



HOLY CROSS

ANGLICAN PARISH

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ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026
12:30 P.M. MST

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AGENDA

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| 1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to Order
2.1. Appointment of meeting secretary
3. Minutes of Previous Annual meeting on January 26, 2025
3.1.1. Corrections and approval
3.1.2. Business arising
4. Report of the Incumbent
5. Reports
5.1. Receiving of reports as circulated
5.2. Discussion
5.3. Presentation of 2025 Parish Financial Statements | 5.4. Consideration and adoption of 2026 Budget
5.5. Treasurer announcement
5.6. Furnace Fundraising Report
6. Elections
6.1. Wardens
6.2. Parish council
6.3. Lay members to Synod
6.4. Alternate lay members to Synod
6.5. Theological Education Trust Fund trustee
7. Other business
7.1 Dignity Memorial
8. Adjournment & Closing Prayer |
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**Anglican Parish of Holy Cross
Annual Meeting of Parishioners (In Person)
January 26, 2025**

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners of Holy Cross Anglican Church was held on January 26, 2025, in person in the church, commencing at 12:30 pm with quorum attained – 37 people.

Motions approved in this meeting:

- Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 AMP
- Receipt and approval of all reports, with exception of the Financial Statements
- Receipt and approval of the 2024 Financial Report as presented
- Approval of the 2025 Deficit Budget as presented
- Parish permits the new Corporation to seek an auditor for an external review

1. Opening Prayer: The Rev. Simba Mutandwa

Rev. Simba opened this meeting with prayer.

2. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Rev. Simba.

1) Appointment of Meeting Secretary

The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman was appointed as secretary for this meeting.

3. 1) Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting of Parishioners on January 28, 2024

3.1.1 One correction note: Under Elections – Assistant People's Warden: the phrase "Janice Bauer stepped down." should read "Janice Bauer finished her term."

Acceptance of Minutes with correction:

Moved by Shayne Dickin
Seconded by Linda Peyto
Carried

2) Business arising from the Minutes: None

4. Report of the Incumbent:

As found in the AMP Report

5. Reports:

1) Receiving of Reports as circulated:

The Financial Report was presented separately. We received 34 reports, highlighting Administration, Nurture & Education, Outreach and Worship. Many of these committees continue to seek volunteers.

All the Reports (except the Financial Report) were received as presented

2) Discussion: None

3) 2023 Financial Report: Ken Lipsett, Treasurer

Page 19: Balance Sheet: This shows what we own and what we owe.

In 2024, excess cash went into a Savings account. During the year, we earned interest of approximately \$3,000.

McMahon Loan: During the year, \$2,000 was paid against the loan. This payment was made with Parish Council approval from half the proceeds from the Candy Cane Bazaar. There is still approximately \$51,000 to be repaid, as an "on demand" loan.

Our long-term investment of approximately \$10,000 (Living Life Fund) is locked in until March 2027..

Page 20: Income Statement: This shows our operations. We almost broke even.

Pledged Offerings were lower than anticipated by about \$23,000. This was offset by other offerings such as Easter/Christmas and other specific parishioner donations.

Building costs came in under budget..

We were able to repair a portion of the roof with a grant from the Diocese, but there were extra expenditures (approximately \$8,300) for this repair.

Ken offered thanks for parishioner generosity and stewardship.

Motion to Receive the Financials from 2024 as presented:

Moved by Elisabeth McDonald
Seconded by Mryka Hall-Beyer
Carried

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4) Consideration and Adoption of 2025 Deficit Budget:

In 2024, we passed a Deficit Budget of \$24,000. It is difficult to budget expected costs and bequests. This year, the parish is being asked to pass a larger deficit budget of \$34,000 with the hope that donations will come.

Motion: to receive and adopt the Deficit Budget for 2025 as presented.

Moved by Gloria Goldman
Seconded by Clare Malcolm
Carried

Designated Funds that are subject to provisions of a "trust document," but are ultimately the responsibility of the Corporation:

- **Florence Waterman Brown Trust:** for specific Sunday School expenditures
- **Rector's Discretionary Fund:** Expenditures at the discretion of the Incumbent
- **Living Life Fund:** This donation from a former parishioner is to be invested; when the fund has doubled, the parish can use the funds that are over and above the original \$10,000.

Treasurer & Envelope Secretary announcement: the Government has proposed to extend the 2024 donation deadline to the end of February 2025. Contributions in January and February can be used for 2024 tax deductions. This is not yet law – it is in limbo due to the prorogation of parliament. Ken and Linda will be watching this situation.

Rev. Simba offered a vote of thanks to Ken for a job well done.

Ken thanks this parish for their cooperation and generosity. He particularly thanked all the Corporations he has worked with over the past years, Rev. Simba and previous Incumbents, council members and the administration assistants Sandi and Gloria.

5) Treasurer Announcement:

Ken is retiring; he will be available to offer advice going forward.
Our new Treasurer is Barrie Griffiths. Barrie thanked Ken for his service.

6) Appointment of an Auditor:

Shane Noble has been doing a review of our books for several years. Ken wishes to have an external review, as this is a time of transition from one treasurer to another, to ensure that the books are in a reasonable state. An auditor will be engaged by the Corporation.

Motion: That the parishioners attending this AMP give permission to our new Corporation to seek an auditor for an external review.

Moved by Glen Christensen
Seconded by Mary Mason Leskowitz
Carried

6. Elections

1) Wardens:

Glen Christensen has completed his term as Incumbent's Warden. On behalf of Corporation, Parish Council and the parishioners of Holy Cross, Kathy McNair offered thanks to Glen for his hours of hard work, devotion, love and service as Incumbent's Warden for many years. This prompted a standing ovation.
Barrie also added that Glen took us through Covid and two incumbent searches.
Rev. Simba also thanked Glen for his service.

Incumbent's Warden – David Hansen appointed by Rev. Simba.

Assistant Incumbent's Warden – Shayne Dickin appointed by Rev. Simba

People's Warden – Kathy McNair has allowed her name to stand.
Nominations from the floor: none

Motion: that Nominations cease.

Moved by Carol Tubman
Seconded by Mryka Hall-Beyer
Carried

Kathy McNair is acclaimed as People's Warden.

The Assistant People's Warden – David Peyto has allowed his name to stand.
Nominations from the floor: none

Motion: that Nominations cease.

Moved by Carol Tubman
Seconded by Barrie Griffiths
Carried

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David Peyto is acclaimed as Assistant People's Warden.

- 2) **Parish Council:**
Mary Mason Leskowitz will be completing her second year.
Four people have allowed their names to stand:
- **Grant Los**
 - **Glynnis McClary**
 - **Elisabeth McDonald**
 - **Kathryn Bauer**

Nominations from the floor: Clare Malcolm was asked; she declined.

Motion: that Nominations cease.

Moved by Carol Tubman
Seconded by Tom McNair
Carried

Grant Los, Glynnis McClary, Elisabeth McDonald and Kathryn Bauer are acclaimed as members of Parish Council.

- 3) **Lay Members to Synod:**
There will not be a Diocesan Synod this year, but the Diocese needs to keep a list of Synod Members should a need arise. This parish can have two members. Kathryn Bauer and **Mryka Hall-Beyer** have allowed their names to stand.

Nominations from the floor: none.

Motion: that Nominations cease.

Moved by Carol Tubman
Seconded by Gloria Goldman
Carried

Kathryn Bauer and Mryka Hall-Beyer are acclaimed as Lay Members of Synod for Holy Cross.

- 4) **Alternate Lay Delegates to Synod:** Parish Council to choose Alternate Lay Delegates from amongst themselves.
- 5) **Theological Education Trust Fund Trustee:**

Barrie Griffiths will continue in this role for 2025. He stresses that he would greatly appreciate someone taking on this role for 2026.

7. Other Business

- 1) **Financial Concerns: David Hansen**
On behalf of Corporation, David addressed the issue of our church building aging. There are things in the new part of the building that are wearing out. Herb Poile made an extensive review of issues that will need to be looked into: Window replacement on the lower east side of the building and the upper hall; exterior siding; paint on the handrails; vent covers; and electrical issues. A serious and expensive issue is the condition of our six furnaces which are in various stages of inefficiency. David suggests that the parish hire an engineering firm to review and propose solutions for replacement or modification of the furnace system. This is an unbudgeted item, which will need to be dealt with either this year or in 2026. A future parish meeting will be called to update how we will go forward. A ballpark figure - \$150,000 may be a low number. It was suggested that we may be able to receive a grant from the City for improving efficiency.
- 2) **Thanks Extended:**
- By David Peyto to Herb Poile for his many years of service as People's Warden.
 - By Rev. Carol: to Rev. Simba for his leadership, to Doug for his musical leadership, to all the worship leaders, and all the parishioners for being "family."

8. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Mary Mason Leskowitz, Seconded by Tom McNair. **Carried**

Closed with The Grace. Meeting ended at 1:58 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Deacon Carol Tubman

ADMINISTRATION

The Incumbent's Report to The Holy Cross Annual People's Meeting (AMP), 25TH of January 2026.

My dearest friends in Christ, Grace to you and Peace from God our Father, Amen!

In the words of St Paul to the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 1:4, ***"I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched with all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."***

General overview.

The year 2025 was overall a good year in all aspects of our lives. However, I cannot rule out the fact that we faced challenges as a Diocese, Parish, families, and individuals. But thanks, be God for His protective help throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to speak to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left or deserted His church. I, too, was at one point angry with God when my Father passed away; I saw good people die, children suffering, people going hungry, and others suffering from all kinds of addiction. And yes, there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo. But then I discovered something; God does not shout, God whispers. And sometimes he whispers from the places we least expect to find him. I am therefore inviting you, my brothers and Sisters in Christ, during this year 2026 to take time to be silent and get to hear what God is saying to you in that special "whisper".

Worship.

I continue to thank God for everyone who responded to His call to come and worship here at Holy Cross during the year 2025. Our doors were always open, and the Clergy were available to lead God's people in prayer and worship. The Wednesday morning Eucharist service has seen a fair growth in attendance averaging **11** people every week, we have coffee and fellowship after service in the St Cyprian room. **The Rev Deacon Carol Tubman** conducts Evening Prayer every Wednesday and the attendance is also growing. I am glad to announce that we had several **"walk-ins"** in most of our services. These were people passing by the road who suddenly feel the urge to pray, and we welcomed them with open hands. Our Sunday services have also seen the 8:30am service averaging **12** people and the 10am service averaging about **50** people. I thank God for the new members who joined us in 2025, and I pray that more people will consider joining us and making Holy Cross their home.

Outreach and Ministry beyond the Parish.

As a Parish, we had a successful outreach program to the **Calgary Drop-in Center**. A team of dedicated people met on **the 1st and 3rd** Thursday of every month to make an average of about **200** sandwiches and coffee which we took and gave to the hungry and homeless in downtown Calgary. Special thanks go to Mathew Embry for this initiative; with God's grace, we hope to continue with this ministry. In addition to the worship services here at Holy Cross, the worship assistants take communion to the sick and conduct services at Retirement and seniors' homes, specifically **Boardwalk and Statesman Senior's residence**. Special thanks go to **Cheryl Hansen, Anne Davidson, and Clare Malcom**.

I continue to appeal for volunteers to join the various ministries in the Parish.

ADMINISTRATION

THE INCUMBENT'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Obituaries.

Sadly, we lost several of our brothers and sisters in Christ during the year 2025 as recorded in our parish statistics. I would like to post-humously acknowledge all the work and contributions they made to the well-being of this Parish; may their dear souls rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen!

In conclusion, a question is constantly being asked, **“Is the Anglican Church of Canada Dying?”** Here is what I believe with conviction:

The Anglican Church of Canada is not dying, she is deeply rooted, richly blessed and spiritually alive. Yes, like every other denomination and institution, we face challenges in today's world. Attendance may decline, but the vital signs of a living church are not measured by crowd size. They are measured by faithfulness to God, sacramental worship, scriptural truth, and community formed in love. As Holy Cross, let us continue to grow and build relationships in Christ.

I wish you all God's love, care, and protection during the year 2026.

To God be the glory,

The Rev Simba Mutandwa (Rector)

CORPORATION REPORT 2025

The Corporation saw changes at the beginning of 2025 with the appointment of David Hansen as Incumbent's Warden and Shayne Dickin as Assistant Incumbent's Warden by Fr. Simba. We also had the election of Kathy McNair as People's Warden and David Peyto as Assistant People's Warden.

The focus for the Corporation in 2025 has been the increase of our membership as well as increase of revenue.

We have seen a moderate increase in membership resulting in greater attendance at the Sunday 8:30 am (changed from 8:00) and the 10:00 am services, as well as the Wednesday 9:30 am and 6:30 pm services. We launched an advertising campaign in November with the placement of a half-page colour advertisement in several community newsletters, with the help of a grant from the Diocese. Also, our webpage is being kept up to date with what's going on at Holy Cross.

Our rentals increased in 2025 with the addition of:

- Rooted In Grace, a Christian Home School group who meet in several rooms on 3 Tuesdays per month
- Monday Night support Group, who meet weekly
- Co-Dependent Group, who meet 2 Saturday mornings per month
- Luminous Voices, who hold occasional board meetings as well as rent storage space in the basement
- Calgary Artist Society, who will be hosting art shows twice a year in April and October
- David Peyto, who rents storage space for his books in the basement

As stated at our last AMP and in the stewardship letters that went out in November, we have 6 aging furnaces in the older part of the church that need to be replaced. We started a fund-raising campaign in November with the initial goal of \$30,000 to replace the two oldest furnaces. We do not have an exact cost for the replacement of all 6 furnaces currently, as we require funds to begin the consultation and bidding process. But our conservative guesstimate at this point would be \$100,00 - \$125,000. We will continue to hold various types of fund-raisers during 2026 and beyond as well as seeking out sources of funding and grants.

ADMINISTRATION

CORPORATION REPORT - CONTINUED

Thank You to Wayne Kelly who has continued to perform small maintenance jobs. Thank You to John Uncles for the removal of the small pew at the front of the church and its placement in the Narthex.

The Corporation wishes to Thank Barrie Griffiths and the wonderful team of volunteers who have created a beautiful garden right in the heart of our property, providing a place of refreshment and contemplation for those who garden and garden visitors. We thank Barrie for his vision and generous gifts of time and talent to bring this space to life, enriching us all, and sadly he is unable to continue in this leadership role.

The Corporation wishes to report that Barrie Griffiths, Ministry of Lectors volunteer, is no longer able to continue in this leadership role. Barrie has provided guidance, training, and logistical support for the individuals eager to speak the words of scripture during our liturgy and for this we are extremely grateful.

The Theological Trust Fund has been capably managed by Barrie Griffiths, in collaboration with the Bishop, for many years. Barrie is no longer able to continue volunteering in this important role. On behalf of the parish, the Corporation would like to thank Barrie for his consistent efforts to identify suitable recipients to receive funding for training.

We prayerfully await the Lord's guidance for us in 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hansen, Incumbent's Warden

Shayne Dickin, Assistant Incumbent's Warden

Kathy McNair, People's Warden

David Peyto, Assistant People's Warden

DEACON'S REPORT

Once again, it has been a joy and honour to serve alongside The Rev. Simba Mutandwa as our Incumbent at Holy Cross in 2025. I feel blessed to serve as Deacon for this parish, this wonderful church community. My duties include reading the Gospel, setting and cleaning up the Table for Eucharist services, and occasional preaching. I also organize the schedule for our Intercessors ministry. It is an privilege to undertake these tasks. I continue to meet with other clergy in diocesan gatherings, particularly our Deacon Gatherings, to support them and learn from them. In 2024, I felt called to lead a service of Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. This continues to offer a quiet, peaceful time of worship and sharing which supports those who attend. Each week, there is the offer of prayer or healing oil. The service is open to all, regular parishioners and seekers alike. We were delighted to be joined by several more regular attenders, making our average attendance now 6. Many speak of seeing our notices on the electronic sign by the parking lot, being curious, and coming to check us out. I am grateful for the love and support of Holy Cross .

Rev. Dcn. Carol Tubman

ADMINISTRATION

ARCHIVES

Thank you to the parish members who donated items for the Archives in 2025.

Thank you also to the parish members who brought items for the display on Remembrance Sunday.

Submitted by David Peyto

COUNTERS

As the amounts that come in on Sunday are much smaller, this ministry is now suspended so that people may participate in fellowship after the 10:00 Sunday service.

Counting of collection is now done in coordination with the Office Administrator.

Submitted by Glen Christensen

REPORT FROM THE ENVELOPE SECRETARY

Thank you to all those who faithfully support our Church in so many ways. Our Stewardship campaign was a success once again this year and all the changes have been submitted to the Diocesan office to take effect in January. The end of the year reports are available either in your mailbox in the Narthex or have been mailed out. If you note any discrepancies, please let me know so they can be corrected before I issue income tax receipts in early February, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Peyto

MAINTENANCE REPORT FOR 2025

This is a short summary of the building maintenance performed by Wayne Kelly during 2025

Replaced several LED light bulbs, altar flood lights and fluorescent tubes

Replaced or washed filters for seven furnaces in February and October

Repaired loose toilet seats

Replaced toilet flush handles in two toilets in lower hall washroom

Submitted by Wayne Kelly

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

During 2025, we looked for additional ways to increase our visibility through use of the LED sign on 19 Street NW. While only short messages can be communicated, it is a useful tool to engage with the steady stream of traffic going past our front door.

At the request of parish council, I refreshed the website for a new look. Have a look and let me know what you think of the changes! The number of subscribers to our newsletter increased from 211 to 213.

Thank you, Mike Bauer, for your ongoing commitment to ensuring our computer and IT systems run smoothly. Thank you, David and Linda Peyto, for your continued assistance; and Donna Uncles for compiling these reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Minchin
Office Administrator

ADMINISTRATION

PARISH STATISTICS

	2020	*2021	+2022	2023	2024	2025
Average Sunday Attendance	64	46	55	59	57	60
Sunday at 8:00 AM	13	7	10	11	11	12
Sunday at 10:00 AM	51	39	45	48	46	48
Wednesday at 9:30 AM	8	3	7	6	7	11

**2020 services were held in-person on 19 Sundays
 *** 2021 services were held in-person on 7 Sundays
 +2022 services were held in-person on 49 Sundays

Baptisms	5	5	1	3	2	3
Confirmations	0	0	0	3	1	0
Receptions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reaffirmations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages	0	0	0	1	2	1
Funerals	9	4	8	1	6	7

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Easter	0	0	77	120	91	97
Total Christmas Attendance	0	114	93	93	124	117
Christmas Eve	0	97	73	74	105	100
Christmas Day	0	17	20	19	19	17

PARISH REGISTRY

Baptism

Leander Michael Poulin
 Nnenna Mikelle Ezeofor
 Evana Adannaya Solomon-Iwuagwu

Confirmation

none

Wedding

Vivian Tsavari and Giyani Baloyi

Dearly Departed

John Bland
 Gloria Reid
 Lawrence Duncan
 Pauline Dempsey
 William Smith
 Betty Carter
 John Taylor
 Marion Barnes
 David Meriam
 Catherine Nelson

NURTURE & EDUCATION

HOLY CROSS QUILT AND CRAFT GROUP

The Holy Cross Quilt and Craft Group meet every Monday from 1:00 - 3:30 in the Nickle Room. We are a small group but we enjoy fellowship and also draw on the talents and experience of each other. At the Bazaar in November, we again had a very successful sale, with an extensive selection of handmade items. Many thanks to those not in the Quilt group who donated items to the table.

New members are welcome

Report by Jan Gallagher

CANDY CANE TEA AND BAZAAR

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who show up faithfully every year to put together our Candy Cane Tea and Bazaar. Once again, it was a rousing success. This year we were blessed with good weather, and subsequently excellent attendance. Thank you to the quilters and knitters, the bakers and canners who toil all year. Thank you to our PR volunteer, to those who decorate, or set up and take down, to the tearoom cooks and servers, and to all who support us with their presence.

Our final totals are as follows:

Baking	\$1491.20
Crafts	1946.00
Tea Room	1337.84
Sue Young's Art	50.00
Donna Uncles' book	20.00
Church History book	30.00
Julie Johnston's Art	28.00
Donations	80.00
Total	\$4983.04

Proceeds have been designated for support of the furnace replacements. Once again, thank you to everyone who helps and those who come out to support our tea and bazaar.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret and Linda Peyto, Conveners

COFFEE HOSTS

Following the 10 o'clock service, coffee, tea, juice, water and usually goodies are provided by approximately 25 people that are currently hosting coffee time on a rotating basis and host 5 to 6 times a year. It is my hope and prayer that more parishioners will return to helping with this important ministry and then hosting would be spread amongst more people. Thank you to Margaret Peyto who purchases our supplies and many thanks to all who have signed up to offer this time of fellowship where we can welcome and get to know newcomers and also share what God is doing in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Hansen

HOLY CROSS GUILD FOR RECEPTIONS

This guild looks after the food and beverages for receptions following services such as funerals and other special occasions. Our office administrator contacts Cheryl with phone numbers of the family member requesting the reception and then Cheryl is able to sort out the details of the menu and various requests that the family has. Margaret is the shopper who purchases sandwiches and other groceries and Cheryl calls parishioners for help on the day it will occur. The people requesting the function compensate the church for our costs; usually a donation is given to the church, over and above the catering costs. This year we organized the lunches for six funerals, two more than in 2024 and also provided a Tea Room at the Art Show. We have a wonderful core group of volunteers, plus extra support from many in the congregation, whether it is by serving on the day, or by providing baking. This helps to keep the cost down for families. We would like to mention we usually receive many compliments, and we're proud of the service we can offer to our church community.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Hansen and Margaret Peyto

NURTURE & EDUCATION

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY—EfM

Education for Ministry is a lay-oriented international theological education program that has been hosted by Holy Cross every week since 2021, and continues here every Thursday afternoon. Currently Holy Cross is parish home to many graduates of the program, and we have one student currently in the last year of the program. The group includes members of several other parishes, and we are serving the Diocese in hosting this group.

The EfM program is constantly adapting to keep up to date, to meet the practical and intellectual needs of lay church members, and to offer various pathways to complete the program. Anyone who might like to enrol can contact Rev. Deacon Carol, to follow links in the weekly Diocesan Newsletter, or to speak to any graduate of the program at Holy Cross. Anyone who graduated a while ago might be interested to know that a lot has been added and changed, and enrolment has been made much more flexible.

CURSILLO

Cursillo (pronounced kur-SEE-yo) is a Spanish word meaning “short course.” The full title is Cursillo de Cristiandad, meaning “a short course in Christian living.” Cursillo is intended to bring forth Christian leaders. It presents a method of Christian living and demonstrates how to structure our lives so as to make a difference in the world. Although the movement is run by the Diocese under the authority of the Bishop, all baptised Christians are welcome to participate.

The Cursillo method has three major components: the Weekend (a three-day event at the Entheos Conference and Retreat Centre), Group Reunion (regular small group meetings) and Ultreyas (monthly gatherings of the Cursillo community).

In 2025, one Holy Cross parishioner attended a weekend for the first time. Other parishioners took part on the teams for the weekends.

Several parishioners are actively participating in group reunions.

In 2026, there will be a single three-day weekend in the spring for men and women (co-ed), and two separate men's and women's three-day weekends in the fall.

We encourage parishioners to consider attending a weekend. For more information, please contact me or Deacon Carol, or go to the web site cursillo.ab.ca.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Tubman

HOLY CROSS BOOK CLUB 2.0

Late in the previous summer, three members of our congregation decided to revive the book club as we truly missed it. The previous book club gatherings had paused due to covid, after more than two decades of fellowship. We had five members at the initial meeting in September, in the St Michael's room at 7 pm at church, and by the December meeting we had seven members. We meet on the third Thursday of every month.

We have read several books so far, in sequence:

<i>The Nightingale</i> by Kristin Hannah	(October)
<i>The Letter Carrier</i> by Francesca Giannone	(November)
<i>The Birthkeeper of Bethlehem: A Midwife's Tale</i> by Bridget Supple	(December/Advent)
<i>One Perfect Day</i> by Lauraine Snelling	(January)
<i>Frozen River</i> by Ariel Lawhorn	(February)

Additionally, we donate copies of each book to the church library, and watch for our book reviews in the church's monthly newsletter.

If anyone is interested in good discussions, fellowship and of course loves to read books, please contact Kathy M. 587-227-5464 or Wendy D. 403-889-8833 or Glynis 403-926-6583

Submitted by Glynis McClary on behalf of the Holy Cross Book Club 2.0

NURTURE & EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL— NO REPORT

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN—ACW NO REPORT

HOLY CROSS GARDEN REPORT—see Corporation Report page 5

OUTREACH

ALONGSIDE HOPE

In 2025 the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, the main Anglican charity, adopted a new name, Alongside Hope.

Although donations can be given at any time, at Holy Cross we concentrate on our annual Soup and Bread Lunch, which is held after church, during Lent. This year, on the third Sunday of March, we had ten soups (only two the same), and some delicious bread and buns. We were able to send \$560.00 to Alongside Hope. Thank you to the wonderful chefs at Holy Cross, and for the generosity of our congregation.

Reported by Margaret Peyto

ST. EDMUND'S FOOD BANK year ending 31 December 2025

3 Deliveries - starting 6 January, 2025

Total 49 bags

Last delivery for 2025, 4 December 25

Submitted by:

Ed Klippenstein

STAMPS FOR THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

We continue to collect stamps all year round for the Canadian Bible Society. From our parish collection box, located in the narthex, the stamps make their way to the Canadian Bible Society where the stamps are put to work. The revenue generated from the stamps allow CBS to purchase Bibles for their important work with Canadian prison ministry. Ten pounds of stamps equals approximately six Bibles for distribution! A simple way to bring the Word of God to others. Thank you to the many who are helping out. To learn more about this ministry please contact Donna Uncles or visit: <https://biblesociety.ca/stamps-for-freedom/>

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OUTREACH

SCOUTS CANADA 31ST ST CYPRIAN'S SCOUTING GROUP **2025 Annual Report for the Holy Cross Anglican Parish**

The 31st has had another robust year in supporting Scouts Canada's mission to help develop well rounded youth, better prepared for success in the world.

The 2025 year started off with our Friendship Tour to Sydney Australia. Since 1979 the 31st and the 2nd Templecombe in England have been travelling or hosting each other on international excursions. In 2001 we were joined by the 1st Engadine Group in Australia and it was their turn to host us. The groups arrived in Sydney just in time to enjoy their world famous New Year's Eve fireworks. That kicked off an exciting trip of hikes along the rugged coast and in the Blue Mountains. Staying in a challenging but rewarding camp in the Australian bush. Clambering over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, touring the Sydney Opera House and botanical gardens. Enjoying a couple of beach days and generally taking in Australian culture. Trips like these are core to building international understanding and friendships and we are very proud to be able to support youth in these adventures.

At home our youth put the Out in ScOuts going on several weekend camps. The Scouts and Venturers hiked 12 km into the stunningly beautiful Lake O'Hara on a chilly Friday night in late October. Staying in the historic Alpine Club of Canada's Elizabeth Parker Hut we safely explored the snowy valley. This camp is often a formative backpacking experience for the youth leading to even greater excursions.

The Cubs held fall and winter camps at Jubilee Camp in Cochrane, participated in the All Sections Camp at Lost Lake near Water Valley in May, went hiking at Nose Hill and learned about Bow River fish habitats at the Patrick Burns Fish Hatchery.

Our Beavers have been their usual energetic selves well supported by a large group of scouters. Scout Hall sleep overs, indoor snowball toss, learning elements of first aid, knot tying, navigation and of course beaver buggies all make for busy happy beavers. They also came out for the day to our Lost Lake All Sections Camp.

Our small but active satellite group in Brownsfield Alberta also had a great year. The highlight was the cubs and scouts building and paddling kayaks! An amazing adventure for these youth.

By the numbers, our group remains very strong with 39 Beavers, 37 Cubs, 32 Scouts, 16 Venturers and 4 Rovers. The Group is supported by over 40 volunteers.

Our fundraising continues to be solid with bottle drives, our Stampede Parade Seats and our most important fundraiser; the annual Christmas Tree sale at the Holy Cross Church. Without the Church's support for this fundraiser the 31st would not be able to support the excellent programming we provide or operate the wonderful Scout Hall we lease from the City. We are also grateful for the Church allowing us space for our annual Baden Powell dinner and for the last couple of years – our Christmas Market.

Speaking of the Hall, we are in final negotiations with the City to get a long term lease signed after our renovation 1.5 years ago. While some warranty issues with the renovation continue to create challenges we are enjoying the enhanced indoor and outdoor spaces.

Once again we are very grateful for the sponsorship of the Holy Cross Anglican Parish and look forward to greater collaboration on projects that will foster volunteerism in our youth and families.

Yours in Scouting,
John Parkin
Group Commissioner,
31st St Cyprian's Scouting Group

WORSHIP

VIDEOGRAPHY MINISTRY REPORT

In 2025, Holy Cross streamed 54 worship services. These were the regular 10 AM Sunday services, plus special ones for Holy Week, Christmas Day, etc. We also streamed three funerals. The statistics for our YouTube live streams are:

	2025	2026
YouTube Subscribers:	280	267
Total Worship Service Views:	1842	1767
Average Views Per Service:	34.1	33.3
Maximum View Per Service:	104	73
Minimum views Per Service:	14	13
Standard Deviation (σ^2) of Views/Service:	16.3	13.8
Oter Views (Funerals etc):	234	220

The average number of viewers per service (34.1) varies considerably ($\sigma^2=16.3$). Also, that number is much larger than the number of viewers who watch live, which is typically in the single digits.

Sound continues to be an issue. Two microphones were purchased in 2024, in hopes of improving the sound of the choir, and overall ambient sound. However, I do not have the technical and handyman skills to mount the microphones, or run the cables from them to the sound console. I still need help from handy people to get these installed, tested, and working.

The number of team members has increased thanks to student volunteers who help out. This has made a huge difference. We are very grateful to these young people, and parishioner volunteers, for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Tubman

WORSHIP ASSISTANT MINISTRY

This year was one of working out new systems and adjusting the role of Worship Assistants as we developed our “new normal” following all the disruptions of post-covid and interim incumbents. Things seem pretty well worked out now, and all we need is to be able to schedule more people to make up for our current Assistants’ travel, health and other time constraints. We currently have five people on the list, whose work during the Liturgy is distributed over 4 or 5 Sundays a month, two services each Sunday, plus occasional extra services where a WA is useful. Currently, any WA work outside these services – Wednesdays or services at Seniors’ Care homes or pastoral visiting - is scheduled separately as needed.

I would like to recognize the long service of Anne Davidson, who has had to step back from regular WA, but who continues to participate in this ministry in many less formal ways. I would also like to thank Elisabeth Macdonald who temporarily stepped in to help out. Thank you to you both, as well as to Cheryl Hansen, Grant Los, Brenda Coleopy, and Gloria Goldman who join me in this ministry.

If anyone reading this would like more information about the role and expectations of a WA please talk to Mryka Hall-Beyer (scheduler) or Rev. Simba.

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WORSHIP

SIDESPERSIONS

Linda and I wish to thank John Uncles and Margaret Peyto who have been sidespersons this year when we were not able to attend the weekly services.

We have also been sidespersons at four memorial services in 2025.

David Peyto

ADMINISTRANTS

Thank you to all those who step forward each week to administer the cup to our parishioners.

We can always use new members to our group so if you are feeling called to help with this ministry please speak to me after any service. We are only asking for one Sunday in a six week span.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Peyto

REPORT OF THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

This will be my last report as Music Director of Holy Cross Parish. I have given my Resignation as of June 30, 2026 as long as my health holds.

It has been a great privilege to serve in this capacity. We have been able to keep the choir singing beautiful Anthems and recently an Advent Lessons and Carols Service. Thank you to all who have been faithful over the years and to some new singers. With these new additions, the future looks bright.

Our Handbell Choir has also grown with some new additions. This is very exciting!

Another big Thanks goes to those who have sung solos, duets, and other ensembles and piano, organ, and guitar pieces.

Lastly perhaps my favourite thing is to accompany the congregation Joyfully Singing the hymns along with the organ. Thank you all for your support over these 15 years.

Sincerely,
Doug Spreeman

INTERCESSORS' REPORT

The Intercessory Prayers are a vital part of each Sunday service. Volunteers create prayers to express their individual petitions, lifting up the cares and concerns of the world, the Church, the needs of those of our parish, and beyond who have asked for our prayers, and our thanksgivings. Every three months, I send out an email to our volunteers, asking for their preferred dates to take on one or two Sundays in the quarter for this important ministry of preparing and presenting the Prayers of the People. There are currently twelve volunteers on my list. Each brings gifts of thoughtful and detailed prayers that speak on our behalf and inspire the community. If this is something you have been considering or feel nudged to try out, please be in touch with me. I would be happy to assist you in getting started. Thank you to each of the Intercessors. Your ministry is important and so appreciated by Holy Cross and our Lord.

by Rev. Dcn. Carol Tubman

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Thank you to the many parishioners who dedicated altar flowers for loved ones or for special offerings / thanksgivings throughout the past year. In addition to the beautiful bouquets arranged for many Sundays, there were also dedications for lilies at Easter, and most recently 19 poinsettias at Christmas.

Flower bouquets were purchased and arranged by flower arranger team members, including fulfilling special requests at times. Thank you to the Altar Guild members who supported with delivering the bouquets to identified parishioners (ill, shut-in, or individuals / families experiencing significant events) following Sunday services. During 2025, dedications for weekly arrangements were \$50 per set, lilies were \$15 each, and poinsettias were \$16 each.

We are always happy to welcome new members. Please contact Gloria in the office, who will connect you with the Flower Arranger Coordinator, if you are interested in joining us.

Anne Gover