The Anglican Churches of Manitoulin Island

2015

View from The Cup and Saucer Trail
Manitoulin Island

This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24
Hello!
Welcome to our profile,
and thanks for stopping by.
Pull up a pew, make yourself comfortable,
and have a look around.
If you like what you see –
please let our Bishop know.
We'd love to meet you,
and we think you'd love to live on
beautiful Manitoulin Island!

From the folks of
All Saints' Anglican Church, Gore Bay
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Kagawong
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Little Current
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Manitowaning
St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Mindemoya

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Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron is the largest freshwater island in the world – a land of pristine lakes, lush forests, fertile farms, limestone cliffs, scenic vistas, abundant wildlife, and friendly folks. Surrounded by the LaCloche Mountains and the waters of Georgian Bay, the island offers a low crime rate, small schools in small communities, organized sports and group activities for all ages, artisans and craft industries, varied winter activities, hunting, fishing, hiking and biking trails, libraries, museums, theatre groups, community choirs, high-speed internet, clean air and star-lit nights. It is the home of the Haweater (a person born on Manitoulin Island). There are 13,000 permanent residents, and in the summer the population can swell to 30,000 with cottagers.

Families of European descent have been living on the island for several generations, alongside First Nations peoples for whom Manitoulin is their ancestral home. About one third of the island population is First Nation. Wikwemikong, at the east end of Manitoulin, is the largest unceded First Nation in North America.

There is year-round road access to the island via the swing bridge in Little Current at the north shore, and there is seasonal ferry service from the south shore to Tobermory. As well, there are two airports – one near Gore Bay and one between Little Current and Manitowaning. The northern shore of Manitoulin borders The North Channel, one of the best areas in the world for sailing and cruising.
There are two hospitals (Little Current and Mindemoya), each providing acute, transitional and rehabilitative care and 24/7 emergency services. Most island towns have a doctor’s clinic, with full access to hospital services. Other necessary services are available throughout the island – dentist, lawyer, accountant, optometrist, counselling, and visiting specialist doctors from Sudbury.

Sudbury (population 160,000) is two hours from central Manitoulin, providing the globally-recognized Health Sciences North hospital, the North-Eastern Ontario Cancer Centre and the new Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Sudbury is also home to Cambrian College, Laurentian University, Science North, Greater Sudbury Airport and extensive shopping and entertainment possibilities.

Besides agriculture, the island economy is based on tourism, various private and public sector jobs, small service businesses, artists, people who work remotely via internet, as well as the income provided by retired folks who have moved here. We have excellent elementary and high schools, remote access to college courses, several active service clubs, community groups, curling rinks and six arenas (yes, it’s true—six arenas for 13,000 people!). Manitoulin is unique in Ontario because it combines three things not usually found in one place: healthy lakes and forests; an established farming heritage; and well-kept small towns and villages.

Island of The Great Spirit - this is our home.

Manitoulin Living video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2djDtWhQxQ
The Diocese of Algoma is vast, spread along the northern shores of Lake Superior and Lake Huron, extending from west of Thunder Bay, east and south into Muskoka and north into Temiskaming.

The diocese contains 54 parishes, 6 assisted and mission parishes, and a total of 93 congregations.

Manitoulin Island is part of the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin, which has 21 churches, one chapel and 11 clergy.

**Mission, Vision and Values of The Diocese of Algoma**

**Mission**
To share in the gathering work of Christ so that His newness of life overflows into our hearts, homes, churches, and community.

**Vision**
We are joyful Anglicans, serving, growing, and proclaiming Christ’s love in Algoma and beyond.

**Values**
- A commitment to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- A commitment to prayer and spiritual growth.
- A commitment to authentic and joyful Anglican worship.
- A commitment to maintain and grow healthy churches that care for all people and practise fiscal responsibility.
- A commitment to spreading the good news through evangelism.
- A commitment to caring, ongoing relationships encompassing the family of God through shared ministry.
- A commitment to social justice through mission, seeking Christ in all persons, and living in harmony with the environment.

Further information about the diocese: [www.dioceseofalgoma.com](http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com)

On Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/SudburyManitoulinDeanery/?fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/SudburyManitoulinDeanery/?fref=nf)
Over many years of history the sixteen Anglican churches in villages and towns on Manitoulin Island went through various configurations of partnerships and groupings into parishes. Eventually eleven of the smallest pioneer churches had been closed. In many cases the settlement village where a church had been located had also disappeared.

In 2013 all five remaining churches were struggling to support a two or three-point parish, and one of the island priests was retiring. Each church found that fundraising requirements necessary to maintain the existing level of ministry had become unmanageable. The Island Council was formed, comprised of the clergy plus two wardens and the treasurer from each of the five churches on the island, and the decision was reached to amalgamate into one clergy position for the whole island.

Recognising that the distances are great to expect one priest to cover 5 churches, it was evident that some compromises would be made. After experimenting with service times and scheduling, a pattern has developed and been in use for the past year. The incumbent is at Little Current at 9 am and Mindemoya at 11:15 am on the first and third Sundays of the month; and at Kagawong at 9 am and Gore Bay at 11 am on the second and fourth Sundays of the month; and at Manitowaning every Monday at 5:30 pm. When there are five Sundays other arrangements have been made. On alternating Sundays when the incumbent is not available for a service then the capable and dedicated layreaders fill in with Morning Prayer.

The Island Council worked together to develop a percentage basis for dividing island-wide shared costs including clergy stipend, housing and travel, which most recently has been: Mindemoya 27%, Little Current 21.5%, Gore Bay 21%, Kagawong 18%, Manitowaning 12.5%. These figures will be re-visited after the period of interim ministry. Island Council meets twice a year as necessary.

The 5 churches of Manitoulin provide a housing allowance and the rector has been renting a home in a central location.

On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ManitoulinAnglicanParishes/
2015 Congregational Profile
All Saints Anglican Church
83 Meredith St. | Post Office Box 100 | Gore Bay, Ontario | POP 1H0

Mission Statement
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As members of the living church and disciples of Jesus Christ, we pledge to help each other show faith, hope and love to all the world.
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We, the Profile Committee for the All Saints Anglican Church Congregation, welcome you and thank you for your willingness to learn about us. The story you are about to read has a purpose that we want you to keep in mind, a purpose that’s very dear to many of us: We need a priest to help us keep growing spiritually, to build on the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us, and to help us shine more brightly than we do. This is our call out for someone who wants to get in on a challenging opportunity. If you’re interested in encouraging individual and community transformation, then we have a lot in common.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Please let these words and images hit their mark in the hearts of those who are called to read the following profile.

Let these words be a call for someone special to lead a people who’ve been given a gift, a new beginning for continued and renewed spiritual awakening.

Please let this individual know without a doubt that he/she has been called by you.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.
Overview of Our Church

We think of each other very much as a parish family and work closely with our neighbouring church, St. John The Evangelist in Kagawong. Besides meeting for Sunday Worship, All Saints meets regularly for Community Outreach, and just for fun and fellowship. Helping others, both spiritually and materially, is something we take seriously.

Over the course of any year, you’ll find us gathering together to work on need-based projects of varying types.

Our projects have included; filling shoeboxes with gifts and the message of God’s love for children in the developing world through ‘Operation Christmas Child’; organizing food and clothing drives for our local Food Bank; supporting an orphanage in Madagascar, as well as the Tumaini Centre in Kenya (a project initiated by the eldest daughter of one of our church families); providing bed kits for homeless children through ‘Sleeping Children Around the World’; conducting spiritual services for those living in nursing homes and for the sick confined to their homes. We also participate with other denominations and businesses at the summer ‘Farmers’ Market Café’. Though officially Anglican, we often operate in a surprisingly ecumenical way.

Bursaries are awarded by our church annually to one girl and one boy in the graduating high school group who has demonstrated the Christian principles of caring and compassion. We also ‘Sponsor a Child’ via World Vision.

There’s a core group of parish members who have been joined by people from many other denominations. We get along just fine and work together to make our church financially self-supporting. Last year the total income and expenses came in at about $40,834 and $33,462 respectively, for the church. After reviewing our current financial status, it has been determined that at this time we are able to support 21% of our Island’s priest’s stipend and travel costs.

As is the case with many other churches on the Island, attendance at Sunday services varies greatly throughout the year. Many of our members are “Snowbirds”, flying south to warmer destinations for the winter months that follow our Christmas season. As we welcome them back each spring, our pews once again fill up.

Summer attendance is also enhanced by the many tourists and seasonal cottagers that come. We hold ecumenical service with all four Christian churches in Gore Bay during February (at Winterfest) and in July (at the summer festival). We alternately host an ecumenical Christmas dinner social and a Spring social with worship.
All Saints in Gore Bay

Gore Bay is the second largest town on Manitoulin incorporated in 1890, with a population of approximately 850. It is the service centre for all people who live on the west end of the Island and for Kagawong to the east.

It developed from its appointment as the judicial seat of Manitoulin, having the district courthouse located here and the Provincial Government Office. It has an elementary school, a 62 bed nursing home, ambulance station, a funeral home, a modern medical centre that houses three Doctors and a Dentist as well as a senior’s centre and social services offices. It boasts many recreational facilities such as an arena, curling club, modern 185 slip marina, Canadian Yacht Charters, artistic and cultural harbour center, nine-hole golf course and club, hiking and plenty of fishing. It is well known for its award-winning summer theatre, and folks enjoy hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling, multi-generational hockey fun, bird watching, and seasonal community festivals. There are also two pharmacies, a Valu-Mart grocery store, banking facilities and retail stores and restaurants. Interestingly, we have town deer that roam freely.

All Saints’ was erected in 1880, and celebrated its 135th birthday in 2015. It was one of the few buildings to survive a widespread fire that wiped out many stores in 1908. There is an average Sunday attendance of 20 and had a Sunday school until this year. We are a part of the Deanery of Sudbury in the Diocese of Algoma. Sault Ste. Marie, the home of our Bishop and Diocesan Office, is located along Highway 17 North approximately 4 – 5 hours by car. This is also our closest gateway to the United States.

Many repairs have been done to the church over the years by funds raised through the Church members and fund raising projects. As a result the roof was re-shingled, the bell tower rebuilt, entire building insulated, exterior siding, sanctuary rebuilt, carpet replaced, drywall replaced, a new organ and two sets of hymnals purchased.

Most recently we renovated the church hall improving the flooring and the kitchen. We have approximately $28,510.00 in our reserve fund project and raise funds as needed.
All Saints’ had many youth programs in the past and worked co-operatively with the United Church providing non-denominational youth programs. In light of current demographic challenges in our aging population, we see a gap that we dearly hope our future spiritual leader would help us to close in a meaningful way. This could be inter-generational or child focussed outreach activities but we definitely need new eyes on this growth opportunity going forward.

Our church has an organized Prayer Chain that is alive and well. There is an ACW group raising yearly funds to be able to apply approximately $2,000.00 for outreach, and $5,000.00 for the operation of the church. When called upon, the ACW hosts events in the community and church such as funerals, baptisms, weddings, and milestone anniversaries and birthdays. They are known for their annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon event as well as the summer Yard Sale Barbeque. Our Altar Guild is comprised of about a dozen church women fulfilling regular duties diligently.

At present we share a talented Organist with St John’s Anglican Church in Kagawong, Nora Bath Haring, who provides music for our singing each Sunday. We are not always in tune but we do make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

We hold a potluck lunch after each Sunday service, ecumenical potlucks, Seder supper, and Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday (not to fund raise as much as simply remind people of the coming of Lent). We started doing a St. Patrick’s Day Beef Stew Dinner for the community a few years ago as well. Our few youth participate wonderfully at our dinner events. We would like to build on these and other events keeping our community’s current needs in mind.

It is very important that any spiritual leader who comes to the parish relates to us first as Christians, and second as Anglicans.

Proverbs 16:3 “Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.”
Our Vision for the Future

The ministry of lay reader is very strong in the church. Lay leadership is encouraged and greatly utilized. Trained committed greeters/servers and sides-persons welcome everyone - especially newcomers and visitors. The church also has a group of readers who fulfill their ministry faithfully and well.

As you can see, we are an old church with All Saints having just celebrated a milestone 135th Anniversary. We have deep, traditional roots. Most of our current members are retired and have been long-standing members of the Anglican Church with a love for traditional practices of the faith and hymns. This is the foundation upon which our church was built and should be maintained and strengthened. The Book of Alternative Services (B.A.S.) is used. Being a Eucharist-based congregation we work with limitations set on receiving this sacrament but we hope for more regular Communion in future.

A variety of hymns are selected from Songs of Fellowship, Common Praise, Songs for a Gospel People, and other sources. The current mix of old and new music, combined with the traditional, liturgical worship format that is practiced, has been satisfying. However, relevant and accessible ministry for youth and young families is lacking at present.

Our future priest needs to be able to strike a balance between traditional and modern practices. A challenge that faces many churches we are sure. This individual should be energetic and demonstrate life and work experience through their belief that Jesus Christ is the way of Salvation and that the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

Being community-minded is important to the growth of our church. We want an involved minister who cares not only about our church community and its people, but also about the other people of the community that we live in. Compassion and caring for everyone in the community and a willingness to sincerely know people as individuals is critical to maintaining and building membership in our church.

As a shepherd to this flock, our priest should be comfortable with the transparency of small towns. He/she should be willing to be our spiritual leader and friend with an energy and enthusiasm for helping with and getting the job done no matter what the “job” is at one time or another. The scope of activity may include ministering from the pulpit; visiting shut-ins in town and in the west end of the island and those sick at home, in hospital or in nursing homes; or leading hymn-sings. (The west end was formerly tended by the now-closed St. Peter’s Anglican Church in Silverwater).

It is important for Manitoulin Island’s Anglican churches to come together as one for various occasions. Currently we support each other’s fund raising efforts, and we do meet to discuss spiritual and financial issues. Our future clergy needs to recognize this goal at the Bi-Annual Island Council meetings with the five Island churches.

All Saints Church Congregation feels that a monthly Advisory Board Meeting (with heads of church committees, wardens, treasurer, and our priest) helps keep everyone in the ‘know’. Each of the five church congregations discuss their issues at separate annual vestry meetings.
We also need to be kept apprised of what is happening at the Diocese level and at the National Church level. Current, relevant issues of a positive or negative nature, facing all Anglicans, must be discussed for us to better carry out God’s will in today’s world and in our community.

Many believe that the potential for church survival is with our youth and young families. We know that we have lost members not only to other churches, but also for other issues, that individuals struggle with, that have caused them to drift away and kept them away. We need a priest that will help guide us through these issues that we are currently facing. This is where fresh eyes inspired by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have vast opportunity with us for Him.

Church growth also begins with inspiration and rejuvenation of the spirit each and every Sunday morning as we enter into our place of worship. It is essential that the minister needs to be able to deliver sermons that are concise, interesting, and inspiring to help us deal with issues in today’s world while sharing background knowledge in pertinent Christian history. The sermons need to give pause for thought and give us something to reflect upon or work through in the week ahead. The priest’s own spirituality should be apparent through his/her teachings, leadership, prayer, and compassion.

Is this a tall “bill” to fill? The members of the All Saints Anglican Church do not think so. You see, if God has already chosen and called you to do his work, we believe that you are up for this challenge. We need an involved leader who encourages and cares for this flock; someone who is able to meet with and learn about us on an intimate level so that our talents and special gifts can be used to strengthen and encourage our growth; someone who will enjoy who we are and who we will become with his/her leadership through God.
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## APPENDIX 2

### All Saints financial numbers.

**Most recent 12 month period at time of writing.**  
October 1 2014 to September 30 2015

**Revenues:**
- Identified offerings: $30,565  
- Unidentified offerings: $1,390  
- Restricted 'In memoriam': $1,263  
- Fundraising: $5,333  
- Interest: $1,883  
  
  **Total Revenues:** $40,834

**Expenses:**
- Apportionment: $8,574  
- Outreach: $780  
- Honorarium: $1,000  
- Equipment, Supplies & Maintenance: $2,699  
- HST refunds for ’13 & ’14: $2,014  
- Stipend (21% of total stipend): $15,277  
- Payroll & related expenses: $2,644  
- Bank fees: $34  
- Heat & electricity: $2,429  
- Insurance: $1,772  
- Taxes (water & sewers): $268  
  
  **Total Expenses:** $33,462

**Surplus for the period:** $7,372

### Balance Sheet @ September 30, 2015

**Assets:**
- Operating funds (bank acct & GIC’s): $30,269  
- Memorial funds (bank acct & GIC’s): $28,510

**Liabilities:**

**Net equity:** $58,779
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Our opening balance in January reflects all our profits from the previous year except our annual donations for outreach listed below, which we try to send out before Christmas.

We gave our annual donation to All Saints Anglican
Church (operating fund) in January 2015: $5,000
Orphanage in Madagascar (Mary Sherwood) $300
Threshold Ministries (formally The Church Army) $100
Teen Challenge in Sault Ste. Marie, On $100
Camp Manitou (camper bursary) $125
Strawberry Point Christian Camp (camper bursary) $125
S.C.A.W. Sleeping Children Around the World (10 bed kits) $350
Manitoulin Family Services (Christmas baskets) $200
The Samaritan Centre in Sudbury $200
Amanda Flanagan’s Project in Kenya (teacher’s wages) $400
Total: $1,900

Our opening balance January 2015 was: $5,570.33 ($5,000 All Saints)

In Jan. we purchased gas certificates for three families to help with travel to hospitals off Island @ $50/ea. $150
We also donated to the “Angel Bus Project” in March $100

Our profits this year are all our annual events.
*Some events we ask parishioners for monetary donations.
All other events are requests for food, baking, crafts and time!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper $601.21
St. Patrick’s Day Stew Supper $672.56
July Yard Sale and BBQ $760
*Lace Camp (we cater a turkey supper) $770.25
Farmer’s Market Café. (Once a month from May-Oct) $2,079.35
*Christmas Fair & Luncheon Dec. total varies (2014 was: $2,323.50)
We also cater funeral luncheons. We had one this year. $124.31
Bank fees $30 per year. 2016 Church calendars (25) profit $35

Our current balance is: $5,181.69

Lois Williamson, ACW Treasurer
History of St John

The Church of St John the Evangelist was dedicated on October 9, 1938. The building had originally been a warehouse. The pulpit is a memorial to four people who lost their lives on the North Channel. To many, St John is known as the Sailor’s Church. This nautical theme is reflected in the many artifacts in the church and our motto – “Hope As An Anchor” (Hebrews 6:19). An architect-designed addition was built in 2002. This created space for fellowship gatherings, celebrations, community meetings, outreach activities and fund raisers.
Worship/Liturgy

Services are held Sundays at 9:00 am. We have Morning Prayer with lay readers every second Sunday alternating with Holy Eucharist when the minister is present. Services follow the BAS and we use Common Praise, Songs of Fellowship and Songs for a Gospel People as sources of the hymns. We have a new electric piano/organ as well as a new sound system. After church we regularly have fellowship in the hall. Our marine service in the summer time, held to celebrate our nautical roots, and the Christmas Eve service, often led by members of the congregation, are both well attended by the community. Our average Sunday attendance in 2015 has been 20.

Building/Facility

The church can accommodate 60 people and when required extra seating can be provided in the foyer and hall. There are three stained glass windows and a memorial section. The hall has kitchen facilities and a bathroom, tables and chairs to seat 20. The building is wheelchair accessible with a ramp and double doors. The outside of the building is clad in maintenance free vinyl siding and the roof is in good repair. The building, overlooking Mudge Bay, is surrounded by flowers, shrubs and potted plants which are maintained by members of the congregation.
Outreach/Community Involvement

Outreach is an important part of the ministry of St John’s to our local community and beyond. The following is a list of causes that we are actively supporting:

- Tumaini Center
- Mary Sherwood’s Ministries
- Manitoulin Food Bank
- Scarves, Hats and Mitts Drive
- Community visits
- Supporting the community in times of need
- Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Nursing Homes
- Primate World Relief and Development Fund
- Stephen Lewis Foundation
- Community Christmas Baskets
- Operation Christmas Child
- Community Welcome Baskets

Special Outreach

The doors of St John’s are always open for everyone who wishes to visit and have a time for peace and quiet. People who have taken advantage of visiting our church have expressed their appreciation in our guest book located in the foyer.

Pastoral Care/Lay Ministries

St John has one licensed lay reader. When she is available, she provides spiritual support for those in need.

Fund Raising

St John’s has an active fund raising committee which organizes the following events:

- Victorian Teas
- Barbeque, Bake Sale, Yard Sale
- Evening of Gospel Songs
- Christmas Craft and Bake Sale
- Luncheons
Our Community

Kagawong is a small community situated on Mudge Bay and is the closest port to the popular boating/sailing destination of the Benjamin Islands in the North Channel. Approximately 250 people call Kagawong home on a full time basis with the summer population swelling four to five times that number. This area is popular with tourists, boaters, hunters and fishermen. Visitors come to see the salmon run in the fall and the smelt run in the spring. Kagawong has many popular attractions such as Bridal Veil Falls, Kagawong River, Old Mill Heritage Centre, Cascade Garden hiking trails, three beaches, a dog park, a summer farmers’ market, a marina and a small craft harbour, a library and a United Church. Popular local businesses include Manitoulin Chocolate Works, Boo Bah Lou Candy Store, Wind and Wave canoe and kayak sales, North Wind Adventures, KuKu Hut, Bridal Veil Esso and LCBO, Art Supply Store, Edwards Studio, Berry Boats, Antique shop, Hunt’s Store, Main Street Café, and Riverside Takeout. Services include a post office, lawn care services, automobile repairs and a volunteer fire department.
Strenghts of the St John’s Community

Building
- waterfront location
- clearly visible community landmark
- well maintained

Congregants
- hardworking
- dedicated
- friendly
- supportive of each other and the community

Challenges Facing St John’s

- aging congregation
- fund raising required to meet financial obligations
- a clearer idea of mission
- continuing to attract new members
Financial Statement

Church of St. John the Evangelist
Kagawong

October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015

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Hopes and Dreams for the Anglican Island Church Community

Being community-minded is not only important to the growth of our churches but to the wider Island population. Compassion and caring for everyone and a willingness to sincerely know people as individuals will be critical to maintaining and building membership in all our churches.

An Island Council with wardens and treasurers has been set up and has met on a regular basis and will hopefully continue.

Encouragement is needed for good communication and interaction between the five churches. It is important for our Island that the five points work together to support each other.

Qualities We Would Like to See in Our New Minister

Our future priest needs to be able to strike a balance between traditional and modern practices.

As a shepherd to his/her flock, the priest should be comfortable with the transparency of small towns. He/she should be willing to be our spiritual leader (ministering from the pulpit, visiting shut-ins and those sick at home, in hospital or nursing homes).

Organizational skills will be important to coordinate the activities of five individual churches.

CHURCH SERVICES

The present schedule of alternating Holy Eucharist with Morning Prayer is working well for the St John congregation.
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Little Current, Ontario

Our Mission Statement
Holy Trinity Anglican Church is a loving community, focused on Jesus Christ crucified and risen, scripture and prayer. We are committed to spiritual growth, family worship and outreach.
History of Holy Trinity Anglican Church

An Anglican Church Mission was first established in Manitowingan. Shortly after Anglican services were held in a small log building on the hill overlooking what is now the town of Little Current. It is important here to note that Wewebijjwangan or Little Current was established when George Abotossaway emigrated from Michigan and received his education in Manitowingan from the Anglican Mission. When the first Anglican priest was assigned to Little Current there were 13 First Nation Families. In August of 1861 the first confirmation service was held in Little Current. Candidates were from Manitowingan and Little Current. They were presented by Rev. Jacobs, who being an Ojibway himself, also acted as Interpreter.

Holy Trinity was erected and completed in 1886. It was consecrated in July 1887. Funding and furnishings were donated by R.A. Jones of London, England. The red cedar construction was locally milled by John Dawson. Over the years beautiful stained glass windows and other notable furnishings have been donated in memory of loved ones.

Shaftsbury Hall was built in 1912 and demolished in 1974. Being a large hall with a stage it also served as a community hall for many activities and celebrations.
Thankful for the Past
Rejoicing in the Present
Preparing for the Future

To help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Holy Trinity in 1986, the Sr. Women’s Auxiliary and the Mary Tindle W.A. compiled the "Centennial Cookbook"

Verna Heise and Phyllis Turner cutting the 125th Cake (1886-2011)
Buildings and Facilities

After 1974 a new parish hall was desperately needed. It wasn’t until Rev. Tomes arrived in 1979 that the congregation supported the idea of an addition to the church. This consisted of a new hall with a kitchen and washrooms. With dedicated fund raising and volunteering of labour the Narthex, hall and kitchen were completed on September 21, 1981. Upkeep, repairs and new additions continue to keep it a splendid little white church.
Congregation

The median age of our parishioners is about 70. Regular attendance for services is 10 to 14. This summer our attendance rate was 20 to 24. We are fortunate to have an organist on a regular basis. There is much joy that comes from the celebration of worship, communion and song. Greeters warmly welcome guests, newcomers and of course, regulars. There is no shortage of volunteers for cleaning, gardening, washing dishes, providing nourishment for weekly fellowship, assisting others, and so much more. Fund raising is suffering due to our lesser numbers. In the past we have had numerous luncheons, bake sales and a Christmas dinner that the community looked forward to. We will continue the roast beef suppers.

Outreach programs are Operation Christmas Child, Island Food Bank, Mary Sherwood Mission, a free community chili luncheon and the progressive dinner.

Ecumenical programs include Haweater weekend services downtown, a church potluck in the summer and World Day of Prayer.
Youths are the future of our church. This is a concern for all churches. Being a small congregation of aging adults it is a particularly difficult challenge. We must continue to pray for them and know there is always hope.
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2014

Operating Revenues

Open and Envelope $36,660
Fundraising $8,866
Rental Income & Other $7,022
Total Operating $45,549

Operating Expenses

Administrative $3,238
Building $17,705
Congregational $168
Apportionment $9,100
Clergy Stipend $13,232
Worship $1,121
Total Operating Expenses $44,564

Fund Balances at December 31, 2014

Operating Fund $11,391

Reserved Funds
Memorial Fund $4,970
Wilkin Memorial Fund $1,159
GIC (Memorial Fund) $5,000

Total of local funds $22,520

Rectory Fund (held in trust by Diocese) $54,680

NET EQUITY $77,200
Hope for the Island Parish

The Island Council of a five point parish has a great commitment to clarity. It must grow in relationship, be transparent and get our churches involved with each other. We require a priest who is able to help motivate us toward our goals, work with our strengths and help us to solve our differences. Is this effort important? None of us want to see our church close or any of the other churches in our Island Parish. Our Island Council is headed in the right direction and is committed to success. Keep our communication channels open.

We are looking for a priest who:

Loves the Lord and is passionate about sharing the Gospel

Whose joy and enthusiasm are contagious

Who is sincere in his love for his people in the church and the wider community

Who will guide us when there is conflict

Who sees that we have a need for a dedicated priest.

We know you will have many challenges ahead.

Hope is the main thing we have

Faith is our coming together
It has been the practice of having Holy Eucharist on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. with the Lay Readers leading Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, what takes place on that 5th Sunday is usually discussed at Island Council Meetings.

We currently have 3 Lay Readers and 1 Lay Reader in training. 2 of the said Lay Readers are currently empowered to take communion to shut-ins and those hospitalized (pre-consecrated elements). Besides leading Morning Prayer in our own church, some of the Lay Readers lead and preach at other churches in our Deanery.

The church is included in regular scheduling of services at the local Nursing Home and for a number of years the incumbent of Holy Trinity has also been the Padre at the local branch of the Canadian Legion.

Little Current is a town with a population of fifteen hundred people. It is situated just across the Swing Bridge and is approximately one and a half hours from Sudbury and a half hour away from Espanola which both offer good shopping.

Each town on the Island has their own shopping pleasures. In Little Current we have several specialty shops - two grocery stores, three banking institutions and numerous restaurants.

Each town on the Island has its own Elementary School with one High School located in M'Chigeeng - a distance of approximately twenty miles, with local students being bussed.

Little Current is the largest Hospital on the Island with the second in Mindemoya. We are serviced by several doctors and Dentists, most of whom live locally. We have land and Air Ambulance service when needed.
The town has its own Marina and is also serviced by two private marinas complete with boat storage. This past summer we had approximately 12 cruise ships using our docks. The boating facilities and places to hide in the North Channel all summer are second to none. Included in the services are an auto supply and three auto repair garages.

Concerning entertainment, in the winter we have curling, skating and hockey in our Sports Complex. In addition to all the usual local town organizations, there is also a gym located just across the swing bridge. In the summer, of course, there is swimming, fishing, and sailing lessons. Haweater Weekend is celebrated the first weekend in August each year followed with Country Fest on the second weekend, sponsored by our locally owned Radio Station.

We are fortunate to have a Hotel and Conference Centre, the Hawberry Motel, the Shaftsbury Inn and the Anchor Inn Hotel.

All in all, we have a lot going on for any age group and we would enjoy having you join us.
St. Paul’s is located in the historic village of Manitowaning proudly overlooking Manitowaning Bay. It is the oldest English settlement on Manitoulin Island, the world’s largest fresh water island. Manitowaning incorporated in 1861 in the Township of Assiginack on the Southeastern side of Manitoulin Island. The Township of Assiginack has a total population of 965 full time residents, with about 600 people living in the village of Manitowaning. Our numbers may be small but our hearts are large. People come from around the world to enjoy the gifts that have been blessed to this region.

St. Paul’s was constructed close to the site of the first Anglican Service held on Manitoulin Island on Sunday June 21, 1835. The service was conducted by the Reverend Adam Elliot a travelling missionary. It was in early 1845 that work began on the physical church of St. Paul's. The construction was finished around 1849; there are no records that reflect the actual start and completion
dates of the construction. The cost to build the wooden structure was approximately $2,400.00, a huge amount at this period in time. The original plan was to build a large stone church, which would sit at least 350 people, reminiscent of those found in Europe. This was not to be due to the high cost of construction, and the time that it would take to build a church of this grandeur was not feasible.

St. Paul’s is the oldest existing church building in the Diocese of Algoma as well as in all of Northern Ontario. It is believed that it is the oldest church in all of Northern Ontario regardless of denomination. The physical church has been well loved and maintained by its members during this entire period.

There has been fulltime ministry at St. Paul’s since 1835 when the first Anglican Service was held, with the exceptions of a few vacancies in the late 1800’s. There have been changes made to the church and grounds over the years. The cemetery is no longer an active cemetery; all burials now are conducted at Hilly Grove Cemetery. This cemetery was created by donated land to the Township during the 1860’s. In 1893 records show that new basswood paneling was installed to the interior of the church. After 122 years it is still admired on by visitors to St. Paul’s and is tended to annually by members of the congregation.

The Baptismal Font was added in 1870 and is still in use today.
A rectory was built in 1905 on the church property. The cost to build the house was recorded to be $890.00, imagine what that would build today! The rectory has since been demolished.

New wooden siding was installed in 1989, along with new insulation, a new roof and the windows were replaced in the church. The repairs to the church were $100,000.00, partially funded by government grants, fundraisers and private donors, as always the money was raised to the Glory of the Father. Volunteers were key to this project being financed and completed. The people of Assiginack Township are known for their generosity and community involvement. There was extensive work done to the bell tower to make the building look more like its original design. In 1995 a decision was made to install vinyl siding on the church. Unfortunately constant maintenance with the wooden siding was getting cost prohibitive for the congregation. The wooden siding remains under the current vinyl siding.

Displaying some of the basswood and the moved alter.
The physical church and the church family of St. Paul’s always have been an important part of life here in Manitowaning and surrounding communities. In 1988 the Manitowaning Baptist Congregation joined the Roman Catholic Congregation in sharing St. Paul’s. The Roman Catholic Mass was held on Saturday evenings, on Sunday the Anglicans held service at 9:00am and the Baptist had service at 11:00am.

On June 21, 2010 St. Paul’s Church celebrated a huge occasion the 175th anniversary of Anglican services on Manitoulin Island, and on June 25th a celebration was held to mark the 165th anniversary of the physical church of St. Paul’s.

![This banner was created by a local quilt artist for the 175th Anniversary](image)

Manitowaning has much to offer to its residents; a grocery store, pharmacy, bank, post office, convenience stores, two gas stations, two garages, Napa, hardware store, a recently update arena with community centre, ball diamond, full service marina, medical clinic (with a doctor, nurse practitioner, registered nurse and lab facilities), and a public school.
For several years St. Paul’s and St. Francis were a 2-point parish, the Great Spirit Island Parish. This put a heavy financial burden on St. Paul’s, as well as St. Francis and fundraising was a major component for St. Paul’s to meet its financial obligations. In 2013 with the retirement of both full-time Priests on Manitoulin all five Anglican Churches came under the Ministry of one full-time Priest.

The Island Council made up of the Wardens and Treasurers from all 5-points was also formed at this time. A formula of percentages was comprised to share the cost of the ministry between the 5-points. In doing so this helped relieve the financial strain for all of the churches.

With the change in ministry also came changes in service times. St. Paul’s wanted to have the Eucharist celebrated on a weekly basis and with the approval of the Bishop, St. Paul’s moved their day of worship to Mondays at 5:30pm. The congregation truly feels blessed by this change and we have seen the benefits of the change and new ministry that brought new life to St. Paul’s. The attendance has grown to an average of 25 for each service (previously 12-15 present). There is a feeling of being a true of family among our members now.

Our music for six months of the year is provided by a truly gifted organist, the other six months it is done through recorded music. Our services are from the BAS page 185. When the service is led by a Layreader, Evening Prayer is
followed. There is a weekly bible study held at the home of one of parishioners. 
We have scheduled greeters, readers, prayers of the people and Eucharist Assistants. The bulletin for all 5-points is done by a volunteer from St. Francis who then e-mails the bulletin to each church for printing.

The outreach and mission work of St. Paul’s did decline during the years when the financial burden was so consuming to meet the challenges of paying for full-time ministry. In the last year we have been able to assist families in our community who have been in need (fire, health etc….), and we are a constant and major contributor to the island food bank.

We are very blessed with an active ACW; this group of dedicated women put a lot of energy and time into the planning and preparation of many fundraising events throughout the year. Not only does St. Paul’s benefit from their hard work, but they also are able to support, Christmas Shoe Boxes, (a donation box is available throughout the year) Sleeping Children Around the World, World Day of Prayer and currently working with the island community to facilitate the arrival of refugee families from Eritrea. Donations are made annually as well to Haven House (a women’s shelter), Mindemoya Cancer Treatment Centre, most of our mission and outreach is focus within the communities on the island.

We have been delivering the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend the regular services. Members of the congregation do home visits to those who are
unable to get out and help them with their errands. Visits are made to those who are in the hospital as well as those in senior homes on the island.

Some of St. Paul's congregation saying farewell to Rev'd Sherry
## St. Paul’s 2014

### Revenues 2014

- Envelope and Open Offerings 24,300
- Other 10,165
- Fundraising/Events 8,700
- Trfr from GIC’s 14,640
- **Total Revenues** 57,805

### Expenditures

- Building heat, water, maintenance 14,459
- 2014 Apportionment 5,724
- 2014 Clergy costs: stipend, housing, travel, benefits 10,686
- 2013 Apportionment and Clergy costs paid in 2014 3,021
- Administration 4,347
- Other-trfr GIC 10,140
- **Total Expenditures** 48,377

### Fund Balances Balance at Dec 31, 2014

- Operating 11,997

### Reserved Funds

- Memorial 4,029
- **Investments** 23,446

### Net Equity at Dec 31, 2014

- 39,472
Goals of new Ministry:

It is a hope of St. Paul’s that with new ministry there may be some new life brought again to the Anglican Churches on the Island. It would benefit all 5-points to have a younger priest come to the Island, not one who is semi-retired or who has started a second career late in life, as they do not seem to have the energies required for a 5-point parish. In order to truly grow and maintain the congregations, the people need to know their priest and feel that they have a relationship with them. There are many events that are held throughout the island on an annual basis, it is not possible to attend all or even half of them, but as many as possible should be attended by the incumbent.

St. Paul’s would like to be able to keep their service time on Monday evenings at 5:30pm. This we feel has been key to the new growth that we have seen at St. Paul’s, while still allowing the other churches to have Eucharistic services twice a month.
Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Mindemoya

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church is a unique and historic structure, witnessing to the Risen Lord Jesus in the village of Mindemoya since 1933. While the congregation of St. Francis respects and appreciates the beauty and history of our worship space, we also celebrate that “the church” is the building, whereas “The Church” is the people – the people of God doing God's work, being God's hands, spreading God's word, living God's love.

It is by the grace of God that we are The Church.

Missionary Fr. Richard Taylor, a man of extraordinary vision, was sent to Mindemoya in 1932 to build an Anglican church. Thinking beyond the typical white wooden structure of the time, he inspired the local congregation to quarry the limestone and harvest the woodlots to build a Norman-style church that looks as if it grew out of England’s countryside 800 years ago. He also wrote dozens of letters to cathedrals, dignitaries and organisations around the world explaining the project and asking for any offering they could make “to the fabric of the church”. The result is a truly astounding collection of artifacts which includes a pair of gold-thread tapestry curtains made by the Ladies In Waiting of Queen Elizabeth I (1585), the candlesticks used at the last communion of King Charles I the night before he was beheaded (1649), and a 12\textsuperscript{th} century angel sculpture from The Palace of Westminster.

In addition to our mission and outreach commitments, the congregation of St. Francis also takes seriously a responsibility to care for and maintain this beautiful, historic church building.

In 2001 there was a major capitol project to raise $150,000 for renovations to make the worship space barrier-free, install a ramp and accessible door at the south, add a sacristy and barrier-free washroom, add a Sunday School room, and do extensive pointing and upkeep on the stonework.

For many years, until October 2013, St. Francis was part of the two-point Great Spirit Island Parish with St. Paul’s, Manitowaning. St. Francis' obligation was 72% of clergy stipend, housing and travel. Over the years it became necessary to increase fundraising dramatically in order to maintain a two-point parish with full-time ministry. This situation was eased when the whole island came under one priest in 2013.
COMMUNITY
Mindemoya is located in the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, which includes the areas of Providence Bay, Spring Bay, Sandfield, Big Lake, Silver Bay and Rockville. Due to its central location on Manitoulin it is known as "The Hub" of the island. The population of the area is 2000, but can triple in the summer due to cottagers. Community services available include a library, museum, OPP station, dentist, chiropractor, lawyer, accountant, bank, credit union and community centre. Many agencies have their office here – Manitoulin Community Living, Manitoulin Family Resources, Mental Health Services, Sudbury and District Health Unit, Haven House women’s shelter, Best Start Hub and toy bus. There is an elementary school in Mindemoya, and the public high school for the whole island is 12 km north in M’Chigeeng.

Providence Bay Boardwalk on Manitoulin's longest beach

The Manitoulin Health Centre operates two sites - Little Current and Mindemoya. The Mindemoya hospital has 14 acute care beds, and a 24/7 emergency room staffed by nurses and on-call physicians. A newly-renovated doctors' clinic is in the hospital, with a full complement of physicians and nurse practitioners. There is a physiotherapy department and an x-ray department, as well as ultrasound, chemotherapy and dialysis. A helicopter pad provides 30-minute access to Sudbury and 90-minute access to Toronto.

Central Manitoulin offers varied recreational opportunities for children and adults - hiking trails, beaches, boating, fishing (summer and winter), 2 arenas, hockey, figure skating, agricultural fair, curling club, tennis courts, golf course, playgrounds, boat launches, soccer, baseball and limitless outdoor activities for fitness, camping and exploring.

The centre of Mindemoya is a hub for shopping with Manitoulin's largest grocery, a pharmacy, furniture store, 2 hardware stores, gift shop, ladies' clothing, pet supplies, restaurants and coffee shops. Mindemoya is the fastest growing area on Manitoulin Island.

Explore more of Central Manitoulin: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c90AKnQjeZY
WORSHIP, MUSIC AND LITURGY

One priest is shared by the 5 Anglican churches on the island. With the current schedule the incumbent is at St. Francis for an 11.15 am Eucharist on the first and third Sundays of the month. We are fortunate to have a retired priest in our congregation who celebrates the Eucharist most other Sundays, with a layreader assisting and preaching. When a priest is not available then a contemporary liturgy of Morning Prayer is led by a layreader.

Sunday Eucharists are from the BAS page 185. The Gloria, Kyrie, Sursum Corda and Sanctus are sung. Hymns and praise songs are from Common Praise and Living Praise as well as additional songs using a CCLI license. The organist occasionally composes service music or praise songs for the congregation as needed or inspired. There is a Rodgers digital organ and Yamaha digital piano.

To quote a parishioner, “Worship for me is coming together corporately in thanksgiving to God who is working so faithfully in our lives throughout the week. That expression is so wonderfully and thoughtfully carried out with the very capable professional guidance of our organist. We are very fortunate to have such high calibre traditional music to guide us in our worship. Personally I find this an extremely important part of our worship together and it is done superbly. Along with the traditional style of music we enjoy praise and worship songs played both by our organist and at times also accompanied by a great guitarist. We are led to learn new music and refreshing changes for congregational response in our liturgy. It is a very enriching part of our worship service. We are very blessed to have so much musical talent at St. Francis.”

St. Francis takes joy in celebrating many special occasions with creative liturgies and worship formats. Special services have included The Blessing of Animals on St. Francis Day; Music For Matins; Darkness To Light (Lessons, Carols and Poetry for Christmas); Advent Hymn Festival based on The O Antiphons; a much-anticipated annual summer Hymn Festival; Choral Evensong; Remembrance Day liturgy; and The Procession of Palms (below).
Patronal Festival: Blessing Of The Animals on St. Francis Day
Friends of St. Francis offer Choral Evensong.

LAY MINISTRIES
► lay-led worship service twice a month, either assisting a retired priest or leading Morning Prayer.
► lay sermon every week in which the incumbent is elsewhere
► weekly bible study is lay-led.
► lay Eucharistic Visitor takes reserved sacrament to shut-ins.
► a roster of 26 members participate in a schedule for greeters, readers, prayers of the people and Eucharistic assistants.
► a dedicated Altar Guild of 3 women and 1 man serves the needs of the altar.
► a devoted server is on duty most Sundays to assist with the Eucharist.
► bookkeeping, cleaning and music are provided by volunteers. An honorarium is offered.
► weekly bulletin is typed by a volunteer at St. Francis, then emailed to each church for printing.
► children are provided with Sermons4Kids activities in the absence of a Sunday School teacher.
OUR MINISTRIES, MISSION AND OUTREACH

In the past 2 years, since changing to one priest for the whole island, the previous immense, unfeasible and energy-draining burden of fundraising has been eased and we are now able to examine and work towards our vision for local and wider mission work. In May of 2015 the congregation held a Mission Visioning Workshop (photo at right) to examine our goals and priorities for outreach. Shortly afterwards the St. Francis congregation voted to tithe 10% of all fundraising income to the Mission Fund. We hope to soon be in a position to hold a dedicated fundraising event from which all of the income would be directed to a mission project!

Mission projects include:

► PWRDF – most recently for the Nepal earthquake and Syrian refugees

► support the island's food bank Christmas Campaign, support school breakfast program, sponsor Good Food Box

► For several years a small group at St. Francis hosted a free Sunday Night Supper for anyone who was alone in our village. This has recently been suspended due to changing dynamics.

► provide rent-free space for the Island Quilters' Guild to make charity quilts for fire victims and others in need.

► provide rent-free space for Community Living activities.

► support and participate in Journey To Bethlehem, an annual ecumenical outdoor re-enactment of the Nativity story, drawing 700 observers each year. It is presented by the 4 churches of Mindemoya.

► The retired priest in our congregation takes Eucharist to residents of The Manor nursing home in Little Current.
OUR MINISTRIES, MISSION AND OUTREACH cont'd
► support local families in need through the clergy discretionary fund
► support our local Special Olympics Team athletes’ fundraising for 2016 competition in Newfoundland
► support Manitoulin Refuge, the island-wide effort which is bringing five Eritrean refugee families to the island, with the first arrivals scheduled for January 2016

FORMATION
► weekly lay-led bible study is held at the home of a senior parishioner who is housebound
► several members have been active in Alpha, Cursillo, Ultreya, Youth Challenge, Dynamos and IF:Gathering
► extensive and well-maintained library of contemporary and classic reference and reading material
► fundraisers provide an important opportunity for fellowship and community-building
► first Sunday of the month we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries with coffee, cake and fellowship

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND FUNDRAISERS

The Two Cantors

Due to the interior beauty and exceptional acoustics at St. Francis, it has become a favoured concert venue on Manitoulin. St. Francis sponsors world-class musicians to present classical concerts. We are privileged to have hosted the Salzburg Guitar Quartet, Mozart 250 by Catharine and Ian Sadler, Two Cantors And The Maestro, the Sudbury Symphony Ensemble, classical guitarist Kevin Ramessar, the Canadian Guitar Quartet, vocalists Frances and Alvin Reimer, and organ recitals by Angus Sinclair, David Buley and Ian Sadler.
Community Involvement and Fundraisers cont’d
Manitoulin’s audience knows they can expect the highest standard of music presentation at St. Francis and they faithfully support our concerts.

St. Francis takes the opportunity to offer a summer lecture to residents, cottagers and tourists, which has proven to be a highlight for many. Admission is free, and the results of the freewill offering are one indication of the high level of appreciation by the audience. The two most recent lectures were: Two Pilgrims’ Progress; and Faith And Physics.
We are hugely blessed to have a talented couple in our congregation who are retired music teachers. They have put together a group of local friends who have gained a wide reputation for performing popular concerts which are offered as fundraisers for St. Francis. Their concerts are always sold out, and the audience has been thrilled to attend The Fabulous Fifties; The Sensational Sixties; Fiddling Frenzy; The Celtic Clan; Sentimental Journey; On The Road Again; and recently they presented a Fifties And Sixties Dance which packed the community centre.

The men of St. Francis take part in The Mindemoya Four Churches’ Men’s Group, which presents dinners to raise funds for outreach projects.

The Manitoulin Nature Club rents the church hall for their monthly meeting and fellowship.

The ACW provided years of dedicated and meaningful service to the work and mission of the church. That service is now accomplished by a congregational committee which oversees event-planning and fundraising activities. Three luncheons are presented through the year, each attended by about 140 people. A summer bake sale is always popular with the tourists and cottagers, and this year a book sale was included.
BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES
The lower level of the church is at walk-in ground level and includes a parish hall, kitchen, Sunday School room, furnace room and washroom. The kitchen is well-equipped with a full stove, industrial dishwasher, and a side-by-side fridge with ice-maker.

The upper level includes worship space, vestry, bell tower, library, sacristy and barrier-free washroom.

For many years the incumbent chose to purchase or rent their own residence, so the rectory was rented out. It has recently been demolished. St. Francis owns a small house adjacent to the church property.

The Property Committee is diligent in maintaining the buildings with updates for energy-efficiency and ongoing maintenance. Recent projects have included new roof insulation and replacing the shingles with steel, protecting stone exterior with silicone spray, remodeling lower washroom and installing new electric heater, removing carpet in parish hall and replacing with tile, insulating the ceiling of the bell tower, upgrading storm windows and painting the exterior of the house.

Each spring and fall there is at least one Sunday when the island's electric power is turned off for maintenance of the power lines. There are sometimes other extended power outages throughout the year due to downed lines during storms. St. Francis owns a generator which can quickly be connected to the main, supplying power for lights, music and furnace.

ADMINISTRATION
The administration of business and congregational matters functions smoothly at St. Francis with a minimum of bureaucracy. Advisory meetings (rector's warden, people's warden, bookkeeper, incumbent) are scheduled for every second month. Before the meeting the bookkeeper emails an updated financial report to the wardens and incumbent. If all is well and there are no pressing financial or congregational issues, then the meeting is postponed. Members are invited to attend meetings to observe and offer input and ideas. After an Advisory meeting highlights of the minutes are distributed to the congregation, and feedback is welcomed.
DEMOGRAPHICS AND STATISTICS
Many summer-resident cottagers choose to make Manitoulin Island their permanent retirement home. St. Francis reaps the benefit by gaining many new parishioners who have retired to the island.

Several members travel south for warmer weather in the winter, and many cottagers travel to the island for the summer, so attendance fluctuates. Average summer attendance is 39 and average winter attendance is 26. Members of St. Francis live in Mindemoya, M'Chigeeng, Manitowaning, Tehkummah, Kagawong, Providence Bay, Spring Bay, Gore Bay and Little Current.

In the past 5 years there have been 9 baptisms, 10 weddings and 12 funerals.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Twelve Months (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015)
St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Mindemoya

Operating Fund
Operating Revenues:
Open and Envelope 45014
Rental House 6600
Fundraisers 7947
Church rental income and other 690
Total operating revenue 60251

Operating Expenses:
Administrative- incl bookkeeping, office, phone 3197
Building- incl oil, hydro, insurance, water, maintenance 14677
Congregational- incl library, church school, fellowship 146
Apportionment 14324
Clergy Stipend, Benefits, Housing, Travel 20221
Worship - altar, music 1793
Rental House 3045
Total operating expenses 57403

Fund Balances at September 30, 2015

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HOPES, DREAMS, VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE
Last, but not least - a compilation of answers from St. Francis' congregational questionnaire. It is not a consensus of opinion, but the expression of ideas from individuals.

Hopes and dreams for Anglican growth on Manitoulin
► wish for people inside and outside the Anglican church to appreciate it as a community to worship, pray and grow in our faith together, and that The Church is not just a building, but the people of God.
► maintenance should not be an option, it is growth we need. It would be nice to double church attendance in the next 2 years.
► dream of a vibrant, spiritually-alive body of Christ working together for kingdom-living now. What we need to do is learn to become the body of Christ in community and in the messiness of our human-ness. As an Anglican people in union with one another we need to understand that we are the bride of Christ – The Church. We are story, we are to show the lived quality of the Christian life as we listen to God, as God reveals Himself to us in Christ, through the Bible and preaching. This is my dream for the Anglican people of the Island - to be the body of Christ without the constraints of too many buildings.
► hope for growth and amalgamation in the future, so less buildings to maintain and more people together when we meet.
► for young families to embrace our Anglicanism, become regular members, raise their children in our faith, and we would once again have a vibrant, prosperous congregation with enough energy to do more than just fund-raise.
► programs and activities for all age levels and enough committed parishioners to carry them out.
► we need to learn how to help young people see the Light.

The Advent Altar
► As Anglicans we don’t seem to be very successful showing people that they want what we have. Even though I would not want to drop our pomp and pageantry, I really believe some changes need to be made if we are going to fill our pews again. Times have changed, our young people have changed, perhaps our Church will have to make changes that will meet the needs of young people who think differently than we do.
Hopes and dreams for our incoming priest
► several people expressed a concern to have more than one clergy position in order to effectively cover the 5 churches. We are preparing now to find one full-time rector for the island, but a reasonable goal is to grow the community and work towards being able to offer at least an additional part-time clergy position.

► will divide the ministry hours, travel and effort fairly across the island
► will foster in us a hunger to know why – why do we do Church?

► is Biblically well-grounded and politically astute, someone who has sensitivity to the island culture and way of life but who can also get Christians on the island to look beyond our own situations to how God is calling us to serve.

► can guide us in this vision of what the church is meant to be, entering into God’s action and salvation that is going on all around us and participating in it, along side us, being a guiding hand, and walking with us

► a respect for those who cherish traditional Anglican liturgy and music

► energetic, sympathetic to aging congregations with their limitations, recognizes the value of contributions made by members within each of the island churches

► has a sense of humour, has some rural-living experience and so could appreciate our community.

► be able to combine the gifts, strengths and individual skills of the five congregations and somehow accept and use them in such a way for all members to feel valued, involved and included.

► energy, enthusiasm, creativity, charisma and ideas to show us how to draw people in and make them want to stay.

► has good winter driving skills!

► To quote from These High, Green Hills by Jan Karon: “The congregation had hammered out a description of what they were looking for in a priest: ‘The perfect pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin, but never hurts anybody’s feelings. He works from eight in the morning until midnight and is also the church janitor. He is 29 years old and has 40 years experience. He makes fifteen house calls a day and is always available in the office.’”

► In all sincerity, our prayer is to find an evangelical, loving and kind person who has a vision for growing The Church.