumbent.

My first step in this process is to meet as widely as I am able with individuals and groups to begin understanding the current reality of the parish system and for you to share your learning's with me. As part of this, I am tasked to have a support group of several parishioners who can help me reflect and pray. During the next couple of months I will be calling on your experience and different perspectives and inviting you into exercises that will help you communicate needs, desires, and visions with each other. Lent is an auspicious time at the beginning of our year together to prepare for the new life that is emerging for St. John's.

My hope is to be available to you and to facilitate good communication in the parish. I can be reached through the parish office or my email at rev.seshepard@gmail.com if you would like to speak to me or arrange a pastoral visit. My practice is to say Morning Prayer most Mondays through Thursdays in the church from 8:30-9 am and you are welcome to join me. In a pastoral emergency my mobile number will be on the answering service at the church office or through the wardens. My Sabbath is normally Friday unless there is a birth or death in the parish.

May we all feel loved, listened to, and held securely in God's grace as we journey through this transition together, trusting in the Healer and Shepherd of us all.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

WARDENS REPORT FOR ANNUAL VESTRY FEBRUARY 2017

This has been quite a year, not as bad as some in the media are saying but certainly eventful. We started the year with our annual vestry meeting and the vote on the building project. With only half the members of vestry voting in favour of proceeding, it was decided that we would revisit what God is calling us to do before we made any further decisions about our buildings. We have been working on developing an understanding of our Mission with the assistance of Kim Hodge, a Diocesan Consultant. Our plans were to develop a Mission Statement, then turn our attention to a Vision for the parish and consider any changes to our buildings as part of that process. The timeline for these plans has been upset to some degree by the resignation of our incumbent priest, the Venerable Grant Rodgers and his departure at the end of October. We are thankful for Grant's ministry with us over the past eight years and wish him well as he expands his ministry at the Vancouver School of Theology and in his position as Vicar of Christ the Redeemer in Cloverdale. In November and December, we were served by our own clergy, the Reverend Michael Chin, Honorary Assistant Priest, our covenanted Deacons, Anne Anchor and Trudi Shaw by the Reverend Ruth Monette who is a member of this parish, Archbishop Douglas Hambidge and the Reverend Gary Hamblin. On January 1st the Reverend Stephanie Shepard joined us as interim priest in charge and will be with us until a new incumbent priest is selected or she is reassigned.

This period of interim ministry and the canonical process will be challenging at times but also a great opportunity for us to look at who we are, what we believe our mission to be and what our vision is for this parish. We will do these things as part of the process of developing a parish profile, the document by which we describe ourselves to potential candidates to be the next incumbent priest of this parish. In order that this process results in a profile that truly describes us and the challenges and opportunities of this parish, it is essential that as many members of the parish as possible become engaged in its development. This is not something to be left to others to carry out, your input and participation will be critical to the success of the canonical process. Once the opportunity has been advertised and applications have been received by the diocese, interviews will be arranged with several of the applicants. The interviews are carried out by the Wardens, the Synod Delegates and the Alternate Synod Delegates. These people are designated as the Canonical Committee and will jointly develop questions to ask the candidates and actively participate in the interview process. Elections will be held at the Annual Vestry Meeting on February 19th to fill all positions on the Church Committee including People's Warden, Associate Warden, Synod Delegates and Alternate Synod Delegates. This election is your opportunity to either step forward for nomination for one of these positions or others on council or to prayerfully consider which candidates will best serve this parish in the coming years.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Walton, Bishop's Warden & Maureen Simons- Peoples Warden

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Annual Report Deacon Anne Anchor for 2016

Before I began to write this Annual Report I reviewed the reports I have written since the Annual Vestry meeting of 2005. What struck me the most in these past reports beyond the details of what I did throughout the year was the consistent statement in my belief that St. John's as a community of faith has a lot to offer to the world, the community and to the church and that we are truly blessed by God's presence amongst us, as we are led into the future as yet unknown.

On a more practical note this year has been a year with personal life challenges beginning with the death of my mother and long-time parishioner Eleanor Bishop. My husband Glen's health took a tail-spin soon after that and throughout the year he spent a combined total of 7 weeks in hospital including from complications from his 6 way bypass surgery in March. What I learned while my mom was in hospital was very helpful in navigating our health system in this province. Once again I have been in a situation that I never expected to be in and only through the grace of God and the love and support of this parish from Grant, Trudi, the wardens and the rest of this caring community have I been able to stay strong.

As 2016 closed with Grant moving into more hours at VST and a new parish, I found myself giving thanks for his time with us but also very busy with planning liturgy with the help of the wardens, Trudi and LaRee. After Christmas I was really looking forward to the New Year with Stephanie Shepard as our Interim Priest, although this was not without thanks for the amazing leadership team that guides us through this time of Transition.

Christian Formation is vital to this parish and my involvement in this area is a huge part of my ministry. As I think about the parish I see Christian Formation in so many areas not just in the formal programs we offer such as Education for Ministry, the weekly Bible study, Godly Play (see separate report) or in the homily's offered at Sunday services. It also comes through the actions of people who are involved in Outreach through the Food Bank, the ACW, the volunteers at the homeless shelter at 3030 Gordon Port Coquitlam, the Refugee RESPONSE team, the Pastoral Care ministry and in personal volunteer involvement in individual lives. It is also part of those that are the Altar Guild, the readers, the intercessors, the sacristan and servers and the choir in our liturgy. The formation happens as we grow more deeply aware of God's presence in the midst of us, we are guided by God's grace and the teachings of Jesus, the one we have been called to follow.

Something I have learned more about and believe even more deeply throughout this past year is that as Christians we are constantly being drawn into a deeper awareness of God's presence and desire amongst us. What we need to do is to be open to the call that takes us forward as an active community of faith in this place, in the community and in the world. There is a phrase from 'Hymn of Promise' by Natalie Sleeth that I believe says this best

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*From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

This could be our mantra of hope for the future of St. John's and in this time of transition.

With thanks and blessings to each one in this community this is

Respectfully submitted-Deacon Anne Anchor

Annual Report Deacon Trudi Shaw 2016

I remember hearing of an ancient curse that goes something like this: "May you live in interesting times." For me, this past year has certainly fallen into the category of 'Interesting Times' as my family and I have continued to deal with the aftermath of my treatment and recovery from cancer, my brother Robert's kidnapping and murder by criminals in the Philippines, and some major transitions in my work and personal life.

But, I believe that whatever our life circumstances, there are also blessings. So despite the trauma and challenges, and the abrupt turns my path has taken lately, there has also been ample evidence of an abundance of Grace.

This past May I reached the age of 65 years. It had been my intent to retire from the parish but continue in my workplace ministry at St. Jude's for at least a few years. But as so often has been the case in my life, God had other plans! After consulting with the leadership team at St. John, and with my family, I agreed to renew my covenant with the parish for another year and to request a continuance of my license from the Bishop. In September, Anne and I signed our covenants, and Bishop Melissa renewed our licenses to the parish.

At the same time I was sensing that my ministry at St. Jude's was coming to an end. Rather than this being a cause of distress, it became an opportunity to clear the way for new areas of ministry with L'Arche Greater Vancouver, and the Burnaby Neighbourhood House – two organizations with whom I have been associated for a number of years.

In the new work I will be doing for L'Arche and the Neighbourhood House, I will also be fulfilling a longing to spend my time and my talent in my own community, after years of feeling a disconnect between home and vocation.

One of the most meaningful graces for me has been in belonging to this community of faith. In our worship and fellowship, and in your prayers and love, I have known God's continuous presence, and that has given me hope, and the strength to face the challenges that seemed at times to never end.

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A major challenge for all of us has been Grant's departure and the uncertainty of our immediate future.

But even in this there is grace to be found. Our sadness and sense of loss has not stopped us from continuing to be a place where people can find welcome, refuge, or healing; and from which many vital ministries continue to proclaim the work of the Gospel.

