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Rector's Message

As we approach our second summer amid a Pandemic, we feel that things are really looking up. Our medical system is finally getting a grip on the new cases, and our vaccination rate is on the rise. What seemed hopeless fifteen months ago, brings us new hope on the horizon.

This time has not come without its challenges, however. As leaders, many of us have grown weary of meeting by Zoom or Facebook. Our regular worship has now taken on a new style, and pastoral care is accomplished only by prayer. We long for personal touch, a hug that we once took for granted.

We do not know when our churches will open again for in person worship, and what the restrictions will be. We will notify you as soon as we hear. Until that time, we will continue to offer weekly worship either by recording or by Zoom.

However, now the summer is here. Time to relax, to finish up our second vaccine doses, and celebrate with others in small ways and still very cautiously. Hope is definitely on the horizon.

We can also take this time to re-connect with each other as a community of faith: re-discover the love that keeps us together, and review the life of a community that encourages us to grow, despite the challenges we face. Christ tells us not to keep our mind on little things, and move to the greater things before us. We are to be lights that shine among all the darkness, the spark that ignites others to move to love and serve others in the world. Sometimes hard choices need to be made; other times, the Holy Spirit pushes us to see things and ways we never thought possible. Are we listening to ourselves? Are we following calls? What is it that keeps us from seeing visions, dreaming dreams, to love and serve in ways we never would have imagined?

May you take the time this summer, a time to relax and do things we usually have little time to do, and dream, share a vision. Use this time as a period to re-generate.

And the God of peace, of joy, of love, will always be with you.
Cathy+



From the Wardens

We ask for your prayers at this time for our Emmanuel Anglican Church Community in our Diocese of Ottawa, at a time of severe financial constraint—at a time when Sunday is a series of Zoom and online services, not available to many of our fellow parishioners.

Rest assured, “God is still working in us and through us, possibly urging us, to follow in the path of our Saviour”, by spreading the Love and Care of our Christian Faith to our Community—especially in this most peculiar time of unforgiving illness and isolation.

We have a beautiful church and a very good parish hall—great assets to our community that benefits us all—for all those special events (the sacraments which make our lives so meaningful—how I miss weekly communion), and for the Zumba classes and weekly piano lessons, and the dinners—how we miss the camaraderie (and the odd disagreements) as we prepared for these events.

Let us Move Forward, using these fine facilities in continuous support of our fellow citizens, both here and throughout the Ottawa Diocese.

Your wardens welcome your input and support as we “make our way Forward”—as we say a reluctant “Good Bye” to Rev. Cathy, our most valuable and resourceful ‘Shepherd’, since June of 2015, and anticipate a new ministry, be it full or part time. The big question right now—financial support at Emmanuel at this time is critically low.

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For more than 150 years Emmanuel has been a most valuable part of our community.

We pray, with God’s guidance, the support of our Diocesan family and you, our fellow parishioners, that we may continue as Christ’s disciples in and at Emmanuel Anglican Church, Arnprior for many more years to come (and the weekly tithes could become habitual again). With faith in Our Lord and we parishioners of Emmanuel.

The Wardens

Charlotte Leitch and Helen Hall



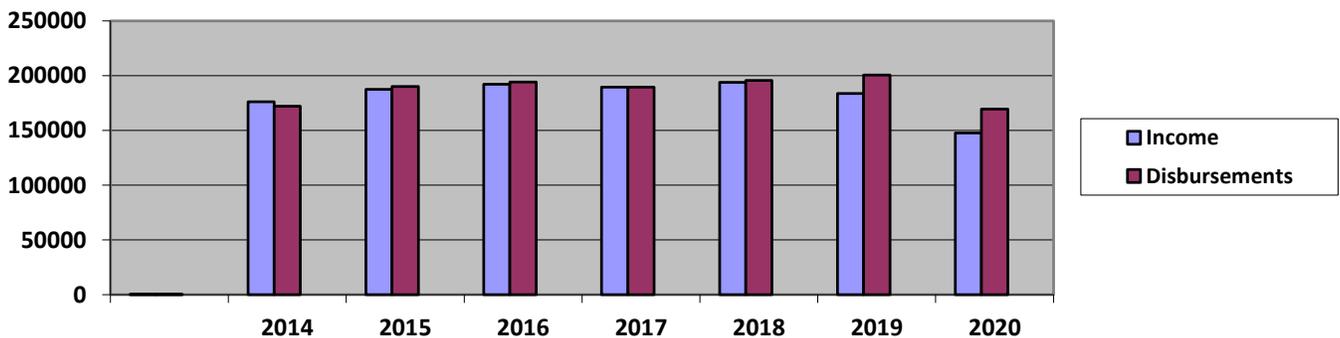
Treasurer’s Notes

The Parish has reached a point at which we must face some difficult facts regarding our finances. For many years declining offerings had threatened our financial viability, but thanks to an active ACW and great fundraising efforts by many parishioners, annual deficits were small, and occasionally the year ended with a small surplus.

However, in 2019 disbursements exceeded revenue by \$16,735 and the depletion of our cash in the Operating Fund started. Then in 2020 the pandemic struck. With no in-church services and no fundraising, income declined to a point where it was impossible to meet our commitments to the Diocese and to pay the usual other bills such as utilities and seasonal services. So regrettably, Emmanuel’s indebtedness to the Diocese began.

By December 31, 2020, the total payable to the Diocese had grown to \$24,357 and by April 30, 2021 it was \$37,958. This despite the Jubilee of two months in 2020 and one month in 2021, wherein payments to the Diocese were neither expected nor paid.

The following chart illustrates the recent history of Emmanuel’s finances:



ARNPRIOR CARES

Arnprior Cares was started in 2018 by a small group of people from the community, as well as The Gateway Church, Grace-St. Andrew's United, St. John's Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Anglican Church, to sponsor Jean, who arrived from Rwanda. Jean made his application to Immigration Canada in 2018 and he was considered a valid applicant and given the legal status to be here until his review in January 2021. Jean's wife and 3 boys are still in Africa. His review was given a positive decision and Jean, with community support, is working to get his permanent residence and bring his family to Canada.

While Jean awaited his decision, Arnprior Cares met regularly to strategize with Jean in meeting the challenges he faced, and navigate the Canadian requirements. Several fundraising efforts and cultural sharing events were well supported. In 2019 Jean was able to find employment in his area of interest (peacebuilding and refugee support services) in research and training in Kitchener/Waterloo. He has built a community of support there and Kitchener/Waterloo people have amalgamated with Arnprior Cares.

Arnprior Cares has raised some \$15,000 of which \$10,000 has been used to support Jean and his family in meeting housing costs. A meeting was held on March 21st and it was determined that while Jean waits for his permanent residence status to be completed, the family will need the remaining funds to cover their housing and personal costs.

Expected financial demands in anticipation of their move to Canada were determined using a government site to assess what funds are expected to be in place for Jean and his family. For one year it was found to be \$37,000. Added to that is an estimated \$10,000 to fly his four family members to Canada and another \$3,000 for incidentals (e.g. Covid-19 hotel stay upon arrival).

Fundraising projects will be needed to help raise these funds by all groups. Articles will be submitted to local papers and to supporters near and far. Donations may be made to Grace-St. Andrew's United by cash or cheque. The cheque is payable to Grace-St. Andrew's and mark in the memo line "Arnprior Cares". Donations may also be made through the www.arnpriorcares.ca Scroll down to a red button that reads "Give".

Thank you for your support.

Theresa Dunn - 613-897-0188



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JAVA DE JEAN COFFEE



One way to help support Jean and his family is through buying Java de Jean coffee. Java de Jean coffee is roasted in Arnprior by Snark Bean.

It comes in the following roasts as whole bean or ground:

- Dark+

Dark

Medium (Regular or Decaf)

Light

3 weights available: 1/2 lb for **\$10**, 3/4 lb for **\$15** and 1 lb for **\$18**

Java de Jean coffee is organic, freshly roasted, ethically sourced and sustainably packaged. A percentage of the price goes to Arnprior Cares on behalf of Jean. For example, for each 1lb of coffee sold a donation of \$6.00 goes to Arnprior Cares. To learn more about the operation of Snark Bean I would strongly recommend visiting the website - www.snarkbean.com - it is very interesting and informative.

If you are interested in buying this coffee, please contact me, Pat Dalphy, 613-836-3803 or email me at nortap2016@outlook.com. I place an order with Snark Bean Coffee each Tuesday at 8:00pm and have the coffee ready for delivery by Friday or earlier. Payment is by E-Transfer to nortap2016@outlook.com or cash on delivery. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

