



# The Anglican Churches of Pictou County

**31 December 2018  
Annual Report**

## A.C.P.C. Annual Report 2018

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## The Anglican Churches of Pictou County AGM February 24, 2018

**In attendance:** (Chair) Reverend Darlene Jewers, Fern White, (Secretary) Deborah Beck, Anthony Chapman, Jennifer Chapman, David Harrison, Judy Austin, Julie Wynands, Gary Sinclair, Jason Ferguson

**Opening Worship:** Reverend Darlene- Reading 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1: 3-5

**Adoption of Agenda:** Fern so moved-Jennifer 2<sup>nd</sup>- All in favor

**Annual Meeting Minutes from Feb 26, 2017-** Time was given for a review of minutes

Fern so moved to adopt minutes-Judy 2<sup>nd</sup>-All in favor

### **Business arising from minutes:**

\*still have not changed bathroom in rector- Moved forward to reports for review

Motion to receive reports as received: David so moved-Julie 2<sup>nd</sup>-All in favor

**\*Rectors Report-** Same report as entered into each Parish Council AGM. Reverend Darlene noted that she believes we need to give thanks for our blessings last year.

### **\*ACPC Chair Report** – David discussed the report

-Lay Readers Annual Meeting- David talked about the training BAS & BCP services-adopted and will be doing recording at the annual meeting-These recording of the training is good for new and seasoned lay readers and lay readers in training

-St. Albans deconsecration service March 15, 2018 @ 7pm. No fellowship after the service. The St. Alban's congregation just wants to walk away that night as this is a very hard time for them.

-Julie Suggested next ACPC 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service be done to honor St. Alban's. All Agreed

### **\*ACPC Property Committee Report 2017-**Jason discussed

-Rectory roof still needs to be done, still do not have someone who has committed to doing the job, unfortunately has never gotten a "completed by date" so the contractors have not fit the job in, needs to give notice of moving forward or a release of quote so that he can look into other contractors, quoted were \$18,000 and \$26,000(Quote includes renting of staging)-Jason feels like he is chasing his own tail, every year he contacts the contractors (the same contractors) and it is all a run around

-Bathroom- rectory bathroom does not need to have a ramp access as meeting and counseling can be done in the church which does have handi cap access washroom, the bathroom is still in need of a new toilet and vanity- David moved that the toilet and vanity be turned over to the property committee-Julie 2<sup>nd</sup>-All in favor

Anthony requested a rewording to the last motion to read: The replacement of the toilet and vanity be turned over to the property committee. Agreed and noted

### **\*Statistics-** ACPC Statistics 2017 we review

**\*Financial Statements 2017-** David moved to accept the financial report as received-Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>-All in favor

-Judy reviewed the numbers and noted nice balance-next term will also include St. Alban's expenses

-Big Thank you to Stacy Ferguson for her assistance on the Budget for 2018. Her knowledge and assistance is greatly appreciated

-Question arose about the O/S cheques portion- Dioceses has not cashed the latest payment

-Anthony questioned what the miscellaneous entries are for- Judy noted that they may be our insurances-Judy will check with Meredith to have the miscellaneous section broken down into a more details description

-Statement has been audited

-Discussion on receipts- How is it calculated- does not include Christmas, Easter and Memorials- all other incomes

-EFM has no changes- David Covers the cost of EFM himself

Judy moved to accept financial statement & budget-Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup>- All in favor

### **\*New Business-** Nothing new at this time

### **\*Elections**

- Chair-David Harrison- 3 Year Term 2017 to 2020

-Vice Chair-Diane Hardy-3 Year Term 2017 to 2020

-Treasure-David nominated Judy Austin- Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup>- Accepted for another year-All in favor

-Secretary-Fern nominated Deborah Beck-Jennifer 2nd- Accepted for another year- All in favor  
 -Synod Delegates- Fern and Jason stand at this time as no Synod this year  
 -Pictou County Council of Churches members-Darlene, Julie, Jennifer and David  
 -PWRDF Member-Meetings twice a year-Deborah Nominated Julie Wynands-David 2<sup>nd</sup>- Julie accepted –All in favor  
 \*Fern suggested that each congregation should have a liaison to Julie-Each church should have a representative to transfer information to.  
 -Regional Council Representatives- David wanted it noted that reps have to be appointed in order to get mileage-Anthony moved that David be our regional council representative-Fern 2<sup>nd</sup>-All in favor- noted that synod delegates are members of regional council as well as parish reps for each church  
 -SAFR Church Representative- Julie Wynands-Gary Sinclair advised the council that a resource for safr church in our area would be Lee Sinclair  
 Fern Moved to adjourn the meeting –Anthony Accepted- All in favor  
 Closed with The Grace  
 Minutes prepared and submitted by  
 Deborah Beck

### **A.C.P.C. Rectors’s Report 2018**

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

“ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.” Ephesians 4:16 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Over this past year we have worshiped, prayed, sang, laughed and cried together, as a community of Christians committed to living out the gospel as we served our communities.

