

**St. James the Less Church
in the Parish of Renforth**

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

**Faith
Hope
Love**

The Corporation - 2024

Part Time Priest - Eric Phinney

Wardens- David Henderson, David Warren

Treasurer - Don Hazen

Envelope Secretary - Joanne Warren

Vestry - Donald Hazen, Susan Henderson, Cynthia Cudmore, Jerry Jamer, Linda Pike, Joanne Warren

Vestry Clerk - Joanne Warren

Synod Delegates - Norman McLeod, Jerry Jamer

Alternates to Synod - Ada Onuora, Alice McLeod

Safe Church Representative - Norman McLeod

Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Attendance
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Warden's Report
5. Eric's Report
6. Financial Report 2024 and Budget for 2025 & Designated Giving
7. Mission Report
8. Election of Wardens and Vestry
9. Election of Synod Delegates and Alternates
10. Appointment of Safe Church person
11. Any other Business
12. Votes of thanks
13. Adjournment

Minutes of the Last AGM for 2023

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Annual General Meeting February 11, 2024 for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 2023
(12:25 PM) Fellowship Hall

- 1.) **Welcome & Prayer:** Jerry Jamer
- 2.) **Attendance:** David Arsenault, Cynthia Cudmore, Denny Gallagher, Don Hazen, David & Susan Henderson, Jerry & Carol Jamer, Alice & Norman McLeod, Ada Onuora, Anne Ross, Linda Stilwell, David & Joanne Warren.
- 3.) **Minutes of the Last AGM:** Moved to accept February 26th, 2023 Minutes by Norman McLeod, Seconded by Don Hazen. No errors of omissions noted. Carried.
- 4.) **Warden's Report:** David Henderson explained why there was only a Warden's Report. Moved to accept the Warden's Report by Ada Onuora. Seconded by Linda Stilwell. Carried.
 - a.) Thank you to Linda Pike for her endless baking and commitment to the beginnings of the Coffee Time, we have now.
- 5.) **Financial Report for 2023 and Budget for 2024:** Moved to accept the Financial Report for 2023 and the Budget for 2024 by Don Hazen. Seconded by Jerry Jamer. Carried.
- 6.) **Mission Report, Designated Giving and Badminton Report:** Moved to accept the Mission Report, Designated Giving and Badminton Report by Susan Henderson. Seconded by Alice McLeod. Carried.
- 7.) **Election of Wardens:** Due to the absence of a Rector, Ada Onuora petitioned David Henderson and David Warren (3) times to stay on as Wardens. They both agreed.
- 8.) **Nomination for Vestry:** David Henderson announced that Marcus Christ had moved to Moncton, and Lynn Philippe was stepping down from Vestry. He then asked Vestry members, Susan Henderson, Don Hazen, Jerry Jamer, and Cynthia Cudmore to continue on with Vestry this year. They all agreed.
- 9.) **Election of Synod Delegates:** Nomination for Synod Delegates - David Henderson asked Norman McLeod and Jerry Jamer if they would stay on as Synod Delegates. They both agreed.

10.) Election of Synod Alternates: Nominations of Alice McLeod and Ada Onuora. Moved by Carol Jamer. Seconded by Cynthia Cudmore. Carried.

11.) Safe Church: The Safe Church representative for St. James will continue with Norman McLeod.

12.) Votes of Thanks:

a.) Cynthia Cudmore wanted to thank David Henderson, Don Hazen, David and Joanne Warren for all the extra time and items you deal with the Church.

13.) A Note for Next Year: A request was mentioned for a few extra reports to be added to next year, such as: the Daily Connect Meetings, SJTL Bible Study, and a Worship Team Report.

14.) Closed in Prayer by David Warren

15.) Adjournment moved by Denny Gallagher

Finished: 1:20 PM

2024 Wardens' Report

From the Wardens to our dear brothers and sisters in the Lord at St. James the Less Church:

The Parish Advisory Committee (PAC) has met several times with Archbishop David Edwards this year. The two Wardens and three other persons make up the PAC. At present they are: David Henderson, Warden (Chair); David Warren, Warden; Joanne Warren, Member (Secretary); Jerry Jamer, Member and Susan Henderson, Member.

