

Responding to the Mission of God

Christ Church Bells Corners (CCBC) is a Christian community that seeks to be a dynamic presence in the world God loves.

We are rooted in the Anglican tradition of common prayer, friendship and social justice. CCBC is an exciting and active place where people of all ages are involved and engaged in parish life.

Our programs and activities focus on nurturing faith in Christ through worship, education and pastoral care. We also serve God's world by continuing Jesus' ministry of compassion and hospitality.

The following image seeks to portray, through our Lychgate logo, the pillars of the ministry of CCBC. Over 2024 and 2025 we will be exploring this mission areas and determining priorities for the years ahead.



Serving God's World

- **Contextual Mission (Hands On)**

- Hollyer House (Year Round)
 - Support and Partnership with Residents, Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre, FAMSAC
 - Community Development Relations Committee
 - Community Events
 - Volunteer Support to WOCRC and FAMSAC
- Refuge Now (financial and hands on support of new Canadians)
 - (All Year, Fundraising Dinner in October)
- H.E.L.P (Healthy End of Life Planning and Caregiver Support)
 - Events (November)
 - Resource List (Ongoing)
- The Happiness Project (Mental Health Support)
 - (All Year)
- Western Ottawa Interfaith Bridge
 - Educational Event (Spring)
 - Interfaith Dinner (October)
- Belong Ottawa
 - Various toiletry drives, mugs, etc.
 - (Lent Season)
- Community Volunteer Income Tax Program
 - (March – April)
- Garden Help (Silver Springs)
 - (May)
- Back to School Backpacks and Snacks Campaign
 - (August – September)
- FAMSAC (in-kind collections, financial support, volunteers)
 - (October Thanksgiving Drive, All Year)
- Christmas Gift Angel Tree (supporting Silver Spring Residents)
 - (November - December)
- Neighbourhood Engagement
 - Pancake Supper, Holly Days Bazaar
 - Lynwood Community Association Events
 - Community/Not-for-Profit Events at CCBC (i.e. Dementia Society)
- Emergency Grocery Cards & Food Support

- **Contextual Mission (Financial Support)**

- 2023 Offerings
 - Anglican Foundation
 - Canadian Foodgrains Bank
 - Council of the North
 - Diocesan Community Ministries
 - OWECC
 - PWRDF
 - Hospice Care Ottawa
 - Multifaith Housing
 - Nelson House
 - Refuge Now
 - World Vision (Youth Identified)
 - Make a Wish Foundation (Youth Identified)
 - Operation Come Home (Youth Identified)

- **Contextual Mission (Emergency Financial Support)**

- 2023 Offerings
 - Medecins sans Frontieres (Sudan Refugees)
 - The Al Ahli Hospital (Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre)
 - The Canadian Red Cross (Northern African Relief)
 - The Canadian Red Cross (Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal)
 - Bells Corners Public School (Shoe Program)
 - Emergency Food & Gift Card Distribution (via office inquiries)

Nurturing Faith

- **Children and Youth Formation**

- Weekly Church School (September – June)
- Monthly Jr. Youth Gathering (September – June)
- Monthly Sr. Youth Gathering (September – June)
- *Potential New Program: Games Night, Movie Night*

- **Adult Formation**

- Lent Study (Spring)

- Advent Study (Fall)

- Bible Café Lunchtime Online Program (Four Sessions per year)

- 20s & 30s Something Gathering (and potential ministry)

- *Potential New Program: Learning Centre*

Worshipping Together

- **Liturgical Services**

- Sunday Services & Holy Days

- Healing Services (Vocata)

- Christmas & Lent

- All Saints and All Souls Community Service

- *Potential New Liturgical Ministry: Outdoor Services, Dinner Church, Forest Church, Seniors Residence Service*

- Baptisms

- Funeral Ministry

- Weddings

- **Worship Support Teams**

- Music Ministry

- Junior and Senior Choir

- Musicians

- Vocata

- Altar Guild

- Readers and Intercessors

- Counters

- Sidespeople

- AV Tech Team & Online Worship

- Communion Assistants

Strengthening Parish Community

- Pastoral Care Team
- Flower Ministry
- Prayer Circle
- Letters of Appreciation
- Coffee Hour
- Welcoming Ministry
- Diocesan Activities and Events

Being Good Stewards

- Communications
 - Lychgate
 - Website
 - Weekly Emails
 - Letters to Congregation
- Financial Management
 - Donations and Expenses Management
 - Stewardship Campaign
 - Fundraising Management
- Facility Management
 - Indoor Care and Maintenance
 - Outdoor Care and Maintenance
 - Garden Ministry

Discerning the Pillars and How this image can be used to guide our mission, activities and governance.

Over the months ahead we will use Parish Council (and Vestry) to reflect and pray on this proposed structure.

At each Parish Council Meeting we will spend 25-30 minutes answering the following questions about the four pillars above:

1. What **strengths** do we have in this area of ministry?
2. What **weaknesses** exist in this area of ministry?
3. What **opportunities** do we have to strengthen this ministry area?
4. What **threats** exist as we continue this ministry area?

The following schedule will guide our discussion at Parish Council (all meetings run from 7 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.):

Wednesday, October 16 ~ Serving God's World

Wednesday, November 20 ~ Nurturing Faith

Wednesday, December 18 ~ Worshipping Together

Wednesday, January 15 ~ Strengthening the Parish Community

Vestry (February 2025)

At Vestry we will create an opportunity for Vestry attendees to choose one of five tables to ask the same questions as above. There will be one table for each of the pillars.

During this time we will have individual table discussions and some large group feedback and conversation.

Post-Vestry 2025

The 2025 Parish Council will be asked to then take this material and ask the question of how our mission, activities and governance might need to be adapted to effectively prioritize and structure ourselves in a way that best enables us to respond to the mission of God at this time.