We began the year with the closure of St. Alban’s, and then the process of listing and the eventual sale. It is a significant loss for the parishioners and community. The two stain glass panels from the church have been shipped to the Cathedral Church of All Saints where they will be installed in St. Alban’s, the columbarium there. We continue to pray for all who grieve this significant loss, may they find peace and a spiritual home that fills their needs.

The Mission of the Church has been the focus of our diocese, regions, and individual parishes. I have heard this idea reversed recently as, “God’s mission has a Church.” God already knows what God plans to do in this world. It’s up to us to become a Church around that mission: to find it, to follow it, to resource it. It’s up to us to examine our values and hopes, make a realistic assessment of our strengths and challenges, and dream a future where we live out God’s call in community.

The dream for the diocese is that every parish be a healthy and vibrant community living out their baptismal promises and demonstrating the five marks of mission.

The Five Marks of Mission are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

These five statements are at the heart of who we are called to be and what our ministry should be about as we seek to be a vibrant community living and loving in Christian service.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to reflect on the past year of ministry and activities and to do some visioning of where God might be calling us to go as a Church in the year ahead. This year I would encourage us to approach our meeting with a particular focus on how we have already been living out these five marks of mission, especially the first two, and where there is room for us to more fully engage them.

As I look around the three parishes of ACPC, I see great potential. Our traditional church buildings are beautiful and continue to be a beacon for those in the community. I give thanks for the great care all of you have for your buildings, which serve as a place of worship and thanksgiving to our Lord. However, the mission to which we

need to engage is outside the building, beyond the bricks and mortar. Jesus met people where they were and they gathered around him and preached the Good News.

Since I have become Rector, I have made an effort to listen to the many voices in our church communities. One theme that has emerged is talent and time. Many of the individuals who offer their service, talent, and time are growing tired. The question remains, "how do we encourage others to become part of and commit to the mission of God's Church?"

I have also overheard comments such as "not many people are coming to church like they use to," or "where are the children?" I want to assure you that these comments are commonly heard by Anglican Rectors across this diocese and country. Our world is growing increasingly secular, and with this change, the church is not as strong as it once was, it is not a priority. As one young man said, "the young people are not coming because time is their currency."

The word liturgy means the work of the people. It takes many people offering their time and their talents to make possible the quality of liturgy that allows us to sing out our joyful praise to God. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to the lay readers/leaders, and the many groups and individuals for your generosity and dedication to our worship services. The Altar Guilds prepare the sanctuaries for worship each week. The organists and choirs lead us in singing out our songs of praise. We have readers and greeters, crucifers, counters, ACWs, all women belong to the ACW, as well as lay readers/lay leaders who lead worship and serve in many homes for special care. Everyone contributes to the liturgy that is offered throughout ACPC. Your gifts of time and talents allow our parishes to be places where all people can gather to hear the good news and the love of Jesus Christ proclaimed.

The biggest and most frequent issue I have heard raised: "Can our churches worship together more often?" Also, I have heard suggestions that we come together for coffee hour and fellowship during the week. Although this is a wonderful idea, it will remain an idea if members are not supporting the initiative. Please feel free to speak with the wardens or myself about any ideas you may have. The ministerials in each community are discerning what we can do ecumenically as well, we need to be ministering to and supporting each other. Perhaps we need to establish a Visioning Committee to ask the question: "Where will our parishes/ACPC be in five years? Like many organizations a forecasted outlook as a people and community is always fruitful and important if we are to grow and transform. The church is the body of Christ and as we know, our own bodies grow and transform with age, so we must take care of our church community as well.

This past year we continued our strong ministry to the community through our efforts to feed the hungry, care for those who are at a disadvantage and offer ministry to those in need. We have done great work together as individual parishes and we look to this upcoming year as one with renewed optimism!

We also face many challenges. When I began as rector of ACPC three and one half years ago, things were quite different. Even before I was ordained the model of ministry that ACPC represented was attractive to me, I felt called to this place and team ministry. However, the overall dynamics and structure of ACPC have changed since I arrived. The way we do worship has changed. Over the past year there have been discussions regarding parish council meetings on Sundays. It is my belief, supported by archbishop Ron, that Sunday is for worship and parish business should happen throughout the week. As rector, the final decision is ultimately up to me. This applies to all three parishes.

There has been an overload of negative energy around ACPC in the last few months regarding this issue which is diminishing my spirit, my energy, and has zapped my joy. We are all part of the Body of Christ, so if one member is hurting, the entire Body is hurting. Imagine how wonderful it would be to step out of that negative zone and put our time and energy into love and joy!

As we begin 2019 let us move forward with a positive attitude, a renewed spirit for the work of God's kingdom, and a collective outlook on the future of our church and parish!

"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."  
(Matthew 6:33)

In Christ,

Rev. Darlene Jewers

## A.C.P.C. Chair's Report 2018

This year we continued the practice of holding combined services revolving around the A.C.P.C. churches on fifth Sundays. These have been fairly well attended and provide a time of joint worship and fellowship for the entire A.C.P.C. Community. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for our joint service at Caribou/Munroes Island Provincial Park in July, so the service was held at St Bees'.

As the Rev Bourré retired this year, we had to schedule Sunday worship bearing in mind that the Rev Darlene would be unable to lead worship in all the churches every Sunday. This has meant that at St James and Christ Church, there are two lay-led Morning Prayer services per month. At St Bees' there is one lay-led Morning Prayer per month. Every Sunday there is an 8:00 am Eucharist at Christ Church. The Lay Readers are to be commended for their leadership in covering Morning Prayer when the Rev. Darlene is unavailable.

This Fall we had two retirements from A.C.P.C. Council: Dianne Hardy moved to Halifax and because of being unable to attend meetings during the week she decided that she would need to retire as Vice Chair. She is missed at our meetings! Thankfully Jennifer Chapman has stepped forward to replace her. Judy Austen retired as Treasurer, she is also missed at our meetings. Deborah Beck (who was our A.C.P.C. secretary) was elected by council as Judy's replacement. Julie Wynands has volunteered to replace Deborah as council secretary. We were very saddened at Judy's passing in January.

A.C.P.C. continues to support Loretta Armsworthy in her discernment process.

We are very fortunate to have the Rev's Sinclair in Pictou County. They have been extremely helpful in covering the Rev Darlene's vacation and other times out of A.C.P.C. . The Rev. McCrae has also led a number of services within A.C.P.C. over the course of the past year.

The second MORE Mission School was held at St George's on February 3, 2018. Attendance from A.C.P.C. was disappointing. The third MORE Mission School was held at St Bees' on February 2, 2019.

In November, the Vital Church Maritimes Conference was held in Truro. The Rev. Darlene and I attended and found parts of it very valuable. The keynote speaker was excellent. Audio recordings of all the speakers are available from the Diocesan Website. The next Vital Church Conference is in the planning stage, it will be held from Nov. 21 to Nov. 23, 2019 in Truro.

There is funding available to individuals, from the Diocese, to help defray the costs of lay attendance.

Diocesan Synod will be held on May 23 to 25. The Rev Darlene Jewers, and two Lay Delegates (elected at this AGM) will represent A.C.P.C. . I will also be in attendance as a Synod Delegate but representing the Diocesan Lay Readers Association.

The Diocesan Lay Readers Association is well represented by members of A.C.P.C. . I am completing my third year as Chair of the Association and member of the Board of Standards, the Rev. Darlene is a clergy representative to the Board of Standards, and Deborah Beck is the Regional Representative for the Association.

As part of the SAF'R Church initiative, it is required that those of us in positions of responsibility in each of the churches have criminal record checks performed and filed with the A.C.P.C. office. There is no cost for doing this as we are a volunteer organization. New council members need to have these completed if they have not done so already.

The last review of the Covenant between A.C.P.C. and our Rector occurred over a year ago, the Regional Archdeacon (the Rev. Sue Channen) has indicated that we will be reviewing the covenant this year. At our April A.C.P.C. Council meeting, the Regional Archdeacon will be present and has requested that all wardens and Synod delegates also be there so that the process can begin.

