

2004 Parish Profile

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to make Him known.**

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OUR MISSION

Our mission at Christ Church is to know Jesus Christ, and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to make Him known.

HISTORY

In the late 1950's, with the rapid expansion of the "Hill Area" of North Bay [the north and what is now called Pinewood], area residents decided to form a 3rd Anglican Church to join the other 2 Churches--St John's on Main Street and St Brice's on Cassells Street.

The first vestry meeting was held on 23 April 1956 and 41 people were present for the first services which were held at Harvey Street Public School during August of 1957. The first Rector, the Reverend Murray Tipping came to us from St Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste Marie and celebrated his first service on 25 August, 1957. Almost immediately after the first services, there were formed a Women's Auxiliary and a Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen.



The 3 Pastors at the 40th Anniversary Celebrations: Bishop Les Peterson, Reverend Dawn Henderson and Reverend Murray Tipping.

The Diocese of Algoma purchased the land for Christ Church for \$11,400 [plus services!]. Within 2 years there was a Parish Hall [\$40,000] and



Bishop Les Peterson during his retirement tour 1994.

an addition [\$16,000] for the Sunday School room [1959]. Archbishop Wright Parish Hall was dedicated by The Most Reverend William L Wright, Archbishop of Algoma and Metropolitan of Ontario, on 1 October 1958. Reverend Tipping left in 1963 for the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Second Rector of Christ Church was the Reverend Leslie T Peterson who assumed his responsibilities in 1963 and remained until 1978. Rev'd Peterson moved to Holy Trinity Church in Parry Sound and later was elected Bishop of Algoma. "Bishop Les" was always a favourite visitor to Christ Church and the Parish honoured him in 1994 during his "retirement tour". During the time of Bishop Les, there was a Christian Education room added [1977].

The Third Rector of Christ Church was the Reverend Bill Ellam who became Rector in 1978. "Father Bill" was ably assisted from 1983 until 1990 by the Reverend Canon Arthur Chabot. During "Father Bill's" tenure, the parishioners along with the two Rectors, gathered to celebrate a mortgage burning. Over 100 people gathered to enjoy good fellowship, good food and the highlight of the evening -- fiddling by firelight. The firelight of the burning mortgage!



Father Bill Ellam



The Reverend Dawn Henderson

In 1991 the building was transformed from one that resembled a school with a flat roof, to one that looked like a Church with the addition of a new pitched roof. Of course, the warm, welcoming and accepting nature of the parishioners has never altered while the outside appearance of the building has changed radically.

The latest change in building structure occurred in 1996 as we added a new porch and entry way during the tenure of Christ Church's 4th Rector, the Reverend Dawn Henderson. "Rev'd Dawn" assumed her position in the Fall of 1991, coming to us from her position as assistant curate at Holy Trinity, Sault Ste Marie.

The 1st Rector of Christ Church, The Reverend Murray Tipping, returned to us as our Honorary Assistant in 1999.

Following the posting of the Rev'd Dawn Henderson to All Saints' Anglican Church, Huntsville, Christ Church welcomed our 5th Rector, the Reverend Douglas Parrett. Rev'd Douglas, who was ordained by Bishop Les, came to us via parishes in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Montreal. During his brief 2 years with us, Rev'd Douglas continued our tradition of excellent, lively preaching, and added semi-annual teaching series during Advent and Lent. We appreciated his depth of knowledge and skill in making his study topics come alive to mind, body and spirit.



And the future? As our 40th anniversary calendar suggests, our children are our future! With them, with our original members, and with our new members we are dedicated to knowing Jesus Christ and proclaiming Him as Lord and Saviour!

OUR PROJECTS

Archives & Photo Directories

Vera Frechette, Rector's Warden to Rev'd Dawn, is also our chief archivist who keeps track of parish history and events. Our memoirs are kept in photo albums and we are now beginning our 5th book.

Over the years, we have also commissioned 2 photo directories of parishioners. Keith Topps, Rector's Warden to Rev'd Douglas, has digitally prepared our 3rd photo directory—a directory with endless update possibilities. Our photo directories help build connections among our parish family members.

40th Anniversary Celebrations

During 1997, Christ Church celebrated its 40th anniversary. We held at least one special anniversary event per month: the Rector's Open House, teas and bake sales, spaghetti suppers, canoeing days, BBQ's, garage sales, murder mystery dinner, a children's play "Zeroes Into Heroes". The highlight event was a huge Thanksgiving weekend reunion.

We also produced an anniversary calendar, now a collector's item, containing various archival pictures for each month, parish birthday and anniversary dates, 40th anniversary event reminders, plus listings of regular liturgical events.



1997 - Christ Church 40th Anniversary Calendar photograph.

Cookbooks

The parishioners of Christ Anglican Church have published three cookbooks:

- “Our Favourite Recipes” in 1963 done by the Junior Girls’ Auxiliary and three adult leaders,
- “Holiday Cookbook” in 1972 by the A.C.W. of Christ Church [wallpaper cover],
- “Old Favourties” in 1994 co-ordinated by the Altar Guild and Choir containing scores of recipes from members of our congregation

Gardening for God at Christ Church



Gardening and grounds improvement at Christ Church, is a work continually in progress. Each new addition adds beauty to the area surrounding our place of worship.

The “Cross or Children’s Garden” is located in front of the Christ Church sign at the corner of Vimy and Lawson Streets. It was first created in the summer of 1997 in the outline of a small cross and has been planted with mixed annuals each year by the children of the Sunday School. Recently, Rupert Wiemer framed the garden with a wooden border.

The flower beds along the wall on either side of the front entrance were planted in 1994 by Doris Toswell with plants placed there in memoriam. Since 1999, the beds have been extended by Spencer Moore, our Sexton, who currently maintains these, along with the planters at the top of the stairs.



During the summer of 2001, a perennial lily garden was created under the large cross on the south end of the Church and in 2002. A large bed of mixed perennials and annuals



has been planted along the sidewalk on the south end of the church property. These were created and are maintained by Keith Topps. In both of these gardens, low maintenance plants have been selected that will hopefully thrive in full-sun and sometimes dry conditions.

Shrubs were planted at the corner of Vimy and Elizabeth



Streets in the summer of 2001, along with a flowering crab apple tree, alpine currants and a ginko tree to the south of the Church. A flowering snowball and other shrubs line the sidewalk and ramp between the Church entrance and the parking lot.

Other grounds improvements will undoubtedly follow as we continue to beautify the Church property.

The “Bog Garden” on the parking lot side of the church is a project undertaken since the year 2000. This area has proved almost impossible to drain and extremely difficult to maintain as lawn. After years of fighting unsuccessfully with the moisture problem, it was decided to try to work with nature rather than against it. Vickie and Rupert Wiemer have taken up the challenge of selecting plant species capable of surviving in this area and adding beauty to an otherwise challenging part of the property.

The Bog Garden at Christ Church



The goal of the bog garden is to make a very wet area at the Church as attractive as possible. Research has been done into plants that would grow in these conditions and each year, plants have been either bought or donated. Some have survived including a cherry tree which was one of the first things planted although it is not growing very fast. The tall yellow iris are doing very well and what is believed to be a rush, is doing almost too well. So each year is an experiment for which there are some successes and some failures. It is difficult to weed, and so anything that survives has to also battle the grass that comes up later in the season. We have had some blooms and hopefully we will gradually get more and more.

Our Bog Garden is also a “hit” with the local ducks.

Banners

Over the years, a variety of banners have been made and donated by many people. Our banners demonstrate to all who enter and attend worship at Christ Church, that Jesus Christ is presented boldly here.

All banners, given to the Glory of God, are expressions of thanksgiving for the ministry at Christ Church and for blessings received and for answered prayers.



Chairs & Memorial Board, Book and Cabinet



As one of our millennium projects, the members of the parish replaced our metal chairs with “a more comfortable pew”. On 23 October 2000, we ordered 56 deluxe oak frame, upholstered seat and back chairs with under-seat book rack and padded kneelers. These were ordered from Valley City, Dundas, Ontario and we received delivery on 1 March 2001.

On 19 April 2001, we ordered an additional 16 chairs. The generosity of the congregation allowed us to “pay in full” upon delivery. And in

2003, we added another 12 chairs.

The Memorial Board was made by Herb Edwards, a member of the congregation, and the plaques were purchased and engraved locally.

The Memorial Book is dedicated to the Glory of God and is kept below the Memorial Board in an oak cabinet. The cabinet was also made by Herb. Most of the furnishings in the Church, including the pulpit, children’s cross, communion rail, tables, banners were made by members of the parish. Many other items in the Church, including crosses, sacramental vessels, candles, windows, etc. were donated by parishioners.



Memorial Board

A dedication service for the chairs and memorial items was held on Parish Thanksgiving Sunday, 30 September 2001.

Thanks to one and all who assisted in any way to achieve our goal - God bless.

Music CD

As a Millennium project, Christ Church created its first music CD. See details below in the Music section.

Sanctuary Drapes

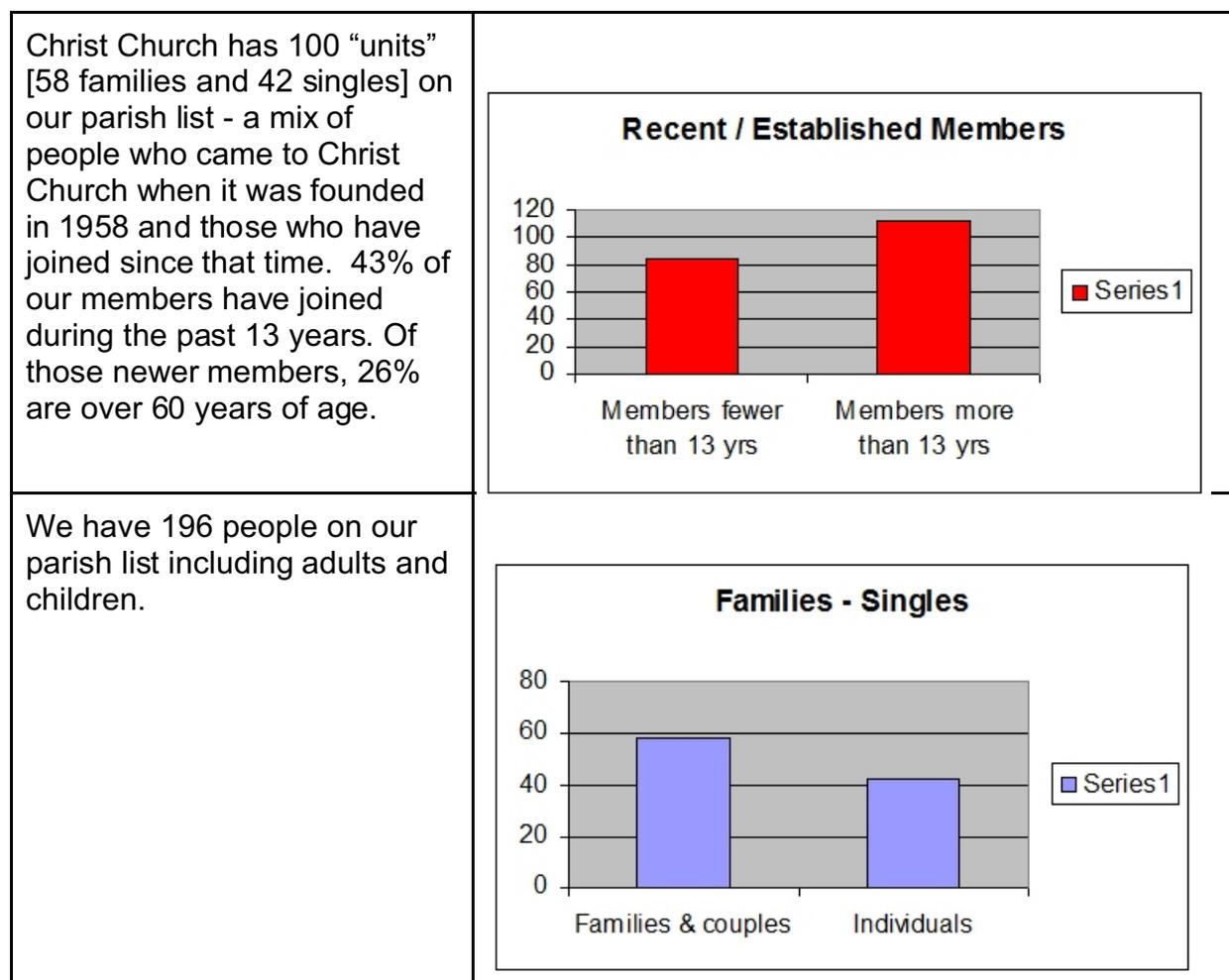
In 2004, we replaced the drapery at the front of the Chancel. These drapes as well as several other altar cloths have been dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of former parishioners.

OUR PARISH

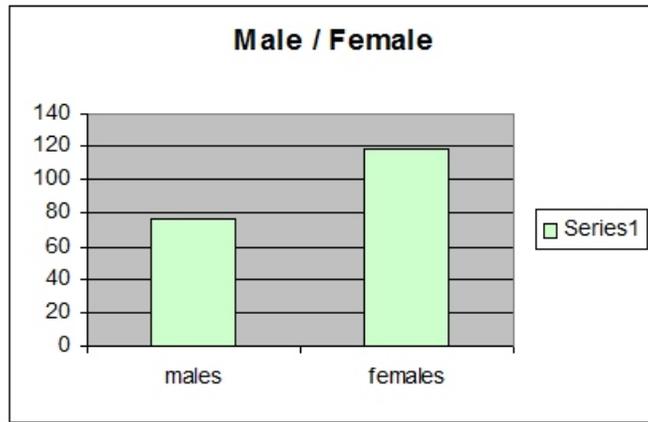
OUR PEOPLE

Christ Church is one of 3 Anglican congregations in the city of North Bay. We are the youngest parish and the smallest in numbers and yet an active participant in the Christian life of our community. The Church was established to provide an Anglican presence in the north end of North Bay; however, over the years our congregation has moved and changed. Now our members come from all over the city.

Ours is a “parish family”, a close-knit group of people committed to Jesus, committed to the Bible and to sound Anglican theology. Several of our people operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We are a conservative, evangelical congregation and our liturgy embraces both traditional and modern elements.

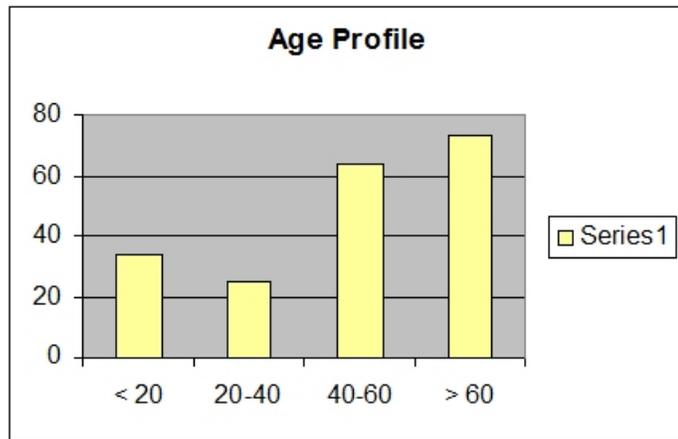


61% of our parish people [adults and children] are female; 39% male.



The parish by age group

under 20 = 34
 20-40 = 25
 40-60 = 64
 over 60 = 73



From the annual report to the Diocese:

# of Envelope holders	70
Regular Envelope Offerings 2003	\$ 104,262.40
Total Number on Parish List	196
Average Sunday Attendance	80
Average # of Home Communion/month	12
Average Leisureworld Attendance	35

OUR SERVICES

Throughout each year Christ Church Anglican announces its Sunday and Holy Day services through the church notice page in the Saturday North Bay Nugget. Eric Magill takes on this ministry of communicating with the Nugget. Services times are also posted on our web site and in our weekly e-mail updates.

Regular Services

- **First Sunday** of each month is a “combined service” at 10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist followed by a Family Fellowship Social “coffee hour”. We alternate BAS/BCP for these services, month-about.
- **Second, Third and Fifth Sundays** 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BCP). 10:30 a.m. [BAS] Holy Eucharist
- **Fourth Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer [BCP], 10:30 am Holy Eucharist [BAS], 1:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist is held at Leisureworld Nursing Home.
- **Second Thursday** - Christ Church is responsible for the Holy Eucharist at Leisureworld at 10:30 a.m. Three times a year, these services are followed by Pastoral Care luncheons at Leisureworld.
- During the **summer months**, July, August and including Labour Day Weekend, we have one service at 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist commonly called in our parish "**10 SUNDAYS AT 10**", alternating between the BCP & BAS.

Special Services

- One Sunday in Advent, we have a service of Advent Lessons and Carols, sometimes incorporated into one of the morning services, sometimes held in the evening. When the service is in the evening, we ask members of other Anglican and Lutheran churches to join us.
- Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist services are held at 7:00 p.m. [family celebration with a Birthday Cake for Jesus] and 9:00 p.m. [a quieter Service]
- Christmas Day Holy Eucharist services at 10:00 a.m. [BCP]
- Christmas Service at Leisureworld Nursing Home
- Ash Wednesday there is Holy Eucharist in the Church at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m.; Holy Eucharist at Leisureworld Nursing Home at 1:30 p.m. with the imposition of ashes at all services.
- On the Monday of Holy Week, there is a service on the Stations of the Cross, a service of Scripture, prayer and meditation.
- On Maundy Thursday, there is a Holy Eucharist [with the washing of feet] at Leisureworld Nursing Home at 10:00 a.m.
- The parish begins the Triduum with a Seder Supper followed by the Maundy Thursday Service with the washing of feet, Institution of the Lord's Supper, and ending with the stripping of the altar. This is followed by a prayer vigil from 9:00



- p.m. until midnight, and again from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Good Friday.
- Good Friday 10.00 am Good Friday Liturgy with communion
- Great Vigil of Easter is held on Saturday evening after sundown beginning at 8.00 or 8:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist is held at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. An Easter Service is also held at Leisureworld within the Octave of Easter.
- Ascension Day, Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.
- The Parish Harvest Thanksgiving service is held the 1st Sunday in October the week before national Thanksgiving.
- ACW Corporate Communion Sunday is the Sunday closest to November 30th, St Andrew's Day. This is also White Gift Sunday.
- We are also sure to celebrate Canada Day, national Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day on the Sunday on or before such occasions



40th Anniversary.
Flowers by
Trevor Fielder

Structure of Services

The 9:00 a.m. Service is a BCP service. We use Merbecke's Music for the Mass and sing the responses, the Sanctus, the Agnus Dei and Gloria. We also use Merbecke's music during our 4th Sunday of month Morning Prayer service for the responses and the collects up to the Gradual Hymn. We use 3 hymns for the Service of Holy Eucharist, and 4 hymns for the Service of Morning Prayer.

The 10:30 a.m. Service is a BAS service. The 10:30 a.m. Service is preceded by 15 minutes of praise music led by our worship team. We use 4 hymns for the 10:30 service. There is a children's talk for 5 minutes after the processional hymn, a children's song and prayer time, and then the children go off to Sunday School. Members of the congregation do the 1st and 2nd readings. We have been used to singing the Psalms to George Black settings with the Rector's singing the verse and the congregation's singing the refrain.

We're careful to announce such things as *we stand to... we sit to...stand, sit or kneel as you are most comfortable...we continue on page...* We recite the Creed each week and then a member of the congregation leads the Prayers of the People.

The Thursday 7:30 p.m. Up until 2002, we did have a Thursday evening service and prayer meeting which was somewhat less structured although centred around a Eucharist with intercessory prayer time specifically for the ministry of Christ Church. We would like to see some form of mid-week service re-established in dialogue with the priest and participants.

PEOPLE IN OUR SERVICES

Honorary Assistant

We are blessed at Christ Church to have The Reverend Murray Tipping as our Honorary Assistant. Rev'd Murray was the first Rector of Christ Church and since his retirement, he and his wife, Joan, have returned to North Bay where Murray has assumed his position as Honorary Assistant.

Eucharistic Assistants and Prayers of the People

We are blessed at Christ Church to have a number of people who are capable and willing to assist in various aspects of our worship services. Among these are the Eucharistic Assistants and leaders of Prayers of the People. Craig Hurst and Keith Topps make arrangements for Eucharistic Assistants and Prayers of the People for the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services respectively. Others assisting at the present time include Grace Weekes, Spencer Moore, Tina Golding and Jean Paape. Leaders of the Prayers of the People include Fran Wilson, Spencer Moore, John Balfe, Joan Topps, Grace Weekes and others.

Altar Guild

“The Christ Church Altar Guild is a group of 10 members. We work in teams of 2. We are a congenial group and help each other when necessary. If one member cannot take her turn, she is responsible for finding a replacement. We meet socially once a year, usually around Christmas, in a member’s home with our priest present.



“The Altar Guild is responsible for the linens and Eucharistic vessels. Fresh flowers are placed on the Altar every week. The flowers are placed there by the Altar Guild to the Glory of God, and often, the flowers are placed in memory of loved ones by anyone wishing to do so. Doris Toswell is the flower co-ordinator and current president of the Altar Guild.”

Bibles

In 2000, the Church purchased a new set of pew Bibles - New Revised Standard Version - and 2 larger Bibles were donated in memoriam and are now used on the Lectern and Pulpit.

Readers

Those congregational members who have offered their gift and talent to read Scripture lessons during the worship hours, are organized on a rotating readers' schedule by the coordinator, Joan Topps. Currently, nine readers participate in the 9:00 a.m. services and fourteen in the 10:30 a.m. services. At the Family Service on the first Sunday of each month, one reader is from the 9:00 a.m. people and one from the 10:30 a.m. people. There is healthy representation of male and female, young [including children] and old readers. The priest does the Gospel reading. For special services such as Christmas and Passion week, a call is put out for the readers and there is usually a great response.

Youth Involvement

Although we do not have a formal server's guild, the children are involved in our services. Two of the children light and extinguish candles. Each week, the children take turns carrying the children's cross which was made by one of parish members, Ken Brown. Some of teens help with Sunday School. Several of the children are also part of the reader's roster.

Most of the children have participated in a Young Communicants class - Life in the Eucharist.

Children's Talk

Each week before the 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. Service, Rev'd Dawn had a time of conversation with the children after the processional hymn. The children and Rector discussed the theme of the week, and we often all sang a suitable song. Then the Rector and children held hands and the Rector led everyone in a short prayer for Sunday School and the presence of Jesus with the children throughout the coming week.



We would like to see this children's time re-instituted.

Our Sunday School

Our Sunday School is normally attended by the children of approximately 6 families. Ages range from approximately ages 3 to 12. Our Sunday Service used to begin with a brief dialogue with the children at the front of the church before the children go upstairs for Sunday School. We have 5 teams of 2 volunteers each, who rotate weekly. One of the team members, Rupert Wiemer, functions as coordinator for Sunday School, coordinating programs and schedules. Our Sunday School numbers have been growing over the past 2 years.

Until 2002, members of the Sunday School were interviewing one member of our congregation per month about his/her faith. These had been extremely powerful interviews for both the children and the adults involved.

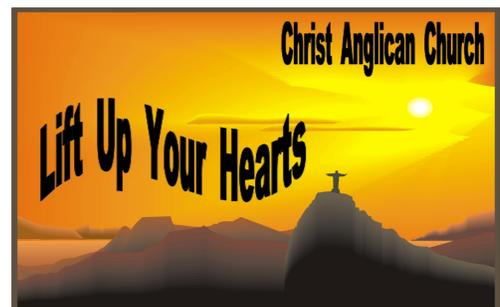
Music

Music is an integral part of worship and not a performance. In the Psalms, David sang, danced and played music. Music touches part of our being that nothing else can. It helps us to be free to worship and brings us into the fullness of Christ. Jesus makes His presence known in the praises of His people.

Music is an important part of worship at Christ Church. We have been most blessed to have 5 Rectors with exceptional voices! We have a small choir of 4 regulars and several "occasionals". We have an excellent organist, Nancy Hughes, and another parishioner, Spencer Moore who often fills in at the organ when Nancy is absent. Service music is done on the organ although we also have 2 pianos and a keyboard in the Church which are used for special occasion preludes and postludes.

For several years, we had a brass and strings group which played for "high days and holy days" such as Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Remembrance Day, Canada Day. We had generally 4 to 6 members and called ourselves "The Anglican Brass with Strings Attached".

We currently have a music group made up of most members of the choir. The music group participates in Anglican community events locally [Confirmation Services, and Services for special occasions] and city-wide events such as Together 2000. The music group assembles 15 minutes before the 10:00 am or 10:30 a.m. service to lead the congregation in praise music and "old favourites". We use overheads for the lyrics for the pre-service music.



The cover of our music CD.

One of the highlights of our Millennium celebrations was the recording of our music CD "Lift Up Your Hearts".

Our music for services is chosen by the organist and the choir. Week by week we alternate The [Blue] Hymn Book - The Book of Common Praise [1938] and The [Red] Hymn Book -The Hymn Book of the Anglican and United Churches. Occasionally, we insert something from the new Anglican book, Common Praise, although we do not own a set of these books yet. The Psalms have been both sung and said; when sung by our Rector we used the George Black settings. Communion music is taken from our “black binder” filled with suitable praise music.

We aim for a mix of old and new. It is evident from our music CD that our preferences run from “The Old Rugged Cross” all the way to “Amigos de Cristo”. Our pre-service music tends to include more rousing numbers such as “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”, “Power in the Blood”, “Will Your Anchor Hold”, as well as modern praise favourites such as “Here I Am, Lord”, “Majesty”, “Jesus Put This Song Into Our Hearts”. The choir occasionally prepares an anthem for special occasions [Christmas, Easter...].

Twice per year at Epiphany and during May or June, we are blessed to host a concert by the Cornerstone Gospel Singers of Restoule. This 40-50 person choir consists of members from various Christian denominations in and around Restoule and they always provide a wonderful evening of witness and fellowship.



Cornerstone Gospel Singers rehearsal

Coffee/Fellowship Hour

At Christ Church on the first Sunday of each month, a single morning service is held at 10:00 a.m. providing an opportunity for worshippers of both the regular services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. to come together as a Parish family. Afterwards, a “Coffee/Fellowship Hour” is held enabling the attendees to meet, greet and socialize in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Our current People’s Warden, Craig Hurst, co-ordinates the hosts for this period of morning fellowship. Each year at the Annual Vestry Meeting, the co-ordinator canvasses the congregation for volunteers to host the Coffee/Fellowship Hours for the 10 Sundays of the year ahead, leaving the summer months of July and August for casual/spontaneous volunteers. Usually, one or more families or individuals hosts the event each month. Coffee/Fellowship Hour is always a joyous occasion.

Sidespeople

The sidesperson co-ordinators ensure that both Sunday Services have sidespeople. A sign-up sheet is filled in weeks in advance by various members of the Parish. The sign-up sheet clearly outlines the duties of the sidespeople.

PEOPLE BEHIND AND BETWEEN THE SERVICES

Prayer Group

Prayer is the foundation of the body of Christ. Weekly, various members of the congregation or in the Church pray for our Church, its ministries, its leaders, its people, its concerns. Prayer partners who gather in the church and those who pray from home use our brochure "Prayer Partners".

Advisory Board

Our Advisory Board is comprised of our Priest, Wardens and Deputy Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Synod Delegates and Members at Large. It is a dedicated group that truly represents all elements of our congregation. We meet monthly and balance the need for decision making with the need for consultation with our Parish components. Our meetings are managed efficiently with open dialogue and we always manage to incorporate a few laughs and good fellowship. We even usually finish on time!

Special thanks to our treasurer, Bob Franklin, for his many, many hours of devoted work, and to Larry Frezell, our auditor.

Annual Vestry Meeting

We hold our annual vestry meeting near the end of January or beginning of February [always attempting to avoid Super Bowl Sunday]. We have a shared supper before the meeting and always conduct our business meeting with prayer, thoughtfulness and good humour. Bob Franklin, our most capable treasurer, collects, copies and distributed annual reports from various Church groups.

Christ Church Anglican Women

"The Ladies Group meets twice a month and we have on the average approximately 15 members at our meetings. All the ladies of the Parish are welcome to be members of the ACW.

"All our meetings begin with the Bishop's Motto and scripture readings followed by prayers for our parish, for our twin parish and we conclude with our ACW prayer, prayer partner's prayer, the Lord's prayer and the Grace said in unison. The ACW also send out birthday cards and get well cards to their members.

"The ACW provides receptions after funerals and for special social events. At Christmas, we send white gifts donated by the congregation to Kashechewan.

"We are also active on the Deanery and Diocesan ACW. We pay our Deanery dues and our Diocesan apportionment and contribute to Diocesan ACW projects and Camp

Temiskaming.

“Our ladies are always willing to help where they are needed. We pray we will continue to grow and accomplish the mission that our Founder of the WA-ACW, Roberta Tilton, gave us,” “Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to reveal Your love in prayer, work and stewardship.” There is more detail about the fund raising activities of the ACW below.

Special Gifts

Periodically, members of the congregation make special little gifts for the children or other members of the parish or shut-ins on our parish list. Nadine Frezell, for example, has made cross-stitch “cross in my pocket” gifts which have been distributed to members of our parish who cannot attend Sunday worship. She has also made Easter baskets for each of the children.



Christmas Shoe Boxes

Each year, the members of Christ Church participate in Operation Christmas Child. We prepare shoe boxes full of gifts which are sent to children in third world countries through the Shoebox Ministries, part of Samaritan’s Purse organized by Graham Franklin.

Alpha

Alpha provides a way for us to hear the Scriptures, apply Biblical principals to our lives, and fellowship with and support other Christians. Over the years, we have had 10 Alpha courses at Christ Church, some in the mornings, most in the evenings. Over 50% of our congregation has taken an Alpha course with us and our courses have also included numerous people from other churches, and some non-churched people as well.

Each week, participants gather either in someone’s home or in the church to watch an hour talk by the Reverend Nicky Gumble of Holy Trinity, Brompton, England. The series is 12 weeks long and involves an additional Holy Spirit weekend. The course is highly recommended by our Bishop, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Archbishop of Canterbury.



The course gives us the freedom and opportunity to ask questions, to search, to ponder and to pray. It brings us together as a parish family. The course helps us understand the Scriptures in a very easy to understand and practical way. It guides us into all Truth and into a knowledge that Jesus is Lord when we accept Him personally. We have recently purchased a data projector which has greatly improved our ability to show videos and DVDs to large groups.

Study Groups

Until 2002, several members of Christ Church participated in study groups. These ranged

from Bible study groups to video study groups. The purpose of these groups was to encourage and strengthen our walk with our Lord, to get to know Jesus more and to live out our lives, knowing that God is in control. These groups gave us a more in depth look at the way Jesus wants us to live and to proclaim His message.

Bible studies have included 4 to 12 week courses on various books of the Bible including several Epistles, the first portion of the Book of Revelation, and a study of the Foundations of Theology. As a follow-up to Alpha, we have done the Philippians study recommended by Nicky Gumble and hope to do that study again at some point in the future with the aid of the new videos available from Alpha. Rev'd Douglas held several study sessions: on the Tabernacle, on the Stations of the Cross, on Revelation.

Our video courses from the past have included "Hope Has Its Reasons", "Resolving Personal Conflicts" [Neil Anderson] and "Resolving Spiritual Conflicts" [Neil Anderson], "Margins", "Boundaries" [Cloud and Townsend] and others.

Essentials

Seven members of our congregation and Rev'd Dawn attended the Essentials Conference in Montreal in 1994. We subsequently had a large study group who read the Essentials



speeches and watched the videos. In the autumn of 2001 and during Lent in 2002, we had a study group which centred around the videos of the Essentials 2001 Conference held in British Columbia and which was attended by our Rector. In 2004, several of our parishioners attended the Essentials Tele-Conference "For Such a Time as This" and in the summer of 2004, we had one parishioner who attended the Essentials Conference in Ottawa.

Cursillo

Cursillo is a vital part of the Christian community, helping people grow spiritually and encouraging them in their walk in Christ. The three day weekends stress the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus and a living out of the “fourth day” of Cursillo [ie. the rest of your life]. Cursillo helps participants discover what is fundamental to being a Christian and helps them discover and live out a personal Christian vocation.



Cursillo has been part of Christ Church for 7 years and over that time, several of our people have taken the course and then fellowshiped in a small group and participated in city-wide Anglican Ultreyas. As well, several of our people have moved on to become leaders in Cursillo. Cursillo is also one of the ways members of our parish connect with those in other Anglican churches in our area.

Other Conferences

In the past, many members of Christ Church attended the Annual Dynamos Conference on the Holy Spirit for as long as it was held in the Muskoka area.

As well, Christ Church hosted a Faith Alive Weekend in 1997, as a 40th anniversary event.

Secretarial / Computers Services

We are blessed to have several people who look after all those behind-the-scenes tasks involving paper, computers, lists, databases, etc. Joan Comrie, Linda Langdon and Ross Isenegger share in these jobs. Vera Frechette has volunteered for the ministry of communicating with those who are unable to attend weekly services.

Bulletins

The bulletins for weekly Services are prepared by Linda Langdon, edited by the Rector. This is the same team that also prepares and produces the bulletins for all services during Christmas and Holy Week.

Prayer Calendar

Joan Comrie uses Calendar Creator to create our monthly prayer calendar which organizes our prayer for various Church ministries and events, and for members of our Parish family. Every day, except Sunday, we pray for one member or family on our Parish list [alphabetical order]; on Sundays we pray for various members of the clergy - our priests, Archdeacon, Bishop, Metropolitan and Primate.

On the back of the prayer calendar, we include a list of services, service times and weekly Bible readings so that people can read ahead.

Birthday Cards

We have in the past also mailed birthday cards to members of our Parish family who have shared their birth dates with us.

“Praying-For-You” Cards

A church bulletin and a card is mailed each week to parishioners whose names appear on our weekly “We Pray For” list but who are not able to attend services in person. This package is sent to shut-ins or people we see periodically and says, “We are thinking of you and praying for you...” and it is signed on behalf of the congregation. Vera Frechette takes on this duty.



Memorial Cards

We have designed and produce our own Memorial Donation cards and envelopes. These are kept on the tract rack.

Educational Brochures

In response to Parish surveys and discussions at Advisory Board, we have begun to occasionally produce educational materials. People have requested educational materials on the Bible and on segments of the Church year. And so, we have prepared, produced and distributed brochures and flyers on Advent, Christmas and the 12 Days of Christmas, on Lent, and on Holy Week.

Our Web Page

Christ Church has had a web presence for several years at <http://www.onlink.net/christchurch> and this is designed and maintained by Linda Langdon, our general factotum of things computer. The web page links to special events, pages on Our History, Our Service Times, Our Rector, Our Special Projects [cookbooks, our CD, calendar, etc.], Bible Study Links, and General Links. Our e-mail address is christchurch@ontera.net

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Christ Church Anglican website. The page features a header with a photo of the church building, contact information (890 Vimy Street, North Bay, Ontario, Canada), and logos for 'ESSENTIALS' and 'Alpha'. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Coming Events', 'Times & Map', 'Links', 'Alpha', 'Bible', and 'History'. The main content area is titled 'Upcoming Events:' and lists several events, including an Annual Christmas Luncheon & Bazaar, a Christmas Pageant, and Epiphany Cantata and Play. It also includes service times and information about the Alpha Course. A circular logo with a cross and the text 'JESUS CHRIST: THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY and FOREVER' is visible. To the right of the logo, there are links for 'Revised Common Lectionary', 'New Revised Common Lectionary', 'Alternate Site for the Common Lectionary', 'NRSV Bible Online', and 'Put the Weekly Bible Readings on your desktop.'

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Weekly E-mail

Since 2002, Christ Church has been sending out a weekly e-mail bulletin to anyone in the parish who requests it. The message began as a vehicle to send out the "Christian Site of the Week" and has since become a new means of communicating with parishioners, and is especially helpful for reaching those unable to attend services in person.

In the e-mail, we include the week's readings, news and events, names and phone numbers of Wardens, the Treasurer and Sexton. Beginning in the fall of 2004, Rev'd Douglas added a weekly feature called *Lifeline* – a reflection from the Rector – which has proven very popular.

Deanery Web Page

We have also designed and maintain the web page for the Temiskaming Deanery at <http://web2.ontera.net/~deanery> which contains links to churches in the deanery with web pages. Very special to the Deanery web page is a link to the photo album of all the Deanery Churches. Each Church gets a very brief description, plus 2 photos - 1 exterior and 1 interior. Although the photo album is exceedingly slow to load because of the high graphic content, it is a real joy to see and worth every minute of download time. Christ Church has donated the web space to host the photo gallery since it is too large to be kept on the Deanery web page.

Deanery Newsletter Vol. 1 No 5	Welcome to the Deanery of Temiskaming			
Vol 1 No 4	St Faith's, Charlton		Christ Church, Englehart	
Vol 1 No 3	Camp Temiskaming		St John the Evangelist, New Liskeard	
	St Simon's, Temagami		St Paul's, Haileybury	
St Mary Magdalene, Sturgeon Falls	Christ Church, North Bay		St James', Cobalt	Holy Trinity, Temiskaming
Ultreya is Friday April 19th at Christ Church, North Bay > 6:00 to 8:00 pm -- dinner will be provided for all who attend!	St John the Divine, North Bay		St Brice's, North Bay	Men's Cursillo: Oct 24-27 Women's Cursillo: Nov 7-10
	St Peter's, Callander		St Mary's, Powassan	
St Alban's, Restoule			St John's, Chisholm	Details
Visit Our Picture Album	Diocese of Algoma	Anglican Church of Canada	Worldwide Anglican Communion	Anglicans Online

Memorial Book

Our computer team also maintains the pages for the Memorial Book, adding new pages as necessary.

Database

We maintain a computer database of our Parish members. We have several files containing names, addresses, phone numbers and birth dates [for our birthday cards]. Ross Isenegger manages the database.

Physical Management

Sexton

The duties of the Sexton are as follows:

- clean and provide janitorial functions for the Church, halls and washrooms
- dispose of the garbage and put out recycled items
- oversee the grounds care
- set up the Church for special services [weddings, funerals, etc.]
- set up the Church for special functions [music recitals, exams, meetings, etc.]
- be at the disposal of the Rector and Wardens
- assist in the various organizations within the Church

Our current Sexton is John Tresize.

Property Committee

The Property Committee is co-ordinated by Terry Way-White and oversees the physical concerns of the Church and Rectory other than the regular janitorial/sexton duties. The committee handles any painting, carpet cleaning, furnace maintenance, renovations and general repairs. We also have an annual clean up day in May attended by many parishioners to wash windows, clean beams and do yard maintenance at both the Church and the Rectory. The committee also handles the contracts for snow removal.



40th Anniversary [Note old, metal chairs]
Flowers by Trevor Fielder

SPECIAL CHRIST CHURCH EVENTS

Holy Week: Stations of the Cross

On Monday in Holy Week, a group of [invariably] 12 people have gathered to walk through the Stations of the Cross. The Service brings us in line with the Scriptures, walking the Way of the Cross with Jesus. As we read, meditate, pray and share the happenings, the love, the feelings of the crowd, we remember the reason that Jesus died on the cross. He challenges us to continue to walk the road that He travelled. As people of God, we should be willing to take up our cross and follow Him. He died for us and we should be willing to live for Him so that we can have new life as the Way of the Cross leads home.



Seder Supper

The Instructional Seder Supper is a remembering of the Exodus, the happenings of the Jewish people. The Seder brings together the events of the Passover meal and the Last Supper. What a great experience to see how God planned from the foundation of the universe, how everything works together in one plan – Jesus, the only Son of God, coming to earth as a Jew, who is the bridge between the Old and New Testaments, the Saviour of the world. The instructional Seder Supper helps us focus on the Last Supper, Crucifixion and Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord -- the Truth, the prophecies, the fulfilment of the promises of God and how the New Testament brings to life the Word of God in Jesus.



From 1991 until 2002, we had an instructional Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday. Each year, between 20 and 35 people gathered in our Upper Room to participate in the Seder. Through the instruction we saw how Jesus transformed the bread of affliction into the Bread of Heaven and the cup of thanksgiving into the Cup of Salvation. Experiencing the Seder has given us new insight into the traditions and meaning of the Eucharist. In 2003 and 2004, Rev'd Douglas substituted a time of instruction for the Seder.

Following the Seder, we gather for the Maundy Thursday Service, Holy Eucharist with the Institution of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet. Always a very powerful Service which ends with stripping of the Altar, it is followed by a Prayer Vigil from 9:00 p.m. until midnight, and then again from 6:00 a.m. until the Good Friday Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

In the past, a presentation team from Christ Church took the Seder to Temagami where

members from local United, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches gathered to participate.

Carolling in the Neighbourhood

John & Margaret Balfe have been organizing and participating in the neighbourhood carolling since their children were infants in snugglies. As the children grew, “we drew them through the neighbourhood on sleighs. Now the children are 12, 11 and 9 years old and they ring doorbells and hand out the Christmas Service announcements inviting the neighbours to Christ Church. The carolling participants generally gather for a shared supper and carol sing-along. The more brave folk go into the neighbourhood for an hour or so singing carols and bringing cheer to the neighbours inviting people, through a written invitation, to attend the Christmas services. We return to the Church for some hot chocolate and cookies prepared by some of the parishioners who have stayed back to clean up after supper. A great community builder and a wonderful preparation for the Christmas season.”

For the last several Christmas seasons, several of the carolling group were invited to help with the Christmas service at the Psychiatric Hospital.

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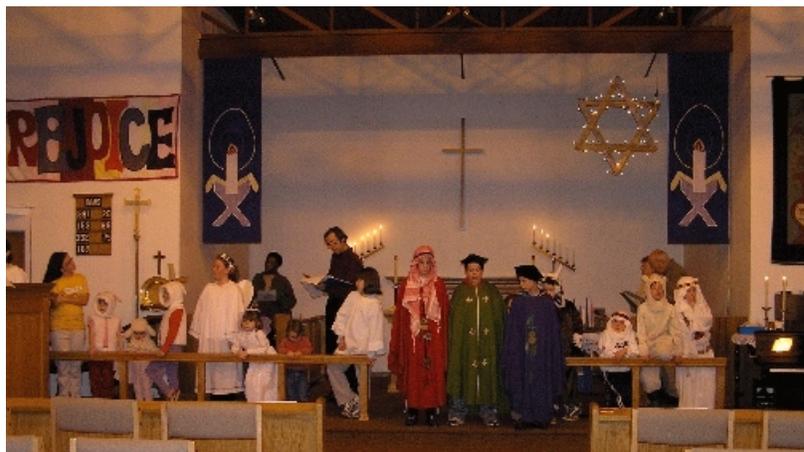
For several years in the 1990's and in 2000, during the season of Advent, we at Christ Church re-enacted the journey of Mary and Joseph by having the figurines from our creche travel from house to house each night or every other night. At sundown, Mary and Joseph travel to the next house on our list of parish volunteers, while the "journeying" parishioners bring a gift to the "hosting" parishioners. The next night, the figures travel on taking with them gifts and good fellowship until at last on Christmas Eve, they arrive at Christ Church. There, they take up their place in the creche under the altar with the baby Jesus, and there they stay until the Magi join them on Epiphany Sunday.

Christmas Pageants

In both 2002 and 2004, the children of the parish put on Christmas Pageants. These were exceptionally special events and we thank Rev'd Douglas and Susan Parrett, all the children and the many Sunday School teachers and parents who helped.

Student Suppers

An outreach program was



begun in 1997 to invite students of Nipissing University and Canadore College to Sunday evening dinners and special services. This was initiated as a response to a brain-storming session at the 1997 Synod meetings. The project was conceived to be a joint outreach to students by the three North Bay Anglican parishes.

The first evening was held in September 1997 at Christ Church with similar events held in each of the following months of the school year. The location alternated from Christ Church to St John's and St Brice's, but all three parishes were involved on each occasion. Students dinners in 1998 and 1999 were held at the beginnings of the September and January terms.

Millennium Services and Sing 2000



To celebrate 2000 years after the birth of Jesus, Christ Church participated in the worldwide millennium event - Sing 2000. Each church or Christian community around the globe was asked to hold or participate in a midnight hymn/praise music sing. 24 hours of music celebrating 2000 years of Jesus' rule on earth.

We held services at both ends of the millennium year, January 1, 2000 and January 1, 2001.

SERVICES & EVENTS WITH OTHER CHURCHES

Services at Other Churches

Members of Christ Church often participate in services at other churches. We always have good representation at Anglican events such as Confirmation, and World Day of Prayer..

Christ Church hosted 2 events during the year celebrating 450 years of the Common Prayer.

As well, we have in the past invited the local Lutheran community to join us for special events such as Sing 2000 and our Millennial Services.

Remembrance Day at Memorial Gardens



Members of Christ Church are invariably involved in the city's Service held each year at Memorial Gardens. Our Honorary Assistant, the Reverend Murray Tipping was a military chaplain and is the chaplain of the Legion.

St John's, Chisholm Service

Once during each summer from 1998 until 2002, members of the Christ Church

congregation accompanied Reverend Dawn to St John's Anglican Church in Chisholm to share an evening service of Holy Eucharist with a lot of singing. St John's, Chisholm is a small rural Church and members of both parishes really enjoy getting together.

Together 2000

To celebrate the Millennium in our community, Christ Church and many of its members participated in Together 2000, an inter-denominational service celebrating Jesus. Over 2300 joined together at Memorial Gardens to celebrate our common belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Some of our members also took part in the program as readers, singers, banner bearers, musicians, crucifer and co-ordinators.



Together 2000



Jubilee 2000

The Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative was sponsored over its three year period [1999-2001] in the North Bay community by the North Bay Committee, an ecumenical representation of local churches of which Christ Church was one. Joan Topps was our representative on the committee.

The Initiative concerned itself with the important issues of aboriginal land rights, child poverty, and cancellation of third world debts. Christ Church people were actively supportive of the petition circulated for cancellation of third world debt.

And praise be to God, a substantial portion of third world debt was cancelled during the millennium year!

March for Jesus 1990-2000

We are part of the body of believers who took part in the March for Jesus events during the 1990s, "The Decade of Evangelism". The marches let the whole of North Bay know who and what we stand for as Christians, and we were part of global marches which proclaimed Jesus on every continent in 24 time zones.

We proclaimed the message of the gospel as we walked, sang and danced, spreading the Good News. We also participated in the practises before the marches and fellowship after each march at different churches in our community with different denominations, all coming together as one body, uniting in heart and soul with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone.



Pentecost in the Park

One of the ways for the three Anglican Churches in the area to get together was Pentecost in the Park [Lee Park] which was held for several years during the 1990's. We prayed together, planned together, served God together and proclaimed the Gospel for all to hear. We came together as the body of believers in Jesus Christ and celebrated Eucharist in the open air. We prayed for the Holy Spirit to embrace us and to join us in unity as one.

After the Service, we fellowshiped with a picnic, games, music and sharing the love of Jesus with each other as we remembered that on the Day of Pentecost 3000 souls were saved when they met together in one place of one accord.

Proclamation 2000 & 2001

Christ Church was one of the many denominations of Christians and Jews who came together to proclaim the whole Word of God, reading the Bible aloud as the years 2000 and 2001 approached. Proclamation was sponsored by the Canadian Bible Society. The Bible was read in its entirety over the course of 10 days and each person involved read several chapters and then listened and learned what God has for all of us as a body of believers in God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Proclamation was held here in North Bay and throughout countless other cities and towns around the entire globe as part of the millennium celebrations of 2000 years of Christianity.

World Day of Prayer

Many members in our church consider the World Day of Prayer very important and "The Church" and the ACW have hosted this day in the past.



The Anglican Community [Christ Church, St. John's and St. Brice's] hosted a World day of Prayer program in March of 2001. Dorothy Chabot acted as treasurer and liaised with the Inter-Church Council at various times for this event. Joan Topps and Joyce Edwards meet weekly with the Inter-Church Ladies Fellowship of North Bay. At these meetings, the participants pray and study to facilitate a successful World day of Prayer every year.

A proposal was put forward two years in a row to ask the Inter-Church Council for funding to support the work of Mary Sherwood and the Madagascar Orphanage, (AKANY FAMONJENA). Mary Sherwood provided the official request in great detail and a substantial grant was awarded to the orphanage.

God Blesses Prayer and Action. That same year, the women of Madagascar formulated the World Day of Prayer program used around the world. Christ Church has an interest in the continuation of The World Day of Prayer in this community.

Week for Prayer for Christian Unity

The last week of January is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This Sunday in January, local denominations join together in a service alternating between the Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches here in downtown North Bay.

In the Church, we join actively each week in prayers for Christian Unity, and during the week in January we have tried to make a point of having a guest preacher or missionary with us - such as The Reverend Dale Broadworth, head of the Bible Society in town, and Myles and Janet Leitch with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Marriage Encounter

Members of our parish have been routinely involved in the Marriage Encounter weekends, as well as the Marriage preparation courses initiated by St Brice's, North Bay.

PEOPLE IN THE DEANERY, THE DIOCESE & THE WORLD

Christ Church actively supports the Deanery of Temiskaming. Wardens, Synod delegates and Treasurers are expected to attend Deanery Council meetings along with the incumbent.

Some Christ Church members always attend the annual Deanery Festival held each year in September and which alternates between the northern and southern ends of the Deanery.

Christ Church also created and maintains the Deanery web page. We have also taken our presentation team to Temagami to hold a Seder Supper for members of the community as part of our Deanery involvement.



The Seder in Temagami - Christ Church presentation team

Deanery and Diocesan ACW Participation

Our ACW is particularly active on the Deanery and Diocesan level. Deanery meetings are held once each fall, alternating with the north and south ends of the deanery. The Anglican Church Women have a Diocesan annual Meeting every May and each Deanery takes its turn to host the Diocesan Annual.

Camp Support

We at Christ Church, financially support 2 camps in the Diocese of Algoma: Camp Manitou and Camp Temiskaming. Several of our people have had children enrolled in summer camps at these facilities, and many people have participated in “clean up days”. During Lent 2004, members of Christ Church took the Loonies for Lent challenge— we filled film canisters with loonies or twonies and donated all proceeds to Camp Temiskaming.

Synod Delegates

Every 2 years, Christ Church elects 2 congregational delegates to attend the bi-annual Diocesan Synod. Dorothy Chabot and Linda Langdon are our current delegates and they attended Diocesan Synod in January 2003 on behalf of the church.

Missions

Christ Church people are a strongly mission-minded people. Their motivation is derived from commitment to a caring and compassionate Jesus who reached out to a needful and hurting world. Mission support is reflected in ongoing prayers and financial givings for various organizations and specific individuals, as follows:

- Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is generously supported
- Canadian Bible Society, and in years past, we have appreciated and benefited from an annual visit of the Reverend Dale Broadworth bringing news of various areas of CBS's work.
- SOMA [Sharing Our Missions Abroad] Canada and Fred Carson - whom we have had the opportunity to meet and hear in person
- AMCS and Mary Sherwood - who has shared with us her work and mission in Madagascar and is "one of our own" from the North Bay community
- Wycliffe Bible Translators and Myles and Janet Leitch who keep us well informed of their work on the African continent.
- OMF and Carl and Pat Whitehead
- CJTK - Christian Radio out of Sudbury and North Bay
- Children of Chernobyl - with one very active family of the congregation involved
- Camp Temiskaming is also very generously supported and serves as an outreach to children beyond Anglican walls.

We also pray regularly for the officers and students of The Church Army [especially Amos Hanson and Bonnie Hunt].

FUNDRAISING

ACW Events

Teas, Bazaars, Bakes Sales

We have a Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale. As well, we have a Craft Sale at the Mall.. We also have a St Valentine's Luncheon and Bake Sale. At least once a year, we have a Garage Sale.

Bread Making

For special occasions such as Ladies' Teas and the Heritage Festival Weekend, people from Christ Church gather to make bread. John Balfe provides all the ingredients and participants are asked to bring along an apron and some bread pans. The event begins with prayer and then with some leadership step by step the group is led through the process of making bread. We have some reflective music playing and we stop for lunch while the bread is rising. The lunch is shared and always a pleasant communal time. The fellowship is wonderful and each participant takes his/her pans of dough home to rise and bake. The bread is sold at the parish bake sale and the proceeds go to one of our worthy causes. A grand day with some grand people!



Annual St Valentine's Day Tea

Spaghetti Suppers



Spaghetti Suppers

Spaghetti Suppers are co-ordinated by Vern and Anna Mortson and are a major portion of our yearly fundraising efforts. In 1991, we decided to have Spaghetti Suppers to help pay for our new roof and for other Church expenses. Our loan was \$40,000 and we thought that 2 suppers a year would raise \$1000 a year, \$500 per supper. We have now had 28 suppers and are now averaging over \$1000 per supper. So far, we have raised over \$20,000 for our Church. We are very blessed that the people of the Church support us with spaghetti sauce and homemade desserts. We have a crew that helps set up, serve and clean up. Our team consists of 10 spaghetti sauce makers, 20 dessert makers and 20 volunteers to serve and clean up. Our task is also now made easier with the addition of our industrial grade dishwasher!

Our semi-annual spaghetti suppers have become a great social event and time of wonderful fellowship. It's great to see the Parish get together to have fun.

Pop Cans

For the last few years, we have collected and recycled aluminum pop cans. This has been a fairly easy way to raise approximately \$600 per year.

Garage Sales

Christ Church usually holds at least one garage sale per year in the spring. The effort is sometimes organized by members of the Advisory Board, and sometimes by the Ladies Group. Proceeds can vary from \$500 to over \$1000.

PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

Food Bank & "Gathering Place"

Each Sunday, our Parishioners are encouraged to place items of food in a basket provided in the Narthex for donations to the local Food Bank. This food is then taken by a member of the parish designated for this assignment, to the Food Bank on a regular basis. The deliveries occur probably every two weeks depending on the amount of food that has been placed in the basket. Several parish members are also involved in working at the local "soup kitchen" called the Gathering Place once every month.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE FACILITIES

In addition to Church related gatherings and meetings, the church building accommodates 18 regular meetings per month of clubs within the community.

Mondays

- Brownies, every Monday evening

- Ladies Fellowship, 2nd and 4th Friday afternoons and more often before special events

Tuesdays

- Advisory Board Meetings, 2nd Tuesday evenings

Wednesdays

- Canadian Club, 2nd Wednesday mornings
- 12 Step Group, every Wednesday evening

Thursdays

- 2 TOPS [Take Off Pounds Sensibly] Groups, every Thursday evening

Along with the regularly schedule meetings, ORMTA [Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association] uses the church for Royal Conservatory exams and the teachers also put on recitals in the church approximately 32 times per year.

Terry Way-White and/or John Tresize generally handle all the bookings for the Church and keep track of them all via a master calendar in the Xerox room.

PROPERTY & BUILDINGS

The Church

The Church building and grounds occupy one small city block and we, therefore, have ample parking and lawns with a rough area on the north end of the property. The property is located on the north side of Vimy Street between Lawson and Elizabeth Streets. There are two entrances into the property with an access ramp leading to the main doors.

The Church is two stories with a full kitchen off the nave, and two washrooms, an office and a meeting room all on the main floor making the facility accessible to anyone who is handicapped or in a wheel chair.

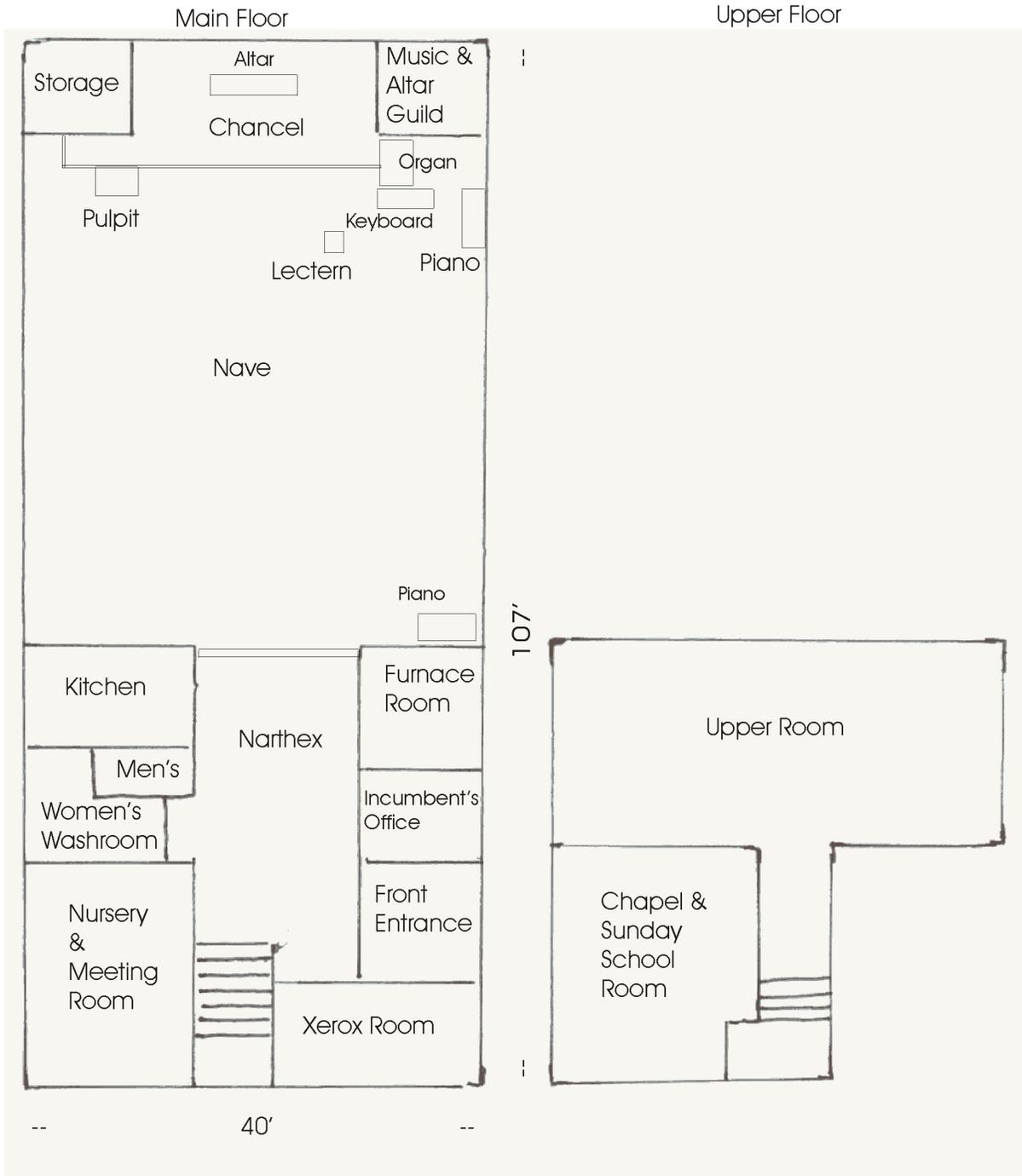
The Chapel & Upper Room

The upper floor of the building contains a chapel with an organ and an altar, and also a large “upper room” which can accommodate 60 people, complete with a sink and fridge. Floor plan below.



Exterior view of Christ Church

Christ Anglican Church



Note: The Altar is in the north end due to the fact that we worship in the space that was originally built to be the parish hall.

The Rectory

This single story brick bungalow was constructed in 1957 and is situated at 999 Clarence Street in North Bay. The front entrance faces east while the entrance off the paved double driveway faces south.

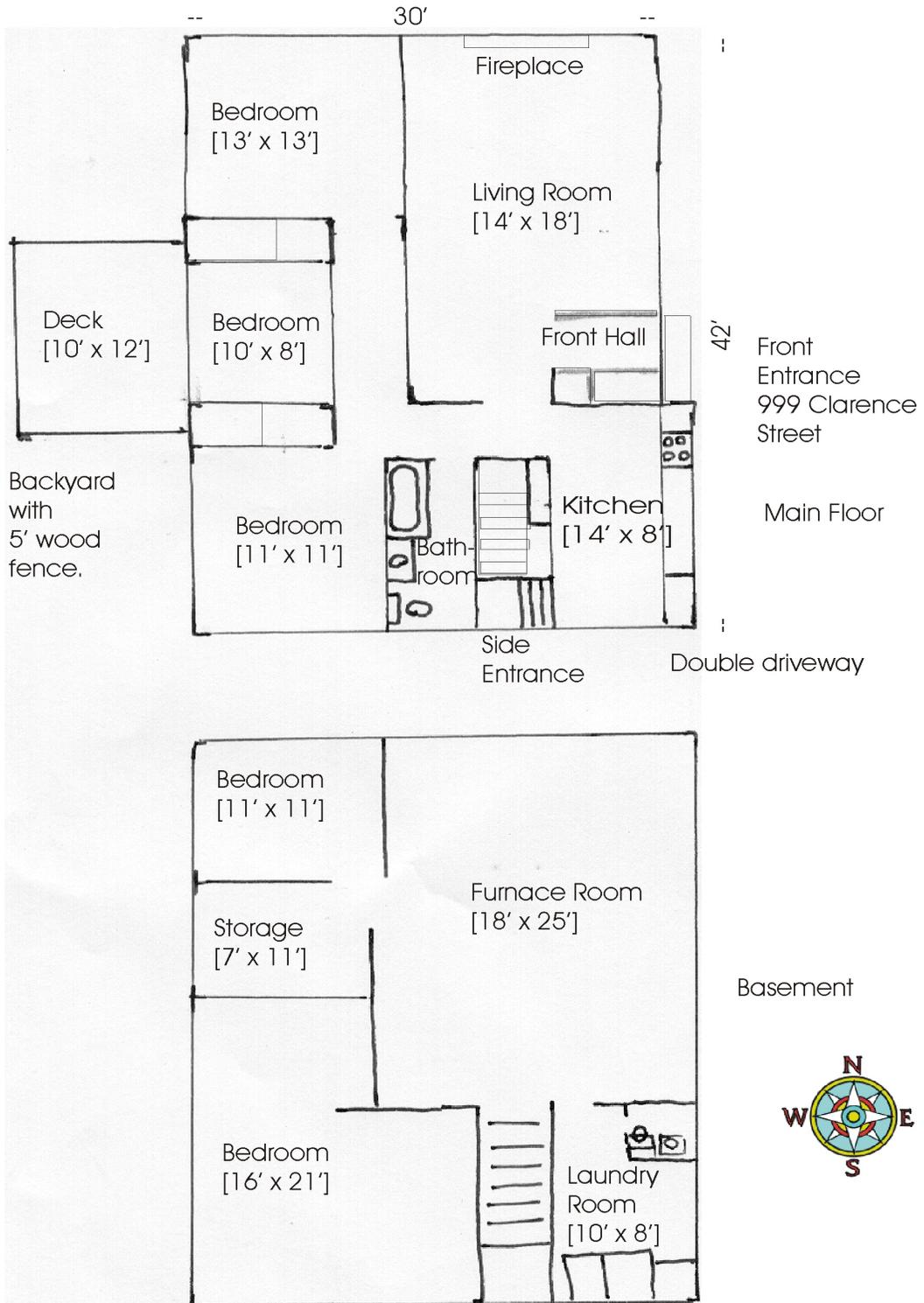
There is a main floor kitchen, living room, a four piece bathroom and three bedrooms. The middle bedroom has sliding glass doors leading onto a 10' x 12' deck built in the fall of 2000. The well landscaped backyard is entirely surrounded by a 5' wooden fence. There is also an 8' x 10' storage shed in the backyard. Included with the Rectory, is a fridge and stove, washer and dryer, living room draperies, patio door vertical blinds and some mini blinds in the kitchen and bathroom.

The Rectory basement has one large bedroom, a sitting/TV room, a furnace room, a laundry room and a two piece bathroom. The basement was completely renovated in 2002.

The Rectory is 30' x 42' = 1260 square feet, and the paved driveway is 26' wide on the south side of the building. Floor plans below.



Christ Anglican Church Rectory



OUR INCUMBENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Our Incumbent's Responsibilities

Services [at Christ Church, Leisureworld Nursing Home, other]

- Sundays as per schedule above
- Thursday night prayer meeting and Eucharist [was held until 2002]
- Leisureworld 2nd Thursday am at 10:30; 4th Sunday at 1:30 pm plus pastoral care luncheons held periodically. Note that the Anglican clergy in the area have divided up the duties in the local nursing homes. Generally, Christ Church takes Leisureworld, St John's and St Brice's share Casselholme. However, if we have parishioners in any nursing home, the incumbent is expected to visit regularly.
- Marriages, funerals, baptisms [plus all preparation] as required
- services of the Triduum
- special events as required

Hospital Visitation

- participate in a regular visitation day
- plus, visit parishioners who are in hospital and as called in emergency situations
- participate in "clergy beeper" rotation

Home Visits & Communions

- there are a few people who are not able to attend Sunday services but to whom home communion is taken on a regular basis, as well as those from time to time who are shut in at home
- there are a number of parishioners resident in local Nursing Homes who each receive communion every few weeks in his/her own room
- "Visiting those who are sick, shut-in, in crisis, or in hospital" is, by an overwhelming majority, the number 1 duty which parishioners want our priest to fulfill.

Anglican Community in the area

- local Anglican clergy meet weekly
- communicate regularly with other clergy people in the area
- co-operate on special Anglican community events

Christian Community in North Bay

- all North Bay pastors are welcome at Wednesday prayer sessions co-ordinated by Gateway Pentecostal Church
- participate in inter-denominational events such as Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,

Deanery

- participate in all Deanery Council meetings held generally in Temagami 3 times per year

- participate in Deanery Festival in the fall
- share information from the Deanery Information Associate with the congregation

Diocesan

- attend Synods
- share relevant Diocesan information with the congregation in a timely manner
- participate in Diocesan committees as appointed and events as required

Study Groups

- the incumbent is expected to facilitate Alpha groups, Bible and video study groups and to initiate other projects for the spiritual growth of parishioners.

Other Involvement

- we would like to see our new incumbent involved in as many parish activities as possible

PARISH SURVEY RESULTS 2004

In **Section A** parishioners were asked to give a relative value to those duties which they thought were most important that our priest fulfill.

Visit & take Communion to those in our parish who are sick, shut-in, in crisis, or in 66 hospital

Provide spiritual guidance & direction to parishioners 51

Work effectively with children and youth 40

Preach lively, informative, Bible-based, orthodox sermons 39

Bring in new church members 30

Conducts services with a sense of reverence and respect 24

Lead Bible Studies & Christian lifestyle study groups [Bible studies, Alpha, etc.] 22

Evangelize, spread the good news of the Gospel to those outside our own 21 congregation

Provide lively, engaging, Spirit-filled worship; able to sing the liturgy 18

Uphold historical Anglicanism & sound doctrine 16

Demonstrate & encourage good stewardship of time, treasure & talent 14

Work closely with other Anglican clergy especially those in our area 12

Participate in church prayer groups 11

Participate in social ministries [soup kitchen, prison ministry, Kairos, PWRDF, etc.] 6

Counsel parishioners 6

Be involved with committees at the deanery, diocesan, national level 4

Work closely with other non-Anglican clergy 2

In Section B parishioners were asked to give a relative value to those qualities which they felt our priest should possess.

A caring, compassionate person who is dedicated to ““being there”” for his/her 71 parishioners

A good teacher who can explain the Bible & theology in easy to understand terms 39

A person of vision who can see the way ahead for our parish and help us get 37 there

Someone who accepts everyone & works well with all age groups 36

A person of prayer 33

A good communicator 30

Someone of great faith, a committed Christian 26

A good listener 23

A person who lives the Christian life in our secular society 18

A person with a solid background in Bible teaching & theology 17

A person gentle with people, uncompromising with principles 16

Someone who will speak the truth in love 8

An outgoing people-person who is involved in church and community events 8

Someone who can recognize talents in others & enable others to fulfill their 7 ministries.

A person who lets God set the agenda 6

OUR PRIORITIES, OUR VISION

Our Strengths

- we are a very close-knit parish family with members who care about one another. We want very much for our new incumbent to care for people whether or not they are able to attend Sunday worship.
- We believe in supporting missionary work whether it's missionary work inside our Deanery or Diocese, or in the worldwide Christian community
- we have a small but dedicated core of people who pray for the ministry of Jesus in our parish
- we are quite conservative and evangelical. Alpha is a strong tradition with us which we want to continue. Several people in our Church subscribe to the Essentials Document. Many of our regular members have made a personal commitment to Jesus and some operate in the Gifts of the Spirit.
- we like a blend of new and old, a balance of old book, new book, old music and new music
- we can always count on parishioners to pitch in whenever things need to be done or special events organized. *We play well with others.*

Our Realities

- we live a hand to mouth existence although God has been amazingly faithful to us – in the past 7 years we have always ended up the year “in the black”. In 1997, the Diocese forgave us \$7000. We had put on a new roof and borrowed from the Archbishop Wright Fund. During 1987, our 40th anniversary year, we had a huge fundraising campaign to pay off the roof and all our debts. At the end of the year, we asked the Diocese to forgive us the last \$7000 of arrears dating from 1994.
- we need to grow in numbers and we need always to be finding new “labourers”, especially we need to strengthen and broaden our base of prayer support
- as a parish, we need to investigate and take to heart our covenant relationship with the incoming priest

Our Vision

- to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and to reach out in love to others
- to remain strong in fellowship as a parish family
- to remain a strong, committed part of the Anglican community in North Bay
- to continue with the programs, study groups we now have
- to continue to grow spiritually, in knowledge of the Bible, to pray more, especially for the ministry of Jesus at Christ Church
- that each person embrace his or her responsibility to tithe
- to grow in numbers

Above all, we want *the* priest that God wants to call to Christ Church so that together as priest and parish we can “know Jesus Christ, and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, make Him known.”

