

**Archdeacon Bill Gray - Interim Priest in Charge, Report to Vestry, 2021  
Christ Church-Bobcaygeon; St. John's-Dunsford; St. Luke's-Burnt River**

I give thanks for your prayers and support during this past year, especially during Ruth's illness when she was diagnosed and treated for multiple myeloma cancer. With your prayers and support we are hopeful for a positive outcome. I am also grateful for your prayers and support of my ministry having now completed 3 years of service as your priest in charge which would not have been possible without your commitment.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in person public worship was discontinued for seven months from mid-March to mid-October. I thank the parish for investing in upgraded computer equipment and video editing programs that enabled me to provide internet online worship during this time. Public worship resumed from Thanksgiving to Christmas observing required Covid-19 protocols while maintaining online YouTube video services as well for those that could not or were not comfortable in attending publically. I also invested considerable effort in revising and updating the parish web site to enable improved communications during the pandemic. I am grateful to parish leadership and members for your participating in and viewing my online worship services and preparing for and implementing the required protocols for public worship.

I am also grateful to the many parish members who maintained contact and pastoral care with parish members experiencing isolation or illness through such gestures as phone visits, emails and forwarding online video and written services. Consequently while the church building was inaccessible for a significant time and many church programs discontinued this past year, the church was not closed for business and parish ministry, pastoral care, worship services and parish administration continued uninterrupted as parish staff and myself worked from home when required.

I rejoice that through these pandemic challenges, parish members maintained their financial commitment to our church's ministry so that 2020 donations for the most part were comparable to previous years. The loss of rental income and inability to engage in any fund raisers was compensated by the generous financial support from the Diocese of Toronto and the federal government's wage subsidy program. Consequently, we ended the year in a positive financial position.

We are sad to have lost 12 parish members who died during this difficult time when the ability to do in person visits and conduct the usual celebration of life services was

limited, especially remembering the terrible community loss at the Bobcaygeon Pinecrest Nursing Home during Covid-19. We commend to God gracious keeping the following and pray for all who grieve their loss: Carol Vallat, Audrey Pryce, Ruth and Tami Shepherd, Miriam Newhook, Jeff Tomlinson, Bob Morris, Hap Lafferty, Beatrice Armbrecht, Bernice Hodgson, Peggy Majury, and Lois Jewett.

Before lockdown, St. John's Dunsford hosted the world day of prayer service for Dunsford area churches and participated in the Dunsford Community Centre's Winterfest service where I preached. Christ Church Bobcaygeon hosted a successful Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, a parish and community Ash Wednesday service and participated in the Wednesday noon day Lenten ministerial services which included the Bobcaygeon World Day of Prayer Service. Some Rectory furniture was donated to enable me to stay overnight in Bobcaygeon when required due to inclement weather or other reasons. Rectory repairs were undertaken especially to the fireplace chimney due to water ingress.

Before lockdown, I began a Lenten study program presenting the history of church and community founders including Anglicans Thomas Need, the Boyd family, and a Truth and Reconciliation presentation of the Anglican video, "The Doctrine of Discovery; on Thursday nights at CCB. Bishop Riscylla Shaw visited the parish on March 1<sup>st</sup> for a service of Holy Eucharist at CCB where the Bishop admitted and installed Bob Fenton as a licensed lay reader.

We are all grateful to the following for all they do for our parish. **Staff:** Robbie Gordon, Goldie Bryan; **Wardens:** Todd Jermyn, Wendy Hall, Doug Shaw, Keith Thurston, Jeff Thurston, Luanne Reparon, Carol Morris, Darwin Jermyn; **Lay Readers:** Larry Barker, Bob Fenton; **Treasurers:** Mary Smith, Joanne Flint; **Envelope Secretaries:** Catherine Tang, Kim Prescott; **Pastoral Care:** Angela Beavon, Vicki Baxter, Yvonne Manol, Eva Touchburn, Ron and Mary Ann King, Archdeacon David Peasgood; **Retirement Home Services:** Bob & Dee Fenton; **Parish Organizations' Leaders and Members:** ACW, Chancel Guild, Knitters, readers, intercessors, servers, sides persons, greeters, musicians, choir, soloists; Sunday children's care, **Lay Delegates to Synod:** Vicky Baxter, Jean Bartlett and David Tang. **Pandemic Building Care:** Eric Watson, The Reverend David Flint, Keith Thurston, Todd Jermyn. **Covid Mask Makers:** Lynn Reid, Mareen Hobley, **CCB Sidespersons Chair & Bell Ringer Emeritus:** Don Patterson. **Sincerely; Archdeacon Bill Gray**