In 2018 A.C.P.C. Council continued to meet every two months, rotating around the parishes. We tried to hold afternoon meetings, but as some members have jobs that make attending daytime meetings difficult or impossible, we have reverted to evening meetings.

We have three members of A.C.P.C. enrolled in the online Education for Ministry (EfM) course which I mentor. We, together with seven other students from across Canada, meet online every Sunday afternoon. Two students will graduate this year, leaving room for two or three new students in the Fall. Our graduate from last

year, Gladys Morgan, attended Mentor Training at Debert in September, while she is not at present an active mentor, it is hoped that when her time permits, that she will start a class in Pictou County. I will be attending Training for Online Mentors in Kelowna, B.C. at the beginning of April. Training for Face to Face Mentors will be held in Debert at the beginning of September, if any EfM Graduates are interested in attending, please contact me.

The A.C.P.C. Men's Choir continues to support Clergy and Lay Readers during services at High Crest Home, High Crest Place, Ivey's Terrace and the Veteran's Wing. Some of our members are unable to attend all our events due mainly to age. We are in dire need of new recruits! We are often helped out by members of the Stellarton Male Chorus.

The past year has again been a struggle financially for most of the parishes belonging to A.C.P.C., we did manage, however, to meet all our financial obligations.

As you are aware, St Alban's was closed a year ago. A number of the congregants are now attending Christ Church. We have requested that the name of Christ Church Parish be changed to "the Parish of Christ Church with St Alban's." The paperwork has been sent to the Bishop for his review. Please note, the church itself will continue to be called "Christ Church."

It has been brought to my attention a couple of times that email to and from Meredith's office email address is not getting through. This particularly affects sympatico and sobeys.com email addresses. What happened was that a "trojan horse" program was loaded on our website by a hacker. This caused spam email to be sent for a while (I have no idea how long!) This caused the pictouanglicans.ca address to be blacklisted by a number of email servers. The situation was rectified, but Sympatico and apparently Sobeys's servers don't seem to wish to correct the situation in spite of requests. At the time of writing, Meredith is changing the office email address to a Bell Sympatico one which will correct the problem.

I maintain the A.C.P.C. website, please let me know of errors or news that you would like on the site. If I am not made aware of needed changes, I can't change them! Please note, if you send me photographs, please make sure you have the permission of any identifiable people in the picture.

The rectory roof has finally been replaced! Mike's Gutters was contracted to replace the gutters over the verandah, this has been completed. The downstairs toilet was supposed to be replaced this year. At the November council meeting it was decided to leave the contact with a plumber up to the Rev Darlene as she knows her own schedule. Deborah Beck has offered to donate a toilet.

On behalf of A.C.P.C. Council I wish to thank Jason Ferguson, our Property Chair, for his hard (and frustrating) work on getting the roof repaired and looking after other maintenance issues at the rectory.

David Harrison  
Chair  
Anglican Churches of Pictou County

### **Anglican Churches of Pictou County Property Committee Report 2018 – 2019**

There were only two projects completed at the Rectory in 2019.

The first was, Marshall's Roofing started the roof of the Rectory the first of May and finished on the ninth. The second was, Mike's Gutters started and completed the replacement of the gutters on the main verandah in the first week of November.

The Rectory driveway and Church parking lot were tidied up post plowing damage early in 2018. Both areas are in need of more extensive repairs; however, both have been put off for now, as the jobs would be extensive in scope and cost. The ACPC Property Committee will work with Christ Church Property Committee to ensure the most economical and practical solutions are put in place with the respective partners paying for their own portions of cost when incurred.

In closing, projects planned for 2019 include but probably will not be limited to the following

- Toilet/sink replacement in the lower bathroom
- Replacement of the rest of the gutters, if Council sees fit

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jason Ferguson  
 ACPC Property Chair

**ACPC Statistics 2018**

	Marriages	Baptisms	Burials
St. Bees'	0	1	4
Christ Church	0	4	8
St. James'	0	2	6

**Anglican Churches of Pictou County**  
**Financial Statement Ending December 31, 2018**

Opening Balance December 31, 2017		\$23,349.01
Receipts		
Total Revenue	\$103,326.76	
Expenditures		
Total Expenses	<u>\$105,118.48</u>	<u>\$(1,791.72)</u>
		<u>\$21,557.29</u>
Closing Balance December 31, 2018		\$21,557.29
<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>		
Bank Balance December 31, 2018	\$27,752.40	
O/S Cheques December 31, 2018	<u>\$6,195.11</u>	
Cheque Book Balance December 31, 2018	\$21,557.29	

