



The Anglican Churches of Pictou County

2023 Annual Report

Mar 2, 2024

Agenda

Opening Prayer
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Statistics 2023
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The ACPC Annual General Meeting Minutes March 4, 2023

Meeting minutes are currently missing.

Priest-In-Charge's Report 2023

An Annual General Meeting is a time of looking back at the year that is past, and forward to the year to come. We evaluate where we have been and what we have accomplished, then plan where we want to go and how we want to get there.

Looking back at 2023, there were no weddings at ACPC; there were 5 baptisms (2 at St. Bees and 3 at Christ Church); and 14 funerals and/or interments (St. Bees at 6, Christ Church at 3, and St. James at 5). There were several home communions to shut-ins.

As far as we know, Jesus never attended an AGM. He never left us a template for nominating leadership, creating a budget, or passing resolutions. Perhaps He trusted that we would be able to figure it out, after prayer and discussion.

In moving forward, then, we have to look to scripture for guidance. There are many passages that we can turn to for direction, but one of my favourites is found in Matthew's gospel, chapter 13 verses 3 to 8. It is the parable of the Sower and the Seed. It starts this way: "A sower went out to sow". Many scholars interpret the sower in the parable as being God, who sows the Word, Jesus, in the hearts of people. Sometimes the Word is sown in fertile hearts, sometimes not. Sometimes good comes of it, sometimes not.

As Christians we are all called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus to become more God-like – more loving, caring, peaceful, merciful, justice-oriented, and compassionate (just to name a few).

Therefore, we are called to sow the Word, Jesus, in the hearts of others: we sowers went out to sow. But we can also expand on the words of the parable. For example, if you are someone who likes to pray, what would it mean to you to contemplate this: "A pray-er went out to pray"? Or if you are a helper, "A helper went out to help". An organizer went out to organize. A teacher went out to teach. A healer went out to heal. A Christian went out to love.

Notice the two words in the middle of the phrase: "went out". We are all called to take our skills, talents, and abilities out from our church buildings into the community. We do this individually and corporately. How will we do this in 2024? What are our goals and our plans to achieve those goals, both individually and corporately as a parish? How will we, as sowers, go out to sow, and what is it we will be sowing?

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Lee Sinclair

ACPC Chair's Report 2023

We have come to the end of another challenging year but we have made it through. We are principally grateful for the presence in the parish of Revds Gary and Lee Sinclair. Rev Lee was appointed Priest in Charge of ACPC after the resignation of the past rector Rev Darlene Jewers. Rev Lee will remain our priest in charge until the end of June 2024, when she and Rev Gary retire for the 6th and final time. Currently the Bishops office and ACPC council are looking into other arrangements for our Parishes after June 2024. Both Rev Lee and Rev Gary have helped and guided the parish over the last year, leading us all to an understanding of the parish situation and helping us to think about the future.

In February the Bishop helped us to organize a series of special meetings across ACPC under the direction of Gillian Doucett Campbell to discuss the future of ACPC. Gillian submitted a report on the meetings drawing together the main ideas. It was a very informative report but it was a little overshadowed by our concerns to get each of the parishes moving again after a difficult winter. Rev Lisa Vaughan, Parish Vitality Coordinator has also offered us support and advice.

While Rev Lee has been our Priest in Charge we have had regular Eucharists once a month in each of the three parishes and one combined Eucharist at one of the parishes scheduled on a rotating basis. For those of us who have attended the monthly combined service (suggested by the Bishop) they have been an uplifting experience. It has been a joy hearing many voices participating in the music and worshipping where many are

gathered has encouraged us all to know that there are a significant number of Anglicans in Pictou County. The fellowship that has followed has also served to bring us all together as a family. On occasions we have also included St Georges, New Glasgow in these services. But sadly a problem remains. The number from each parish of people who are willing to travel to another church is still a minority of the individual congregations. While weather and age have presented travel difficulties, as ACPC Council, we wish that the attendance at combined service would increase. We need to pull together to face the challenge of the future.

Otherwise parish activities have continued with the resumption of fundraising activities in all three parishes. Bible and Brew, Rosary Prayer and a video study on The Chosen and projects in support of Roots for Youth and the Aberdeen Hospital have once again taken place. Sadly there have been many funerals over the past year. But we have been blessed with the services of the Rev Sinclairs and Rev Joanne Neal, our vocational deacon to support families of the bereaved. For their assistance in this regard we are most grateful. Those who have been sick or in need of pastoral support have been served well. We are also most grateful to our Licensed Lay Ministers and Rev Joanne Neal for leading services whenever they have been needed.

Our financial situation has not improved and we must continue to focus on how to make each of our churches more sustainable. Over the last year the Rectory has been cleaned, repainted and where necessary repaired. Thanks to those who have made the completion of this task possible and especially to the organizational efforts of Carol Dunn in keeping the workers coming. Exactly how the rectory will be used over the next year depends on the arrangements after the Sinclairs leave. But be assured all efforts are being made to make use of the resource of the Rectory even if it is temporarily to provide income to ACPC to offset the cost of maintaining the building.

In the last few weeks representatives of the parishes have been in conversation with the Bishop about future arrangements after the Sinclairs leave at the end of June. Since a report on these talks is a matter for 2024 and not part of the content of this 2023 report, it will be presented as a separate agenda item at this AGM. Finally, this is my last report as Chair of ACPC as I am stepping down at the end of my three year term. It has been an honour to serve in this capacity. However, I feel that this is an appropriate time for younger members of the congregation to take over because they probably have clearer heads and a clearer focus on the future of the parish.

To all who have worked in the parishes in 2023, thank you and best wishes for the year ahead.

Jennifer Chapman
Retiring Chair of ACPC.

ACPC Property Committee Report 2023

Rectory Repairs Report

The repairs and refurbishments began with having the main floor professionally cleaned by Paul Davis, due to rodent droppings in the house.

In October, after the cleaning took place, a small group met to clear items from the office and make a list of the repairs to be done. Thanks to Loretta, Julie, Dave, Gladys, Ron, Rev. Joanne.

From then, small groups worked nearly every weekend until Christmas, and then began working again in January.

Work that has been done:

- Repaired damaged plaster.
- Replaced ceiling in the upstairs bathroom.
- Repaired the trim around the exterior door in the kitchen.
- Repainted ceilings, walls and trim in all rooms.
- Installed new flooring in laundry room.

- Removed carpet from main stairs and refinished the stairs. When this report was written, applying new stain was not completed.
- Began installation of new railing on the front steps. This was not completed when this report was written.
- Replaced all light bulbs.
- Cleaning of the entire rectory has begun, but was not completed when this report was written.

Special thanks to all of those who helped with this work:

- Ron Dunn
- Jason and Stacey Ferguson
- Inna Harrison
- Rev. Lee and Rev. Gary Sinclair
- Rev. Joanne Neal
- Jennifer and Nigel Chapman
- Rob Christie
- Gladys Morgan
- Deborah Beck and daughter Diana
- Lucy Stuart
- Vernon Pittman

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Dunn

Education for Ministry ACPC Report

I am both the Diocesan and EfM Online Coordinator for EfM Canada. EfM (Education for Ministry) Education for Ministry (EfM) is a distance learning programme of theological education for lay people. There are four years but participants commit for one year at a time, meeting in small groups for study and practice to aid them in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. Participants take what they learn about scripture, church history, theology, inter-faith studies and ethics into their own lives and hearts, in order to support them in living out a vibrant baptismal ministry in the church and in the world.

Deborah Beck is a trained mentor and would like to start an in-person group in our area. Please speak with Deborah for more information. I have an online group with membership coming from dioceses across Canada and even one person living in Brazil. We meet via Zoom every Sunday afternoon. I will have four people graduate this Spring, so will have room for more people in September. If you are interested and want more information, please contact me.

David Harrison

SafeR Church 2023

Parishes of St. James' Pictou, St. Bees' Westville, Christ Church Stellarton

SafeR Church covers the safety of the three churches/parishes within and under the cover of Anglican Churches of Pictou County (ACPC). Each church/parish is responsible for checking and completing any and all safety concerns within, on and around their properties.

Covid-19 guidelines in the past few years have thrown a lot of restrictions, guidelines, and protocols at all of us and although Covid-19 guidelines have been “retired” it has changed the way that we do things and look at things. We, as in St. Bees’, Westville: St. James’, Pictou; and Christ Church, Stellarton; individual parishes have done our best to continue to take care of our properties as well as our parishioners at this time. Each church/parish have continued to ensure the safety and safety concerns within, on and around their properties at a high level.

The largest Saf’R Church concern has been the ongoing issues of the Rectory that did have a lot of repairs and painting that was done by a dedicated small army of volunteers to ensure that the home was brought back to a safe and healthy environment. Thank you to them for the amazing job that was done.

Note to all that are involved with Saf’R Church there are older and newer videos and information through the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island that should be viewed. This is something that will be addressed in 2024.

As Chairperson, I applaud each and everyone of you that have made sure that the safety concerns of our individual parishes have been taken care of and have resolved any issues that may have shown up. Well done ALL!

Respectfully submitted

Julie M. Wynands

Chairperson, SafeR Church

February 17, 2024

ACPC Statistics 2023

	Marriages	Baptisms	Deaths
St. Bees’	0	2	6
Christ Church	0	3	3
St. James’	0	0	5

Anglican Churches of Pictou County
Financial Statement Ending December 31, 2023

Opening Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 10,447.80
Receipts	
Total Revenue	\$75,251.80
Expenditures	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 73,403.42</u>
	\$12,296.18
 Closing Balance December 31, 2023	 \$12,296.18

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance December 31, 2023	\$12,959.44
O/S Cheques December 31, 2023	\$663.26
Cheque Book Balance December 31, 2023	\$12,296.18

O/S Cheques:

2059	\$145.54	
2061	\$200.00	
2063	\$117.15	
2064	<u>\$200.57</u>	
	\$663.26	

2023 A.C.P.C. Detailed Report of Receipts & Expenditures

RECEIPTS:	<u>ACTUAL '23:</u>
Christ Church	20,709.87
St. James'	18,421.51
St. Bees'	27,651.39
HST Rebate	1,799.03
Memorials	0.00
Repayment from the churches/persons	598.00
*Miscellaneous	6,000
Miscellaneous	72.00
Miscellaneous	<u>.00</u>
 TOTAL REVENUE	 75,251.80

*Misc Breakdown – 3,000.00 from sewer insurance & 3,000.00 from Diocese -

rectory maintenance.....72.00 donation
from Canada Helps

EXPENDITURES

CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY

Fuel	6,656.78
Power	1,688.00
Water	457.94
Maintenance	3,322.95
Capital Maintenance Projects	.00
Taxes	2,857.60
Insurance	1,795.60
Shaw Direct	69.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>
TOTAL RECTORY EXPENSES	16,847.87

OFFICE AND GENERAL ACPC EXPENSES

Stipend	26,353.07
Pension Admin Fee	0
Mileage	1,378.61
Office Manager Wages & Benefits	19,856.39
Phone - Cells	280.74
Phone - Office	2,739.47
Office Insurance	0
Office Supplies	334.61
Church Service Supplies	1,403.54
Postage	105.80
The News	0
Photocopier Service Agreement	481.64
Photocopier Lease	0
Office Equipment Purchase/Repair	0
Copyright Licensing	372.80
Web Site	196.53
Pictou County Council of Churches	100.00
Northumbria Regional Council	25.00
EFM Program	0
CAPP Program	0
Other Conferences/programs	175.96
Gifts	900.00
Discretionary Funds	0
Bank Service Fees	330.00
Occasional Services	0
*Miscellaneous	1,371.35
Zoom Fees	59.20
Miscellaneous (Microsoft Subs)	<u>90.85</u>
Sub Total	<u>56,555.55</u>
	73,403.42

TOTAL EXPENSES

*Misc explanation: 725.73 to Rev Darlene from sewer insurance, 145.62 remainder of Prayer Shawl fund given to Loreta & Rev Lee, 500.00 to Diocese - Susan Barthos paym.

Anglican Churches of Pictou County 2024 Budget

<u>INCOME</u>	Total 2024
Monthly Balance Brought Forward	12,296.18
Christ Church	25,994.16
St. James'	25,994.16
St. Bees'	25,994.16
HST	1,200.00
Memorials	0.00
Repayment From Other Churches	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	79,182.48

EXPENDITURES

CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY

Fuel	6,279.12
Power	2,769.00
Water	486.32
Maintenance	500.04
Capital Maintenance Projects	2,400.00
Taxes	3,000.48
Insurance	1,845.00
Shaw Direct TV	00
Miscellaneous item	00
TOTAL	17,279.96

OFFICE AND GENERAL ACPC EXPENSES

	Total 2024
Stipend	27,307.62
Pension Admin Fee	174.12
Mileage	2,298.00
Office Manager Wages & Benefits	20,627.81
Phone - Cells	905.10
Phone - Office	1,888.92
ACPC Office insurance	0

Office Supplies	1,000.00
Church Service Supplies	1,025.00
Postage	240.00
The News	0
Photocopier Service Agreement	707.16
Photocopier Lease	0
Office Equipment Purchase/Repair	1,970.00
Copyright Licensing	400.00
Web Site	240.00
Pictou Co. Council of Churches	25.00
Northumbria Regional Council	25.00
EFM Program	0.00
Laity Conferences	250.00
Other Conferences	1,100.00
Gifts	900.00
Discretionary Fund	525.00
Bank Service Fees	420.00
Occasional Service Fees	400.00
Miscellaneous items	500.00
Zoom Fees	70.00
Miscellaneous items	0.00
Miscellaneous items	0.00
TOTAL	62,998.73
TOTAL EXPENSES	80,278.69
TOTAL MONTHLY NET INCOME	11,199.97

Council Nominations 2024
(elected at the annual meeting)

Chair:

Vice Chair:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Synod Delegates:

Pictou County Council of Churches Members: