



# St Mary Magdalene

ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday February 21, 2021  
3:00 PM**

**Reports and Statement of Accounts  
For  
Year Ending December 31, 2020**

**Rector  
The Reverend Val From**

**People's Warden  
Darryl Melnyk**

**Deputy People's Warden  
Caroline Olagbuji**

**Rector's Warden  
Carol McPhaden**

**Deputy Rector's Warden  
Chima Chira**

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**Agenda Annual General Meeting  
ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH  
3 St. Vital Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Notice of Meeting**

When: Sunday, February 21, 2021, 3:00 pm  
Where: ZOOM

Chairperson: Heather Birtles

1. Opening Devotion – The Rev. Val From and Nancy Aasland
2. Message from the Bishop
3. Adoption of the Agenda  
**Motion: That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.**
4. Adoption of the Minutes of February 23, 2020  
**Motion: That the Minutes of February 23, 2020 be adopted as circulated.**
5. Annual Reports for the Year ending December 31, 2020  
**Motion: That the Reports for the Year 2020 be received as presented.**
6. Financial review of the income and expenditures for 2020  
**Motion: That the 2020 financial statements be accepted as reviewed.**
7. Budget 2021  
**Motion: That the 2021 Budget be approved as presented with revenues of \$155,800 and expenditures of \$180,882.**
8. **Appointment of Financial Reviewer.**  
**Motion: That Ms. Karen Stuart be appointed to review the 2021 financial statements.**
9. Elections and Appointments
 

a. Members of vestry	f. Rector’s Warden
b. People’s Warden	g. Deputy Rector’s Warden
c. Deputy People’s Warden	
d. Synod Delegates	
e. Deputy Synod Delegates	
10. Other Business
  - a.
11. Appreciations
12. Adjournment: Closing Prayer and Sending



## The Diocese of Rupert's Land

The Right Reverend Geoffrey Woodcroft  
Bishop of Rupert's Land

Epiphanytide 2021

A Message to Annual General Meeting Delegations from the Bishop

Greetings in the Name of the One who loves and calls us.

For all who embark upon the journey and work of an Annual General Meeting this year, you have done so with generosity, adaptability and resilience. On behalf of your neighbouring parishes and deaneries, and national Church I pour out thanksgiving to God for you.

We experience our call to mission and ministry anew each day, and perhaps the extraordinary events of the past year have made us yearn to hear God's voice and direction more than we have yearned in past. The discipline of engaging an AGM is not simply to fulfil civil and canon law, which they do, it is also a significant moment to be the Body of Christ huddled in an upper room listening to the resurrected master prepare us for a life of mission and ministry.

The last year, albeit difficult, has been for us a time of illumination and discovery; we have discovered fissures in Canadian socio-economic structures, the like of which the most vulnerable have been trying to communicate to us for years. We have rediscovered how privilege, both in the world around and in our Church has hidden these same fissures. Many, if not all of us, have come to a better place of UNDERSTANDING OUR REAL NEED TO LIVE INTERDEPENDENTLY WITH ONE ANOTHER AND CREATION. YES, A DIFFICULT journey, yet one with which gratitude is our first response.

2021 and 2022 will bring significant challenges, both financially and socially, as we navigate from our lament toward more fully engaging the work God has given. Our collective ministries of The Diocese of Rupert's Land are essential for the health of every parish, and ministry in Canada generally, and I am speaking particularly of the work of the Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer, the Diocesan Ministry Developer, our contribution through General Synod for Council of the North, and the overall structures of the Anglican Church of Canada that generously resource parish and clergy development. Your generosity in ministry through Common Ministry and Mission when fully realized means that Rupert's Land Discipleship shall not lack for anything. As one Body in Christ we are indeed gifted with all that is necessary to meet the needs of ministry and mission.

Disciples, let us be one in the daily recitation of Luke 4.18-19, and in prayer for our Diocesan Church family:

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'* NRSV

May the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity rest upon you, and all whom you love.  
In the Peace of Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey JJ Woodcroft

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MINUTES  
Annual General Meeting  
ST. MARY MAGDALENE ANGLICAN CHURCH  
3 St. Vital Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba  
23 February 2020

Chairperson: Heather Birtles

Recording Secretary: Brian Crow

Attendance: 38, attendance sheet & Declaration of Membership filed with AGM Minutes.

A light luncheon preceded the meeting.

1. Opening Prayer —The Rev. Val From
  
2. Message from the Bishop. **Motion:** That a letter of thanks be sent to the Bishop by the Corporation. Carol McPhaden moved, seconded by Barbara Jalibat. **Carried**
  
3. Adoption of the Agenda **Motion:** That the Agenda be adopted as circulated. Margaret Jones moved, seconded by Shiraz Khan. **Carried**
  
4. Adoption of the Minutes of February 24, 2019. **Motion:** That the Minutes of February 24, 2019 be adopted as circulated. Alan Forrest moved, seconded by Barbara Crow. **Carried**
  
5. Annual Reports for the Year ending December 31, 2019. **Motion:** That the Reports for the Year 2019 be received as presented. Barbara Bater moved, seconded by Rakhel Khan. **Carried**
  
6. Financial review of the income and expenditures for 2019. **Motion:** That the 2019 financial statements be accepted as reviewed. Roger Kingsley moved, seconded by Chima Chira. **Carried**
  
7. Budget 2020. **Motion:** That the 2020 Budget be approved as presented with revenues of \$ 175,260 and expenditures of \$190,413. Roger Kingsley moved, seconded by Ted Cunningham. **Carried**
  
8. Appointment of Financial Reviewer. **Motion:** That Karen Stuart be appointed to review our 2020 financials. Barbara Jalibat moved, seconded by Roger Kingsley. **Carried**
  
9. Elections and Appointments
  - a. Members of Vestry
  - b. People's Warden
  - c. Deputy Peoples' Warden
  - d. Synod Delegates:
  - e. Alternate Synod Delegates
  - f. Rector's Warden
  - g. Deputy Rector's Warden

The Chairperson called for nominations from the floor 3 times.

a. **Vestry.** The following persons were nominated for Vestry:

1. Continuing Members: Alan Forrest, Carey Isaac, Barbara Jalibat, Darryl Melnyk, Charles Olagbuji, Mary Jane Turner , Chima Chira, Carol McPhaden, The Rev. Val From
2. New Members: Nancy Zheng, Carolyn Olagbuji, Susan Grant, Marlene Smith

**The Vestry nominations were accepted by acclamation.**

b. **People's Warden.** There were no nominations for Peoples' Warden. **The position is left vacant.**

c. **Deputy Peoples' Warden.** Carolyn Olagbuji was nominated for Deputy People's Warden:  
**Carolyn Olagbuji is accepted for Deputy People's Warden by acclamation.**

- d. **Synod Delegates** as proposed by the Nominating committee (3 delegates allowed):  
Mary Jane Turner, Barbara Bater, Marlene Smith  
**The following Synod Delegates were accepted by acclamation:**  
**Mary Jane Turner, Barbara Bater, Marlene Smith**
- e. **Alternate Synod Delegates** as proposed by the Nominating committee (3 allowed):  
Brian Crow  
Nominated from the floor: Coney Cunningham, Roger Kingsley  
**The following Alternate Synod Delegates were accepted by acclamation:**  
**Coney Cunningham, Roger Kingsley, Brian Crow**
- f. **Rector's Warden:** The Rev. Val From has appointed Carol McPhaden
- g. **Deputy Rector's Warden:** The Rev. Val From has appointed Chima Chira
10. **Other Business**
- a. Ron Smith proposed that Vestry consider an “Every Member visitation”
11. **Appreciations**
- Retiring wardens- Brian Crow, Shiraz Khan, Barbara Jalibat
  - Retiring Vestry members – Heather Birtles, Hope Bettess, Joan Hill, Abid Munir
  - Raymond Nembhard for chairing the budget committee, the review of the 2109 income and expenses and presentation of the 2020 budget
  - Karen Stuart for her work in reviewing our financial statements.
  - Barbara Jalibat, Darryl Melnyk, Carol McPhaden, Cheryl Lenton for today's lunch and all those who brought desserts and those who will stay to tidy up.
  - For all those who were able to attend today
12. **Adjournment**  
**Motion:** Alan Forrest moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm **Carried**
13. **Closing Prayer:** At the invitation of the chair, attendees stood together and spoke the Doxology.

## Incumbent's Annual Report for 2020

There are many stories in Scripture of God leading God's people to where they didn't know they were going. Some of the stories are full of hope – Moses leading the Israelites out of slavery and oppression in Egypt, those exiled returning to their homes from Babylon, the joy-filled reunion of Jacob and Esau long estranged. There are, of course, numerous stories where the opposite is true. Moses didn't realize that the Israelites would stray so far when he went up the mountain. Naomi didn't know when she left her home in Bethlehem with her husband to move to Moab that he would never be back.

And at the beginning of 2020 we did not have a clue what that year would bring! It has been a year that has stretched us beyond what we could have imagined. But nonetheless, even in the midst of that stretching, most days we can look back and realize that we are still ok. Looking back helps us in that recognition. It helps us realize that we have done more than we realized, travelled further than we remembered and that along the way we were strengthened as people. We have been strengthened some days by laughter and celebration, some days by prayer or conversation, and always by God's presence with us.

Just like God's people always have, we can remember that wherever we travel, God travels as well... lighting our way in the night, leading us past uncertainty, filling our lives with the Spirit so that we remember we are brothers and sisters with all who live. This new year, another one of uncertainty and hope, we will also be given God's Spirit for strength and comfort, not only for ourselves, but also for the sake of all those we encounter. God's Spirit will lead, guiding us into faithfulness and service of all those whom God loves, all those whom God has made our neighbours. I pray for wisdom faithfulness for parish members and leaders all, as we seek ways to share our gifts with those around us.

### Deepening and Nurturing Faith

- Worship Committee began the year planning for a celebration of Candlemas, on February 2. We remembered the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, lighted and blessed an abundance of candles and prayed our way through a liturgy which is in the worship books of the Episcopal Churches of the US and Scotland. (Thanks to Bryan Bjerring for conversation as we planned our worship for this special day.) Many appreciated the opportunity to celebrate this tradition which has a significant place in our Anglican tradition, but perhaps hadn't been celebrated at St. Mary Magdalene previously. Thanks to the Altar Guild and Worship Committee members for your enthusiastic participation; many commented with appreciation on the beauty of both the liturgy and the environment...
- After a few years not, Vestry decided that it was a good time to again mark **Shrove Tuesday** as a parish. About 20 of us came together for a festive marking of God's time with pancakes, berries and whipped cream. A fun evening before the beginning of our Lenten discipline.
- And what a **Lenten discipline** it was! I recall reading online somewhere, "**This is the Lentiest Lent I've ever Lented!**" and that pretty much captures the pandemic lockdown which began so soon after Lent's beginning. The lockdown began after worship on March 15, not quite 3 weeks into Lent, and though we had no idea it would do so at the time, it shaped the rest of our year.
- We had not had worship from lockdown till Holy Week, believing that the pandemic would wind down soon... (Bishop Geoff was leading the Diocese in worship on Sunday mornings for this time.) By Holy Week, though, wind-down was clearly not in the works, so we set about figuring out a course of action. **Palm Sunday on April 5**, we held our **first worship service on the new-to-us platform Zoom**. All went well, and the year was set. As set as the year looks in retrospect, though, it didn't feel at all set when we were navigating forward. We were very conscious that we didn't know what was happening. We still assumed that we would return to in-person worship sometime soon.
- **So the process of deepening and nurturing faith in 2020 was living into a year we didn't understand**, using technology we weren't skilled at, aiming for moving targets at best. Pivot is not a scriptural word, but it was one that we heard even in the Church, as the year unfolded. **More than that, though, in 2020 deepening faith came to be a process of understanding that despite our uncertainty**

regarding the future, we could still affirm that God is with us, leading us on, supporting us in struggles, and gathering us together as the Body of Christ, in ways we would not have imagined prior to this year.

- **As the year continued, I was inspired to see the willingness of so many of you to work in faith and good will with what we had at this time.** For some that meant learning how to function on Zoom. For others that meant calling to check on those in their parish family, or others who they knew would need some care. Sometimes it meant watching people gather for bible study or book club, to have good discussions and consider how these texts would shape us as God's people not for a mythical world, where things always work according to plan, but for the real world with more than its share of uncertainty.
- In the fall **a group gathered together on Zoom** to consider **A God Who Sees**. It was written by the lead of Refugee support work for the Mennonite Church in the US, her own family having fled Guatemala. The author unfolded the rich stories in Scripture of God's people who have travelled across borders to be part of community in another place, at the same time as she told life-giving and difficult stories of current refugees. The book gave us a new perspective on these travellers across the world.

#### Social Caring and Justice

- January 3, a warm evening and complementary tickets for the newcomer family that our parish had sponsored meant that several of us from the parish found ourselves at ZooLights. A good time was had by all, as we walked through the winter wonderland that evening was. An enjoyable evening in a year which hardly allowed for any gathering.  
The years' care for the Al-Adday family was provided with continued dedication by Brian Crow, Debra Arsenault and Carey Isaac, as they offered assistance with furniture procurement, paperwork, research regarding computers for the teenaged girls, encouragement regarding school, as well as rides for errands. The shape of the year was, of course, much diminished by the pandemic restrictions, but bikes and strollers were procured for the kids, cold drinks were shared outside, and the year of sponsorship ended well at the beginning of October. Thanks so much to others: Bryan and Judy Bjerring, Carol McPhaden, Ted and Coney Cunningham who offered their practical help and kindness prior to the restrictions making things more challenging!
- Black History Month in February was marked by two discussion groups after Sunday worship, around White Privilege, with video presentations by Robin di'Angelo. The 15 or so participants went home considering how to work and grow as God's people, committed to living well in community while recognizing more of the privilege and prejudice which distorts our lives.
- An attempt to celebrate our Parish Feast day for St. Mary Magdalene outside was foiled by the weather in July, but a few weeks later on August 7, we pulled a celebration off, all of us celebrating together, as we gathered (distanced) for the Eucharist in the parking lot, and stayed for a lunch provided by a food truck. It was truly a joy to see those we had been missing for months, joined together in lawn chairs around the parking lot. It reminded us of the gift of community, which God gives.
- When Thanksgiving came around, we were having small gatherings for in -person worship, and were glad for a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving with a harvest display and food drive. Collected food for this year again went to St Matthew's Maryland to assist their clients.
- Following the fall Synod, at which Bishop Geoff offered a strong Charge, inviting the Diocese to work together to seek justice for the good of all people, and for the good of our Earth, Vestry spent some time considering these very topics. More will be done this new year.
- Advent meant that a little booklet with our beautiful banners and the explanations of their meanings was emailed to each parishioner, and some even posted on Facebook. It also meant that as usual, with the work of Jeannie McClory and the generosity of parishioners, \$700 worth of hampers were given to a number of

households in need. As well, \$590 is set aside for our commitment to St Matthew's Maryland and over \$500 will be given to PWRDF to be matched by the Canadian government 6:1.

#### Communications

- In the early fall this year, it seemed to be clear that in a year when guidelines change in an instant, it might be more beneficial to have a newsletter that comes out with a shorter turnaround. Thanks to Darryl for the suggested name "Scattered Pews," and many, many thanks to Therasa Hunt whose continued efforts on the newsletter and the website have kept us informed throughout the year. Thanks especially for her willingness to consider how we can best communicate on the website what is currently happening in the parish, even while giving a sense of what our parish might look like once these days are over. Thanks as well to Rakhel Khan and Nancy Aasland for their work on our Facebook page: Rakhel including photos, Nancy uploading music from time to time, and even responding to inquiries.

#### Pastoral Care

- Many thanks to our committed Pastoral Care committee, headed at the beginning of the year by Barbara Crow, and led come summer by Barbara Bater. These two leaders, as well as Mary Jane Turner, Joe Darlington, Colleen Matthews, Darryl Melnyk (and Sharon West, till her cancer resurfaced in late spring) carried on being in touch with many of our most isolated parishioners. Their faithfulness in phone calls, prayer, cards and a variety of caring touches brightened the days of those at home, and ensured they knew they were remembered by our parish.

Thank you so much for your care! If any of you are interested in this vital ministry, of being in touch with members of our community, please be in touch with Barbara Bater, Darryl, or me.

#### Community Development and Goals

**Looking ahead to 2021**, I am conscious of our need to engage both in **in-reach to our own parish**, ensuring elders as well as youth and children, are heard and their faith nurtured, even in the midst of pandemic and **outreach to the community** to make certain that we are aware of and engaged in current needs of our city and beyond.

**Like most of the world, we spent a certain amount of time swimming in the uncertainty of the pandemic this last year.** My hope would be that we nail down some specific projects and areas of concern this year. Bryan Bjerring is exploring whether there is interest in forming a refugee support committee to assist ACF in settlement work. Brian Crow has mentioned the St. Vital Action Network, as a vital source of connection with the neighbourhood and a good source of inspiration. I have been in contact with our Anglican neighbours in St Bart's and St Mark's and am working together with them to make plans for connecting via joint worship on Zoom in the next while. And our new Vestry begins soon, with plans in place for orientation and work towards conversation and goal setting.

**2021 is a year with much promise, as we look ahead to emerge well from these strange times...**

Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann writes in [Virus, as a summons to faith](#):

*So now, God who hears, helps and saves,  
hear, act and make new!  
give us courage and patience;  
let us be rich in soul and poor in things,  
ordered for neighbourliness,  
generous with goods,  
free of fear,  
but mostly, end the virus!*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus who defeated the powers of death, overcame the forces of evil... and became the Lord of the Dance.*

*So we pray, so we trust, so we hope... in you! Amen.*

Yours in Christ!  
Val From

## Synod Delegates Report 2020

The 117<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod, Diocese of Rupert's Land was held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 via ZOOM Conference Call due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Only essential matters and those required by the constitution were included in the agenda. Election was done using mail-in ballots.

The Bishop called upon the Diocesan Dean, The Very Rev. Paul N. Johnson, to acknowledge the land and the treaties.

The Bishop called upon the Elder Amanda Wallin to welcome us to the land. Elder Amanda Wallin stated our Mother Earth sustains us every day in replenishing our life and emphasized that we are all related so we are a family, and we are here to honour one another.

Holy Eucharist of the Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch was led by the Bishop.

Acknowledging Elder Bill Shead on Zoom and Elder Amanda Wallin, the Bishop spoke of elders of all our traditions as well as those delegates who are no longer with us such as Art Braid, Bob Clarkson, Jim Warner, and all who have served in the Diocese.

Theme: **The Hour Has Come**

As Jesus tells us in the Gospel reading appointed for the Memorial of Ignatius of Antioch, the hour has come for Christ to be glorified, for the Church, the Body of Christ, to fall as a grain of wheat into the ground. John 12:23 ... for Christ to be glorified in our worship, in good times and in bad times. The Christ risen and glorified, commands the hope that empowers the Body of Christ in our earthly pilgrimage. The health of the Church depends upon all members being engaged in the Body ... Now is the hour, Christ is glorified. On our way to share in that glory, we like Christ, must die in order to bear fruit.

The hour has come for the Church to recognize that it cannot be "the settler's Church." Indigenous Anglicans are moving forward with self-determination under the episcopal leadership of Archbishop Mark MacDonald, the Indigenous Bishops' Group, and the Anglican Circle of Indigenous Peoples.

In giving his charge to Synod, the Bishop called for regular education for all disciples and to start conversations about what it means to be part of the Body of Christ. The Bishop's Charge ended with reflection on the readings from the day's lectionary: "Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is full of compassion" (Ps 116:5). Thus, the Apostle tells the truth when he says that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:39).

Now is the hour to build, serve, and sacrifice for a better future.

The Bishop announced the recipients of the Order of Rupert's Land; Dr. Louise Cornell – an educator, caregiver, and a fine human being, now living in Saskatchewan.

The Rev Barbara Shoomski – for her tireless work in justice and compassion for the neighbourhood, especially for Indigenous persons.

After a break, we resumed with the Opening Worship led by the Rev. Rachel Twigg-Boyce.

The Business commenced and the Rev Andrew Rampton introduced the Credentials Committee and thanked everyone who volunteered; the Rev. Rachel Twigg-Boyce, the Rev. Theo Robinson, and Ms. Cara Robinson. He also extended his thanks to Ms. Judy McIvor and the Rev. Deacon Karen Terlinski for their assistance in compiling the report.

The Bishop then announced: "Notice of this session of the Synod having been given as required by the Canons of the Diocese and a quorum of the Synod being present, I declare this 117<sup>th</sup> Session to be regularly called and ready to proceed in accordance with the Constitution."

The Business proceeded and reports were presented including the Nominating Committee whose members are: Barb Larson, Tanis Webster, Carol Guilford, Mary Lysecki.

Elected to the Diocesan Council as Lay Representative in Winnipeg was Barbara Bater.

Please see the Diocese of Rupert's Land website for the full proceedings of Synod, 2020.

Reflections of Synod were given by Elder Amanda Wallin and Elder Bill Shead, by ZOOM.

Elder Amanda Wallin continued sharing the wisdom from the turtle, which symbolizes honesty. She pointed out the importance of knowing the truth and speaking from the heart.

Elder Bill Shead noted the Charge addressed the relationship between Indigenous and non-indigenous people within Rupert's Land. For Indigenous people, it is a time that we all hope for revival and renaissance. He touched on some brief history of the Indigenous people in Rupert's Land noting in other parts of the country, they have had a longer association between Indigenous people and non-indigenous people, such as the Mi'kmaq in the east coast and Six Nations in Ontario. The history in Rupert's Land is much shorter. It has been a little over 200 years since Lord Selkirk brought the first settlers into the Winnipeg area, and the Anglican missionaries started to arrive. Elder Shead sees hope in the indigenous community as there are people who are taking advantage of what the non-indigenous people have to offer in the way of education and training. At universities across the country as many as 20,000 Indigenous students are studying. He estimated that the number of Indigenous students at the University of Winnipeg is 2,500. In this sign of hope, he also sees many challenges because Indigenous people are suffering from extreme poverty, ill health, and incarceration. They need help. Elder Shead noted that young Indigenous people who are studying are going to make their contribution and help their own people, but the important thing for Indigenous people, as Anglicans, is the relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous people. He urged non-indigenous people to have an open heart, an open mind and a receptive mind to understand and try to feel the sadness and the challenge of those Indigenous people who are suffering. Finally, Elder Shead underscored that the Church has a big role and that the Bishop has given this Synod a real challenge. And, he wished all of us in Rupert's Land well that with good faith, such a challenge will be met, maybe not successfully in the short term, but with perseverance over the long term, as our dreams and prayers will be answered.

After the Vote of Thanks, Closing Worship was led by The Rev Rachel Twigg-Boyce and Synod was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene Smith, Barbara Bater, Mary Jane Turner (Synod Delegates, 2020)

N.B. Regrettably, Barbara Bater has resigned from Diocesan Council due to health reasons.

### **Diaconal Postulant Report 2020**

During my term as a Postulant at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican I learned how to set the Eucharist, delivered sermons, and sat on several committees. I had a team of parish members, Barbara Bater, Heather Birtles and Joe Darlington that were of great support to me throughout this time. However, I would be remiss if I did not mention Rev. Val's patience and time spent with me too. The entire parish so open to my spending time among the congregation. As most of you know, I am patiently awaiting ordination.

Peace

Colleen Matthews

Ordinand

### **Warden's Annual Report for 2020**

As we gathered together last year at the Annual General Meeting who could have imagined the year that would lie before us. A year in which there would be many times we were no longer able gather in our sanctuary for worship. No catching up over coffee and treats! Even when did get together our smiles were hidden behind masks!

It seems strange then that as we look back on this past year we are filled with hope. A hope that is beyond our understanding and yet there are so many reasons for it. A scripture that comes to mind is from 1 Peter "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

We're sure as you read through the ministry reports in this AGM booklet you too will find your own reasons for hope. Here are just some that came to us.

- Our rector, Val, who continues to lead us through this pandemic wilderness or should we say "zooms" us through. She has enabled us to worship and gather online. She has also led us in modified gatherings in the church and even outdoors in our parking lot.
- Our music leader, Nancy, who continues to bless us with her music and voice and by selecting just the right songs to minister to us.
- Our brave parishioners who gathered in the sanctuary fully masked and freshly sanitized and maybe the even braver ones who ventured into a new cyberland on their upgraded computers and newly bought I pads.
- Our administrator, Judy, who kept our finances and the daily administration of the Parish running like clockwork.
- Our newsletter aptly titled "News for Scattered Pews" and Therasa Hunt who crafts it each month.
- Our small group gatherings (Bible Study, Christian Meditation and the Book Club) where we can not only share our thoughts but our lives as well.
- The generosity of our parishioners in supporting Parish throughout the year even though they could not be in the building for most of the time.
- The foresight and wisdom of past leadership of the Parish who set aside funds that we could draw on this year to help us carry us through when some of our traditional sources of income were no longer available.
- Our blessed "green thumbs" who lovingly crafted the tapestry of flowers in the front and side of our building.
- The creativity of Cathy and our garage sale team who tried their best to try and organize a garage sale. Some of the carefully sorted treasures still remain in storage hoping for that time when they can be united with their new owners.
- The presence and witness of those parishioners who have left us this year to enter into the fullness of God's love.
- The fun times...eating a picnic lunch in the parking lot...eagerly waiting for our Bingo words to be drawn during a subdued Christmas season.
- The parishioners who stepped up in a big way to provide assistance to the Al-Addy family.
- The pastoral care team who still found ways to reach out and minister to parishioners who were sick or shut-in.
- The two Brians who are always looking for ways to improve our building and keep it looking good.
- The dedicated members of Vestry who discussed, motioned and seconded various decisions to keep the business of the church going.

It feels like we could on for many more pages but we will leave some space for your reasons.

As we look back we dare say that we would not likely have such a hope if our year had went along in our normal rhythm.

So we look forward in the hope we have given...to once again sitting in our favourite pew, to gathering around the Lord's table, to singing together as loud as we want! Things we once took for granted and will now be so precious. We pray the Lord will grant us these gifts once again...and that our building may be filled with Cubs and Guides, with dancing infants and seniors, with vintage treasures and shoppers, with playing cards and scrabble tiles, with violins and knitting needles, and most importantly with ALL OF YOU!

But we suspect this hope may carry us even further into a new vision of who we are as a community...for we have experienced that our church is so much more than a building. We are truly a living community of believers gathered and held together in Christ, through Christ and with Christ. Thanks be to God.

Your Wardens' - Carol, Caroline, Chima and Darryl.

## Worship Committee Report 2020

The Worship Committee meeting of March 1<sup>st</sup> was the only in-person meeting of 2020 as the Global pandemic was declared in mid-March.

The word 'Zoom' became the operative word to conduct business/ meetings. Four or five meetings were held during the course of 2020. Challenges to chairing / conducting meetings were overcome and persevere we did! Planning was done in hope that we would all be back to worship in person. Planning had to be fine-tuned as 'Zoom' worship became the norm.

When the opportunity arose for in-person worship in the summer, outside worship events were planned. The one recommendation was that the 'Zoom' worship would continue on Sunday evenings along with in-house worship allowing for parishioners to have a choice and to feel comfortable and safe in their place of worship.

Government pandemic guidelines regarding gatherings were followed along with government protocols for social distancing – masking, hand sanitizing and cleaning protocols. The church was allowed up to 25 parishioners at that time of in-house worship which included the worship leaders. As well, direction was provided by Bishop Geoff Woodcroft regarding worship in-house and Spiritual Eucharist when Holy Communion was celebrated on 'Zoom'. A big "thank-you" is sent to the Vestry, Wardens and members who prepared the church for in-house worship and for adhering to the pandemic guidelines.

We followed Year "A" lectionary for 2020 with Advent 1 beginning the New Year in the church calendar at which time we progressed to Year "B". The Rev. Val rose to the challenge of computer and 'Zoom' technology to bring St. Mary Magdalene parish into the 'Zoom' worship using pictures of the church interior as a background for the Service.

In the week before Christmas photos of the Advent banners and their meanings were emailed to parishioners. The Service bulletin contains lovely pictures that reflected the highlights of the scripture message of the week and church season.

'Thank-you'

- To individuals who helped working with the technology when Rev. Val was away or assisting with co-hosting including Barbara Bater, Darryl Melnyk and others.
- To Darryl Melnyk, Carol McPhaden and others who prepared the church to comply with government guidelines allowing for in-house worship and who continued to monitor during in-house worship ensuring maintenance of pandemic guidelines.
- To Nancy Aasland for your musical gifts to St. Mary Magdalene. Just letting you know there is a choir behind you on mute!
- To those who volunteered to participate in the worship service with scripture readings or leading the 'Prayers of the People' or other assigned duties. Special 'thank-you' to the children who have stepped forward and participated in the service with readings and prayers. You are our future. Thank-you for your willingness to share your talents with your church family.
- To the families and individuals who shared their hidden talents in providing video / pictures in telling the Nativity Story. And to Nancy Aasland for bringing it all together in a final production. Congratulations to all for your efforts and to the Little Lamb – a performance of a lifetime! God bless all.
- To the Worship Committee for your endeavours during this unprecedented time. It looks like we will continue to meet and to worship by 'Zoom' for some time into 2021.
- To Heather Birtles for providing some of the information for this report.

Please forgive me if I have failed to mention anyone by name or bring to attention some other items that were raised at Worship Committee meetings.

We give thanks that we can continue to worship together, giving praise and thanks to God our Father.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Lenton

## **Envelope Secretary Report – 2020**

In 2020, we issued 117 giving receipts totalling \$172,820

We have 36 parishioners that give through the Pre-Authorized Giving program (PAR) and we have issued 98 boxes of giving envelopes.

Submitted by Judy Asker

## **Property Committee Report for 2020**

### **Gardening Report**

We had a good gardening year with the roses being consistently beautiful. Cathy Mondor donated marigolds, petunias and zinnias that she had started from seed at her home. These provided lots of colour to the garden as they bloomed all summer and into the fall. More perennial iris and day lilies were also added. Van der Meer Garden Centre of Ile-des-Chenes gave us a discount on the purchase of plants. The members of the gardening team were Joe Darlington, Barbara Jalibat, Cathy Mondor, Tannis Webster and Barbara Bater. The team is looking forward to another successful gardening year in 2021. We are always happy to have others come along to enjoy the work.

Barbara Bater

### **Building Maintenance**

1. With the building closed due to COVID -19 a sign –in sheet was developed so that individuals coming into the building could indicate where they had been. This facilitated cleaning and provided a record, should it be needed, for insurance purposes as AON insurance required the building to be checked every two days. (Started 23 March).
2. The Vital Seniors grant was finalized in the spring. The four items approved included a portable public address system, air hand dryers in the four washrooms, two new stoves in the downstairs kitchen, 20 new cushioned chairs, eight chairs reupholstered and four new heavy-duty plastic tables. We have a total of 148 cushion chairs.
3. Ted Cunningham repaired the cracks in the gyproc walls in the conference room and then repainted the whole area.
4. Carey Isaac and daughter Danielle carried out a number of tasks over the summer including tightening the screws in all the metal chairs, painting in various areas of the building and the yellow lines on the parking lot.
5. An inspection of the west and east side flat rooves found that the shingles on the west side were cracking in a number of locations and on the east side that the sealant attaching the flat roofing material to the wall was coming loose. The company that did the initial installation on the west side- Above All Roofing provided a good price for removing the existing tiles, adding a rubber waterproof membrane and new tiles on the west side. Two air vents were installed (none existed) as a means of removing heat from the small attic that exists. They repaired the east side problem by adding a nine-inch metal flashing over the exposed roofing joint. A minor repair was performed on the roof saddle behind the triangular window.
6. The parish shares the cost of maintenance and snow removal with the Little Saints Learning Centre on a 50/50 basis. A few small hairline cracks were showing in the asphalt. The representative of a local firm determined that the parking lot asphalt was holding up very well and recommended filling the cracks with a product readily available at hardware stores. This was done. The contract with Whiteout Snow removal for five months was renewed for 2020/2021 at the same price as last year. This firm clears the gravel parking

lot on the north side of the building on our behalf and that cost is covered in full by Tom Fulton the owner operator of the Remax agency next door to us.

7. The old wooden exit door on the SE corner of the building was replaced by Brad Mitchell, a local contractor. He added an astragal to the main doors and replaced the hinges which straightened the doors sufficiently that they now close properly on the power of the door closer.
8. Brian Aminot has been coming into the building on a regular basis to perform cleaning, washing and waxing. He kindly installed a new underlay and tile floor in the vestibule in the SE corner of the building this summer and replaced some cracked floor tiles in the upper hall. Brian was helpful in suggesting products and procedures for cleaning spaces to keep the building safe from the COVID virus.
9. A number of minor projects were completed throughout the year.
10. Annual and quarterly inspections were performed by authorities or contractors as required: elevator inspections, fire extinguisher and emergency lights, furnaces, mouse traps, natural gas piping. Furnace filters were replaced monthly.

### Special thanks

1. Continued thanks to Brian Aminot for his attention to caretaking needs. Brian comes by every day to ensure the building is ready to receive guests — washrooms are clean, floors wiped and garbage removed. Early Sunday mornings or at other quiet times Brian performs a variety of tasks such as mopping/waxing the floors, cleaning glass, vacuuming, clearing the snow and mowing the grass.
2. Thanks to Barbara Bater and her team for their devotion in nurturing the front and side yard flower beds. The flowers add a real sparkle to our property. Come out to enjoy!
3. Thanks to Ted Cunningham for the professional repairs made in the conference room.
4. Thanks to Carey Isaac and Danielle for completing a number of projects.
5. Thanks to Alan Forrest for his continued help with repairs.

Respectfully,  
Brian Crow

### Sunday School Program Report 2020

The St. Mary Magdalene Sunday School Program last met together on March 15, 2020, the third Sunday in Lent. The children were participating in storytelling for Lent, using the Young Children and Worship curriculum. At that time, we had registration of four families with a total of eight children and four facilitators - Barbara Bater, Rakhel Khan, Carolyn Olagbuji, and Jeannie McClory.

Unfortunately, due to pandemic restrictions related to in-person gatherings, we could not continue our program and did not have our Sunday School year wind-up in June, 2020. In addition, we were not able to start our new 2020/2021 Sunday School year in September, 2021. Some lectionary-based resources were purchased and distributed to Sunday School families for Advent, and we hope to provide similar resources for Lent.

Due to on-going issues with COVID 19, it is unlikely that the Sunday School will meet this Spring. We look forward to Fall, 2021, in hopes that our Church community, including the Sunday School, may gather together again.

Submitted by Jeannie McClory

## Communications Report 2020

### Website

In the spring, our website was retooled to provide current information regarding the pandemic via a new page easily accessible from the homepage. This page included messages from Val (initially daily and then gradually less often); and links to the diocesan and national church websites, music videos created by Nancy, and mental health resources for coping with the pandemic. Later the page included links to online Sunday services offered by the Diocese and by our own parish.

Over the summer and into the fall the website was updated as required, including the re-opening and requirements for in-person services, the cancellation of in-person services, the on-again off-again scheduling of garage sales, and activities other than service offered via Zoom.

I was advised that the website was responsible for a few new visitors to our church.

In December I was pleased to create an Advent page which featured a schedule of services, messages from Val, and the great Christmas video created by parishioners and Nancy. In December, I also updated much of the content on the website to reflect that while the building is closed there is still much going on.

Visits to the website were recorded and provided to Vestry on a monthly basis throughout 2020. Peak periods for visits were in March, August/Sept and December.

### Newsletter

Responding to the need to provide information in a more timely manner, including from Vestry meetings, in the fall *The Magdala News*, our 10-12 page quarterly publication, was replaced with *News from Scattered Pews*, a 2-3 page monthly newsletter that includes a message from Val, highlights of the month's Vestry meeting, and other current information as required. It was my pleasure to be co-editor of the Mag News with Heather Birtles for many years.

Respectfully submitted by

Therasa Hunt

### Greeters Report 2020

At present we have many eager, willing and capable Greeters – “looking for work”. The Roster covering the first quarter of 2020 is as follows: Louise Taylor, Jean Crowe, John Haitsma, Abid Munir, Marion Marshall, Nargis Khan, Shahbaz Khan, Jan Matthews, Mary Jane Turner. It will be a happy day for all when we return to our old ways of greeting each other in person.

Submitted by Betty Cobb

### Food Voucher Program Report 2020

Through a community partnership with Dakota Family Foods, our Parish Food Voucher Program began in June of 2013. In 2020, we were limited by COVID19 restrictions and only able to provide direct community support for about a 3 month time frame. Our parishioners remained generous and, as a result, we were able to provide 40 x \$5 food vouchers and 5 x \$25 food gift certificates to Dakota Family Foods assisting 12 different families in our community area.

The recipients of the food vouchers are always gracious and so very appreciative of the community support.

Program Administrator,

Judy Asker

### Sunday Morning Coffee Ministry Report 2020

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped make our time of fellowship at St Mary's so enjoyable, either by providing delicious dainties or cooked dishes to ensuring there is always tea or coffee available and also to those who have volunteered for special functions by helping with the setup, clearing up, and doing dishes. This willingness to pitch in by so many individuals is a fine example of solidarity among parishioners. We look forward to when we can meet again in person and carry on this tradition of fellowship!

Thank you!

### **Sides Persons Report 2020**

We had 20 parishioners on the roster at the beginning of the year, but when the services were cancelled the list was set aside.

Sadly, two of our long term colleagues, Dave Gittins and Sharon West, passed away, leaving us to mourn their loss. Thanks to everyone for your participation.

We look forward to once again fulfilling our duties as sidepersons. Perhaps this is a good time to review our role and if we could do anything differently.

Margaret Jones

Coordinator

### **Pastoral Care Ministry Annual Report for 2020**

During 2020, monthly meetings took place, mostly on 'Zoom' due to COVID restrictions. Members on the pastoral care team include: The Ven. Val From, Barbara Bater (PCT Co-ord.), Joe Darlington, Mary Jane Turner, Barbara Crow, and Darryl Melnyk (who serves as Peoples' Warden as well as Prayer Partners' Coordinator).

Members give thanks to Sharon West for her years of dedicated pastoral care ministry before her death last spring.

The purpose of the meetings is twofold: (1) update team members regarding need for new or continuing visits (or prayers) and (2) coordinate services to parishioners in need. Also, visitors may drop off or bring a prayer shawl or quilt to parishioners who desire a tangible spiritual support. During the past year, visitors presented 9 prayer shawls or quilts, 1 Hope Bear, and distributed 44 pocket prayer shawls.

Thank you to the parish knitters and quilters, as well as others whose beautiful artworks bring special comfort to those in need.

Respectfully, Barbara Crow (for Barbara Bater)

### **Prayer Partners Annual Report 2020**

Prayer Partners is a ministry of approximately 20 parishioners who are devoted to daily prayer for anyone in need.

We are divided into teams who are given prayer requests that come in. In addition, we also pray for all ministries of the parish. Prayer requests come through Rev. Val, Barbara Bater and directly from parishioners.

We have remained active throughout the pandemic even though our building is closed and gatherings are limited.

We are always looking for new partners to join us in this ministry. Please consider joining us in 2021! Contact Darryl Melnyk if you are interested.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people" 1

Timothy 2:1

Respectfully submitted, Darryl Melnyk

### **Nursing Homes Report 2020**

Nursing Home services were planned monthly on the second Tuesday at 2:30 pm at Vista Park Lodge and for the third Thursday, 10:30 am at River Park Gardens. Services were held on this schedule for the months of January through March before being suspended due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

The services at River Park Gardens were very well attended and we received assistance from the nursing home staff with Lily the Activity Coordinator playing the piano for our hymns and during Communion. It was heart-warming to see some of the residences join in singing the familiar songs. The services at Vista Park were also well attended and the church volunteers led the congregation in singing the hymns

The Reverend Val provided leadership and preached on the previous Sunday readings in a manner related to the life experiences of the residents. She also conducted the Eucharist for all in attendance.

Volunteers from the parish assisted in the Eucharist, passed the peace with the attendees and distributed song books.

Thanks to Barbara Bater, Betty Cobb, Norma Edwards, Joan Hill, Carol McPhaden, Lois Melnick and Joe Darlington for their faithful attendance and for assisting in the service.

We look forward to resuming these services when the pandemic comes to an end.

Joe Darlington

### **Altar Guild Report 2020**

The altar guild is a very special group of parishioners who make sure that the preparations for Sunday services and special services are completed before and after our worship. Activities include preparing the bread and wine, arranging the altar vessels and linens as well as flowers. We meet with Val several times a year to discuss upcoming liturgical seasons and special services.

We are so grateful for Hope Bettess and Betty Cobb who have faithfully led this ministry for many years. Betty decided to retire this year. We want to thank her for all her service. We will miss you!

This past year worship services were more limited but we have kept the appropriate altar colours and banners in place even though the building was sometimes closed. Special decorations were also put in place at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We are always looking for new members. Couples are welcome. If you are interested or would like more information, please let me know by calling 204-275-2309.

Respectfully yours, Lois Melnyk

### **Lay Readers' Annual Report 2020**

The Lay Readers of St. Mary Magdalene Parish who assist at Sunday worship as well as other services throughout the year are Qaiser Bhatti, Brian Crow, Joe Darlington, Carey Isaac, Lorna Jones, Shiraz Khan, Caroline Olagbuji and Barbara Bater. We are pleased to have Caroline Olagbuji join us in this ministry. Although Joe and Qaiser will not be on the Sunday schedule they will continue to be lay readers for other special services.

We met 3 times during the year to discuss ministry, evaluate past services, plan for upcoming services and support one another. The Rev. Val From attended all our meetings. As this has been a very different year because of the COVID 19 pandemic we have fulfilled our ministry both in the church and by Zoom.

A special thank you goes to Charles Jr. Olagbuji for his excellent job as server and to Judy Bjerring and Val From who are looking after our scheduling.

It is a privilege to be part of a ministry that gives glory to God and hopefully enriches all who worship at St. Mary Magdalene.

Submitted by Barbara Bater

### **Community Ministry Report 2020**

Our parish is represented at the Community Ministry by Joe Darlington, Margaret Jones and Barbara Bater.

In March money was collected for 20 sets of food for "Chicken and Pasta" and \$214.55 was donated towards the Nutrition Bingo. By this time the Ministry had closed because of COVID 19 restrictions so the food was used to supplement the emergency food supply.

The popular Urban Retreats Garden Tour moved to a virtual format highlighting gardens from previous years. We were invited to make cash donations towards this fundraiser for the Ministry.

On Thanksgiving Sunday in October, food was collected as a special offering for the emergency food program. We did not collect items this year for the Christmas Store, but we had the opportunity to make cash donations through their website. The store itself was open on December 12, and 64 families and 276 children were provided gifts.

Early in the year, Joe Darlington and Ken Hill volunteered at the Monday Food Supplement Program. Non-perishable food items were collected for the emergency cupboard. Warm hats, scarves and mitts were donated. Vestry donated \$582 as our consortium commitment to help with rental costs of the Ministry in the West End Commons.

Thank you for your generous support of this outreach ministry.

Submitted by Barbara Bater

### **Wednesday Bible Study Group 2020**

The Bible Study group has continued to meet each week during the past year and has used 'Zoom' as the best means of connecting, since the restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic. We begin with the service of Mid-day Prayer and for our study, have been guided by information made available from "Woodlake Publishing" on line. Currently we no longer require funds from the Parish to run this programme. Anyone who would like to join this group is very welcome and should contact the Rector. Meetings are being held on line each Wednesday at 1pm.

Submitted by Heather Birtles

### **Music and Choir Report 2020**

Here is how the music ministry functioned in 2020.

This has been a year of continuous change and challenge, as we have pivoted over and over again to keep one another safe and also to stay in frequent contact.

Choir ceased to meet as soon as the COVID virus arrived in Winnipeg.

It didn't take long before we were ready to try worshipping over the Zoom platform, which enabled us to resume some semblance of singing together, from our own homes. One new time consuming aspect of that was preparing the lyrics of the songs for inclusion on the screen. But it has been totally worth it to be able to integrate singing quite seamlessly into the Zoom services.

For a period of time through the summer months we had 2 services running - one in person, and one over Zoom. The congregation was not permitted to sing in person, but Nancy played and sang, and many who were present sang in their hearts or hummed softly behind their masks.

Around Christmastime Nancy added another task - video editing. We took clips and photos sent in by parish members, and edited them together into a video pageant. Huge thanks to Neha and the Khan family for their creative talents on that project. On Christmas Eve we had two services - one in the afternoon over Zoom, and the other pre-recorded for people to watch in the evening - or whenever desired. In addition to Christmas eve carols we edited into the pre-recorded service two videos of large choirs, including the King's College Cambridge choir. People who watched it shared feedback that the additional videos were a welcome addition for a special service.

We stand ready to pivot again as needed as we wait for the happy day when we can all be together again in person!

Nancy Aasland  
Music Director

### **Garage Sale Report 2020**

The spring garage sale was planned for May 1 & 2, 2020 but because of the COVID 19 global pandemic all activities at the church were suspended.

At the end of August, with the number of COVID 19 infections low in Winnipeg, and things trying to get back to "normal", it was decided to proceed with the fall garage sale.

Safety protocols were reviewed, posters were made and distributed, ads placed on Kijiji, Marketplace, and in the Lance newspaper. Layout plans were developed and plans were made to ensure the safety of volunteers and shoppers.

By September 23, the numbers of infected people in Winnipeg were rising significantly.

On September 24 the opening up committee made up of Rev. Val From, Carol McPhaden, Darryl Melnyk, Caroline Olagbuji, Chima Chura, and Debra and Carey Isaac met via zoom with me, and it was decided that the risks of infection outweighed the benefit of the sale and the decision was made to cancel the fall garage sale.

It was suggested that the boxes be opened, sorted, and that the most sellable items be kept for the spring sale in 2021. A small group of people gathered for three mornings, unpacked, sorted, and repacked boxes. The items being donated to the Salvation Army and the Mennonite Central Committee were then carried upstairs. A huge thank you to Barbara Bater, Larry Carruthers, John Chan, Brian Crow, Ted & Coney Cunningham, Haldean Gittins, and Tannis Webster who worked tirelessly to pull off this monumental task. It was calculated that 75-person hours were needed – one person working 8 hours per day for eight and a half days. Many hands make light work.

On Saturday, October 3 the Mennonite Central Committee did a pick up as planned. On Monday, October 5, the Salvation Army truck arrived and took a truck load full and returned on Thursday, October 8 and took the remaining items.

I am concerned that items, on the not accepted list, are still being dropped off at the church which means that we need to dispose of them. In particular, entertainment units and baby items such as bassinets, cribs, strollers, and car seats. We CAN NOT sell baby items. It puts us at risk of law suits. Entertainment units don't sell at the garage sale and Salvation Army and Mennonite Central Committee do not take entertainment units any more. Flavie Laurent will take them but only for a fee of forty dollars each because they usually have to dispose of them in the landfill and that is what they would be charged to dispose of them.

I am recommending that if someone has baby items or entertainment units or any other item on our “Do Not Accept” list that you want to get rid of, please give it away on Kijiji or Marketplace or by putting it out on the curb on “Free Weekend Events”.

We will try again in the spring of 2021 for our garage sale. The recommended dates of April 30 and May 1, 2021 with accepting of donations starting April 1, 2020. Please watch for more information as this will depend on where we are in the pandemic struggle.

Submitted by

Cathy Mondor, Garage Sale Coordinator

### **Parish Refugee Support 2020**

Under an agreement with the federal government's department of Immigration, Refugee Citizenship Canada (IRCC) the diocese is able to sponsor refugee resettlements in Canada. The sponsorship agreement allows parishes to do the hands on work on behalf of the diocese. We have been involved in helping refugees resettle in Winnipeg since 1979. Helping a family relocate is a very rewarding project. It is a one year undertaking. Watching and guiding a family learn a new language and new customs can be inspiring.

The host parish has a responsibility for some financial support, finding accommodation, setting up a household, introducing the family to medical and dental services, schools, grocery shopping, getting around the city and learning something of our culture and many attractions. Being friends with the new family is a major part of sponsorship.

This year we were able to assist a family of six – mother, father two teenage girls and two young boys. It was an exciting time in the fall of 2019 when the family arrived with little notice. Thanks to Qaiser Bhatti, Coney and Ted Cunningham, Carole McPhaden, Barbara Bater, Margaret Jones and Gail Schnabl for helping in the initial house set up. Debra Arsenault, Carey Isaac and Val From provided hands on support for the whole year that included obtaining furniture, seasonal clothing, shopping trips and rides to medical/dental appointments, and being friends to the family, etc.

Also, thanks to Marlene Smith for her support and advice. Marlene took on the role of diocesan refugee sponsorship co-ordinator in 2019.

Thanks to Margaret Jones who has been the parish signing officer for many years.

Vestry is considering how to continue as sponsors because the IRCC and diocesan requirements have changed recently.

Respectfully, Brian Crow,  
2020 Parish signing officer

## Christmas Hamper Program 2020

As we were not able to meet to collect and put together food hampers in November and December, 2020, St. Mary Magdalene decided to continue support of the annual Hamper Program by following the COVID 19 recommendation of the Christmas Cheer Board (CCB) and providing **Food Cards/Vouchers** to recipients.

An email notice requesting cash donations by December 8/21 to support this program was circulated to church members, with a total of \$1793 received.

Previous and potential recipients were contacted to determine their current food needs. The resulting list was shared with CCB to ensure no duplication of recipients. One family was removed from the church list after they confirmed that they had already received a food voucher from CCB.

In the end, the St. Mary Magdalene recipients included six (6) Individuals and four (4) families of 2 to 4. Food cards/vouchers were provided for recipients' preferred store locations, in the amounts of \$50 per individual and \$100 per family, for a total cost of \$700.00.

(Note: CCB advised on Dec 8/20 that the amounts they were providing were:

Individual: \$30; Family of 2 to 3: \$50; Family of 4 to 5: \$75; Family of 6+: \$100.

Although our church program normally tries to follow CCB Guidelines, the amounts provided to St. Mary Magdalene recipients this year were considerably more.)

The balance of funds contributed to the Hamper Program have been designated to support the food security programs of St. Matthews-Maryland Community Ministry and the Primate's World Relief Development Fund (PWRDF).

Jeannie McClory

Coordinator, Hamper Program

## Parish Activities Reports 2020

In the spring of 2020, due to COVID19 restrictions, all activities in the parish were suspend in compliance with Diocesan and Provincial protocol.

We look forward, with anticipation, to inviting users of our building back in to the church to meet when it is deemed safe to do so.

Current groups meeting in the parish:

Alateen: Happy Trails

Asian Christian Fellowship (ACF)

Book Club

Brownies/Pathfinders/Guides

Capoeira

Cubs/Scouts/Beavers

Kindermusik

Kitchen Table Wisdom

Move It Dance Group

Seniors Melody Group

South Glen Fiddlers

St Vital Ag Knitting Group

Vital Seniors

## User Group Reports:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Winnipeg Scout Group

The use of church facilities was curtailed at the end of March 2020, due to Scouts Canada and the church's implementation of COVID 19 protocols.

Prior to the cessation of activities, noted above, 3<sup>rd</sup> Winnipeg had three sections of youth meeting once a week on either Monday or Thursday. The chart below details the Sections, Age Group, Meeting Night & Times along with number of youth and leaders associated with each:

Section	Age	Meeting - Night & Time	Registered Youth	Registered Leadership
Beaver Scouts	'05-07 years	Monday @ 6:30-7:30pm	31	5
Scouts	'11-14 years	Thursday @ 6:30-8:30pm	15	3
Venture Scouts	'15-18 years	Thursday @ 6:30-8:30pm	5	2
Group Committee	Adult Volunteers	Third Thursday of each month @ 8:45-9:45pm		5 additional to Leadership

Beyond the weekly meetings listed above the Beaver Scout section ran an overnight “Camp Out”, with 9 youth, 1 parent each, and 3 leaders on 22 Feb – 23 Feb, 2020, in the church basement.

We hope that everyone at the church is well and have managed to get through these difficult times.

We look forward to when we can once again meet in person with the youth and our hosts.

Yours in Scouting

Scouter Craig Mensforth, 3<sup>rd</sup> Winnipeg Scout Group

### Happy Trails Alateen

Alateen is for teens who lives have been affected by someone else’s drinking or drug abuse. Happy Trails Alateen had a group of 5 sponsors who were members of Al Anon. We had 2 sponsors each week that rotated for the teens to guide the Alateen meetings for the teens in the group if needed. Although our numbers had dropped, sometimes with no teens showing up for the Happy Trails Alateen meetings, there were always two sponsors who would go and open the doors in case a new comer came.

Over the past year, we lost 2 of our sponsors and the other 3 long time sponsors felt that they could no longer sponsor anymore.

It was with regret that Happy Trails Alateen officially folded at the end of December 2020. This was the only Alateen group in Winnipeg and in Area 82 which took in all of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario.

We are truly grateful that St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church for allowing the Happy Trails Alateen Group to meet at the church, for a nominal rent, for so many years. I was told by Judy that if an Alateen group was formed again and needed a space to meet to contact her. This meant a lot to me and that information would be passed on to the next Alateen Coordinator that steps up to the position.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle McGill, Past Sponsor and Contact person for Happy Trails Alateen

### Kindermusik

Kindermusik has been unable to hold in-person classes for almost the entirety of the pandemic.

We made a brief attempt in the fall, but only managed to teach a tiny handful before being shut down again.

We do not foresee being allowed to hold classes until vaccination is mostly completed.

Nancy Aasland, Kindermusik Discovery

## Southglen Fiddlers

This is the report of Southglen Fiddlers to St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church for their Annual Meeting, February 21, 2021. Activities for the year ending December 31, 2020 are reported here.

Southglen Fiddlers began 2020 with plans for regular Thursday practices, January to May and September to mid-December. Our Board expected to meet about four times during the year. However, the shadow of COVID 19 was already looming and there were concerns about how long we could or should continue practice sessions. Our group operated through January, February, and the first half of March.

About this time we received guidance from the Church in the form of a set of protocols. Referring to these protocols we considered how we might be able to incorporate them into music practices that involved close contact, wearing of masks, and use of bathroom facilities. The SGF Board met March 4 in St. Mary's Board Room. It was decided that no one should be put at risk of contracting the disease, neither any of our own members nor any of St. Mary Magdalene parishioners. Our last practice took place March 13.

There were hopes and intentions to re-start in September. COVID 19 was still a danger. Our Executive met August 17 (via email and telephone). Two days later a letter went to SGF members advising them that we did not know whether we, as a group, could meet the protocols sufficiently well to ensure safety for all members and parishioners. Practices were postponed until the situation became significantly improved.

Southglen's Board met again September 9. The Board decided to survey the members, asking whether they would attend if practices were held. We achieved 100% response from the members. All said they wanted to return, but not until it was safe to do so. Orange level restrictions came in September 28 and that meant the end of any possibility for re-starting.

We emphasize that our members have always enjoyed meeting at St. Mary Magdalene. It has become the centre of Southglen Fiddlers' musical activities and we hope it will be again, soon. Our Treasurer has forwarded rental payment for the last term of 2020.

Respectfully,  
President Ray Honeybun  
Per Secretary Sharon McCullough

## St. Vital Agricultural Knitters

The knitters have remained active throughout the pandemic and are knitting mittens to assist those in need in our community

## Vital Seniors

We ceased our activities in early 2020 and are now coming up to almost a year's break due to COVID19.

I know we are all looking forward to getting together safely again.

Please feel free to telephone a buddy to stay connected.

I hope to see you very soon.

Keep safe.

Your President,

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### Special Offerings Disbursements

2016	2017	2018
Habitat for Humanity Jubilee Fund GIC Can/Lutheran/Anglican Youth \$500 each Convention Sponsorship <b>\$1,500</b>	Anglican Foundation Jubilee Fund GIC Guiding and Scouting \$642 each <b>\$1,925</b>	Healthy Com. Initiatives - Criminal Camperships Record Cks Habitat for Humanity <b>\$1,735</b>
Parish Refugee Fund South Sudanese Women's Centre St. Matthews Maryland CM \$330 each <b>\$990</b>	North Point Douglas Women's Cntr Anglican Healing Fund PWRDF \$336.66 each <b>\$1,010</b>	Jubilee Fund GIC St Matthew Maryland Diocese of Jerusalem \$465/\$540/\$250 <b>\$1,250</b>
PWRDF Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg Suicide Prevention Program of the National Anglican Church's Indigenous \$528 each Ministries <b>\$1,585</b>	Canadian Food Grains Bank Parish Food Vouchers North End Family Centre Parish Operations \$300/\$880/\$880/\$580 <b>\$2,640</b>	Alpha House North Point Douglas Women's Cntr Uganda Orphans Parish Operations 450/450/450/520 <b>\$1,870</b>

2019	2020	2021
Doctors Without Borders \$500 Winnipeg Quaker \$755 Parish GIC top-up \$420 <b>\$1,675</b>	Grace & Nelly Project \$300 St Matthews-Maryland CM \$582 Parish Operations \$713 <b>\$1,595</b>	
St Matthew-Maryland CM \$570 PWRDF \$642.50 1st Nations Child & Family Caring Soc. \$642.50 <b>\$1,855</b>	Survival Gardening Project \$386 Children's Rehab Foundation \$386 Parish Operations \$388 <b>\$1,160</b>	
Bear Clan \$334.17 St Boniface Street Lights \$334.17 St Matthew Maryland CM \$334.16 Parish Refugee Fund \$1002.50 <b>\$2,005</b>	Parish Operations <b>\$1,755</b>	

January 31, 2021

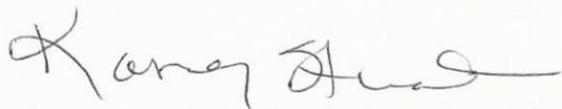
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Winnipeg MB  
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To the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene church,

After reviewing the financial documents of the parish, I find that the statements represent a fair and accurate position of the finances of the parish for the year ending December 31,2020.

The parish uses the cash method for recording all revenue and expenses. This is in accordance with Canadian Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Sincerely Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kanya Stua". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Finance Coordinator for Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

**St. Mary Magdalene  
Balance Sheet  
January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020**

<b>Ledger Balance as of January 1, 2020:</b>		13,652.94	<b>Budget YTD</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Open	228.15		1,500.00
Envelopes	147,446.72		130,000.00
Special Offerings	6,868.00		7,000.00
Building Rental	2,102.00		10,000.00
Functions, Weddings, Funerals	2,020.19		1,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,201.05		2,500.00
Memorials	0.00		100.00
Capital Projects Building	75.00		0.00
Transfers/Grants/Wage Subsidy	5,973.57		0.00
Endowment/WPG FND Memorial Fund	5,259.54		5,260.00
Garage Sale	220.00		10,000.00
Bank Interest /Integra Fund	17,923.05		7,900.00
Functions (in/out re: Sexton, Musician, Altar Guild)	679.81		
PWRDF (in/out)	1,830.00		
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>192,827.08</b>	<b>175,260.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Payroll: Salaries & Benefits	122,453.98		122,827.00
Administration	4,829.71		5,690.00
Building & Property	30,025.55		27,700.00
Program	2,872.06		6,200.00
Diocese	22,995.96		22,996.00
PWRDF (in/out)	1,830.00		
Wedding/Funeral (in/out)	679.41		
Sexton Special (in/out)	0.00		
Special Approved Spending	5,737.61		5,000.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>191,424.28</b>	<b>190,413.00</b>
<b>Ledger Balance:</b>		<b>15,055.74</b>	
<b>Funds held on behalf of</b>	Asian Christian Fellowship (ACF)	9,705.50	
<b>Account Balance:</b>			<b><u>24,761.24</u></b>

OTHER ASSETS (not included in Balance)

**At December 31, 2020 - Integra Capital \$177,600.09**

**At December 31, 2020 - Savings \$116.40**

1. GIC - \$1000.00 - Interest Rate: 1.300% - Matures on Dec 21,2023
2. GIC - \$1010.21 - Interest Rate: 1.00% - Matures on March 3, 2022
3. GIC - \$1,010.08 - Interest Rate: 0.750% - Matures on May 24,2022
4. GIC - \$1,149.70 - Interest Rate: 0.400% - Matures on April 23,2023
5. GIC - \$1013.57 - Interest Rate: 0.450% - Matures on August 16, 2022
6. GIC - \$1,016.61 - Interest Rate: 0.550% - Matures on Nov. 2, 2022

**Total Jubilee Fund GIC - \$6,200.17**

Internal Committed Funds Accounts: Included in Ledger Balance	
Parish Food Vouchers	135.08
Refugee Sponsorship	1,881.44
<b>Total Committed Accounts</b>	<b>\$2,016.52</b>

Financial Position	
24,761.24	Account Balance
11,722.02	Act Payable (AP)
	Available Balance If all AP
<b>13,039.22</b>	<b>Paid out (ACF &amp; Committed)</b>

**St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church  
INCOME & EXPENSE**

**January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020**

	Income:	TOTALS	BUDGET	%
5	Open	228.15	1,500.00	15.21%
6	Envelopes	147,446.72	130,000.00	113.42%
7	Special Offerings (detailed on last page)	6,868.00	7,000.00	98.11%
8	Building Rental	2,102.00	10,000.00	21.02%
9	Functions, Weddings, Funerals	2,020.19	1,000.00	202.02%
10	Miscellaneous (GST rebate, Calendar sales, Day by Day, Coffee, Grants)	2,201.05	2,500.00	88.04%
11	Memorials	0.00	100.00	0.00%
12	Capital Projects Building	75.00	0.00	
13	Grants/Transfers/Wage Subsidy	5,973.57	0.00	
14	Endowment/ WPG FND Memorial Fund	5,259.54	5,260.00	99.99%
15	Garage Sale	220.00	10,000.00	2.20%
16	Bank Interest & Integra Fund, MISC.	17,923.05	7,900.00	
17	Functions (in/out re: Sexton, Altar Guild, Music)	679.81		
18	PWRDF (Diocese in/out)	1,830.00		
19	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>192,827.08</b>	<b>175,260.00</b>	<b>110.02%</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>			
	<b>Salaries</b>			
22	Rector Salary & Living Allowance	62,063.70	64,695.00	95.93%
23	Travel (Mileage/Parking)	0.00	700.00	0.00%
24	Pension/Benefits	20,462.17	16,615.00	123.15%
	<b>Support Staff</b>		<b>81,310.00</b>	
26	Music Director	15,054.96	15,055.00	100.00%
27	Substitute Organist	1,320.00	990.00	133.33%
28	Administrator/Bookkeeper	21,001.92	21,002.00	100.00%
29	Substitute Celebrant	150.00	1,320.00	11.36%
30	Sub. Travel (Sub, Off-site Services)	0.00	100.00	0.00%
31	Support Staff Benefits	2,401.23	2,350.00	102.18%
32	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>122,453.98</b>	<b>122,827.00</b>	<b>99.70%</b>

	<b>Administration</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>%</b>
34	Office Supplies/Equipment	110.83	300.00	36.94%
35	Telephone/Internet/Webpage	2,953.32	2,800.00	105.48%
36	Postage	108.88	250.00	43.55%
37	Copier/Printing	248.65	900.00	27.63%
38	Payroll Cost	240.00	240.00	100.00%
39	Special Printing/Communications	532.34	650.00	81.90%
40	Miscellaneous (PAR/CAFT Fee)	635.69	550.00	115.58%
41	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>4,829.71</b>	<b>5,690.00</b>	<b>84.88%</b>
	<b>Building/Property</b>			
43	Insurance/Taxes/Licenses/Prof. Fees	5,812.93	5,660.00	102.70%
44	Supplies	385.11	800.00	48.14%
45	Janitorial Contract	6,869.50	6,870.00	99.99%
46	Grounds/Roads	2,358.69	1,670.00	141.24%
47	Utilities	7,157.48	9,000.00	79.53%
48	Maintenance	4,606.84	3,200.00	143.96%
49	Capital Expense	2,835.00	500.00	567.00%
	<b>Total Building/Property</b>	<b>30,025.55</b>	<b>27,700.00</b>	<b>108.40%</b>
	<b>Program Ministries</b>			
53	Education/Training	0.00	1,300.00	0.00%
54	Sunday School (Training for leaders, SS curriculum)	48.40	500.00	9.68%
55	Music Ministry	569.41	500.00	113.88%
56	Outreach (parish/local, food V.,city, international, St. Mat-Mary CM, Ang Fd, Jub Fd, calendars)	934.42	1,200.00	77.87%
57	Special Functions (coffee, luncheons, AGM, Cons. Sun)	301.48	800.00	37.69%
58	Worship (Altar Guild, Special Services, special books Sound System, DayxDay)	1,018.35	1,200.00	84.86%
59	Youth	0.00	200.00	0.00%
60	Discretionary Rector	0.00	500.00	0.00%
61	<b>Total Program</b>	<b>2,872.06</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>46.32%</b>
	<b>OTHER</b>			
63	Diocese Pledge	22,995.96	22,996.00	100.00%
64	PWRDF ( in/out)	1,830.00		
65	Wedding/Funeral (in/out)	679.41		
66	Sexton Special	0.00		
67	Special Approved Spending	5,737.61	5,000.00	114.75%
68	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>191,424.28</b>	<b>190,413.00</b>	<b>100.53%</b>
69	<b>Year End Net.</b>	<b>1,402.80</b>		

<b>Internal Committed Funds Accounts: Included in Ledger Balance</b>	
Parish Food Vouchers	135.08
Refugee Sponsorship	1,881.44
<b>Total Committed Accounts</b>	<b>\$2,016.52</b>

<b>2020 Detailed Rental Income:</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>%</b>
Al-Ateen-Happy Trails	20.00		
Asian Christian Fellowship	300.00		
Book Club	22.00		
Capoeira	93.00		
Kindermusik	242.00		
Kitchen Table Wisdom	60.00		
Knitting Group	0.00		
Move It Dance Group	150.00		
Seniors Melody Group	180.00		
South Glen Fiddlers	375.00		
Vital Seniors	500.00		
Special Rentals	160.00		
<b>86 TOTAL Building Rental</b>	<b>2,102.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>21.02%</b>

<b>2020 Special Offering Detail</b>		
105.00	Initial	
\$1,595.00	Easter	
\$1,160.00	Thanksgiving	
\$1,793.00	Hampers	
\$1,755.00	Christmas	
\$345.00	Nutrition Bingo	
\$115.00	Food Vouchers	
<b>6,868.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Line #7 Inc.</b>





<b>Program Ministries</b>							
<b>Education/Training</b> (Synod, Faith Horizons, bible study groups, honoraria, parish conferences)	1,747	800	0	1,100	1,100	1,300	500
<b>Sunday School</b> (Leader Training, materials)	505	476	48	500	500	500	200
<b>Music</b> (Licenses, choral music, hymnals, instruments/repairs, music binders)	372	475	569	500	500	500	550
<b>Outreach</b> (Parish/local, city/national, international, e.g. St. Matthew-Maryland CM, Anglican Foundation, Jubilee Fund)	1,717	1,877	934	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
<b>Special Functions</b> (parish functions/luncheons, AGM, picnic, Consecration Sunday, Aboriginal Sunday)	459	897	301	1,200	1,200	800	500
<b>Worship</b> (Altar Guild-Sacristy, flowers, sound systems, day x day)	840	1,596	1,018	1,200	1,200	1,200	800
<b>Youth</b>	74	0	0	200	200	200	200
<b>Discretionary: Rector</b> (Emergency Aid)	932	2,556	0	500	500	500	500
<b>Program Total</b>	<b>6,645</b>	<b>8,676</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>4,450</b>
<b>Diocese Pledge</b>	<b>20,760</b>	<b>18,755</b>	<b>22,996</b>	<b>20,760</b>	<b>18,755</b>	<b>22,996</b>	<b>21,875</b>

<b>Expense Summary</b>							
<b>Payroll</b>	119,977	119,977	122,454	119,708	121,081	122,827	120,929
<b>Administration</b>	5,763	5,763	4,830	5,830	5,840	5,690	5,130
<b>Building Property</b>	29,814	29,814	30,026	27,290	27,450	27,700	26,848
<b>Program Ministries</b>	6,645	8,676	2,872	6,400	6,200	6,200	4,450
<b>Diocesan Pledge</b>	20,760	18,755	22,996	20,760	18,755	22,996	21,875
<b>Special Offering</b> /Approved Spending, In/Out's	53,114	28,676	8,247	5500	5500	5000	1650
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>234,014</b>	<b>211,660</b>	<b>191,424</b>	<b>185,488</b>	<b>184,826</b>	<b>190,413</b>	<b>180,882</b>

<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Actuals</b>			<b>Budgets</b>			
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>246,234</b>	<b>199,851</b>	<b>192,827</b>	<b>165,466</b>	<b>171,280</b>	<b>175,260</b>	<b>155,800</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>234,014</b>	<b>211,660</b>	<b>191,424</b>	<b>185,488</b>	<b>184,826</b>	<b>190,413</b>	<b>180,882</b>
<b>Balance (-Negative)</b>	<b>12,220</b>	<b>-11,809</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>-20,022</b>	<b>-13,546</b>	<b>-15,153</b>	<b>-25,082</b>

## Nomination Committee Report

### Warden nominations

People's Warden	Darryl Melnyk
Deputy People's Warden	Caroline Olagbuji

### Vestry nominations

1. Barbara Jalibat (returning)
2. Carey Isaac (returning)
3. Heather Birtles
4. Shiraz Khan
5. Dawn Hillstrom
6. Ifey Echezona
7. Irene Konsmo
8. Mary Magson.

<b>Synod Delegates</b>	1. Carol McPhaden	2. Brian Crow	3. Tannis Webster
<b>Alternate Delegates</b>	1. Barbara Jalibat	2. Dawn Hillstrom	3. Chima Chira

If parishioners wish to make any other nominations, beyond those named in this report, please check to ensure the one to be nominated is willing to serve. If they are willing, please submit the name to the church office and one of the members of the nominating committee as soon as possible: no later than Sunday, February 14. This will allow preparations to be made, if a vote is necessary.

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### Rector's Appointments

Rector's Warden	Carol McPhaden
Deputy Rector's Warden	Chima Chira

Submitted by Barbara Jalibat and Carol McPhaden  
Nomination Committee