

Anglican Church Women (ACW)

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Tait on behalf of Bette Birmingham, Jane Boudebab, Margaret Roze and Judy Sher

The Anglican Church Women (ACW) includes all the women who are St. Olave's parishioners. We are ably represented by the St. Olave's Staff Members, Janice Douglas, ODT Rector's Warden; Sharm Powell, People's Warden; Annis Tebbutt, Treasurer; and Siobhan Carmichael, Junior Church Coordinator. We welcome Lisa Tait our new Parish Administrator.

Some members belong to the Mary and Martha group and also serve on the ACW Executive. Many are involved in several groups, committees, and activities which contribute to the smooth operation and functioning of the church.

We would like to acknowledge the Altar Guild, the Choir, the online live streaming crew, greeters, readers, coffee hour convenors and hosts, kitchen clean up volunteers, and all those who volunteer for events and provide much needed support.

We were saddened by the loss of June Floyd, Bernie D'Arcy, Muriel Casey, Jean Zajac and Joan Funnell, a former member of the ACW Executive.

ACW activities in 2025 included: hosting coffee hours, catering three funeral receptions, participating in the Women's World Day of Prayer and the Wycliffe Prayer Breakfast, hosting a table at the Community Dinner, participating in the Christmas Craft sale, and decorating the Christmas and Mitten Trees. The knitted items from the Mitten Tree will be given to Sistering. Collecting Easter Bags for LOFT with the help of Siobhan Carmichael and Jr. Church was most successful, with a record number of 32 bags being delivered.

Many participated in the Wreath Making workshop as well as the Calligraphy sessions, which were part of the Lenten Series both led by Elizabeth Jackson.

Fundraising activities included the traditional Christmas Gift Basket raffle and a 50/50 draw. Monies made will be used to support needs at St. Olave's, such as the maintenance costs for the stair lift, extra cleaning, and special projects as well as other charitable donations. The ACW funded a window.

The Meals for Seniors program, with the continued partnership with Parkdale Golden Age Foundation (PGAF), continues to be successful. Menus are posted and orders are taken for meals which are prepared the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Appreciation is expressed to the volunteers who help pack and/or deliver meals.

This community outreach is enhanced by the participation of ADDUS. Our thanks to Tavis, Rosie and Stephanie.

Upcoming events in which participation is encouraged are the Wycliffe Women's Breakfast on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.(Hybrid) and the Women's World Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at St Paul's Runnymede.

Mary & Martha: This group meets in the Ethel Brown Room (EBR) at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Activities during 2025 were:

- An essential and most important session on Fall Prevention presented by PJ of *Vintage Fitness*.
- Two very practical technical sessions on "Using Your Smart Phone" presented by Siobhan Carmichael.
- An insightful and intriguing presentation "Which One Are You?" On being a twin by Thelma Wheatley, author and M&M member.
- Appreciation to Jon Ingall & Siobhan Carmichael for their very practical, pertinent, and captivating presentation, "So you're going to move into a Retirement Home!"

Tribute was paid to Judy Beal for her long, invaluable, and faithful service as Secretary at St. Olave's with best wishes expressed for a Happy and Healthy Retirement.