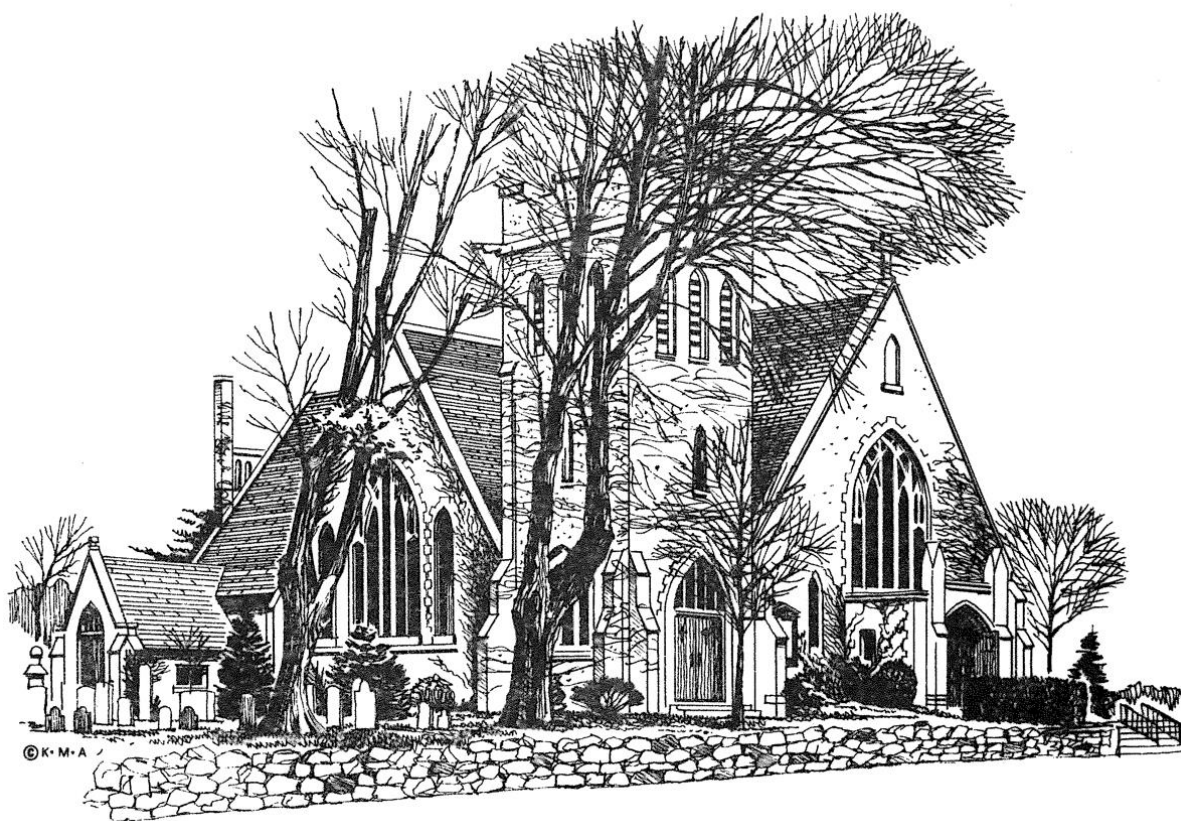


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2020 Annual Report

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Annual Meeting of Christ Church, Manhasset

February 7, 2021, 10:45 a.m. – Christ Church

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order
- II. Appointment of Clerk
and Approval of the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting
- III. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Vestry members and Wardens
- IV. Priest in Charge's Report
- V. Treasurer's Report
- VI. Acceptance of Reports Submitted by Parish Organizations and Committees
- VII. Adjournment and Closing Prayers

Call to Order and Opening Prayers: A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

Officiant: Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

All: Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

Officiant: For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Officiant: For the fellowship of Christ Church and all the saints,

All: **We thank you, God.**

Priest: Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with this parish as we take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Appointment of Clerk for Annual Meeting

The Rev'd Stephen Tamke appoints Ms. Phyllis Sternemann as clerk for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting (held February 2, 2020)

Minutes can be found on the last page of this booklet.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Slate:

Church Warden (2 years, until 2023)	Liz Giacoma
Vestry Member (3 years, until 2024)	Senetta Koch
Vestry Member (3 Years, until 2024)	Clayton Tadler

Nominating Committee: Arlene Blocker (chair), Tom Chaly, Laura Pavlovich, Gloria Ryan, Tim Carr, Jeannine Daly, The Rev'd Stephen Tamke (ex officio).

Complete Vestry:

Senior Warden, Heather Bennett (class of 2022)

Junior Warder, Liz Giacoma (class of 2023)

Class of 2022: Regina McDowell, Lesley Stackler

Class of 2023: Jeannine Daly, Anita Schmidt

Class of 2024: Senetta Koch, Clayton Tadler

Treasurer: Oriana Cyprus

Clerk: Phyllis Sternemann

Due to the unique hybrid nature of this year's Annual Meeting over Zoom and in-person, because of COVID-19 precautions, this year (and this year only) we will not be receiving nominations from the floor.

Thank you to outgoing Vestry Members and Officers

Arlene Blocker, Senior Warden

Patti Crisafulli, Liz Giacoma Vestry Members

THANK YOU!

Commissioning of Vestry Members and Wardens

Source: *Book of Occasional Services*, pp. 180-183

The congregation being seated; the celebrant stands in full view of the people. The sponsors and candidates for Vestry and Wardens, stand facing the celebrant.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

The Interim asks the Nominating Committee Chair and the Wardens (Sponsors)

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of God's Church?

Sponsors: I believe they are.

Interim: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: I will.

Interim: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidates: I will.

Nominating Committee Chair: I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Warden and Vestry Members in this congregation:

Interim: Let us pray.

(Silence)

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation I commission Arlene Blocker, as Senior Warden, Heather Bennett as Junior Warden; Jeannine Daly, Anita Schmidt, Regina McDowell, Lesley Stackler, Patti Crisafulli, and Liz Giacomina as Members of the Vestry.

New wardens and vestry members: May God who has given us the will to do these things give us the grace and power to perform them.

All: **Amen.**

Renewal of all ministers' Commitment to Christ (*this means everyone!!*)

Interim: Let us give thanks for the gifts we have each been given by the Holy Spirit to build up the body of Christ.

Silence

All: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us in baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest-in-Charge Report

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

It has been quite year for each of us here at Christ Church! As we enter into 2021 we are stepping into a world that is largely different than the one we inhabited at last year’s annual meeting. On a personal note, it is my blessing and privilege to have been called as your Priest-in-Charge beginning in July 2020. Blessings have abounded for Christ Church even amidst and among the Corona-virus pandemic of 2020. When all parishes in the Diocese of Long Island were closed due to the pandemic, Christ Church, under the strong leadership of our Wardens and Vestry, pivoted seamlessly to online worship, online fellowship, and online musicmaking. None of this would have been possible without the faithful guidance of our Christ Church Wardens, Arlene Blocker and Heather Bennett, our staff, Donna Cullinan-Gillis, Meredith Baker, and Enrique Valdes, and our Vestry.

As we have engaged this new reality of hybrid worship, online over Zoom and in-person, we have seen our “numbers,” Average Sunday Attendance, hold fairly steady over the course of the year as has our pledging, the financial gifts of our parishioners to the ministry and life of Christ Church. While changing our norms and developing a new identity which still holds true to our tradition is never easy we have done so with aplomb. The remainder of our 2020-21 program year will continue in our hybrid of online/in-person worship and education because we are, as yet, unable to gather for fellowship and other activities until the pandemic is under control. But, that doesn’t mean we won’t continue to live out our call to pray, worship, and serve together.

If there is one thing that I’ve learned in my 7 months of ministry here at Christ Church, it is this: Christ Church is *faithfully determined*. This determination is spurred by our leadership on Vestry and engaged fully by our staff and parishioners. This year we have determinedly engaged a number of capital projects, from 2020 into 2021, that speak to the vision and future of Christ Church.

1. The complete restoration of our bell tower and the refurbishment of the bride’s room / chapel for regular use and worship.
2. Installation of a new roof on the Church. This project is slated to begin following Easter.
3. A much-needed refurbishment of our magnificent Casavant organ, including a replacement console, wiring, tuning and voicing. This instrument will allow us to begin the process of entering into the development of a new music program at Christ Church.
4. Installation of Wi-Fi in the Church as well as a new camera system for live-streaming worship and music events. And, a new Christ Church website.

These projects are made possible through grants, generous gifts, as well as years of strategic financial planning. As we seek to grow our parish, both in prayer and ministry as well as welcoming new parishioners, these capital improvements allow us to put our best foot forward in offering our best selves for worship, prayer, outreach, and ministry.

Over the past 7 months we have added to our calendar Morning Prayer on Facebook and YouTube as well as in-person Evening Prayer on Wednesdays. We have added Tuesday evening education programming over Zoom and live streamed our 10:00am Sunday Rite 2 Holy Eucharist service for those not able to join us due to the pandemic. Meredith Baker, our Organist, offered wonderfully received Advent organ recitals on Facebook and YouTube. Heather Bennet has kept our Sunday School families engaged and praying together with at home Sunday School options. All of our current programming that is offered online will remain so even after the Pandemic is behind us. It is my intention that any new ministry or program in which we engage here at Christ Church will be accessible online through live-streaming or pre-recording on social media.

In the coming program year, with the prayer that the pandemic is behind us, I am hoping to begin the planning for and implementing of a new family service at Christ Church, family fellowship, more outreach and ministry opportunities in our surrounding communities, and inter-parish programming with our fellow Episcopal Churches nearby.

This past year has been a difficult one. But, we are called to continue preaching the Good News and living out the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community, our time, and our place. We are called to the care of our parish and its growth. We can, and will, do all of these things, with God's help. The Psalter, the Book of Psalms from which we pray, speaks to the range of emotions we experience as humans in this life. Some of these psalms are joyful, others are laments, and still others are hopeful. For me, as I continue to live out my call to ministry as your priest and pastor, Psalm 108:1 is my mission statement:

"O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready."

God's blessings on you and yours!

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev'd Stephen C. Tamke ✙

Priest-in-Charge

Warden's Report

I will begin by stating the obvious – 2020 into 2021 has been unprecedented. For Christ Church there have been highs and lows, adapting to a “new normal” or “ground hog day”, – as a parishioner termed it.

After Mother Allison Moore, was called to another parish a year ago in February 2020, the world turned upside down. From March 2020 we were very much a Church in transition, not only in our search for a Priest in Charge, but the world was unexpectedly hit with a pandemic – COVID 19. As a result, we had to quickly pivot to how we continue our worship services and keep our congregation engaged and unified. We were fortunate to have supply clergy previously set up from March to June 2020. Rev. Maxine Cleghorn was open to the idea of hosting services via Zoom video conferencing, and strongly encouraged this as a platform to be adopted now and in the future. Parishioners were open to the idea of gathering online. Music was introduced into our online worship platform, as well as spiritual communion. Fr. Rand, although surprised that he was still on the docket to officiate services, stepped up to the task from Florida and presided over our Holy Week services, which also included a Saturday Easter Vigil (the first in my memory at Christ Church) and for the remainder of April. Mother Maxine presided services in May. Fr. Backe and Canon Woodley completed our supply clergy assignments for June. I must say, all our supply clergy were instrumental in our transition from in person worship to remote “Zoom” worship services.

We have learned so much as a parish, our resiliency, and how much it means for us to worship together on Sunday mornings. Although unable to meet in person and host our scheduled fellowship calendar events. We were excited for our Spiritual communion, music and zoom coffee hour.

Prior to the pandemic our parish began its work, through our prayer walk as outlined by Mother Allison followed by our summit, led by Rev. Joanne Izzo and Parish profile compiled by Oriana Cyprus and Laurie Gibbons. All of this provided clarity toward our purpose within our parish and community with determined forward focused momentum. Following this work, the Vestry diligently and consistently proceeded to follow the protocols set by the Diocese to call a Priest-in-Charge. We worked remotely as a vestry and together with our Facilitator, Rev. Joanne Izzo and Canon Claire Woodley. We were energized and propelled to learn about ourselves as a community.

We are blessed that Fr. Stephen Tamke is with us as our Priest in Charge, and look forward to a bright future where faith, fellowship, community and learning is paramount at Christ Church. I pray that each one of us, will walk with confidence to spread the light and love of Jesus in this world.

I thank you for your support and the support of our Vestry during my time as Senior Warden.

Peace be with you!

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Blocker, Warden

Statistics from the 2020 Parochial Report

Every year the National Church asks each parish to complete a standard statistical and financial Parochial Report. The full report will be available in the Parish Office after it is approved by the Vestry and submitted to the Diocesan Office and the National Church Office. Here are some of the statistics from 2020 (*keeping in mind the drastically different and difficult circumstances caused by and surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic*).

“Baptized members” include anyone who has attended at least one event and/or contributed financially to the parish. We will report 171 total members, down from 182 in 2019. Another 5 people are recorded as “Active Others,” people who are active in the parish but not worshipping members.

“Communicants in Good Standing” are those who attend Church at least three times in the calendar year and for whom we have a record of regular financial contributions. We will report a total of 70 people: 58 member 16 years of age and older, and 12 members under 16 years of age.

We had one Wedding at Christ Church:

- Alaina Melichar & Crawford Cass on October 10, 2020.

We had no Confirmations in 2020. We had two baptisms in 2020:

- James Houston Fink in September 2020
- James Brewster Cornachio in October 2020.

Four people were buried from Christ Church in 2020: Carol E White, Christiane Tsakis, John Bernard, and Joyce Bernard.

Our average Sunday attendance at both the 8:00am Rite 1 and 10:00am Rite 2 Eucharists was 45 people, down from an average of 51 in 2019. Easter Sunday (*online over Zoom*) attendance was 83, down from 215 in 2019 due to the circumstances of COVID-19.

Christ Church had to drastically shift our worship norms from in-person to completely online in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic which reduced our number of weekly services to 1 as opposed to our norm of 2. We offered a total of 75 Sunday Eucharists, with 53 of them offered either online or as a hybrid of online and in-person worship. Another 20 were offered as solely in-person prior to the COVID-19 shutdown. We offered 38 services of weekday Daily Office worship (online Morning Prayer Rite 1 and in-person Evening Prayer Rite 2 & Compline).

44 signed pledge cards were received for 2020 totaling \$185,000.00 which was up from \$159,502.00 in 2019.

Treasurer's Report

Christ Church finished out the year 2020 with a very small negative balance of about \$4,000 (compared to 2019 where we had a \$182,000 shortfall). We were able to save money during the months we did not have a Rector. Parishioners were diligent about sending in their offerings even during the worst months of the pandemic and we are very grateful to everyone for showing that commitment to the parish. Our investments did well, too. Our endowment is healthy and growing, with our year-end balance at \$3,000,000. It is paying out about \$10,000 per month which, in addition to your pledges, is critical to the income of the church. We are, as yet, unable to rent the church to any organization to garner outside and/or additional income.

Our projected budget for 2021 shows an expected deficit of \$85,000. This is down from last year's projected deficit of \$150,000. We were able to look at the budget very critically this year and trim in several areas. Our expected revenue from endowment distributions has gone up significantly from \$75,000 projected last year to \$120,000 projected for this year.

We have spent about \$105,000 this year on the Bell Tower capital project as well as a deposit on a replacement organ console. Construction is almost completed on the Bell Tower and we expect to pay another \$85,000 to finish it. Additionally, in 2020 we experienced some construction related issues at the church including with the roof. This requires a new roof to be installed. We pursued a resolution with one of the relevant material providers and we were able to resolve the issue so that we are now, thankfully, in a much better position to complete the project. This project will cost about \$110,000. We will need to assess the interior damage the roof leaks have caused, as well. We currently have about \$200,000 in a capital savings account as well as about \$107,000 in a Vanguard account, \$85,000 of which is designated for the organ project. Securing of a replacement organ console was approved by the Vestry and, as noted, the deposit was sent of \$5,000. The entire project is expected to cost about \$130,000. Through careful financial planning we have the funds to allow us to enter into these various projects.

Capital Projects Overview:

Current Available Funds:

General – \$222,000

Earmarked for Organ – \$85,000

Bell Tower – Funded predominantly by an endowment drawdown of \$150,000 in 2018

Projected Cost: \$182,000

Paid: \$98,000

Balance: \$84,000

Roof – Funded by Capital Account

Projected Cost: \$110,000

Paid: \$35,000

Balance: \$75,000

Organ: Funded by parishioner donations

Projected Cost: \$130,000

Paid: \$5,000

Balance: \$125,000

We will have additional expenses in the church that are currently unknown in terms of cost:

- repair of interior water damage from roof leak
- repair of “bride’s room” from water damage.

Investment Accounts as of 12/31/20:

Diocesan Investment Fund:

\$3,021,902.98 – this is up from about \$2,700,000 last year at this time.

Vanguard:

\$107,000 – this money is designated for capital projects – \$85,000 for the organ project and \$22,000 for general capital expenses.

Cash on Hand:

Operating: \$68,000

Capital Savings: \$200,000

Cemetery: \$20,000

We are well on our way to making much needed repairs to the church and with Father Stephen’s vision for our future, stand to be in great shape to move forward. Parishioner pledges remain crucial to our success and mission. Thanks, again, to all for continuing to support Christ Church. We are poised for a revitalization with your continued commitment.

Respectfully submitted,

Oriana Cyprus, *Treasurer*

Altar Guild Report

I would like to thank the members of the Altar Guild, namely, Kathy Bindert, Marina Conrad, Holly Melichar, Valerie Seiner and Penny Tadler for their dedication and support.

We, regrettably, just lost one of our retired members. Marge Trapp, who recently passed away. Marge was a very kind and generous member of the Guild and Christ Church. She will be sorely missed.

We, happily, welcomed Father Stephen Tamke in July as Priest-In-Charge. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, the Altar Guild's duties are suspended. We look forward to working with Father Stephen in the future, when we can, hopefully, get back to some normalcy.

I'd like to thank Patti Crisafulli, Michael and Diana Smolens, Elliott Pavlovich, Arlene Blocker, Devin McKay, Debbie Czeglédy and, of course, Enrique for assisting in decorating our beautiful church for Christmas.

Due to COVID-19 and our inability to celebrate Eucharist in the church, donations are down for flowers. Please consider making a donation in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving of a celebration.

New members are always needed and welcome. Please contact me or Father Stephen if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana T. Tadler, *Directress*

Building & Grounds Report

2020 was a busy year in planning and then doing necessary repairs and capital improvements on our Church campus.

The rectory was refreshed during the summer, including our sexton replacing the deck fence and damaged boards on the deck. Shrubs were planted in front of the residence from a generous donation from Hicks Nursery.

The long-awaited repair and restoration of the Bell Tower commenced in the fall. Henry Restoration anticipates their work to be completed in February. The bride's room/chapel will be renovated upon completion of the Bell Tower. Joel Snodgrass continues as the consultant monitoring the construction. Funds to support this project were withdrawn from the endowment several years ago.

Additionally, in 2020 we experienced some construction related issues including with the roof. This requires a new roof to be installed. We pursued a resolution with one of the relevant material providers and we were able to resolve the issue so that we are now, thankfully, in a much better position to complete the project. The vestry received multiple competitive bids for a replacement roof and selected North Shore Roofing. Once required permits are obtained, it is anticipated that work will begin in April and be completed in a

few months, weather permitting. Potential damage to the internal structure will not be known until the roof is opened. Funds are now set aside for the roof project.

Lighting to the exterior church building and pathways was improved in December for the safety of our parishioners. At our request, Melichar Electric is in the process of proposing additional items for both outside and inside the church. Father Tamke secured a grant which will cover part of the cost of new live-streaming camera and computer software in the Church.

Replacement and repair of the organ console is proceeding. There is funding available in a designated account; and, we are working towards full project coverage. A deposit was placed on a replacement organ console which is being held in storage for us until we are ready to take possession. Our organist is working with a consultant.

The stucco repairs on the Parish House will be addressed in warmer weather.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Schmidt, *Building and Grounds*

Church Historian's Report

Minimal activities and work could be attempted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, necessitating social distancing. The following tasks were completed before March 1, 2020.

1. An index to certain records over 100 years of age was created and digitized for the ease of use by the Parish Administrator. This preserves the fragile register books, which are in various states of decline. Guidelines established by the Diocesan Archivist were followed, with vestry approval.
2. A search of the index is accessible for persons inquiring about their ancestors for whom records were created over 100 years ago. It allows for a suggested donation to the church when a copy of a record over 100 years of age is requested by a person with appropriate identification.
3. Organization of assorted non-vital records proceeds at a slow rate for old photographs and documents of Christ Church.
4. Research work has begun on a new set of 8 interesting deceased residents of our cemetery for the next Historic Cemetery Tour. Volunteer re-enactors of all ages will be needed.
5. A repair was made to the 1869 grave stone of Olivia McIlvaine using approved preservation methodology.
6. Christ Church is a member of the Long Island Historical Societies, an online forum which will allow publicity of the next Historic Cemetery Tour or other significant community minded events at our parish.

Suggestions and assistance with all archival, research and tour related tasks are greatly appreciated and will be welcomed once the pandemic is resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Sternemann

Community Relations Report

During the pandemic, the vestry has been reaching out to parishioners via phone calls.

Phone communication has ranged from a quick check-in to regular phone visits. Isolated members of our congregation especially appreciated the calls. We also spoke with families who have not been very active recently, but were happy to hear from us and know that we are here for them.

We do not have updated phone number for everyone. If you know someone who would like to receive a phone call, please share the name and phone number with a Vestry member or the Parish Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Daly

Fellowship Report

Our fellowship program was significantly decreased in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We welcomed the Reverend Stephen Tamke, our Priest-in-Charge, with a car parade on July 5. The Vestry continues to call parishioners to see how everyone is doing during the pandemic. We are looking forward to resuming our fellowship programs as soon as it is safe to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Giacomma

Hospitality Committee Report

The year 2020 began with hospitality gatherings after the 10 am services on Sundays until March 2020. A successful women's dinner was held on February 13, 2020. Suspension of all interactive events occurred March 16, 2020, due to the worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic. Guidelines for health and safety, issued by the Bishop and implemented by our Parish were followed. Hospitality ended for the year on March 15, 2020. All hospitality related events will resume at a later date, yet to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Sternemann, *Hospitality Committee*

Music Ministry Report

2020 began with all energies aimed toward engaging the choir and congregation in joyful expression through the hymns and service settings of our great tradition.

We enjoyed working with our Interim Priest in Charge, Allison Moore, and were sad to see her go to a new position. As we began supporting substitute clergy, the choir worked to continue preparing anthems, psalms and hymns.

And then, COVID-19.

Holy Week was memorable – but zoom became the obvious answer to our parish celebrating our services and each other. Drawing the choir into the mix took a great deal of imagination and cooperation.

Our singers truly welcomed the opportunity to serve our worship. We sang the hymns in various ways, optimizing zoom by passing assignments around. Our psalm presentation grew to be sung by soloists. Service music became solo efforts sung with recorded accompaniments in various ways. The a capella app also became part of our arsenal and Laura Pavlovich once again proved the techno guru, producing wonderful hymns and psalms. We grew in unanticipated ways as a choir, when most choirs were on hold.

Our soprano section leader of over eight years, Renee Heitmann, moved upstate during this period, so the choir bade her a fond farewell, with a card and gift.

Harriet Kapner remains our revered alto section leader, organ substitute, and general “corporate memory.” I am SO grateful for her beautiful voice, musicianship, and collegiality.

As our music participation in the service has been reduced to meet time requirements, our choir has continued to grow. We began having rehearsals in the Parish Hall in September, distanced and masked, and were able to prepare for an in person Festival of Lesson and Carols Service and also supported three Christmas Eve services in December. We have enjoyed the fabulous flute playing by Katherine Smolens, and were delighted to have Walter and Katherine Stackler join us at the 7 and 10 pm Christmas Eve celebration.

We have procured a beautiful organ console built by Casavant, that was in a Nashville church. It has been played by one of our nation’s leading pedagogues, Wilma Jensen, and will soon be prepared to be moved into our chancel, to replace our organ console from 1971, which has had huge mechanical deficiencies for years. I am grateful for the work of Father Stephen and our Vestry, to get this project begun.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Baker, MA, FAGO, ChM,
Organist & Choirmaster

Outreach Report

2020 pandemic restrictions made many of Christ Church's Outreach programs difficult to continue. Congregational support of the Long Island Council of Churches food bank has continued, in the form of donations through Amazon, which are shipped directly to the Freeport location. The local branch of the Interfaith Nutrition Network (St. Aloysius Church in Great Neck) is currently accepting monetary donations, only, so we have not delivered food or Christmas gifts there, this year. Despite the limitations and hardships due to COVID, Christ Church successfully participated in the St. John's Episcopal Hospital Adopt-A-Family Christmas program, again. The generosity of the congregation allowed us to completely fulfill the wishes of about twenty people. There was a special request to help older adults, living alone, and Christ Church supported several of those individuals, as well as three families. It is our hope that 2021 will provide more opportunities to reach out to the community, and engage more fully. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Crisafulli

Public Relations Report

Christ Church has a new updated website as of September. A thank you to Laura Pavlovich, webmaster, who along with summer intern Emma Moriarity, a student from Princeton University, for revamping our website. If you have not yet visited the website, please do. (www.christchurchmanhasset.org)

Fr. Stephen maintains our social media presence. There are daily post on Facebook, and Instagram, with some great photos of Christ Church courtesy of Fr. Stephen. Please share these post with your Facebook community. Christ Church now has its own YouTube channel. On Wednesdays, Morning Prayer and Evening Compline and Meditation are posted. During the month of December, the Advent Organ Series and a Service of Lessons and Carols were also posted. Please subscribe to the YouTube channel at Christ Church Manhasset.

As in the past, ads were placed the month of December in the Manhasset Press and Manhasset Times listing our Christmas services. In November a full page ad was placed in the Manhasset Times in their Manhasset community section listing our Thanksgiving and Christmas services as well as the Service of Lessons and Carols and Advent Organ series.

All of these efforts increase our visibility in the community. It shows that we are a vibrant and welcoming church. If you enjoy public relations, we need a coordinator to look at the schedule of events, when they return, and strategize about best options.

Sunday School/Christian Education Report

The children made valentine cards which were sent to the veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport. These valentine greetings are always appreciated and the children love making them. We also celebrated Shrove Tuesday with our annual Sunday School Mardi Gras Party, complete with King Cake and discussions about observing Lent.

Our students could be together in the classroom only in January and February. When COVID-19 surfaced so quickly and schools were opting for in-class or remote learning, most of our children were attending school over Zoom from their homes. We felt that the children would have had enough screen time through their remote school classes that it would not be beneficial to them to have remote Sunday School.

However, activities were emailed to the parents during the summer with Sunday School crafts and activities for each family to do together. Advent wreath kits were packaged for families to pick up at the Parish Hall so they could celebrate the season together at home.

We are looking forward with great hope that in-person classes are able to resume in the not-too-distant future. We miss our kids!

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Angus Bennett

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
CHRIST CHURCH
Manhasset, New York 11030
February 2, 2020

I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order

The Annual Meeting was opened at 10 am and continued in the Parish House at the conclusion of the regular 10 a.m. service. Rev. Allison Moore, Interim Priest in Charge, led the opening prayer and called the meeting to order.

II. Appointment of Clerk and Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

Phyllis Sternemann was appointed Clerk.

Upon a motion by Paul Whalen/Gloria Ryan, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Christ Church on February 3, 2019 were approved.

III. Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee: Warden Oriana Cyprus (chair), Tom Chaly, Laurie Gibbons, Regina McDowell, the Rev Allison Moore (ex officio) presented the Vestry approved Slate:

Senior Church Warden (1 year, until 2021):	Arlene Blocker
Church Warden (2 years, until 2022):	Heather Bennett
Vestry Member (one year on remaining term until 2021):	Patti Crisafulli
Vestry Member (one year, until 2021):	Elizabeth Giacomia
Vestry Member (2 years, until 2022):	Regina Godfrey McDowell
Vestry Member (2 years, until 2022):	Lesley Stackler
Vestry Member (3 years, until 2023):	Anita Schmidt
Vestry Member (second term, 3 years, until 2023):	Jeannine Daly

There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed at 11:50 a.m. The polls were open for one hour. The nominated slate was approved by acclamation by all present. New vestry members were officially commissioned.

IV. Interim Priest in Charge's Report—Rev. Dr. Allison Moore

The full report is contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet. The highlight is that thank you plaques were offered to all outgoing vestry members, clerk and treasurer. The interim reported that deficits exist; Christ Church is on a forward path and has three years to strengthen finances and communicants/make Christ Church visible and utilize its great resources. An outside audit is in process; the Parochial Report was completed with details available as an attachment to this annual report; members have increased their pledges; a Parish Summit was held on January 23, 2020.

V. Treasurer's Report – Oriana Cyprus, Treasurer pro tem

The full report by Barbara Gutierrez is contained in the Annual Meeting Booklet. Verbal report by Oriana Cyprus included Building and Grounds items of significance to finances. Last year's expected deficit of \$115,000.00 was in actuality \$30,000.00 due in part to variables including the stock market. Current large expenses include the ongoing Bell Tower project, expecting bids momentarily, which had drawn down the Endowment and is expected to be repaid. Rental income is needed, due to the departure of the Korean Church. The Cemetery Tour and Holly Fair brought in approximately \$6,500. Funds from a gift of stock may be considered for use to avoid further drawing down of the endowment. A large donation for organ restoration was received. An additional new expense of the audit will be approximately \$8,000. The Diocese will submit three Clergy candidates for a Priest in Charge position with a three-year term and an option to stay on as full time Rector. Candidates are to be interviewed by the Vestry. After discussion regarding the church's transition status and financial questions, the Treasurer's report was approved and seconded; Penelope Tadler/Anita Schmidt.

VI. Acceptance of Reports Submitted by Parish Organizations and Committees

Reports were given by title and approved upon a motion by Penelope Tadler/Regina McDowell. The reports are found in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

VII. Old and New Business

A volunteer is needed to serve as Treasurer, and a volunteer is needed to help with public relations. A photograph of the new vestry should be taken and sent to the local newspapers. Rev. Moore was thanked for her dedicated service, and wished Godspeed.

VIII. Adjournment and Benediction

There being no further old or new business to come before the meeting, upon a motion by Gloria Ryan/Penelope Tadler, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Note: The elected Vestry members term of the office officially began at the Annual Meeting today, and they will be formally installed at a later date.

Closing Prayers and Adjournment
(from Morning Prayer, BCP pp. 101-102)

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: May I have a motion to adjourn this annual meeting; and a second, and a vote?

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All: Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14