

Warden's Report Vestry 2020

Where to start for a Warden's report this year? It's been quite the year for Bobcaygeon and Christ Anglican Church. Firstly, we have lost a few of our parishioners and friends due to covid and other illness. We would be remiss not to mention those losses as we are after all a community within a community. We will miss all of our lost loved ones. I can think of one, a former warden (Carol Vallat) who worked tirelessly for our church for many years and there are others as well. We have not been able to gather to comfort one another in the traditional ways. It has been very hard for families to come together in their grief as funerals and celebrations of life had to be delayed or cancelled. Not all of our church family have been able to worship together physically due to fear of this disease but we began to gather again after Thanksgiving only to be closed again once more. Throughout this time, we have however, been able to worship thru online service continuously which has been a source of comfort. As warden's Todd and I would like to thank Bill Gray and his family for their steadfast devotion to bring us services even in spite of some serious health problems. We pray for your family Bill and Ruth and wait for news of your newest member.

What has this year taught us as a church family? We value stability and unity of purpose for one thing. Our purpose is to love one another and worship the Lord. We can still do that despite the pandemic. Our world continues to look for unity and stability years after World Wars, deadly pandemics like the Spanish Flu, polio and nuclear fears but one thing is for sure that is our faith. Our faith brings unity and stability to our lives and our community (our church). We thank God for our faith that God watches our struggles but has given us love and belief to get us thru these hard times.

We would also like to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication of Robbie Gordon. Over the last year, Robbie has carried on even in spite of moving her office to her home. Thank you Robbie for your steadfast diligence in keeping the business aspect of the church ongoing and accurate. A full knowledge of how things are done and what new things had to be done to keep us running should be acknowledged and appreciated.

The wardens would like to thank you the parishioners who have steadfastly supported Christ Church throughout this year. The church finances are in a good position due to this support. Our history as a faith community is long and strong. We pray in the Anglican community for unity and we at Christ Church are a shining example of that unity.

The diocese has in no small way been supporting our Church throughout this pandemic. Firstly, by leading the way to spearhead the action to request the Wage Subsidy from the CRA as a corporate collective entity together with the other parishes and secondly by forgiving three months of allotment which came as a Jubilee Grant. It has been a tough year for all churches and charities but Christ Church continues to thrive.

In conclusion the wardens would like to thank everyone who in any way contributed time and effort to Christ Church over the past year. Together we are strong, stable and unified. May we find this year ahead spiritually nourishing.