Archbishop David has agreed to allow one of the Wardens to serve in 2025 so there will be some continuity in Vestry. Since David Warren is expecting to undergo open heart surgery, David Henderson has agreed to serve as Warden for one more year. Please pray for David W. and Joanne as they wait for the surgery and for both of them during the surgery and post-operatively.

We gave \$10,699 to worthy causes – local, regional and international from your free-will giving (see the 2024 Missions Report for details).

An art group met on alternating Friday mornings and a pickleball group met weekly.

Eric Phinney has been our half-time Priest this past year. (In December 2023, he signed an *Agreement for Interim Ministry*, which is a half-time position as Priest. Abp. David has said that the Wardens, rather than Eric, are responsible for the Parish during this time before we have a new Incumbent.) He has held Communion services on alternate Sundays through the year. Additionally, he has been visiting sick and shut-in members of our congregation and has also officiated over the funerals that have taken place. He has hosted a weekly Bible Study on Thursday afternoons in the ACW room. We have all been blessed by his assistance and by his gifted preaching and teaching.

We enjoyed a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in February, our Parish picnic in July and a get-together after the service with Birthday cake in December to celebrate Anne's 98th.

In late spring, Carol Vautour started to be in and out of the hospital quite frequently, so several of our ladies supplied meals for Mike and Carol twice a week until Mike moved to Alberta in August.

Carol Vautour and Betty Jane Markham both passed away last year. They were both dear to us, and we miss them.

We were able to replace the roof of the steeple thanks to a generous donation from a couple of our members. Also, the light standards in the parking lot were straightened and painted.

Eric spearheaded Seniors' Wellness workshops which included "Death & Taxes", "Fraud Prevention", "Ask a Pharmacist" and "Dealing with Short-term Memory Loss".

We served lunch to the staff of Kennebecasis Park Elementary School on November 8th, where we served 16 people at the school. (They loved the lunch, and we hope to do it again with them in 2025.)

In November and early December, folks started donating goods and money toward gift bags for the Seafarers' Mission. We had lunch together after the service and then packed 25 Christmas bags for them.

We must thank Val Phinney, the McDevitts and the Cudmores, who led Worship on the Sundays when Eric was with us and the Warrens, who led Worship on the other Sundays.

We especially want to thank Joanne for everything she has stewarded for us in the past year – she is the Envelope Secretary as well as responsible for rental bookings, printing Lectionary readings for Sunday services, writing cheques, ordering supplies, etc. The list goes on and on.

As well, we would like to thank Don & the rest of our Vestry for their service. We would also like to thank our custodian, Denny, for the volunteer work he does for us in addition to his paid service. Christine Rawson & Alice have faithfully prepared the altar for communion and have changed the hangings at the appropriate times. This has been a blessing to us.

For Your Information: The Diocesan Office was contacted in January to determine the minimum cost of a Clergy person with at least 10 years as a Priest in 2025. These costs are:

Full time priest using the Rectory: \$77,839.52

Full time priest with a housing allowance: \$95,888.32

Half time priest using the Rectory: \$39,179.82

Half time priest with a housing allowance: \$48,100.05

We believe this information will be helpful to us all as we pray for the Lord's provision of a new Priest and for the ability to pay for him or her.

Our hopes for 2025:

1. We want to give the Holy Spirit free rein in our services. This will sometimes result in times of waiting upon Him.
2. We want to have worship services that allow (and encourage) all members of the congregation the freedom to participate in various ways - reading the lessons, praying for all manner of things and sharing from the experiences in our lives.
3. We pray that our Lord will guide us as we continue our search for a new Priest.
4. We would like to have monthly shared meals where we can invite family, friends and neighbours who live near the church.

We know that God is with us and we trust Him for guidance. We believe that, together, He will lead us along correct paths into our future.

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. [Numbers 6: 24-26]

David Henderson, Warden

David Warren, Warden

Eric's Report

About a year and a half ago, I was asked by the Wardens to help out with a couple of services in August after Jonathan had left. That went on through the fall of 2023.

In 2024, we arrived at a half time arrangement for me to preach and conduct Communion services on alternate Sundays. I also would serve at Christmas, Easter, and any other time that there was a special service. I would also preside at Funeral services. I would visit the sick and those unable to get to church. I would be available for the usual pastoral visiting as well. I did all of the above last year.

I began leading a bible study that takes place every Thursday afternoon from 1:00-3:00. In this study, we look at the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. I have been teaching and modeling the study methods that I have developed over 30 plus years. This is a combination of inductive study and some tools from the spiritual exercise of St. Ignatius. I would welcome additional participants.

I have reached out to several worship leaders to work with me on the Sundays that I am preaching. Thank you to Darren and Martha McDevitt; John and Cynthia Cudmore; Val, Nat & Naomi Phinney and Lynn Philippe.

I also felt it was a good idea to restart the Seniors Wellness Series, as it has been very popular and is a help to those in our surrounding community. These run from October through June on a Wednesday in the middle of the month. The Wardens' Report details what these were last year.

I am happy to continue to serve in this way until another arrangement is reached.

We have achieved moderate growth in 2024 and I would like to see it increase. If anyone has ideas for ministries that could impact our community or ways to assist during services, please talk to one of the Wardens or myself.

In Christ's Service

Eric

PARISH ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURN

PARISH OF RENFORTH

YEAR: 2024

Section 1 – Population Summary

Congregation:	
<i>Number of Congregations</i>	1
Households:	
<i>Families:</i>	11
<i>Individuals:</i>	19
Membership:	
<i>Children:</i>	0
<i>Adults:</i>	42
Other:	
<i>Confirmed Persons:</i>	
<i>Communicants:</i>	42
<i>Identifiable Givers:</i>	31

Section 2 – Parish Groups and Roles Summary

Layreaders:	
<i>Parochial:</i>	3
<i>Diocesan:</i>	0
<i>Episcopal:</i>	0

Church School Information:

<i>Schools:</i>	0
<i>Teachers:</i>	0
<i>Students:</i>	0
<i>Attendance:</i>	0

Parish Groups:

<i>Men's Groups - # Groups:</i>	0
<i>Total Membership:</i>	
<i>Women's Groups - # Groups:</i>	0
<i>Total Membership:</i>	0
<i>Youth Groups - # Groups:</i>	0
<i>Total Membership:</i>	0
<i>Music teams - # Groups:</i>	2
<i>Total Membership:</i>	9
<i>Study Groups - # Groups:</i>	1
<i>Total Membership:</i>	10
<i>Other Groups - # Groups:</i>	

Section 3 – Worship Services Summary

Celebrations of Holy Eucharist/Holy Comm.	
<i>Inside Church:</i>	30
<i>Outside Church:</i>	1
<i>On Sundays:</i>	31
<i>On Weekdays: (online)</i>	0
Administration of Reserved Sacrament:	
<i>Reserved Sacrament Services:</i>	0

Other Services:

<i>Morning Prayer:</i>	21
<i>Lessons & Carols:</i>	1
<i>Funerals:</i>	2
<i>Baptism:</i>	0
<i>Marriage:</i>	0
<i>Confirmation:</i>	0
<i>Reaffirmation:</i>	0
<i>Reception:</i>	0
<i>Holy Unction:</i>	0
<i>Other:</i>	0

Total Services:

<i>On Sundays:</i>	52
<i>On Weekdays:</i>	2

Section 4 – Number of Individuals

Making:	
<i>Easter Communion:</i>	38
<i>Communion by Reserved Sacrament:</i>	0
<i>Christmas Eve Communion</i>	28
Other Yearly Totals:	
<i>Normal attendance on Sundays (est.)</i>	23
<i>Number Buried:</i>	2
<i>Number Baptized:</i>	0
<i>Number of Marriages:</i>	0
<i>Number of First Communions:</i>	0
<i>Number of Confirmations:</i>	0
<i>Number of Reaffirmations:</i>	0
<i>Number Received from other Communions:</i>	
<i>Average Online Sunday Attendance</i>	0

