



**REPORTS**  
for the  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
of  
**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH**  
**EPISCOPAL**  
Bordentown, New Jersey

**Sunday, 22 January 2023**

*The Reverend J. Matthew Tucker, Rector*  
*Donna Kirk, Administrative Assistant and Secretary*  
*Stephen C. Bears, Organist and Choir Master*  
*Debbie Mallard, Volunteer Treasurer*  
*Charlie Reeder, Sexton*

**CHURCH WARDENS**

Kate Williamson \*  
Mary Ellen Carty

**THE VESTRY**

Edwin Ackerman \*  
Marianne Jackson  
Loris Johnson \*  
Anne Lyon  
Deborah Mallard  
Dean Perry  
Glenn Perry  
Susan Preston \*  
Colleen Suozzo

*\* Term expires this afternoon*



**AGENDA**  
**for the**  
**190th ANNUAL MEETING OF**  
**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH**  
**Bordentown, New Jersey**

**January 29, 2023**

**THE GREAT HALL**

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**CALL TO ORDER**  
**OPENING PRAYERS**  
**APPOINTMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**  
**ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**  
**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE 189th ANNUAL MEETING**  
**RESOLUTION(S) (if any)**  
**NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICES**  
**FURTHER NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**  
**CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS**  
**FIRST BALLOT (if required)**

**PRESENTATION OF 2023 BUDGET**  
**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**FIRST VOTE TALLY: ELECTION RESULTS (if necessary)**  
**SECOND BALLOT (if needed)**  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
**SECOND VOTE TALLY: ELECTION RESULTS (if necessary)**  
**MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARISH**  
**THANKS**  
**ADJOURNMENT**  
**CLOSING PRAYER(S) and BLESSING**



## Christ Church Parish Register 2022

### SERVICE REGISTER

Holy Communion, Sunday celebrations - 158  
Holy Communion, weekday celebrations - 145  
Other liturgical / sacramental acts - 174  
Baptisms - 10  
Marriages - 3  
Burials - 11

### HOLY BAPTISM

*"We receive you into the household of God..."*

*Louis William Revy  
Riley Payton Fleming  
Harold Stephen Vale  
Elena Maeve Steen  
Jaxon Lee Lease  
Christopher John O'Leary  
Zoey Onesta Archer  
McRory Jaije Vincent Denning  
Madison Rayne Hunt  
Jack Samuel Kintner*

### HOLY MATRIMONY

*"...And the two shall become one flesh."*

*Chelsey Lynn Walls & Corey Matthew Langton  
Rachel Marie Kensler & Joseph Salvatore Chianese Jr.  
Daniel Tesauro and Melissa Dreher*

### BURIALS / DEPARTED

*"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them"*

*John A. McDonald III (N)  
Stephen C. McDaniel (N)  
Celeste A. Poinsett (I)  
Howard Cramer (N)  
Robert Richard Schweder (N)  
Michael A. Asson (N)  
Christopher Iorio  
Suzanne Banks (I)  
Sean Varga  
Mary Ellen Morton (N)  
Olga Jasiewicz (N)*

**HOLY CONFIRMATION and RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*“Strengthen, O Lord, Thy servants with Thy Holy Spirit,,,”*

*Michael Robert Berry*

*Anna Michele McElmoyl*

*Jack Matthew McElmoyl*

*Eric David Liberman*

*Rebecca Ann Liberman*

*Juliana Noelle Pascale*

*Neil Ericson Sander*

*Jean Abby Sander*

*Aidan Robert Tayler*

**TRANSFER IN (Confirmed Members)**

**TRANSFER OUT (Confirmed Members)**

*Wayne David Pullen Transferred to First Presbyterian Church, Bordentown, NJ*

**TRANSFER IN (Baptized Members)**

**TRANSFER OUT (Baptized Members)**

**Minutes of the 189th Meeting of  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Bordentown, NJ  
Sunday, January 30, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 11:16 A.M. with a moment of silence and prayer by The Reverend J. Matthew Tucker, Rector.

Anne Lyon was appointed secretary.

There were 11 parishioners attending in person, with 5 parishioners attending virtually.

The minutes of the 188th Annual Meeting were presented in written form in the Annual Report. The minutes were accepted as presented with one correction.

The Rector called for any resolutions. None were presented.

The Nominating Committee presented a partial proposed slate of candidates for elected office for 2022. Two openings were filled by parishioners in attendance.

2022 slate of candidates:

**Junior Warden - 2 year term**

Mary Ellen Carty

**Vestry - three 3 year terms**

1. Colleen Suozzo
2. Glenn Perry
3. Dean Perry

**Diocesan Convention - 1 year terms**

3 delegates

1. Gayle Carson
2. Anne Lyon
3. Karen Sutter

3 alternates

1. Doan Tucker

**Convocation - 1 year terms**

1. Karen Sutter
2. Francis Sutter
3. Glenn Perry
4. Dave Mohr
- 5.
- 6.

There being no contested offices, the Clerk was requested to cast a single ballot for all the nominees. Father Tucker declared all nominees to be elected to these offices.

Father Tucker thanked all who were elected.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by title and passed.

Debbie Mallard remarked that the bulk of the responsibility has been turned over to John Pavlovsky's accounting firm. She will remain treasurer for making deposits and writing checks.

Anne Lyon asked about a line item that seemed off. It is a misplaced decimal and was corrected.

FM thanks.

The Rector's Report was presented by title. Father Matt Tucker said that many more things were possible in 2021 that were not possible the year before thanks to the efforts of both the parish and the community.

The Church School Report was presented by title. Father Matt Tucker noted that church school did not work the same way, but the members were part of our service efforts and outreach, thanks to the teachers and parents. He is hoping to have some activities during Lent and to have First Holy Communion class.

The Finance and Fundraising Reports were presented by title.

The Fundraising Report was given by title. Debbie Mallard said the next activities will be a flower sale and the Street Fair. Still to be decided is when the flower sale will occur. Also in this year's plans are a fall flower sale and the Cranberry Festival. If feasible, there might be a spaghetti dinner..

Susan Preston presented a report on the parish's preservation of the historic churchyard. The last area to be addressed will be the Quaker area. The groundwork is being done with some trimming and landscape. By the end of the year, it should be completed. The parish is possibly eligible to apply for another grant to repair another 7 stones and perhaps for creating a guide about the Revolutionary War for the 250th anniversary. Still needed is to raise the last \$500 for the parish portion of the grant. Father Matt Tucker remarked on the tremendous amount of work done.

The Music Ministry Report was made by title. The choir was able to perform once on Christmas Eve.

The Outreach Report was made by title.

Father Matt Tucker highlighted the huge amount of parish outreach that has occurred during the last year. So many needs just come up and are addressed quickly. Christ Church Parish is known for getting things done.

Amber Brovak said The boy scouts are willing to help with any future endeavor.



The Property Report was given by title. Father Matt Tucker noted that this is a long report on all of this year's accomplishments.

The Worship Report was presented by title. Father Matt Tucker noted that there were 130 people per weekend before the pandemic, and now the average is in the 60's. He believes this is largely due to the lack of choir and church school. People are joining the service online and are still involved. He is hoping that the attendance will rebound with an improved situation. New ushers, new lectors, new acolytes have all come on board.

There were no old or new business items.

Matters for the Good of the Parish

None

Thanks were given by Father Matt Tucker for all who attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 P.M. with prayer and blessing by Father Tucker.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lyon

Clerk

## 2022 BUDGET vs 2022 ACTUAL and 2023 BUDGET

2022 YTD Actual through November

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	NOTES
<b>INCOME</b>				
Plate Offering	6,000.00	11,117.88	7,000.00	
Pledges	67,000.00	59,593.00	73,000.00	Pledges are down, but Pledge & Plate have been consist
Donations	70,000.00	48,747.00	55,000.00	
church school	300.00	110.00	300.00	
Electronic		23,015.00	20,000.00	
Hall User Donations	800.00	550.00	1,000.00	
special services donations	10,000.00	17,014.00	17,000.00	combines special services & special envelopes lines
Votive Shrine Donations	500.00	612.75	550.00	
Total Budget Income	<b>154,600.00</b>	<b>160,759.63</b>	<b>173,850.00</b>	
<b>Non-Budget Income</b>				
Fundraising Projects	12,500.00	2,311.00	5,000.00	
Building Fund		10,336.76	10,000.00	includes Bldg envelopes & diocesan \$ accessibility
Total Non-Budget Income	<b>12,500.00</b>	<b>12,647.76</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	
Total Budget & Non-Budget Income	<b>167,100.00</b>	<b>173,407.39</b>	<b>188,850.00</b>	
<b>Shortfall of Income</b>				
Budget Shortfall	38,310.00		48,281.73	
<b>TOTAL INCOME WITH SHORTFALL</b>	<b>205,410.00</b>		<b>237,131.73</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<u>Diocesan Voluntary Pledge</u>	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	will stay the same
<b>Clergy</b>				
Salary	49,470.00	54,275.00	58,074.00	+7% increase
SECA - Part of Salary	4,800.00	4,583.05	5,016.43	formula, based on salary
Monthly Expense Allowance	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	in lieu of monthly expense reports for mileage, etc.
Housing Allowance	2,500.00	3,175.00	3,175.50	required by Diocese
Health Insurance	27,048.00	24,839.00	28,176.00	Rate increase for 2023
Dental Insurance	1,222.80	1,120.90	1,222.80	rates are flat for 2023
Life Insurance	228.00	152.00	228.00	rates are flat for 2024
Pension Contributions	14,000.00	16,658.04	15,699.00	formula - required by diocese
Continued Education	1,120.00	1,549.09	1,500.00	
Sabbatical	800.00	0	800.00	
Supply Clergy	2,000.00	1,512.00	3,000.00	Expected sabbatical leave in 2023
	<b>109,188.80</b>	<b>113,864.08</b>	<b>122,891.73</b>	
<b>Office</b>				
Administrative Assistant	11,000.00	7,092.56	10,000.00	\$15/hr rec 5% incr to \$15.75 x 12/wk 50 wks
Office & Computer Supplies/ Printing	1,300.00	944.33	1,000.00	
Telephone	1,800.00	2,188.58	2,200.00	
Postage	400.00	856.41	600.00	
Stewardship Envelopes	400.00	266.32	275.00	
Vestry Expense/ Gifts	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Service Contract - Copier	1,800.00	1,614.94	1,800.00	
Service Fees		730.00	750.00	
Credit & Debit Card Fees (Paysimple)	850.00	1,774.56	2,000.00	2022 equipment & service 75+service fees 655
Payroll Fees & Year End Fees	1,700.00	6,019.46	6,200.00	
Checking Account Service Fees	25.00	1.35	20.00	
Payroll FICA Taxes - Employer	2,500.00	1,995.18	2,400.00	
Worker Compensation Insurance	925.00	601.00	750.00	
Bookkeeping Fees		1,755.00	2,500.00	
Convention Fees	100.00	100	100.00	
	<b>23,000.00</b>	<b>26,139.69</b>	<b>30,795.00</b>	

## 2022 BUDGET vs 2022 ACTUAL and 2023 BUDGET

2022 YTD Actual through November				NOTES
	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	
<b>Property</b>				
Sexton	8,000.00	4,750.69	11,000.00	\$15/hr x 15 hrs wk x 50 weeks
Property Insurance	16,000.00	18,424.50	19,000.00	
<b>Church/Parish House</b>				
Gas	8,000.00	10,496.02	10,000.00	
Electric	4,000.00	2,662.84	4,000.00	
Water	850.00	832.54	850.00	
Sewer	550.00	544.49	550.00	
Rectory		1,500.00		Other expense, not utilities
Gas	1,500.00	1,474.40	1,650.00	
Electric	1,500.00	1,366.89	1,500.00	
Water	500.00	382.52	500.00	
Sewer	650.00	719.01	725.00	
Service Contract	110.00	1,647.01	120.00	2022 probably includes repair misclassified
Yearly Maintenance & Repair	2,500.00	2,915.13	5,000.00	Older buildings require more work/expense
Maintenance & Cleaning Supplies	900.00	501.21	600.00	
Snow Removal/Landscaping	1,500.00	2941.37	1,500.00	Most 2022 spend was in July - tree work
	<b>46,560.00</b>	<b>51,158.62</b>	<b>56,995.00</b>	
<b>Music</b>				
Music		600.00		
Organist Salary	15,000.00	14,423.00	15,500.00	+\$500/year = ~\$10/week
Organ Maintenance & Repair	2,500.00	945	2,500.00	2 tunings plus
	<b>17,500.00</b>	<b>15,968.00</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	
<b>Worship</b>				
Bread	400.00	134.05	175.00	
Wine	500.00	619.8	625.00	
Supplies/ Maintenance	100.00	0	100.00	
Candles & Incense	500.00	196.00	250.00	
	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>949.85</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	
<b>Christian Education</b>				
Curriculum/Supplies	250.00	96.38	400.00	Outings for youth group for 2023 included here
Gifts & Awards	350.00	36.88	300.00	
	<b>600.00</b>	<b>133.26</b>	<b>700.00</b>	
<b>Churchyard</b>				
Maintenance/Supplies/Equipment	500.00	0	500.00	
	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
<b>Fellowship</b>				
Supplies/Kitchen/Food	100.00	0	100.00	
	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>204,948.80</b>	<b>214,213.50</b>	<b>237,131.73</b>	

Non Budget Income		Item	2022 Actual	2023 Expected	
4173	Cemetery/Graves	\$600.00	\$600.00		
4190	Fundraising *		\$2,311.00	\$5,000.00	*appears in budget sheet
	4190.4 Cranberry Festival	\$466.00			
	4190.8 Street Fair	\$1,167.00			
	4190.9 Flower Sales - spring and fall	\$678.00			
	Outreach & Evangelism		\$12,242.00		
4325	Outreach & Evangelism	\$1,150.00			
	4325.1 Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$8,635.00		\$9,000.00	
	4326.2 Blessing of the Fire Trucks	\$656.00		\$750.00	
	4414 Food Pantry/Good Neighbor Guild	\$1,300.00		\$1,000.00	
	4417 Homefront	\$501.00		\$500.00	
4410	Building Fund *		\$10,336.76		
	Building Fund Envelopes*	\$8,336.76		\$8,000.00	
	4410.2 Diocesan grant accessibility	\$2,000.00			
4410	Painting/Parging Project	\$30,673.00	\$30,673.00		
4412	Memorial Candles	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	
4425	Memorial Flowers	\$2,808.94	\$2,808.94	\$2,800.00	
4413	Forward Day by Day	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	
4427	Memorial Gifts	\$1,715.00	\$1,715.00	\$1,500.00	
4430	NJHT Cemetery Grant	\$751.00	\$751.00		
	Music Ministry				
	Music Ministry Donations		\$7,787.00	\$8,000.00	
	total non-budget income		\$61,539.70	\$28,665.00	

## Annual Clergy Report for 2022

### The Feast of William Laud, 2023

In many ways, 2022 was a bridge year between the pandemic and a return to some semblance of normalcy. While not all ministries and programs have yet been revived, we were blessed with the ones that were and with some new paths. As always, I am thankful for those who lead our parish: for our Wardens Kate Williamson and Mary Ellen Carty; for the parish Vestry and Committees; our liturgical guilds and choir; for the continued work of so many on the buildings and grounds; for our benefactors; for Debbie Mallard, our Treasurer; for Donna Kirk, who runs the place; for our Sexton, Charles Reeder; to our Organist and Choirmaster, Stephen Bearse; for our Church School and Youth Group leaders; for all the members of our parish family who make Christ Church what it is; for the friends of the parish who support us in myriad ways; and to Doan Tucker, without whom a good portion of what we do would come to a grinding halt.

New to 2022 are our burgeoning Youth Group and just-launched Girls Friendly Society. Both are making strides in recruiting members and planning and executing activities. I'm very encouraged by the faithfulness of our youth members and the interest that the wider community has shown in what we are doing.

Our outreach initiatives continued to gather even more support from our community, allowing us to expand and enlarge our work. The Blessing of the Firetrucks was attended once again by Bishop Stokes and attendance crept up once again. Our HomeFront Crew was spectacular, as always, and our Thanksgiving Meal outreach gathered even more new partners; over 650 meals were delivered, with leftovers going to several different sites in our area. This Christmas, we provided gifts and meals to several families and even more kids in our area, with the surplus of gifts going to WomenSpace. Fill Fr. Matt's Truck for Thanksgiving collected several trucks worth of food. Soles4Souls continues to be successful, thanks to Robin Nosari. We continue to partner with First Baptist on Friday meals. Those are just the highlights.

I have continued my work on the commission for Congregational Development and Evangelism, the Diocesan Youth Task Force, and the Committee on Deceased Members, the RRR Task Force, the Afghan Refugee Task Force, as a Title IV advisor, and as Dean of the Burlington Convocation. My work as Vice-Chairman of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee will be wrapping up when I submit the committee's final report after the election of our new bishop on January 28. I have continued to serve as the Chaplain to the city's fire companies, the Crosswicks Fire Company, the Burlington County Firefighters Association, the 200 Club of Burlington, and the police forces of the city and township.

I could not be any prouder to be your Rector and to walk the way of the Lord with you all. My thanks to all of you for a wonderful 2022, and I pray that God blesses us all in 2023.

Right Onward,

--MT+

## Annual Church School Report for 2022

The Feast of William Laud, 2023

While the Church School is still on hiatus, members of the Church School and their parents have continued to be faithful members of our community and active in our ministries.

Members of the Church School participated in worship, outreach, and in most other aspects of church life. They continued their ministries including HomeFront meal prep, Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach, sorting and delivering items for all of our beneficiaries, and spent lots of time at the food pantry and in other efforts around our community.

A new Youth Group has been started with a great kickoff party in November, with lots of activities planned for this year; I'm grateful for Amber Brovak's leadership! A new Girls Friendly Society has been chartered, with activities planned for each month of the winter and spring.

Our Church School members are a huge part of who we are as a parish and serve as wonderful ambassadors for Christ to the world.

Right Onward,

--MT+

## 2022 Report of The Finance Committee

We continue to be blessed with faithful parishioners, neighbors and friends of Christ Church that support our Fundraising and Outreach efforts, help to maintain the parish buildings and grounds in ways that allow us to avoid expense, and who donate their time and effort in service to the Church and our community. We're grateful for all that God has given us through the faith and ministry of our parish family and friends.

Even as we've been able to return to worship in person, our attendance in the sanctuary has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels, although it has begun to improve. Giving continues to return toward pre-pandemic levels, and in-person attendance at mass continues to improve. That speaks to the deep commitment to Christ Church that so many of our parishioners have, and we are blessed by your faithfulness.

Our Fundraising activities have begun to recover from our pandemic impact. Our Fall and Spring plant sales and Street Fair sales were the bulk of our fundraising. The Cranberry Festival, typically one of our largest fundraising events, was essentially rained out on both days. We are developing plans for Fundraising for 2023 – more events that are a bit smaller and easier to run, requiring less intensive volunteer effort. Details will be published in The Angelus and the weekly bulletin, so please look for those and help to support them, and please consider volunteering if you can.

As has been true for many years, a significant part of our operating budget is funded by investment income, so the performance of the financial markets directly and significantly impacts our financial health. The markets have taken a downturn in 2022, and as financial markets are cyclical over time, we are especially grateful for our financial advisors at Ventura Wealth Management. Our investment strategy is one of capital preservation and income rather than a more growth-oriented approach, and this has served as a hedge in this market downturn, as it is intended to be. Most analysts expect a modest return to profitability and rate of growth in 2023.

Debbie Mallard continues to serve as Parish Treasurer, with much needed support from John Pavlovski, CPA. John and his team are specialists in small non-profit accounting, and as many churches do, we very much need this additional support. Debbie has done an admirable job handling this complex set of responsibilities, and we are very grateful for her. If a parishioner with Accounting experience would like to volunteer to help manage our day to day financial work, we would very much welcome the help.

We hope that all parishioners will continue support the parish by making and keeping your pledge to the best of your ability, and by volunteering when you can for parish work days and fundraisers. Most importantly, your presence at Mass each week and your discipleship in bringing your friends and family to Christ can only strengthen our worship and our parish in every way.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Williamson, Warden & Finance Chair

## Music Ministry Annual Report 2022

Happy New Year to you all!

As 2023 begins, I look back to 2022 and discovered many “firsts” that involved leaving COVID-19 in the rear-view mirror. These firsts included the first evensong service in almost 2 years, a first full sung and interrupted Holy Week and Easter in over a year, a consistent choir rehearsal and Sunday morning schedule and finally a sung evening concert event with the choir. We tend to take all these things for granted and think that it will automatically happen because it’s been “done that way for so many years past.” It’s not until you go without these things that you realize how important they are to not only the life of the music ministry but parish life itself.

Beginning the new choir year this past September realized the retirement of some of our choristers that have dedicated most of their adult lives to the choir. It is with their participation and unwavering commitment that has allowed the music ministry to grow, flourish and maintain the vision of musical excellence that Christ Church is known to present. While not participating in the choir directly, they will continue to support the program with their enthusiastic energy from the congregation. We will no doubt hear their voices during Sunday Mass!

With the above retirements we have had the need to further augment the choir with additional staff singers to fill out the voice parts. Of particular note is our bass staff singer Scott Hobson. Scott spent many Sundays of his youth as a young chorister in our children’s choir and church school. His interest in music has brought him back to Christ Church and a return to where his singing began. This demonstrates the success of a parish ministry that promotes consistency and strong music fundamentals.

The addition of staff singers comes with an addition of cost. I ask that you pray on how you can support the music ministry. From a monetary perspective the cost is approximately \$100 per singer per Mass or service. Many have approached me on how best to accomplish this fundraising task. One suggestion might be to support the cost of one staff singer for the choir season while another might be to donate a fixed amount toward the ministry for that given year. I also encourage those with singing voices to join us in the choir stalls! Please reach out to me at any time if you would like to sing!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Bearse  
Organist and Choirmaster

18 January 2023  
*Feast of S. Peter’s Chair at Rome*



## Parish Outreach Report for 2022

This year has been a very active one for our Outreach efforts, continuing our long tradition of engaging in and supporting those in need in the local community. Over the past several years, our Outreach efforts have been done increasingly with other local churches or organizations, instilling an even stronger sense of community. Christ Church is recognized as leading the way in this regard, and this is very much a reflection of the relationships Fr. Matt and Doan Tucker in particular have built throughout town. Our parish and our City are grateful beneficiaries of their lives and witness.

Outreach efforts have expanded as the need has grown, particularly for those of our brothers and sisters who struggle with food insecurity. To this end, we have continued our monthly Homefront meals for about 120 people each month, as well as a similar meal program once a month in partnership with First Baptist Church that occurs on Fridays. Doan Tucker does much of this work herself, sometimes singlehandedly, so volunteers who may be able to help would be very welcome.

Our Thanksgiving meal program has expanded over the years, with over 650 meals delivered this year. Our partnerships in this program continue to expand, and support from the greater community makes it all possible financially.

We continue to support and encourage donations to the Good Neighbor Food Pantry, from donations to the bins at the back of the sanctuary to two Fill Father Matt's Truck events that resulted in 8 truckloads of groceries, paper goods, baby items and pet foods. Volunteers from Christ Church have also helped sort and organize donations at the Food Pantry, which has been a great way to involve our young parishioners and to provide more hands-on support for this vital resource.

Looking beyond our local community, we have also been very active in support of the Afghan refugees who arrived in our area this year. Working with Marguerite Hellwich, then the Superintendent of the Medical Squadron, we helped to collect much needed items for the refugees and for the troops who were caring for them.

Other outreach initiatives included:

- Support for the people of Ukraine.
- The Blessing of the Firetrucks.
- The Blessing of the Animals.
- The 9/11 Remembrance Service at the city 9/11 Memorial.
- Donations of shoes to Soles4Souls, which benefits both our local communities as well as communities around the globe.
- Donations of items needed for Newborns in Need, which assists new mothers struggling to provide for their babies, as well as Providence House. and WomenSpace, two shelters for abused women that serve South Jersey.
- Christmas gifts for several families and many children in our community and in the motels we serve with our meal programs.

Through the Rector's Discretionary Fund, Fr. Matt has been able to discreetly help a number of local families and individuals who have been in hardship and needing help with things like car repairs, utilities, clothing, food, medication, housing, etc. We are very grateful for those who donate to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help support these efforts.

We are deeply grateful for the blessing of the generosity of our parishioners, the tireless commitment of Fr. Matt and Doan Tucker, and our friends in the community who share our commitment – whether they would describe it quite this way or not – to seek and serve Christ in all others.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Williamson  
Warden

## **NEW JERSEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND**

### **CAPITAL PRESERVATION GRANT UPDATE 2022**

Work began on the churchyard Grant Project in June, 2018. Keystone Preservation Group, under the supervision of Christopher Frey and Associates, addressed the biodegradable growth on the twenty-seven gravestones that were designated in the Grant for rehab/repair. To date, rehab /repairs of twenty-six (26) designated stones have been completed. An additional two stones will be reset in the Spring. Massive clean-up of biodegradable and plant growth was completed in the Hopkinson, Allen and Quaker areas of the churchyard. The removal of this growth yielded positive information that several of our most significant and endangered gravestones did not require rehab/repair only cleaning. This allowed us the opportunity to select and rehab additional stones that were previously not scheduled.

The biggest and most visible improvements are in the Allen, Hopkinson, and Quaker areas. The majority of construction, major rehabilitation and biodegradable growth removal have been in these three areas. Numerous additional cleaning has been conducted on stones that were not targeted in the Grant.

\$12,000.00 Matching funds from parishioners and visitors toward our required Grant Match has been met. As part of the Grant, the Walking Guide has been updated to reflect the many changes that have been completed.

In the Spring we will also be asking for assistance in maintaining the ground areas on these sites. We have the equipment and cleaning spray to clean additional stones and maintain those completed. Please contact Mary Ellen or I if you would like to be involved.

If you have not had an opportunity to walk through the churchyard recently, please take a moment to do so and marvel at the positive changes. Thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted us in this endeavor. A rededication of the churchyard will hopefully take place in June. This will also include a presentation by Keystone of the work process and completion.

Susan Preston

## Property Report for 2022

The fine appearance of our buildings and grounds has always been an important factor in the outreach of our parish. We are most fortunate to have a hardworking sexton and many volunteers who diligently care for our property. We are especially appreciative of Keith Trout, Fran Sutter, Father Matt and Doan Tucker who care for our churchyard and gardens during the growing season. Debbie Mallard, Donna Matthews, Donna and Doug Lundeen, Rob Nosari, Jim Tucker, Anna and Sean Sury, Jim Clark, Lisa Jones, Roger from the HOB, Dave from AA, and others have helped with various churchyard and parking lot tasks. Father Matt, Lance Kovacs, and Pastor Stauffer (with his snow thrower) worked to clear our sidewalks of the last winter's snow. JC Platt and Ryan Appleby removed the holly tree overshadowing the Chapel altar window. Steve Fithian and Charles Reeder cleaned out the gutters near the main office area. They are also preparing the Rectory basement walls and a church basement wall to make them water resistant. Jim Tucker and Father Matt prepared and painted the red church nave doors, painted one of the first floor classrooms and the Church Street entrance railing. Donna Lundeen has continued to skillfully make necessary repairs to our vestments. Father Matt painted the inside of the vessel cabinet in the sacristy. Many tasks were completed inside during our Altar Guild prep days by Carol Hensley, Vinnie Stout, Abby Sander, Anne Lyon, Father Matt and Doan Tucker. Stephen Barse purchased and donated a rebuilt Dell desktop computer for the main office. Tim Smith adjusted the anteroom lighting in a very beneficial way. Tim also supported the restoration and reframing of the Bishop George Washington Doane portrait. Sincere thanks are extended to all the willing parishioners and friends of Christ Church who completed these and many other tasks around our parish.

Don Stewart from W. V. Stewart & Sons Plumbing, has installed two new Elkay 10 inch deep stainless steel sinks with new American Standard gooseneck faucets in the Parish Hall kitchen. The supply lines were replaced and the drain piping altered to accommodate the new sinks. Don also cleared the clogged font drain. Ryan Appleby pruned the two rows of bushes between the sacristy and the parking lot. A. Pennacchi & Sons, Inc. prepared and repointed the exterior brownstone walls on the north side of the Chapel and sacristy. The Chapel roof capstones were secured and repointed. The Pennacchi crew also reset and repointed the southside Rectory foundation brickwork. Trenton Roofing and Siding resurfaced the tin roof areas connecting the church and the Parish House with a flat rubberized roofing system with metal edging securing the perimeter. All the fire extinguishers have been checked, serviced and retagged by B & C Fire Equipment. Ed Rosina accomplished the work to make our parish more accessible to those with differing abilities. We now have an open pew area in the nave, motion detector light switches in the restrooms, and a baby changing station in the accessible restroom. Ed also placed the portrait of Bishop Doane as well as the World War II Honor Roll in the nave.

The craftsmen of Patrick J. Murphy Organbuilders Workshop of Stowe, PA, maintain and tune our pipe organ.

Liberty Mechanical Services of Cookstown continue to maintain our steam boiler system which provides heat through out our Church and Parish House. During 2022, Liberty Mechanical replaced several more steam traps in the system.

Master arborist Don Stein cut and removed trees, vines and undesirable undergrowth from the perimeter of the Quaker area in our churchyard. Father Matt, Diane and Andy Law trimmed the churchyard boxwood bushes. Rob Nosari donated a walk behind mower.

The MacFarland Junior School fourth graders visited our churchyard to observe the affects of erosion on the gravestones and to learn some of the churchyard history. Our beautiful churchyard was a successful step during the Bordentown Historical Society Garden Tour in June. Our informative self-guided tour brochures were shared with many interested visitors. Jack Norcross constructed and donated two beautiful benches for our churchyard. A new 42 inch wide John Deere riding mower was purchased from the Central Jersey Equipment. The NJ Historical Preservation Grant work led by Christ Frey, conservator, and Vince Iacampo, stone mason, have continued rehabilitating several of our grave markers with wonderful results.

The Rectory had two more windows replaced by Pagodins Custom Construction. McCabe Electric added updated and improved lighting in the Rectory kitchen and bathrooms.

This year marks the 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our beautiful brownstone Church building. We anticipate our 2023 projects to include the plastering and painting work by A. Pennacchi & Sons of our Church interior. Investigate the nave flooring issue near the pulpit. We will plan with Patrick Murphy to set the next phase of our pipe organ maintenance. The purchase and installation of a new chair lift for the main Parish House staircase is planned. Our Rectory window replacement will continue with a goal to provide central air conditioning once the window project has been completed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Carty, Junior Warden

## Annual Worship Report for 2022

The Feast of William Laud, 2023

My thanks to all those who put in so much effort to make worship at Christ Church such an edifying experience – the Lord is truly in His holy temple. The manner in which we express our gratitude to God for all of His blessings continues to speak to us and to the world.

As noted in the Clergy report, we are still adjusting to a world impacted by the pandemic. Attendance has begun to tick up in recent months, and many of our usual liturgic activities, such as processions, have been revived.

Our crew of acolytes, ushers, and lectors remains strong, for which I am very grateful. Our capabilities for streaming our worship continue to improve, and I am thankful for Doan's continued service in operating the cameras.

Our choir continues to amaze, and we were blessed to have them with us all year.

As always, I'm grateful to Mary Ellen Carty for her work of beautifying the parish with flowers (and for everything else she does), for our Altar Guild in their faithful service, for our liturgical ministers, and for Stephen Bearse, our excellent Organist and Choirmaster.

What we do out in the world proceeds from the joy and strength we find at the altar of God, where we worship Him in the beauty of holiness and in the holiness of beauty.

Right Onward,

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