



# ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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Priest-In-Charge: Archdeacon Nancy Northgrave

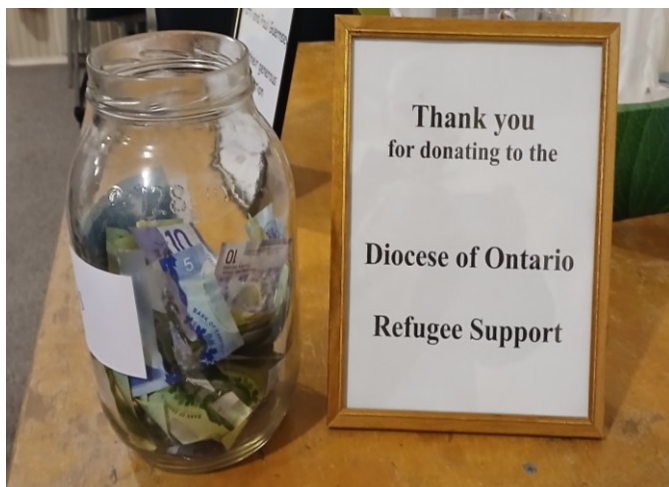
## Growing on the Vine: Rooted in Christ, Nourished by Prayer, Maturing in Faith

WE AIM TO BE A CHRISTIAN CENTRE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD, BRINGING MEMBERS CLOSER TO CHRIST, PROCLAIMING THE WORD AND MAKING HIS LOVE KNOWN TO ALL.

WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT: WELCOMING EVERYONE, HELPING THOSE IN NEED AND SUPPORTING THE ENDEAVOURS OF OTHERS.



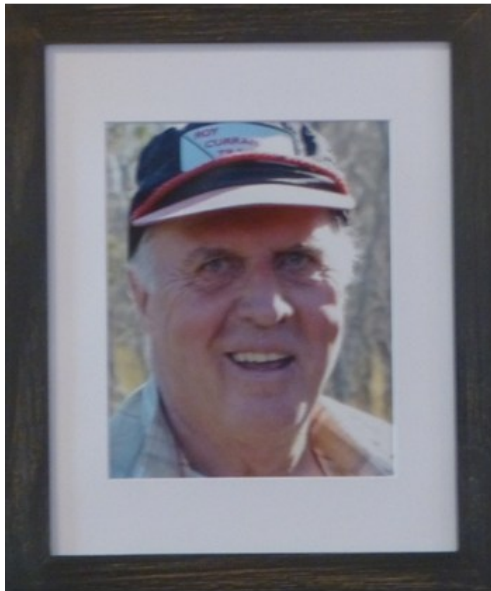
**Feb 15: Sustainability Seminar:  
Hans Ning on biochar soil enrichment**



**Mar 04: Pancake supper proceeds  
(Bruce Walker as master chef)**



**New StP [public] library,  
courtesy of Ted Foy**



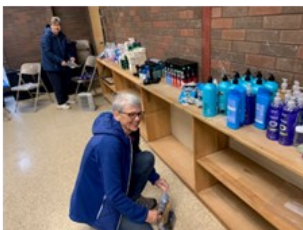
**Feb 05: Good-Bye to  
Gordon Deyo:  
A service of Thanksgiving  
at St. Andrew's church**







**April: We (always) welcome and support guest farm workers**





**May 18: Celebrating  
anniversaries:**

**Bruce&Paula Walker 50<sup>th</sup>**

**AND**

**Glendon&Diane Walker  
60<sup>th</sup>**







**Celebrating Easter with South Bay United church.  
 (above) Apr 17: Maundy Thursday at St. Philip's  
 (below) Apr 18: Good Friday with South Bay United at the Black Creek Chapel**





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## Minister's message

### A Funny Thing Happened at Provincial Synod

As many of you know, I was blessed with the opportunity to represent our diocese at the Provincial Synod in Sault Ste. Marie this past September. It was a wonderful opportunity to share in decisions and conversations about ministry from across our Ecclesiastical Province. Each Diocese made presentations about the ministry and mission, joys and challenges within their Diocese. Part of the presentation from the diocese of Moosonee included a clear picture of the desperate need for clergy to serve in their diocese.... there are parishes who haven't had a priest to serve them for years. I found myself deeply moved by this presentation... and felt called to respond. My home is here, my family is here, and the parishes I love and serve are here. However, I still felt that God was calling me "to do something." To that end, Archbishop Fred Hiltz & I had a conversation about the possibility of serving for a short period of time. He spoke of 2 possible parishes....in Mistissini Quebec (an indigenous community) , or a 3 point parish in Hearst, Hornepayne and Constance Lake (an indigenous community), Ontario. It seemed to me that going to assist in this diocese would be a real and tangible way of continuing our/my work on the journey of Truth and Reconciliation. Working with our own Bishop William, a plan has come

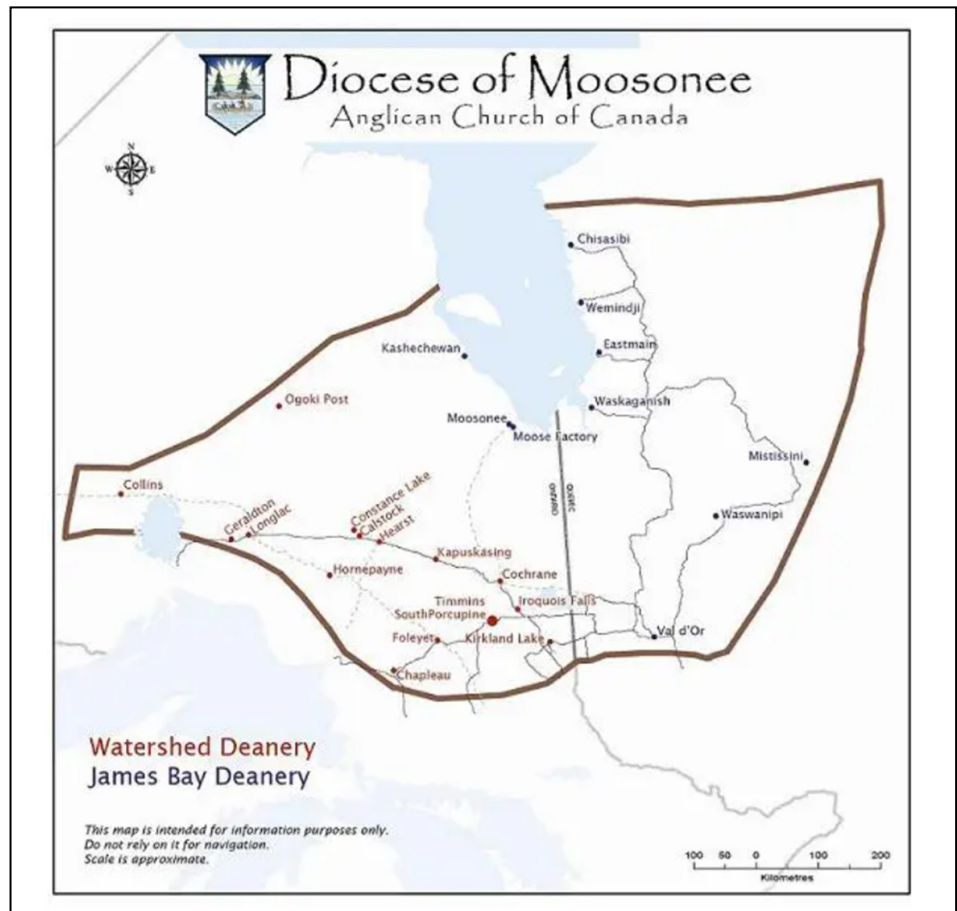
together. I will be going North for the month of July, probably to Quebec, but possibly the 3 point parish in Ontario. The final decision on location will be clarified by their new bishop who is to be elected on March 29.

What will happen to our own parish? The Lord works in mysterious ways.

At the same time that Moosonee has a need for a priest, our diocese has a theology student in need of a parish internship!

Robert Stewart is a theology student preparing for ordination from Prescott, who has completed his second year at Huron College. Robert will be able to come to our parish for a 6 week internship, beginning mid-June, working with me. Then, in July, as I head north, working with our leadership team, Robert will

continue his work in our parish as a student minister. I am so excited for the learning opportunities both for Robert and for me that this summer will bring. I look forward to both serving in the diocese of





Moosonee, and to sharing the stories and experiences and learning from my time in the North. Thank you to you, my parish family, for this opportunity to serve and learn and grow.

Your sister in Christ,

Archdeacon Nancy Northgrave+, Anglican Churches of St. Andrew's and St. Philip's

## *Welcome Robert Stewart!*

Robert Stewart, student intern, will be spending 6 weeks (June 17 to July 27) with St Philip's and St Andrew's this summer. He will use the first two weeks as orientation with Archdeacon Nancy, then cover her services during the 4 weeks that Nancy is in the Diocese of Moosonee.

Robert's late father was Canon Robert Stewart, the rector of St. Mary Magdalene in Picton from 1967 until the end of 1978. His late mother, Frances Stewart, was very active in parish activities at St. Mary Magdalene's.

### **Robert's Bio:**

I was born in Picton in 1969 and attended Pinecrest Memorial School in Bloomfield until our family moved to Prescott, just after New Year's Day in 1979. My parents retired to my father's hometown of Belleville in 1990.

After graduating from a high school in Prescott, I attended Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec where I studied history. After that, I attended the University of Western Ontario in London where I received Master of Arts degree in history, and then I went to a law school. I became a lawyer in 1998 and practiced until 2020, with a break due to illness. I was married in 1993 and my first wife and I have two adult children, Madeline and Maxwell. I was remarried in 2023 to my wife Mardi and we live in Brockville.

I have been a lifelong Anglican. My home church right now is St. John the Evangelist in Prescott. I have been attending the Huron University College at Western and am just completing the second year of my Master of Divinity degree. This past autumn, the Diocese of Ontario adopted me as a candidate for postulancy, and I am being sent to the Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination in May of this year. I am just completing a year-long parish placement with the Church of the Redeemer in Rockport and the Church in Gananoque. Mardi has very much enjoyed the time she has been able to spend with the Wednesday morning worshippers at Christ Church. I have been very fortunate to spend my placement with such gracious and supportive congregations and with the wise guidance of Archdeacon Wayne.

At about this time next year, God willing and as long as everything else works out, I shall be finished with my studies. My vocational goal is to follow in my father's footsteps as a deacon and then a priest ordained in the Diocese of Ontario.

I am thrilled that I will be spending time at St. Philip's and St. Andrew's this summer, and can hardly wait to begin. I shall be writing to Archdeacon Nancy Northgrave shortly to speak to her about how best to make the transition to this summer placement.

## *Wardens' report*

### **Annual Vestry Meeting Summary**

The 2025 Annual Vestry Meeting for St Philip's Church, Parish of Marysburgh, was held on March 9, 2025 with 16 people in attendance. As chair, Archdeacon Nancy opened with prayer and welcomed everyone. In her report, Archdeacon Nancy emphasized the important work of

the congregation in caring for those near and far: for care of our planet, our support for Henry Budd College and migrant workers, and the local food bank. With worship as the central focus of our time together, Nancy expressed her thanks to Reverends Fran and Blair for their leadership on the first Sundays each month and outlined plans for Lenten and Easter services.

Highlights of individual reports which had been circulated prior to the meeting were provided by group leaders or representatives. These reports indicated a successful 2024 with lots of work and fun, as well as enthusiasm for another Corn and Pork Roast, more Rummage Sales, seasonal services and parties, and Saturday Morning Talks in 2025. Communications are such a vital part of our Church life, and we are very grateful for the work in this regard: the weekly email Bulletin, the Newsletter published three times a year, the ads in our local newspapers, and our amazing website ([www.stphilipchurch.ca](http://www.stphilipchurch.ca)).

Although early in the year, we currently have a healthy bank balance, and therefore do not predict a need to withdraw any funds from the Investment Fund in 2025.

Despite having suffered the loss of several beloved “St Philippians” in recent years, we have gained in other respects with new projects, new attendees and lots of enthusiasm in our everyday parish life as we face the future with confidence and courage and with God’s guidance.

Your Wardens,  
Deb Sawle and Sally Cowan

## *ACW report*

ACW is now meeting in St. Philip’s church hall at 9:30 a.m. on the last Thursday of each month, excepting in July, August and December.

The Diocesan Annual Meeting was held in Kingston at St. Thomas church on May 15th with Alfie Deyo, Illa Hunt and Mary Brett attending.

Our ladies had contributed \$340 to the annual Thankoffering which is voted on by all members of the Diocesan ACW and divided five ways – Local, Canada, International, Council of the North, and the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.

The ACW Diocesan Retreat is being held on Thursday, September 18th at the Italo-Canadian Club in Kingston; our leader will be the ACW Chaplain, Canon Margaret Johnston-Jones. A poster is on the bulletin board in the hall with more information.

Here in Milford, the ACW are hosting St. Philip’s annual Yard Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>; your donations and any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. On Wednesday, August 6th, our Pork & Corn Roast will be held as a take-out service; we will have tables and chairs set up outside, weather permitting.

Alfie Deyo, President

## *Outreach report*

The St. Philip’s outreach committee will be meeting on June 5.

We are working on preparations for a dinner for migrant workers to be held in the hall on Wednesday, September 10 at 6 pm. Once again we are participating in the backpacks for migrant workers program led by Mary Ann Barrett of Emmanuel Baptist Church. This year we are responsible for five sites: the Waupoos Winery, Apple Dabble Orchards, The Blueberry Patch, the County Cider Company and Lighthall Vineyards; with a total of 23 migrant workers.



We continue to host Saturday morning talks. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. with a guest speaker Geoff Craig, who will talk about the South Shore Footpath Project. There will be coffee and muffins at 9:30. All are welcome.

There will be a potluck supper and movie night in the hall on Thursday, June 19th with supper at 6 p.m. and the movie: "Peace By Chocolate" at 7 p.m.. The movie is based on the true story of a Syrian refugee family who came to Antigonish, Nova Scotia in 2016 and now have a world famous chocolate factory. Bring your friends, everyone is welcome!

Later in June, Archdeacon Nancy will present the Valedictorian award at Athol-South Marysburgh Public School.

Ted Foy has built a lovely outdoor lending library which is in a more prominent spot. We invite you to check out both of these resources.

St. Philip's continues to generously support the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (now known as Alongside Hope) and of the Picton United Church Food Bank.

We do have a prayer group that prays daily from a confidential list for our church and community and for the world. If you wish to make a request for a need or a thanksgiving please speak to Paula and if you feel called to this ministry please speak to Archdeacon Nancy.

Our meetings are open to all and we are grateful for the support of the congregation.

Paula Walker, Chair

## *Our Henry Budd College Support*



Each year and as part of our Lenten discipline, St. Philip's collects donations for Henry Budd College of Ministry in The Pas, Manitoba. For the past 3 Lents, our practice has included videos made for us by The Ven. Dr. Kara Mandryk, the coordinator at Henry Budd College. In preparation for the Diocese of Ontario 2025 Synod, our National Indigenous Archbishop, Chris Harper, speaking about Truth and Reconciliation ahead of his talk at Synod, said that there was seven generations of harm to the Indigenous peoples in Canada, and it will take seven generations of reconciliation needed. We consider that part of our work towards reconciliation is our annual support of Henry Budd College. This college might be small, but it is mighty! And we are proud and humbled to help them.

We are pleased and proud to say that this year St. Philip's was able to match our 2024 donation of \$1,350. Dr. Kara sent us the following message:

***I wanted to let you know that we received your letter and donation - thanks so much for your commitment to supporting our work.***

***We're so blessed to have St. Philip's as our friend!***

***Yours in Christ,***

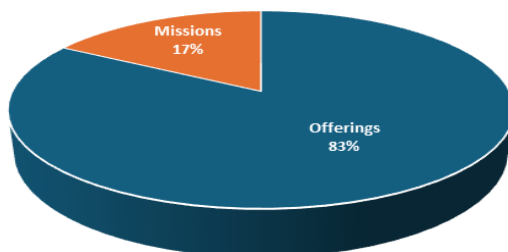
***Kara***

(Editor's note: Submitted by Elizabeth Hill, our principal connection with the HBC (more information about Henry Budd at <https://henrybuddcollege.org/>).

## Budget report

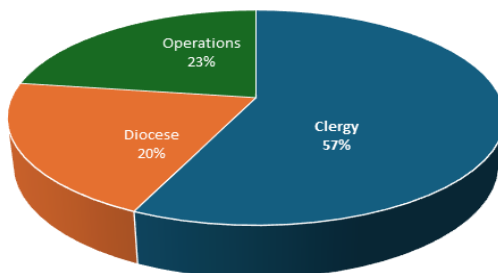
Below is a graphic picture of our finances to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2025:

### 2025 Givings (as at April 30)



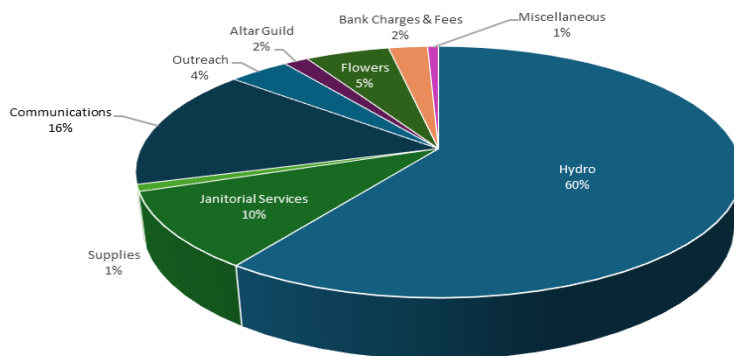
The above chart shows the total Offerings generously given to support our Operations and the amount kindly given for Missions to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### 2025 Expenses (as at April 30)



Here are our total expenses to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 57% to support our Clergy, 20% to the Diocese and the remaining 23% for our Operations.

### 2025 Operations Expenses (as at April 30)



This final graph shows the breakdown of our Operations' expenses. It is important to note our source of heating from this very cold winter is electrical. All other expenses are tracking as expected.

Respectfully submitted,  
Glendon Walker & Elizabeth Hill



Editor's note: Lots of beautiful flowers bring the Creation into our midst, both during the services and at other times. Thankyou to Sally Latimour and Elizabeth Hill for those, and of course to all writers for their written contributions.

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