Financial Report

INCOME	Actual 2023	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Budget 2025
Envelope	\$113,279	\$110,000	\$97,654	\$95,000
Miscellaneous	\$22,182	\$14,500	\$22,050	\$21,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$135,461	\$124,500	\$119,704	\$116,000

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	\$450	\$500	\$490	\$500
Church Maintenance	\$8,738	\$8,700	\$9,879	\$12,100
Church Supp Worship	\$813	\$1,000	\$1,920	\$2,100
Insurance	\$7,285	\$8,037	\$7,694	\$8,280
Kitchen	\$3,383	\$500	\$201	\$300
Misc	\$613	0	\$7,228	\$500
Mission Projects	\$10,621	\$11,000	\$10,663	\$9,480
Foster Children	\$1,080	\$1,000	\$1,080	\$1,128
Diocese Apportion	\$20,250	\$21,835	\$21,840	\$21,984
Office	\$1,422	\$1,200	\$621	\$700
Rectory Maintenance	\$558	0	\$475	\$500
Sal Janitor	\$4,813	\$7,800	\$5,520	\$5,900
Sal Secretary	\$9,119	\$10,800	\$10,075	\$11,000
Stipend & Ben	\$59,295	\$26,470	\$28,676	\$29,000
Work Safe, EI, CPP	\$896	\$800	\$804	\$900
Water & Sewer	\$1,684	\$1,800	\$1,173	\$1,320
Church Electricity	\$10,125	\$16,700	\$11,664	\$12,800
Church Telephone	\$1,498	\$1,500	\$1,881	\$2,000
Total Expense	\$142,643	\$119,642	\$121,884	\$120,492
Surplus (Deficit)	- \$7,182	\$4,858	- \$2,180	-\$4,492

2024 Designated Giving

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Memorials	\$2,377	\$2,477
Rector's Discretion	\$400	\$100
Outreach	\$1,149	\$1,149
Art Club	\$367	\$367
Alpha	\$977	\$977
Surplus	\$22,985	\$19,441
Audio Visual	\$425	0
YWAM	\$1,500	0
MMI trip	\$775	\$775
Outflow	\$65	\$445
1770 Rothesay Road	\$26,232	\$31,486
MISC	\$143	\$-42
Totals	\$57,395	\$57,175

Mission Report for 2024

Missions Income is 10% of free will giving and covers the calendar year 2024.

This amount was \$9,696.

Disbursements in the calendar year 2024

\$ 1,800	Medical Mission International (Madeleine Allard)
\$ 1,200	Wycliffe Bible Translators Canada (Shiloh Peterson)
\$ 1,200	Families in need of assistance
\$ 1,800	Central SJ Community Ministry (Terrance & Jasmine Chandra)
\$ 2,619	Outflow Allowance (administered by Jerry Jamer)
\$ 1,080	Foster Children (pre authorized payment from bank account)
\$ 500	Hestia House
\$ 500	<u>Coverdale Centre for Women</u>
\$10,699	Total Disbursed

Ministries Supporter on a monthly basis through the Missions Committee



Foster Children <http://www.plancanada.ca/>

Outflow Ministry – Meals one per month <http://www.outflowsj.com/>

Medical Mission International (MMI) <http://www.medicalmission.ca/>

Wycliffe bible Translators (Shiloh Peterson) <https://www.wycliffe.ca/wycliffe/>

(Central SJ Community Ministry) <https://penniesandsparrows.org/about/> Terrance and Jasmin Chandra

Kennebecasis Park Elementary Teacher's Luncheon

In celebration of the teachers and staff of K. Park Elementary, we arranged to serve them lunch on their Professional Development Day, November 8th. At 11:45 am, we arrived at the school and arranged everything for lunch. As noon time arrived, we met the staff and principal and proceeded to serve soup, sandwiches, and sweets for their lunch. They were so pleased with us doing this that they couldn't stop thanking us for doing this for them. We just wanted to honour them and love them for all they do for the children and parents of the K. Park community and area.

We pray we'll be able to develop further relationships with K. Park in the future. Thank you to all that brought food and served that great day! We were all very blessed!

May the Lord be blessed!

Joanne Warren

Notes: