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Dear Friends in Christ,

Where did the summer go? It feels like it was just yesterday we were saying goodbye to our rector Rev. Graham McCaffrey. As we approach the fall season, we hope you all have had a safe and enjoyable summer! We would like to take this opportunity to share some updates from the leadership to the members of Grace.

Thank-you!

We would like to thank all those who filled in to lead worship and preach this summer:

July 3 & 10 - Canon Derek Stapleton
July 17 - Ryan Ramsden
July 24 - Veronica Cumberbatch
July 31 - Rachel Colman

August 7 - Rev. Bob Bettson
August 14 - Rev. Vernon LaFleur
August 21 & 28 - Canon Derek Stapleton

We would also like to thank Kirk Vandezande for providing musical support this summer.

Special thanks to those who have been coming out to our worship services, tuning in to our live streams, and helping out in various ministries at Grace. We also thank you all for your continued support financially. As of the end of August, we are sitting with a deficit of -\$17,473, however we are ahead of our year-to-date budget by \$13K, with our offerings up 4.25% and total income up 14.86% from last year. We have an annual budget of -\$4,442, and we will be getting some necessary work done on our church property this fall which was not budgeted for. So, we still need your continued generous support to get the current deficit down to meet, or hopefully exceed our year-end budget. You will find a financial summary included with this letter. If you would like to see our detailed financial statements, you can contact the church office.

Worship at Grace

As we begin to gear things back up at Grace, our 9AM BCP service resumes on Sunday, September 11th, and our mid-week eucharist service resumes Wednesday, September 14th at 11AM, followed by bible study at 12PM. Back-to-Church Sunday is on September 25th. Please join us for worship at 9AM and 11AM, followed by a reception and time of fellowship. All are encouraged to invite your friends, neighbours, and parishioners you haven't seen for a while. We will also be resuming our laying on of hands & anointing for healing service on the third Sunday of each month, beginning on October 16.

Music Director Rachel Colman Leaving Grace

As many of you are aware, our music director Rachel Colman will be leaving Grace and moving back to Winnipeg. Her passion and love for music has brought life to Grace and our music ministry, and it will be sad to see her leave. Sunday, September 18th will be her final Sunday with us, and we hope you can join us after the 11AM service for a special coffee hour to say thank you and farewell to her.

Rev. Canon Derek Stapleton Appointed Interim Priest-In-Charge

On a positive note, we are pleased to announce that as of September 1st, Rev. Canon Derek Stapleton has been appointed our interim priest-in-charge until the end of the year. Many will remember Canon Derek from when he was our interim during Rev. Graham's parental leave. We thank Canon Derek for his willingness to serve as our interim once again. If you are in need of pastoral care, please reach out to Derek by contacting the church office.

Direct Appointment Consultation

Our next rector will be a direct appointment by Bishop Kevin Robertson. As we vision to the future at Grace, we will be having a Direct Appointment Consultation on **Saturday, September 24 at 3PM**. This meeting will be facilitated by two Diocesan Consultant volunteers and will be both in-person and on zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to give the members of Grace an opportunity to vision for the future and provide input that will help Bishop Kevin in finding the right rector to appoint. All are encouraged to attend and participate in this process.

Board of Management

Our Board of Management continues to meet monthly on zoom. The board is composed of 5 members of the parish, 3 external diocesan volunteers, and the priest-in-charge as the chair. The membership is as follows:

Rev. Canon Derek Stapleton (Chair)	Nadia Murray	Sharon Jones
Ryan Ramsden (Churchwarden)	Beatrice Harvey	Margaret Reid
Jonelle Douglas (Churchwarden)	Veronica Cumberbatch	Charles Parker

We have also included the following bios for our 3 diocesan volunteers:

Charles Parker - I have been a member of the Diocesan volunteer corps for almost 20 years, with a variety of assignments. One of them was as coach for Grace during your MAF project, so I do have some familiarity with the parish and am excited at the opportunity of working closely with your outstanding leadership team. Currently I am also Treasurer & Advisory Board member of my home parish which is Christ Church Stouffville. I am now retired but spent most of my working life in financial or senior management positions with consumer product companies. I have been married for over 50 years, & we have 3 grown children & 7 delightful grandchildren.

Margaret Reid - I have been an active member of the Church of the Nativity Malvern since 1986 and have contributed fully to the Ministry there in that time. My ministry at the Church of the Nativity has been quite transformative. My involvement in the Women's Ministry served to deepen her spiritual walk with the Lord. I later served in several other areas of Church life, including Stewardship, Lay Reading, Church School and more recently Lay Anointing. I took on the role of a Warden in the 1990s and began to learn how difficult and challenging Church life could be, learning the behind the scenes work that upheld the Church and especially serving as Warden through a very difficult time when the new building was being constructed. My volunteer ministry with the Diocese began in 2016 as a Parish Selection Coach, working with other Coaches to support Parishes in their discerning process as they seek to hire a new Priest. In the past year, I have also been a panel member for the Reach Grant. I am very excited to be working with Grace Church and pray that this will be a fruitful engagement.

Sharon Jones - Hi, my name is Sharon Jones and I am delighted to be appointed to your canon 25 management board and I look forward to meeting and working with you all. I was born and raised on the island of Newfoundland where I learned the importance of parish ministry to the community; inside and outside the building. I am naturally curious and like to learn the stories of those I walk with. My amazing husband Doug and I (along with our many children) live, worship, work, and play in Whitby, Ontario. I am a former member of the military and for the past few decades I have worked as an independent contractor in finance, administration and just about anything else that pays the bills! One of my favourite clients is PAVRO - Professional Association of Volunteer Leaders of Ontario, where I work & volunteer in my spare time! As an associate of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine and a mentor with EfM Canada, I follow a rule of life that places God, prayer, service, learning, and rest at the centre of my life which strengthens my individual call to ministry. I have been a part of parish ministry since birth which means that I have participated in just about every role there is in parish life and have been a diocesan volunteer for many years. I have journeyed along parishes with Parish Selection Committees, Mission Action Plans, Area Day Committee, Volunteer Management and many other roles as I am called. I believe that we are all beloved children of God, called to be who we are in the world. Serving and recognizing Christ in all we meet. I look forward to hearing your stories.

As we journey through this fall and into the future at Grace, let us do so prayerfully with open hearts and mind, with the knowledge that Jesus will always be near to guard and guide us.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Blessings,

Ryan Ramsden & Jonelle Douglas

Churchwardens
Grace Church, Scarborough

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY TO AUGUST 2022

	<u>Jan - Aug 22</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 21</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Jan-Aug 22 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Annual Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>					
Congregation Offerings	87,662.15	84,092.45	4.25%	75,065.00	149,400.00
Other Donations	1,308.00	433.60	201.66%	350.00	550.00
Fundraising Events	995.00	50.00	1,890.0%	50.00	4,000.00
Building Rentals	63,675.40	39,126.00	62.74%	58,814.00	91,930.00
Other Income/Gifts	(199.03)	11,851.52	-101.68%	7,492.33	11,121.00
Total Income	156,203.92	136,000.77	14.86%	142,201.33	258,151.00
<u>Expense</u>					
Buildings Expenses	66,223.32	65,030.76	1.83%	64,970.80	95,745.00
Personnel Expenses	79,597.61	68,285.05	16.57%	84,326.40	126,489.54
Worship Expenses	5,231.74	1,639.44	219.12%	2,220.00	5,700.00
Outreach Program Expenses	789.94	143.89	448.99%	245.00	500.00
General & Administration	21,834.37	22,177.16	-1.55%	21,170.00	32,458.00
Total Expense	173,676.98	157,276.30	10.43%	172,932.20	262,592.54
Net Ordinary Income	(17,473.06)	(21,275.53)	17.87%	(30,730.87)	-4,441.54



WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sundays

9AM Said BCP Communion Service *(in the side chapel - beginning Sept 11)*

11AM Sung BAS Communion Service *(in-person and live-streamed)*

3rd Sunday of the month - Laying on of hands & anointing for healing at both services *(beginning Oct. 16)*

Wednesdays

11AM Said BAS Communion Service *(in the side chapel - beginning Sept. 14)*

12PM Bible Study *(in the Narthex - beginning Sept. 14)*

UPCOMING EVENTS/SERVICES

Sunday, September 18 – Farewell to Rachel Colman

We will have a special coffee hour to say thanks and farewell to Rachel on Sept. 18th following the 11AM service.

Saturday, September 24th at 3PM– Direct Appointment Consultation

Diocesan facilitated meeting to give the members of Grace an opportunity to vision for the future and provide input that will help Bishop Kevin in finding the right rector to appoint. All are encouraged to attend and participate in this process. For those who cannot attend in-person, you can join on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83856471897?pwd=WDB0MEIXNS9xanZaU0FrVXA2elBTZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 5647 1897 Passcode: 014876 Dial-in Number: 647 558 0588

Sunday, September 25th – Back-to-Church Sunday Service, Reception & Fellowship

We will have services at 9AM and 11AM, with a reception and time of fellowship to follow.

All are encouraged to invite your friends, neighbours, and parishioners you haven't seen for a while.

Wednesday, September 28th - "Love Goes All the Way Down: Discovering the Old Testament God"

This is a six-week Zoom Course by Sylvia Keesmaat, beginning Sunday evening, Sept 28, 2022. Do you struggle with popular depictions of the Old Testament "God of Wrath"? We will explore how this tragic misreading of the text has suppressed the compassionate character of the Creator throughout the story. Go to www.bibleremixed.ca or www.facebook.com/bibleremixed for more information.

Saturday, October 8 - Thanksgiving Lunch

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving community lunch on Saturday, October 8 at 12PM. If you are able to help by volunteering or providing food/beverages, please speak to Nadia or contact the office.

Sunday, October 30 - All Saints Sunday

Services at 9AM (in-person) and 11AM *(in-person and livestreamed)*

Sunday, November 20 – Reign of Christ Sunday

Services at 9AM (in-person) and 11AM *(in-person and livestreamed)*