

Standing Firm in One Spirit

Striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel

Philippians 1:26

Our Invitation

The last two years have challenged us in many ways – compelling us to discover new ways to worship, serve and welcome in an unprecedented time of pandemic.

God calls us to “Stand firm in One Spirit,” to strive together with one mind and heart, seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

Each of us has a part to play as we work together to respond to God’s call to loving service. Scripture calls us to give of our abundant blessings of time, skill and our wealth to further God’s kingdom of love, respect and dignity for all people.

In the past two years we have introduced many new and exciting initiatives and we have plans for more in 2022-2023.

We invite you to read over this package and respond with your intentions for the next two years:

- to give of your time in action and/or prayer;
- to offer your skills as we strive together to help those in need;
- to give generously of your financial resources.

Together we can ensure that the needs of the church and the wider community be addressed in a compassionate and practical way. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this invitation to stewardship.

The Venerable Kathryn Otley, Rector, on behalf of the Parish of Christ Church Bells Corners



Nurturing Faith, Serving



Online Evening Prayer



Live-streamed Sunday Eucharist



Music

Worship



Outdoor contemporary service



All Saints' Day outdoor service



Technical support for in-person worship and livestream

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Worship

Sunday Eucharist livestream in-person and at home, with music, responses, choir and communion (200+ participants).

Monthly outdoors (contemporary and traditional) offerings online and in-person.

Five days a week either Morning, Evening or Compline Prayer online (80+ participants).

Church School

Online and in-person classrooms.

Seasonal activity boxes delivered to homes.

Pastoral Offices

Limited visiting and home communion.

Monthly calls to those on pastoral care list.

Weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Youth

Writing letters to shut-ins, directing mission funds.

Summer Student hired to aid with office administration and cemetery records.

God's World, Welcoming All



Weddings



Funerals



Baptisms

Pastoral Offices

Community



Outdoor Fall Market

Education



Zoom Bible Café

ights

Education

Zoom Café Bible study on theological issues.

Workshops on:

- Grief and Bereavement
- Caregiver Support
- Truth and Reconciliation Learning and Action

Mission & Outreach

Support of Affordable Housing Project.

Refugee sponsorship.

Financial aid for local and international needs.

Communication

Weekly office e-mail of events and links

The Lychgate, quarterly parish newsletter.

Quarterly phone calls to all members of the parish.



Outdoor Church School



Affordable Housing Project construction

Children



Every Child Matters



Making Advent wreaths

Outreach



Welcoming refugee family

Future Plans & Initiatives

Community garden

Outdoor labyrinth and worship space

Continued improvement and maintenance of building and grounds

Affordable Housing welcome and support

Outreach to those unable to return in-person worship

More opportunities to learn, both online and in-person

Continued development of existing programs and offerings.

A Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, you call us to new life and new ways of being church.

You challenge us to reach out to those in need in innovative and creative ways.

Help us to stand firm in your Spirit and teach us how to strive together in faith spreading the Good News of your Love for all people by our words, intentions and actions..

Help us to respond to the gift of your love by seizing this moment and acting on the purpose you lay before us.

May your Spirit empower us to give generously of our time, talents and treasure that we may welcome all who seek closer relationship with you, continue to nurture one another and always serve you with joy in our hearts.

AMEN