Our worship and community life continue to be rich and diverse, and this year we have seen members reaching out in new ways to engage ministry: with First Nations people through The Bird's Nest; the homeless, through *3030 Grant Street*; and refugees through our participation in the deanery Refugee ReSponse initiative. It is also a delight to see the renewed energy in our Church School as we develop our Godly Play program. Seeing the delight on the faces of the children as they bring the offering of their study and work to the altar is a joy.

It has also been a joy to work in the context of a Team Ministry, which includes our gifted and dedicated Wardens, as well as the clergy. I am so grateful to Terry and Maureen for their dedication, knowledge and commitment to the parish; to Grant and Anne for their support and encouragement; and to the Parish Council and the many other dedicated leaders at St. John. It is good to be able to welcome Stephanie as our interim Priest into this leadership context, and I look forward to working with her.

I feel blessed to be licensed to St. John the Apostle – it is a community that calls out my gifts for ministry, helps me to discern new ways of using them to support the life of the parish, and challenges me to grow in my understanding of our mutual call to be messengers of God's love for all people and all of Creation.

Your servant in Christ, Deacon Trudi Shaw

Report on Ministry for Retired Deacon

A new ministerial relationship between the Tri-Cities North Burnaby deanery, the Diocese of New Westminster, and the Rev. Lilian Elliott is being established.

Lilian is being called specifically to assist/engage in the visitation and provision of worship services to specific care homes and assisted living facilities in the deanery: Mayfair (Amica) and Hawthorne in Port Coquitlam, Dufferin in Coquitlam, and St. Michael's in Burnaby. It is the hope that parishioners from parishes who have members in the facilities will also be involved. Under the direction of the regional archdeacon and the priests of the parishes, she will carry out this ministry an average of 8 hours a week. On some Sundays she will be invited to visit other parishes in the deanery, so she will not be regularly acting as a deacon liturgically at St. John's, nor on the rota for assisting with other Sunday worship duties.

Blessings on Lilian as she enters into this exciting new phase.

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Envelope Secretary's Report

It is 2 years since I took over the role of Envelope Secretary and I am thankful to all who has helped and supported me in ensuring that I get reports out on time, and without errors. Special thanks to May Fung and Bonnie SooChan.

In 2016, 78 envelopes were issued, but only 70 were utilized. 20 Parishioners/Families donated by using pew offertory envelopes and 31 Families sanctioned Pre-Authorised Donations (PAD) on a monthly basis.

Should you wish to become an envelope subscriber, or to join the PAD programme, please approach the Treasurer, or the undersigned.

Offertory envelopes, for Visitors as well as for Parishioners who wish to use them, can be found in the pews and are also available at the Greeters' table.

Interim Contribution Statements were distributed at the end of March and August 2016.

2016 Tax Receipts will be available in February 2017.

Below is a comparison of pledges for 2016 and 2017.

	No:	2016	No:	2017
General & Property Funds	71	\$132,792.00	60	\$117,118.00
Capital Improvement Fund	7	\$3,695.00	1	\$ 180.00
Food Bank	15	\$4,544.00	17	\$ 5,456.00
PWRDF	18	\$4,517.00	19	\$ 4,626.00
Care & Share	9	\$2,464.00	9	\$ 2,208.00

Many thanks to all who have assisted and contributed to making my job easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby Ng

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St. John's Altar Guild Annual Report

2016 has been relatively quiet for the Altar Guild with no changes being made. We had hoped to form a 5th team but so far this has not happened but hopefully will be able to do so before too long. Anyone else who would be interested in joining us, whether to work on a regular basis, or to volunteer to help decorate the church at Easter, Thanksgiving or Christmas, is encouraged to speak to a member of the Altar Guild, or phone Brenda Binns at 604 931 2482.

Charlotte Robertson continues as our treasurer and this year we opened a bank account to deal with reimbursements for Altar Guild expenses for flowers purchased by members of the Altar Guild.

All contributions are gratefully received for the candles being lit in the chapel.

We still have a few of the plates from St. Margaret's. If anyone is interested in having one, please speak to a member of the Altar Guild.

If you would like to make a donation to the Altar Guild that we can apply towards extra flowers to have in the church for Easter, Thanksgiving or Christmas, you may do so through your envelope.

There is a new flower chart located at the back of the church, beside the entrance to the chapel. If you would like to place flowers at the Altar to recognize a special occasion, in memory of someone, or for whatever reason you choose, please write your name on the chart and a member of the Altar Guild will contact you.

Many thanks to the members of the Altar Guild:- Bonnie Soo Chan, Charlotte Robertson, Deborah Jones – Akiyama, Fay MacDonald, Fran Gordon, Jan Castle, Josephine Thien, Lynne Milner, Mickey Marshall, Penny Lim, Ramona Howard, Roberta Oehlschlager, Rosa Weisensel and Sharon Cooper for their dedication and hard work this past year.

Respectfully submitted –Brenda Binns

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Report on the A.C.W. activities for the year 2016

St. John's Anglican Church Women generally meet on the third Thursday of the month, from September through to June. Our meetings are usually held in the evenings, but we have recently decided to meet in the afternoons in the winter months. We have an average attendance of approximately 22 members at each meeting, but also receive support and contributions for our outreach programs and various activities from many other women (and on occasion, the men) of the parish on a regular basis. The A.C.W. meets to discuss and organize various fundraising functions, as well as other aspects of supporting our parish and the community. From time to time we organize and participate in a thorough cleaning of the church facilities. St. John's A.C.W. members are also available to organize and serve refreshments following funeral services.

Some of our members attended the World Day of Prayer at St. Catherine's, Port Coquitlam in March.

We held coffee and craft meetings throughout the year in preparation for the Spring Tea and the Fall Bazaar. Throughout the year we also hold some small social functions. This year we joined together for two evening meals and one 'High Tea'. These are mostly social fellowship events but also generate additional funds for our outreach programs.

At our May meeting Brenda Lou-Hing gave a presentation on her experiences with her outreach mission to St. Anne's Orphanage in Georgetown, Guyana in January.

At our June meeting Linda Aiken came and gave a presentation, with photographs, about her trip to South Africa.

At our September meeting we invited Andy Bird to our Pot Luck evening and he also gave a presentation on the 'Bird's Nest'.

We stay well connected with the Diocesan A.C.W. A small group attended the Area meeting at St. George's, Fort Langley in March, and a few of our members also attended the Diocesan A.G.M. in April at St John's, Vancouver. This year the Diocese of New Westminster A.C.W. hosted the annual National Presidents Conference in Langley. We assisted by donating small gifts and providing some transportation support for the delegates.

Our outreach missions this past year included:

- ❖ Collecting used stamps, Campbell's soup labels, aluminum pull-tabs, travel sized toiletries, used eye glasses, used, clean, warm clothing and new layette (for newborn babies) items. These items are distributed to A.C.W. Place and other agencies that use them for outreach and other fund raising efforts. **(We are no longer collecting the Campbell's soup labels as this program has been discontinued.)**

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- ❖ Collecting our 'United Thank Offering' to donate to the Diocesan A.C.W. for Diocesan outreach programs.
- ❖ Assisting at A.C.W. Place one morning a month to sort and organize used clothing and to help pack the bales that are sent to the northern churches and other outreach agencies.
- ❖ Organizing the sale of the Canadian Church Calendar to raise funds towards our outreach programs.
- ❖ Supporting the St. John's Sunshine Box by coordinating this outreach and providing funds for supplies.
- ❖ Supporting the St. John's Food Bank by coordinating and assisting with pick up, sorting and packaging of Cob's bread. Some of our members also assist with organizing the Food Bank.
- ❖ Hosting the Seniors Tea. This year this event was reduced to just 4 times a year. We continue to serve Dufferin Care Home through this event and are looking to serve other care homes located in our area.
- ❖ Hosting a 'Driver Appreciation Luncheon' for POCOMO Meals On Wheels Society to recognize their volunteers who deliver to seniors in the Tri-City area.
- ❖ Providing refreshments for four memorial services.
- ❖ Supporting the Mission to Seafarers, V.S.T., Tri-city Women's Center, the Coming Home Society, St. Jude's Anglican Home, L'Arche, The Bird's Nest, Syrian Refugee Fund and St. John's General Fund with both financial donations and occasional other practical assistance.
- ❖ Donating to the Mission to Seafarers 23 (shoebox) Christmas gift parcels, a large box of homemade cookies and treats, as well 45 dozen pairs of warm socks and 3 bags of gently used, freshly laundered stuffed toys for their thrift store.
- ❖ Preparing 26 baskets of Christmas goodies to deliver to some of St. John's seniors and others who needed a little extra 'cheer'.
- ❖ Donating 180 unused Christmas cards to the Burnaby Youth Detention Services for their youth to send out to family members.
- ❖ Organizing the 'Spring Tea', 'High Tea' and 'Fall Bazaar' parish fundraising events. These are our main fundraisers and last year (2016) raised a total of \$8,706.95. These funds are distributed mainly between the church's General Fund and our outreach projects. (See Antoinette's financial reports for further details).

The tenets of the A.C.W. are prayer, work, stewardship and fellowship which we continue to uphold. St. John's is blessed to have a significantly healthy membership of A.C.W. women in our diocese. We work together in fellowship and friendship, supporting each other in our various endeavours. We also appreciate the support that we receive from the rest of the parish. All women of the parish are welcome to join us at any of our meetings or social functions.

Respectfully Submitted by: Ann Adair-Austin

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH, PORT MOODY**ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN****Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2016****Receipts**

ACW Monthly Dues	324.50	
Fundraising:		
Spring Tea	1,522.95	
Bazaar	500.00	
Crafts/Display Case	249.25	
Calendars	238.00	
High Tea	875.00	
Funeral Tea Donations/Meals on Wheels	1,575.00	
United Thank Offering	226.45	
Pizza Nights & Potluck Dinner Proceed	67.40	
AGM Lunch Reimbursement	45.00	
Memorial Fund Donations	<u>600.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$6,223.55	\$6,223.55

Disbursements

St. John's Capital Fund	2,000.00
Donations (<i>Seafarers/PoCo Women/VST/ St. Jude's/Coming Home Society/Guyana/ Bird's Nest, L'Arche/Syrian Refugees</i>)	3,500.00
Calendars	225.00

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ACW Annual Dues	264.00	
Funeral Tea Reimbursement	542.35	
Sunshine Fund	60.00	
United Thank Offering	226.45	
Silver trays & tongs; tops for cruet sets	62.35	
Miscellaneous (<i>AGM Reg./Hot Socks, Altar Guild/Bulletins/Bazaar Banner, etc.</i>)	<u>529.03</u>	
TOTAL	\$7,409.18	<u>\$7,409.18</u>
Net Receipts/Disbursements for the year		- \$1,185.63
Funds on hand January 1, 2016		\$3,805.92
Funds on hand December 31, 2016		\$2,620.29

Respectfully Submitted

Antoinette Woodman-Treasurer

COFFEE FUND REPORT

A sincere thank you to all who graciously donate their time on an ongoing basis preparing coffee and refreshments for both services on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet for coffee duty is posted on the bulletin board in the hall and we welcome new names in addition to the regulars who sign up throughout the year.

Also posted on the bulletin board is a “goodie/baking” sign-up sheet. If you wish to contribute towards coffee hour with goodies only, please sign your name on the sheet. The person(s) signed up for coffee, will consult the “goodie/baking” sign-up sheet and will provide treats accordingly.

Since July 2007 we’ve been purchasing Fair Traded Coffee via Kathy Renehan. Unfortunately, Kathy no longer has a contact person to supply us with the coffee as of 5 months ago. Mel has been purchasing coffee since then from Thrifty’s (also Fair Traded).

With the weekly donations the following supplies such as coffee, tea, sugar, napkins, juices and milk are purchased and the balance is donated to the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). Coffee hour is by donation for everyone. Below is a breakdown of donations received and expenditures during 2016:

Weekly Donations:		\$1,147.00
<u>Minus:</u> Supplies	\$280.35	
Fairly Traded Coffee	363.40	
PWRDF	<u>503.25</u>	<u>\$1,147.00</u>

Closing Balance **NIL**

A huge thank you goes out to Mel and Betty who are responsible for purchasing all the supplies for coffee hour.

Respectfully submitted- Antoinette Woodman

Food Bank Report 2016

St. John's Family Food Bank continues to thrive thanks to the support and kindness of the members of our parish.

2016 saw some changes as we moved away from ordering items from QUEST and trying a new approach. Twice a month an order is sent to Thrifty for items such as milk, eggs, fresh meat, fresh produce etc. We also continue to receive bread and sweets from Cobs, for this we are very grateful.

During the holidays we were blessed with contributions from COSTCO in the form of donations to the "bin", 9 frozen turkeys and a cheque in the amount of \$300.00 from COSTCO to use towards Food Bank. We are very fortunate to receive this support.

Many capable hands volunteer for the Food Bank throughout the year and once again shopped, prepared and served a lovely Christmas Dinner for the members of the Food Bank. A special thanks to Pronella Daniel who took to the time to contact and visit local stores for donations to help keep the cost down for the dinner. Pronella received donations from Real Canadian Superstore, No Frills, Safeway, and Save-On.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Farah, who makes lunch for the members of the Food Bank once a month in memory of her son, who was killed several years ago in a motorcycle accident. We are very blessed to be a part of this in memory of her son and grateful to Farah and her helpers.

The outlook for the Food Bank in 2017 is positive! The demand for the Food Bank continues and as the coordinator of the Food Bank I am ever so grateful for the time, talent and treasure of all those who support this ministry.

Submitted by: Karen Evans

Cob's Bread

Since October 2008 we have been collecting the bread, rolls, cinnamon buns etc. every second Tuesday that Cob's have left over at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone who participates on Tuesday nights in collecting the bread from Cob's and also for packaging the bread ready for distribution. The Food Bank appreciates having this bread etc. for their use.

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Bottle Drive

To date we have raised \$6716.9 from recycling bottles, pop cans and juice cartons. The funds received from this are put into the General Fund. Please continue to support this by bringing these items to the church for recycling, or by taking them directly to "Biggar Bottle Depot" on Kingsway Avenue in Port Coquitlam and crediting your refund to the St John's account.

Our thanks go to Juanita and her helper, Myrna, who faithfully pick them up from the church on a Wednesday and return them to the depot.

Thrifty Foods "Smile Card" Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has been participating with the Thrifty Foods "Smile Cards" to do your grocery shopping. Since this Fundraiser began in May of last year, we have raised approximately \$1038.75 so far which was designated to be used towards improving the audio visual system in the church.

For those who are unaware of this program, if you are Thrifty Foods shopper, know someone who is, or would be prepared to shop there, you can help us to raise funds for the church by using a "Smile Card" on your next shopping trip. We have cards available at the church if anyone should wish to have one. There are no additional costs to using a "Smile Card" and the church benefits by receiving 5% of all purchases you make.

If our application to renew this fundraiser with Thrifty Foods to raise funds towards another project is approved, the same "Smile Cards" may be used again.

Thank you for participating.

Senior's Tea

The Seniors Tea at St. John's is a continued outreach to parish members and the larger community, held four times throughout the year. This year our attendance varied from 47 to a low of 23 guests. Burquitlam Care has closed so we have an average of 7 guest from Dufferin Care, 12 St. John's members and from 4 to 17 musicians in attendance.

This prompted discussion on the value of continuing this program. We received an overwhelming endorsement that it should continue. It is a meeting place for our seniors, some of whom have mobility issues, which is quieter and less crowded than most of our church gatherings.

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Dufferin Care Center indicated that they really valued the opportunity to bring their clients to such a lovely afternoon tea and only wished that Handi Dart made it easier for them to bring more people more often. We also considered our musical entertainment groups. They obviously love to get together, share their musical talents and also enjoy our delightful afternoon tea and so they become our guest as well.

We are open to receiving approximately 12 guests from another facility but to date we have not found a suitable connection.

The scheduled dates for this year are Feb. 27th, May 8th, Sept. 18th and Nov. 20th at 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome regardless of age.

Financial Report for Senior's Tea

Balance January 1, 2016	\$121.05	
Donations received	<u>229.30</u>	
	350.35	
Expenses	Food Supplies	130.31
	New Kitchen Towels	<u>57.08</u>
		<u>187.39</u>
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Balance on Hand December 31, 2016		<u>\$162.96</u>

Once again our costs are kept very low due to the many donations of baking and supplies from our parishioners.

Respectfully submitted-Brenda Binns & Ferne Malcolm

Bible Study (Tuesday Study Group)

During 2016, approximately 10-15 people gathered in the Church Hall on Tuesday mornings between 10 a.m. and 12 noon for prayer, study/discussion, and fellowship.

Under the direction of Rev. Carla McGhee we read the book, "The Path to Your Door" by Ellen Clark-King and the book, "The Last Week" by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossman (What the Gospels really teach about Jesus' final days in Jerusalem).

Both book studies were very enlightening. We participated in meditation exercises, praying with icons as well. During the latter part of 2016, we studied the Gospel of Luke using a study guide from the Kerygma program.

We look forward to another year of study and fellowship.

Submitted by: Lynne Milner

Sunshine Box Report

A total of 89 cards were sent out this past year, the breakdown is :

49 – Birthday
25 –Get Well /Thinking of You
9 – Sympathy
4 – Baptism
2 – Baby Congratulations

Opening balance- \$24.50

Credit from ACW - \$60.00

Total - \$84.50

Expenses - Stamps \$71.40
- Cards \$3.35

Total \$74.50

Closing balance - \$9.75

Submitted by Sue Hall

Parish Visiting Ministry – 2016

We are a group of 16 who, generally in pairs, visit those in our parish who are in care, in hospital or homebound. At any given time there are approximately 12 parishioners receiving visits. This year, with the Venerable Grant Rodgers leaving, we have relied on the Rev. Trudi to take home communion if asked for and Rosa Weisensel is trained to offer communion as well. We meet 3 to 4 times a year for sharing of news of the community, or further education and discussion. In September several of us attended a workshop on pastoral visiting given by the Rev. Stephanie Shepard; it was informative and affirming.

A very faithful group belong to this team and Alma Oldenburg and I as coordinators are grateful for their steadfast commitment to this ministry. Do you feel called to join us?

Submitted by Joanne Walton and Alma Oldenburg

Stewardship Report for 2016

Christian stewardship is grateful and responsible use of God's gifts' in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ.

In 2016 a stewardship bible verse was selected for each month and printed in the bulletin. The St. John's pamphlet which is handed out to new comers was also up dated.

We say thank you to our 3 lay presenters; Natasha MacDonald, John Binns and Jeremy Overton for sharing what stewardship means to them.

There was a table set up in the lower hall and every volunteer group was represented. It is kind of awe inspiring to realize our church is run by so many willing volunteers giving up of their time and using their talents.

152 pledge form envelopes were given out and we received 52 back plus 10 P.A.D. Also 30 time and talent sheets were returned.

On pledge Sunday we celebrated with a special thank you cake with our tea and coffee after the 10:00 a.m. service.

We are most grateful for all your support, in its many forms of time, talent and treasure.

Your stewardship committee;
Betty Moore, Fran Gordon, Mary-Lou Kyle, Natasha MacDonald, Teri Hazelton
and The Rev. Trudi Shaw.

Prayer Circle Report

Prayer Circle is a service of prayer power and comfort for those dealing with a loss or stress in their lives. There are 16 parishioners who respond to your requests for prayer. Prayer can lighten the load re: stressors like injury, an upcoming operation, recovery from an injury or operation, mental stresses that make coping with day to day life overwhelming, crisis like losing a job, illness, moving house, divorce or death of a loved one or a new baby in the family whom we also celebrate. A prayer request is placed on the Prayer Circle list and circulated to the members. It will be deleted after one week unless another request is made to retain it for one more week. Please direct all requests to me Sue Elliott on email: Elliott.sue1@gmail.com