

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW) REPORT

The Anglican Church Women (ACW) includes all the women who are members of St. Olave's. While some women belong to the Mary and Martha group and to the ACW Executive, many, who do not, are active in several ways, be it singing in the choir, serving on the Altar Guild, teaching Junior Church, greeting, reading lessons, streaming the online services, helping with community outreach such as Hunger Patrol and Parkdale Golden Age Foundation (PGAF) Meals for Seniors, serving in some official capacity or simply volunteering for events and providing much needed support.

We acknowledge the work and contribution of Wardens Janice Douglas, who was recently awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto (ODT), Sharm Powell and Carol Ambler; Treasurer Annis Tebbutt; Church Secretary Judy Beal; Altar Guild Dale Allen and her team; Junior Church Coordinator Siobhan Carmichael; live streaming crew Janice Douglas, Aden Shapland, Carol Ambler and Allison Inouye; Chair of the Second Century Fund, Carol Drummond; Chair of the Stewardship Committee, Martha Drake; Convener of Mary and Martha Louise Rennie; Convener of Coffee Hour Lisa Jeens; and Convener of Greeters and Youth Group Leader Carol Ambler to whom we give a special vote of thanks for her leadership and invaluable contribution to the life and congregation of St. Olave's.

Activities in 2024 included the following: Hosting 3 coffee hours; Participating in March 9 World Day of Prayer; Community Day and Christmas Craft Sale organized by Junior Church Leader Siobhan Carmichael; Hosting a table at the Community Christmas Dinner: Preparing and collecting Easter bags with the help of Jr. Church for donation to Seniors at LOFT, a practice which was resumed in 2024; Decorated the traditional Christmas and Mitten trees. Items from the Mitten Tree are donated to Sistering Agency for Women & Children; Donation and presentation of Bibles to confirmands.

Fund raising activities included raffles of a massager and an Xmas gift basket; No Bake Sale; Sale of Books, Art, Baking, Treasures & Knitting. These sales sustain the ACW fund for charitable donations and for support for church programs.

Special recognition is given at this time to Bette Birmingham who has served devotedly for many years as ACW Treasurer. She is stepping down from that position but will remain as a most valuable and sage member of the Executive. Jane Boudebab, whom we welcomed to the committee in 2024, will assume the role of Treasurer.

In the partnership between St. Olave's and Parkdale Golden Age Foundation (PGAF), the ACW assists the team lead by Joyce Pinnock in the **Meal for Seniors Program** by taking meal orders, packing and delivering an average of 60 meals every other Thursday. Our thanks to volunteers Bette, Allison, Cathy, Margaret, Judy, Sally, Leslie, Gabbie, Jane and Janice. This community outreach program is enhanced by the participation of ADDUS which makes the desserts. Thanks to Tavis, Rosie and Stephanie.

The Mary and Martha group meets in the EBR at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Topics of meetings included:

- A McMaster Seminar on Eye Diseases affecting Seniors e.g. Glaucoma
- A Presentation on Dutch Art by Debbie Cowling illustrated by slides from her travels
- Debra Dundas Author and member of St. Olave's speaking eloquently about her book *On Class*
- Natasha Manji audiologist and owner of Toronto Hearing on Hearing and implications for Seniors' Health and dementia
- Swansea Historical Society talk on the importance of the Indigenous waterways in early Canada
- and of great interest was the Hands-on Tech session on our digital devices presented by Siobhan Carmichael with requests for a follow-up session to be held in early 2025

We were saddened by the untimely loss of Sue Harris who was a staunch and generous supporter of St. Olave's as was all her family. The ACW was privileged and pleased to cater and arrange her funeral reception.

At the time of writing this report we also mourn the recent death of June Floyd who, with her husband John, were faithful members of our congregation.

This report is submitted on behalf of the ACW executive members Bette Birmingham, Judy Sher, Margaret Roze and Jane Boudebab.

Respectfully, Sheila Tait, St Olave's ACW President

St Olaves Anglican Church Women

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT

Year End Report: January 1 2024, to December 31, 2024

OPENING BALANCE		\$ 186.15
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PROCEEDS

Donations	\$115.00	
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Spring Raffle	\$215.00	
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2 prints sold	\$ 40.00	
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Cook Book sold	\$ 20.00	
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Christmas market	\$522.50	
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Total Proceeds	\$912.50	\$1,098.65
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EXPENSES

Coffee Hours	\$102.55	
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Funeral Reception	\$119.70	
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Birthday Gifts	\$ 80.00	
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Gift Cards – Speakers	\$ 70.00	
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Gift Basket items	\$ 26.10	
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Boxes for Quiche	\$ 33.80	
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Cardinals for trees	\$ 44.50	
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Retirement Gift	\$100.00	
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Christmas Gifts	\$400.00	
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Total Expenses	\$976.55	\$ 122.10
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Respectfully Submitted

Elizabeth Birmingham, ACW Treasurer