O/S Cheques:

454	\$50.87 news
1461	\$250.00 D. Jewers
1462	\$250.00 M. Sheehan
1464	\$5,400.69 N.S. & P.E.I. Diocese
1465	\$81.61 Denis Office Supplies
1467	\$39.01 Parasource
1468	\$63.74 Bell Mobility
1469	<u>\$59.19 M. Sheehan</u>
	<u>\$6,195.11</u>

**2018 Anglican Churches of Pictou County Detailed Report of  
Receipts & Expenditures**

<b><u>Receipts:</u></b>	<b><u>Actual 2018</u></b>
Christ Church	44,016.51
St. James	32,244.00
St. Bees'	24,564.00
HST Rebate	1,369.52
Memorials	0.00
Repayment from other churches/persons	714.73
Miscellaneous	418.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
	<b>103,326.76</b>

**TOTAL REVENUE**

**EXPENDITURES**

**CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY**

Fuel	4,912.56
Power	1,062.09
Water	429.56
Maintenance	714.14
Capital Maintenance Projects	13,340.00
Taxes	2,253.16
Insurance	989.00
Shaw Direct	276.00
Miscellaneous	0.00

**Total Rectory Expenses** **23,976.51**

**OFFICE AND GENERAL ACPC EXPENSES**

Stipend	43,024.73
Pension Admin Fee	662.96
Mileage	3,888.65
Office Manager Wages & Benefits	18,671.40
Phone - Cells	701.22
Phone - Office	2,344.62
Office Insurance	11.00
Office Supplies	741.11
Church Service Supplies	2,033.67
Postage	387.78
The News	598.00
Photocopier Service Agreement	2,544.00
Photocopier Lease	1,536.36
Office equipment purchase/repair	-
Copyright Licensing	326.40
Web Site	225.26
Pictou County Council of Churches	100.00

Northumbria Regional Council	50.00
EFM Program	0.00
CAPP Program	0.00
Other Conferences/programs	1,146.84
Gifts	650.00
Outreach donations	728.00
Bank Service Fees	329.25
Occasional Services	0.00
Miscellaneous	119.00
Miscellaneous	<u>91.19</u>
sub total	<u>81,141.39</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>105,118.48</b>

### Anglican Churches of Pictou County 2019 Budget

<u>INCOME</u>	<b>Total 2019</b>
Monthly balance brought forward	21,500.00
Christ Church	29,652.00
St. James	32,436.00
St. Bee's	20,988.00
HST	1,300.00
Memorials	0.00
Repayment from other churches	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>84,376.00</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

##### CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY

Fuel	5,280.00
Power	1,350.00
Water	429.56
Maintenance	720.00
Capital Maintenance Projects	3,500.00
Taxes	2,400.00
Insurance	1,346.00
Shaw Direct TV	276.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,301.56</b>

##### OFFICE AND GENERAL ACPC EXPENSES

	<b>Total 2019</b>
Stipend	46,738.98
Pension admin fee	762.74
Mileage	5,196.00
Office Manager Wages & Benefits	19,872.00
Phone - cells	710.00
Phone - Office	2,630.00

ACPC Office insurance	12.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Church Service Supplies	1,025.00
Postage	432.00
The News	660.00
Photocopier service agreement	2,760.00
Photocopier Lease	1,536.36
Office equipment purchase/repair	300.00
Copyright Licensing	350.00
Web Site	240.00
Pictou Co. Council of Churches	25.00
Northumbria Regional Council	25.00
EFM Program	0.00
Laity Conferences	600.00
Other conferences	1,000.00
Gifts	750.00
Discretionary Fund	525.00
Bank Service Fees	420.00
Occasional Service Fees	1,200.00
Miscellaneous items	500.00
Miscellaneous items	0.00
Miscellaneous items	0.00
Miscellaneous items	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,270.08</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>104,571.64</b>
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY NET INCOME</b>	<b>1,304.36</b>

**Council Nominations 2019**  
(elected at the annual meeting)

Chair:

Vice Chair

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Synod Delegates:

Pictou County Council of Churches Members: