



1. Meeting call to order at 7:00 PM
 - Meeting Chair – Rector, Rev. Maria Shepherdson
 - Vestry Members – Present: Bonnie, Judy, Andy Bell (Warden), Marilyn (Clerk)
 - Vestry Members – Regrets: Lisa Cummings (Warden), Jesse, Pat, Sandra
 - Visitors and Guests – none
 - a. Opening Meditation – Presented by Bonnie Sparks: The Least of us. Christmas sharing in a bank lobby.
2. Team Building Activity by Rev Maria – Name one special gift received at Christmas' past.
3. Business arising from the minutes of previous Vestry meetings.
 - a. Refugee from Nigeria - Now has a work visa! Judy to obtain a gift certificate as a Christmas gift.
 - b. Steeple bell from old St John's church – at the Carpenter Farm. Rev Maria has the dimensions so a plan can be started on how to move it to St John's church yard and set up.
 - c. Posting of Cemetery Rules and Regulations –In the new year will post in each of the churches and Ken already has on the Parish website.
 - d. Wireless microphone repair for St John's. Bonnie continuing to work on this.
 - e. Internet at St John's and Parish Centre. Rev Maria and Andy investigating.
 - f. Rogers' phone number, Rectory, to be added to the phone book for Rectory and Holy Trinity and St Mark's.
4. Correspondence: From Diocesan Synod Office regarding insurance and an increase of 3-5% for premiums.
5. Safeguarding - Rev Maria will have posters available in the new year. New Criminal Record Search reports are needed as well as 'safe church' training. Plan to follow up next meeting.
6. Reports
 - a. Financial reports reviewed for end of November 2024. Judy approved and Andy seconded.
-Review proposed Budget for 2025. Needs 'Mission and Relief Support' information added. Andy approved and Judy seconded. Lisa voted by proxy email. Motion carried.
 - b. Rector Report - to be provided next month per schedule.
 - c. Lay readers Report – all layreaders are participating per schedule.
Sundy School presentation was excellent. Lessons & Carols service was lovely.
 - d. Seniors/Shut-In/Home-bound Report – cards continue to be sent.
 - e. Compassion Report – there has been two recipients as well as Sanctuary House.
 - f. Points and Facilities Updates:
 - St. John's - It was noted that there have been thefts in the community so the church and security is being monitored closely by parishioners and Rector.
 - St. Mark's - The church was greened in time for the Lessons & Carols service which brought us the special meditative feeling during Advent.
 - Holy Trinity – It was noted that Ernest & Nancy Clarke work diligently in preparation of the worship space at Holy Trinity each week. Also, Ken Tompkins is stepping in everywhere needed to ensure the Holy Trinity worshippers are welcomed and Ken is now providing a weekly bulletin at Holy Trinity and the other churches.
 - Rectory – all going well. Yard near the steps is much improved.
 - g. Security systems – L&L Security billing is running behind and will send something soon. L&L has the list of persons with access to St John's/Parish Centre. Secretary of Parish will request a list to ensure this is maintained as time goes on for persons coming into the Parish.
 - h. Confirmation scheduled for January 19, 2025 at St Luke's. From both parishes there are six children and one adult to be Confirmed.
 - i. Annual Financial Reports to be audited by Parish of Woodstock and vice versa.
 - j. Fire extinguishers are to be checked once the provider returns from vacation.
 - k. Image of King Charles for churches and Parish Centre – on order.
 - l. Annual Meeting date was set as March 1, 2025, 10am to 11:30am at the Parish Centre.
7. New Business -
 - a. Insurance coverage for 2025. Letter from Synod Office was read,
 - b. Next Meeting: January 23, 2025 at 7pm at Rectory
8. Adjournment.