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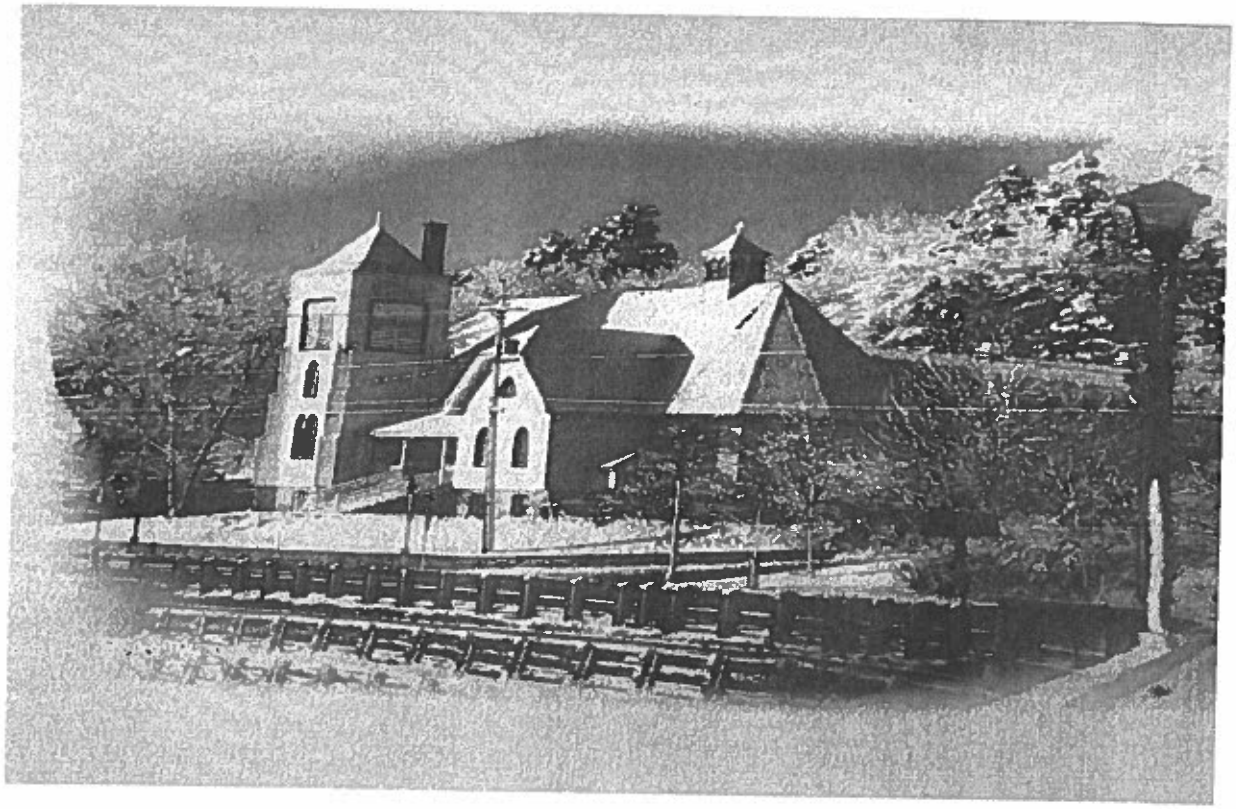

ANNUAL REPORT

Presented February 23, 2025
For the year 2024

All Saints Bedford is an affirming community of faith open to everyone for worship, fellowship, and the sharing of Christ's love.

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PARISH OF ALL SAINTS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held February 23, 2025

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2.
3. Approval of Minutes – 2023 AGM held on Feb. 11, 2024

4. Election of Chair

5. Presentation of Reports

   - Parish Governance and Administration
   - All Saints' Ministries
   - Fellowship, Faith Formation & Nurturing
   - Outreach
   - Financial Reports

6. Parish Statistics

7. Nominations to Parish Council

8. Election of Auditors

9. Closing Prayer

10. Adjournment

ALL SAINTS PARISH - MINUTES of 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held Sunday 11 Feb 2024 In Person

Attendance

Present	In Person: Julia Cornish, Tom Furlong, Kent Gregory, David Bathurst, Candice Chapman, Gillian Ezekiel, Pauline Hutchings, Graham Lavers, Linda Hewitt, Clarence Hewitt, Elaine Furlong, John Lubar, Dianne Nickerson, Lori Esling, Carole Hines, Michael Hines, Cathy Rose, Colleen Cullen, Alan Cullen, Gerry Half-Penny Franklin, Flo Price, Alleen Parsons, Linda Jenkins, Pam Mills, Phyllis Levy, Glen LeLacheur, Marlene LeLacheur, Jane Thorne, Sharron Burrows, Sharon Smith, Jill Greenham, Terry Greenham, Marilyn Sangster

Call to Order

1. Julia Cornish called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.
2. Meeting opened with devotions by Postulant Kent Gregory.
3. Julia Cornish nominated and elected as chair for the AGM.
4. Meeting is being held in person.

Approval of Minutes

5. The minutes from the 2022 AGM held Sun 12 Feb 2023, were reviewed, and approved.
   Moved: Candice Chapman **Seconded: Glen LeLacheur** **Carried**

Communications

6. None.

Reports

PARISH GOVERNANCE

7. Rector's Report
   a. The Rector's/Clergy Report – there was a Postulant's report noting that the Rector, Rev Trevor Lightfoot is on medical leave and the church has had a few different clergy assist with services through the year.
8. Wardens Report
   a. Julia Cornish presented the Wardens' report as printed in the annual report. Julia shared a short update on Revd Trevor Lightfoot and potential plan for his return to duties. Julia thanked everyone for their support over an unusual year.

Julia Cornish proceeded to table all the following reports together as printed. There were no questions except as noted below the report.

ADMINISTRATION

9. Property Committee Report – Clarence Hewitt highlighted the project for installing heat pumps.
10. Cemetery Report

ALL SAINTS MINISTRIES

11. Lay Readers' Report
12. Music and Choir Report
13. Altar Guild Report
14. ACW Report
15. All Saints Organization Chart
    a. Mothers' Union is no longer and should be deleted from the chart.
    b. Altar Guild should be included.

FELLOWSHIP, FAITH & NURTURING

16. Faith Explorers Report
17. Coffee & Conversations Report
18. Bible Exploration, Evening Prayer & Daily Devotion Report
19. Ways & Means Committee Report

ALL SAINTS PARISH - MINUTES of 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held Sunday 11 Feb 2024 In Person

OUTREACH

20. St. George's Dinner Report
21. Beacon House Report

COMMUNITY GROUPS

22. Scouting Program Report
23. Bedford Players Report

MOTION: Moved the above reports be accepted as presented.
MOVED: Cathy Rose **Seconded: Marlene LeLacheur** **Carried**

FINANCE

24. Financial Reports for 2023
    a. It was announced that Council no longer has a Treasurer. Council will be looking for a solution.
    b. The financial report included the Insurance Certificate & Locations, 2023 Financial Income/Expenses, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Specified Gifts, Auditors Statement & Checklist, 2024 Quarterly Budget, 2024 Allotment Calculation, 2023 Summary of Identifiable Givers, and 2023 Average Number of Regular Offerings per Week.
    c. Appreciation was extended to Bob Attenborough and Glen LeLacheur for completing the Audit Review.
    d. Gratitude and appreciation were expressed for the assistance provided by the Parish Secretary - Denise Comeau.

MOTION: The Financial Report for 2023 be accepted as presented.
MOVED: Glen LeLacheur **Seconded: Clarence Hewitt** **Carried**

MOTION: The Budget for 2024 be accepted as presented.
MOVED: Glen LeLacheur **Seconded: Graham Lavers** **Carried**

PARISH STATISTICS

25. Baptisms, Marriages, Burials Report
    a. The report was presented as printed in the annual report. No questions.
26. Parish Statistics Report
    a. The report was presented as printed in the annual report. No questions.
27. 2023 Event Calendar was highlighted in the Annual Report.

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ALL SAINTS PARISH - MINUTES of 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held Sunday 11 Feb 2024 In Person

NOMINATIONS for PARISH COUNCIL

28. Election of Wardens and Other Members of Parish Council.
    a. Appointments:
        i. Tom Furlong — Senior Warden
        ii. Vacant-TBD — Junior Warden
        iii. Vacant-TBD — Treasurer
        iv. David Bathurst — Secretary
        v. Amanda Avery
        vi. Beverly Fynn
        vii. Carole Hines
        viii. Graham Lavers
        ix. Elizabeth Legere
        x. Pam Mills
        xi. Ron Swan

        Nominations from the floor was asked 3 times. There were none.
        ACCLAIMED

    b. An expression of thanks was extended to the following people for their support and contributions while serving on Parish Council this past year – Julia Cornish as Senior Warden, Candice Chapman along with Carolyn Paulene as Treasurer, Cathy Rose and Lina Scott.

29. Election of SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES for Synod end of May
    a. Amanda Avery, Graham Lavers– Alternate: Pam Mills
    MOTION: Approved the above mentioned as representatives.
    Moved: Tom Furlong Seconded: Candice Chapman Carried

30. Volunteers for Regional Council Meetings
    a. Council will determine representatives during the year.

31. Election of Financial Reviewers (Two or more)
    a. Glen LeLacheur
    b. Bob Attenborough
    c. Clarence Hewitt, Candice Chapman (Alternates)
    MOTION: Approved the above mentioned are this year's Financial Reviewers.
    Moved: Cathy Rose Seconded: Kent Gregory Carried

NEW BUSINESS

32. An expression of appreciation was made for Denise Comeau, Church Secretary, and all her efforts in support of the church.
33. An expression of appreciation was made for David Oxford, Envelope Secretary, for his efforts and support he provides to the church.

CLOSING

34. Closing Prayer and Grace
35. Adjourned – Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes Submitted By: David Bathurst

PARISH GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTATION

Rector's Message

"This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13b-14)

Dear All Saints,

It has been a bit of an unusual year for All Saints, and me. I returned about eight months ago after being off on sick leave for 18 months. There are some days that feel like I never left, and then there a some that feel like I just started in the parish. I'm also mindful that just prior to my leave, we had gone through 2 years with COVID. So really, the last 4 years have been kind of wilderness times for all of us at All Saints.

I am very thankful to be back, and I am grateful to you all for your continued support. I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who served on the Councils or as Wardens for their leadership and commitment during my absence. While I won't mention any names, for fear of overlooking someone, know that your good work served All Saints well. I also wish to express my gratitude towards the clergy and licensed lay ministers who faithfully provided services in my absence. Your dedication has been a blessing to our community.

During my time on sick leave, I learned a valuable lesson: we cannot change the past. It is vital that we do not dwell on it, except to learn from it for the future. Instead, we should focus on our present and strive towards the promise of tomorrow. As Paul says, we must press on towards our goal, forgetting what lies behind and straining toward what lies ahead. Actually, in council we have recently adopted a non official motto, "we can't go back, we can only move forward."

As we look forward, we acknowledge that there are challenges ahead. However, we also have many positives to celebrate. Notably, we have seen an increase in Sunday worshipers, and many have commented on the positive environment experienced within our parish. I really believe God is at work at All Saints and there are good days ahead. As we move forward in 2025, I would like us to focus on connections, new connections or renewed connections with others. As part of this I am hoping to rekindle some of our past ministries, as well as entertaining some new ones.

As I close, I would like to say a special thank you to Denise our Parish Administrator. She has, more than a few times this past year, gone above and beyond her regular duties. She is committed and dedicated to the parish, and we are grateful!

May God continue to bless All Saints as we move forward with hope and determination.

In Christ's service,

Trevor+

WARDENS' REPORT 2024

The year 2024 was in some ways a rebuilding year for All Saints Bedford. We started the year still without our full-time Rector, but fortunately we enjoyed the committed ministry and support of various relief clergy, notably Rev. Dawn Leger, who served as Priest-in-Charge for a number of months, Rev. Tim Taylor, who filled in on occasion, and others. Throughout the early part of the year Diocesan Postulant Kent Gregory provided continuity and valuable support to the All Saints Community. In the Spring our Rector, Rev. Trevor Lightfoot began a phased return to work, returning to his position full-time in late Spring. Kent Gregory moved on to a rural assignment as the next phase of his preparation for ministry. The return of Reverend Trevor to full-time duties certainly provided a morale boost to all of us in the congregation.

Our lay ministers and choir continued their ministries through all these changes in leadership. Parish members were able to enjoy activities that had been re-established in 2023, coffee time after church, Faith Explorers, Coffee and Conversation. We had another Olde Fashioned Christmas Dinner in early December.

We continued to share our building with community groups, including the Scouts, Girl Guides, Alcoholics Anonymous, Bedford Players and of course the very active Pentecostal congregation.

Our ministries to people in need continued with the collection of food for Beacon House, White Gift Sunday and Undie Sunday. All Saints provided some of the large shepherd's pies and hands-on servers for three St. George's kitchen dinners in downtown Halifax, in March, May and October.

All Saints once again provided Hot Spot with hot cocoa and cookies at the Christmas Light Up Bedford Parade in late November.

We will face ongoing challenges in 2025, particularly the need to deal with the arrears in payments of the parish's diocesan allotment. We will need people with fresh ideas and commitment to join parish council and help identify implement solutions.

The wardens, along with the whole parish council, wish at this point to recognize all who work unseen and maybe un recognized for all the service rendered to God and our parish; visiting , calling, opening up the doors, making sure that the heat or air conditioning is running, cooking , decorating , preparing vestments, baking pies and so on .... But perhaps more importantly, for a small church there is a lot of missional work carried out. It is what we do as Christians. There is a hesitation to single out individuals for fear of missing someone; but, one person stands out as being exemplar of the Holy Spirit that is so alive here and that is Denise Comeau.

And for all we give thanks through prayer....

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands. Yours are the feet. Yours are the eyes.
You are his body.
Amen.

St. Theresa of Avila

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tom Furlong and John Lubar, Wardens

Property Committee Report 2024

Church

- Snow removal contract awarded to Power Pro Landscaping
- We have lease agreements with: Cascades Spa, Pentecostal Church, AA and Gillian Ezekiel
- Maintenance services were required/provided for the furnace.
- Minor electrical repairs were completed.
- Rentokill is continuing to provide pest control services on a monthly basis.
- Heat pumps were installed in the Church and Narthex . We received a grant under the Efficiency NS, Affordable Housing Program, to cover 80% of the base cost, excluding HST.

Cemetery

- For the second year running, we were not successful in availing of a grant from the Federal Government Summer student grant program to employee a groundskeeper to maintain the cemetery and Church grounds. Therefore, we again engaged APA Lawn Care (Declan King), to provide these services during the summer, plus trimming of the cemetery hedge in the fall. We were very pleased by the quality of service provided by APA and recommend that their services be utilized again this coming summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Attenborough
Clarence Hewitt

Cemetery Report 2024

All Saints Cemetery is located at the junction of Perth and Wardour Streets. The cemetery is intended for the use by any member of All Saints Church, any member of the Anglican Community of the town of Bedford and any past supporting member of our parish regardless of current place of residence.

When a burial lot is purchased a "conveyance" is provided in the name of the purchaser, this is the deed to the lot. The conveyance stipulates regulations pertaining to the use of the lot and general information regarding the responsibilities of the purchaser and of All Saints Church. Perpetual care for each burial lot is included in the purchase price. Perpetual care provides for the ongoing maintenance of the burial lot and cemetery grounds. Fifty percent of the purchase price of a burial lot is forwarded to the "Grave Lot Fund" which is controlled by the diocese. This is a mutual investment fund that provides a dividend to the cemetery twice a year. The other half of the burial lot price is used for maintenance, repairs and improvements for the cemetery.

The cemetery is not responsible for the maintenance or repairs to any tombstone or markers on the burial lot. Lot owners and visitors are encouraged not to leave waste and debris on the cemetery grounds or near the shed as we do not have a waste or compost removal program in place.

Activities

0 burial plots sold | 6 internments

Plot Fees

1	Traditional (Full Size) Plot (approx 3.5' x 9') Parishioners - $600.00 Non-Parishioners - $1,000.00	
2	Cremation Plot(approx 3' x 3') Parishioners - $300.00 Non-Parishioners - $500.00	

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Young
Cemetery Manager

ALL SAINTS MINISTRIES

Lay Ministers Report 2024

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace:
one Body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

And he gave some as Apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Current members who are Licensed Lay Ministers of All Saints Church, Bedford are Dianne Nickerson, Fred French, Sue Burberry, Wayne Arkelian, Pam Mills, Candace Chapman, and Graham Lavers.

We give thanks and gratitude to these special group of people who serve in our church, during our worship services at both the 8 am and 10 am, especially Lucille Faulkner and Gerald Authedi for they are exemplar in their dedication serving at the altar. It has been a busy year with juggling schedules and special service times and services themselves. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost bring them on we'll "get 'er done", driven by the Holy Spirit so alive and well in our church. Aside from leading Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer services or Special Prayer services the LLMs write many of the Prayers of the People, one of my favourite tasks. Lay Ministers and those in training attend the Altar as servers, crucifers and as MC's.

Having said this, and because we are growing in numbers; anyone who is interested and feels a calling are encouraged to come forward, no experience necessary.

Yours in His Service,

Graham Lavers

All Saints Choir
Report 2024

The start of 2024 set out to be another promising year for the choir as we took off with new anthems and hymns in preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We continued to practice weekly on Sundays after church.

Although there were no choir practices for the Summer, the choir enjoyed meeting every Sunday for the combined 9:00 am service and continued to sing along with a few members from the 8:00 am service who joined us.

In September the choir was back to our regular Sunday practices preparing anthems for Advent and Christmas Eve. The choir also volunteered with the Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner, and although we could not provide carols this year, we were able to continue our tradition of decorating the stage.

The choir is always looking for new voices to join our group. We welcome anyone who would like to join the choir, no previous experience is required but always helpful.

Sincerely,
Gillian Ezekiel
Music Director, B.Mus, R.M.T

Altar Guild Report 2024

Our group prepares the altar for Sunday services, special services, and provides flowers and decorations for special worship services.

We continue to seek new members for the Guild, and if you have the time and interest, and wish to help your church, please consider becoming a Guild member. You would become part of a two person team responsible for the altar on a rotating basis.

If you are considering a gift to the church, please consider the Altar Guild for your donation so we may continue to replace the elements used in the Eucharist.
If you have any questions about our Altar Guild, please contact either myself or the office.

I wish to thank all members of the Guild for their work and dedication and for others who have helped throughout the year.

Respectively submitted,
Marlene LeLacheur

ACW FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2024

REVENUE:

ADSUM HOUSE	110.00	
CALENDAR SALES	119.00	
SOUP SALES	175.00	
ADSUM HOUSE	22.30	
CALENDAR SALES	151.00	$577.30

EXPENSES:

CALENDARS 2024	92.00	
SOUP SUPPLIES	32.84	
GIFTS	86.98	
SCOTT MANOR HOUSE EXPENSE	26.29	
GARDEN SUPPLIES	106.17	
CALENDARS 2025	172.50	
ADSUM HOUSE	150.00	$666.78

OPENING BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024	$ 577.13
REVENUE	$ 577.30
EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS	$ 666.78
CLOSING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	$ 487.65

Submitted by,
Beth Spratt

FELLOWSHIP, FAITH & NURTURING

Faith Explorer's 2024 Report

Faith Explorers meets every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm. We usually have coffee or tea and sometimes even a cookie.

Our discussions are informal and we have used a variety of resources in the past year. Sometimes we have studied the scripture readings for the following Sunday. We have also used podcasts;,a book study and other pertinent material in an attempt to make our faith relevant to our daily lives. Our discussions are lively and interesting.

The group has doubled in numbers this past year and we encourage anyone to join us who might be free on Wednesday mornings. If you can't always make it come when you can. All are most welcome.

Respectfully submitted by,
Flo Price

Coffee and Conversation
2024 Report

The Coffee and Conversation group continued with its regular meeting schedule during the year, with meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, excluding July and August, at 1:30 PM and 10:00 AM respectively. In the event that it is a holiday weekend, the meeting is held on Tuesday of that week.

Our sessions included regular meetings, with coffee and tea and conversation on various topics, as well as a number of presentations by guest speakers, including Rev. Tim Taylor, Geoff Regan, Graham Lavers and Wendy Hayes-Walsh. Geoff Regan provided an interesting insight to the operations of parliament in Ottawa. Wendy, who has been working on our church history for the Scott Manor House, shared some of her research on the history of All Saints. We also enjoyed a couple of luncheon outings at a local restaurant prior to both the summer and Christmas breaks.

Our agenda is flexible, designed to offer fellowship and the opportunity for sharing and support in a safe, comfortable environment.

All are welcome – come each time, come as you wish.

Please contact the Church office if you wish to have more information or wish to be added to our email group.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Hewitt
Fred French

Ways and Means Committee Report for 2024

With the support of Committee Members, Denise our Office Administrator, Clergy and the whole congregation our 2024 fundraising events were very successful. The Fellowship Breakfast raised a total of $150.00, and the Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner raised a total of $2,745.50. Particular circumstances meant that we were unable to mount as many events as we would like to have done in 2024, so our Committee will be putting its collective thinking cap on to, hopefully, rectify that situation in 2025. If members of the congregation have any particular ideas for events, and/or would like to join our Committee we would be glad to hear from you. Thank you again for your support.

Submitted by,

Carole Hines
Ways and Means Committee

Special Project

There was a special project that was not under the Ways & Means Committee, but it did support All Saints ministries. There was a beautiful homemade queen size quilt raffled off on December 7, after our Olde Fashioned Christmas Dinner made by one of our parishioners, Linda Hewitt. Linda and her husband Clarence, sold tickets leading up to the dinner after each worship service on Sunday mornings. All proceeds, which were $645.00 went to support All Saints Church.

2024 Annual Report - St. George's Dinner

Three times in 2024 All Saints, Bedford provided shepherd's pies and volunteers for St. George's Soup Kitchen . This year we relied 100% on our parishioners to donate dollars, time and talent to enable us to fulfill our commitment to St. George's. Each dinner cost approximately $225.00- $250.00 plus we have 10-15 people to shop, make, bake and serve the pies. With such a great team effort we were able to make a difference in the lives of those who were hungry.

On Mar.2 the Soup Kitchen was back to serving dinner in the hall plus limited take-out meals. We had 5 volunteers help serve and we provided 7 pies. We served 149 people on site plus a full pies was taken over to the Gordon B. Isnor Apts. for seniors. Total cost of the pies was $226.74. The pie recipe now calls for frozen veggies which are less expensive than canned, less potato and lentils. All of these changes were made to stretch our dollars and the net result was a win-win...a less expensive but tastier product.

On May 11 we provided 7 pies + 6 volunteers to help serve. Meal service was dinning-in plus a few take-out meals. The cost of the pies was $203.00. We served 138 meals there plus we provided Metro Turning Point with another 40-50 servings of shepherd's pie. It was noted that the number served each week depends on when diners received their last assistance cheque. More people will be served the week prior to the end of the month.

Our final date, Oct. 28, the Soup Kitchen was serving meals inside and also doing take-out. We provided 7 pies plus 5 volunteers to help serve and clean up. We served 183 folks PLUS a few take-outs. There wasn't a scrap left over this time !! The cost of the pies was $200.97 . We had a donation of $14.09 therefore our treasury paid bills totalling $186.88.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that some people found that the pies were too heavy to manage. We have changed to smaller and lighter pans and have reduced the ingredients. Hopefully these adjustments will make a difference. Our shoppers have been very diligent in searching out the best buys in groceries. As we all know, the cost of living has increased the cost of all food items. Our shoppers have saved many dollars by being "smart shoppers".

To all of you who have supported this out-reach mission by donations of dollars, time, talent - THANK YOU ! You have made a difference to everyone who shared meals on these dates. They went away with appetites satisfied and a smile on their face.

In 2025 once again our challenge will be to fund these dinners and have enough volunteers to shop, make pies and serve them. Many hands working together will lighten the load. Donation envelopes and sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex.

Our dates for 2025 are MARCH 8 MAY 10 OCTOBER 25 - please circle these dates on your calendar . Your help is needed and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

Jill D. Greenham

Beacon House

Beacon House is the second largest of 72 member agencies of Feed Nova Scotia. They distribute approximately 20,000 meals a month. Beacon House is located on the Cobequid Road in Lower Sackville. More than 600 families are supported by Beacon House. The "Boutique" Thrift store is open Monday to Friday and contains a wide selection of second hand clothing, toys, and household goods. They often have a good supply of Christmas items. Money from the store goes to the Beacon House fund to help those in need in our community. Overseeing the facility are representatives of 19 area churches.

This past Fall All Saints church supported the Beacon House Christmas appeal by donating over 100 boxes of Stuffing Mix and 100+ of cookies for their Christmas Hamper program.

We continue to support this very important ministry by collecting non-perishable items on the first Sunday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Comeau

Aiding families and individuals across the Bedford/Sackville/Fall River/Hammonds Plains area

'Neighbours helping neighbours'

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Scouting Programs
All Saints Anglican Church
January to December 2024

All Saints Anglican Church co-sponsors the 1st Bedford Scouting Group with the Bedford United Church. 1st Bedford Scouts is under Charter #219, issued annually to the group since 1919 from Scouts Canada. All Saints Anglican provided meeting space for the Beaver Scouts on Tuesday evenings. The remaining sections meet at Bedford United Church.

For the 2023-2024 Scouting year, the 1st Bedford Group registered 40 youth and 13 adults for program delivery, for a total of 46 participants. There were 13 Beaver Scouts, 11 Cub Scouts, 16 Troop Scouts, and 1 Venturer Company Scout. We continue to appeal to our parents for leadership assistance to provide programming to more youth who are interested in the program.

In September 2024, we reopened our cabin at Miller Lake. This has been a project of one of our Scout leaders, who saw great potential in the building. The Bedford community was a great support, providing building supplies, paint, and a new metal roof. In the last quarter, the Scouts have completed many of their meetings and a camp at the site, while the Beavers and Cubs have experienced a campfire. We look forward to creating more Scouting memories with our youth at the cabin.

We offer our sincere thanks to All Saints Anglican Church for their sponsorship of the 1st Bedford Scouting Group.

Respectively submitted by:
Heather Carlin, Registrar 1st Bedford Scout Group

BEDFORD PLAYERS ANNUAL REPORT 2024

It's been another busy, successful season in the life of Bedford Players. Our 2023-24 season saw the production of three wonderful shows!

Our March 2023 production took us back to our roots a bit. We were thrilled to be able to present two laugh-out-loud one-act plays under the collective name of *Unassisted Living* by the very talented Halifax playwright JL Allen. This was the first time in many years that BP had staged one act plays, which used to be a common event in the early life of our theatre. We were fortunate to have our own Bryn Rowlands cleverly directing both of these plays. The first play, called *Some Guy from the Internet* featured Marissa Sangster, who can't even use a cellphone properly but somehow managed to arrange a date with some guy from the internet, whose appearance at the front door of their mother's house leaves Marissa's adult children, shocked and horrified!
The second play, *Octogenarians of Anarchy,* takes us to the rural NS home of Angus and Agnes Ferguson, whose life is turned upside down when a bank error leads them to take drastic but hilarious action to right the wrong!

Our Spring show in June was *Welcome to Paradise* by Julie Marino. Directed by BP's own Clair Henderson, it delighted audiences with its funny yet poignant look at how relationships can span generations despite what others may think is appropriate for a woman of a "certain age".

November 2024 saw the production of *37 Postcards* by Michael McKeever, directed by Elaine Melanson. In this hilarious yet poignant show, we find a family that puts the "dys" in dysfunction. Yet their quirks and outright crazy behaviour mask a deeper secret...

For each play presented this season, our patrons had nothing but praise, and numerous compliments about the level of professionalism of our shows. Of course, that is due entirely to the incredible work of volunteers both onstage and behind the scenes. Without them, there would be no Bedford Players .

The great attendance at our shows this season allows us to continue to do what we love to do best – give back to our community and support many worthy causes. We do this in two main ways; one is by offering community groups tickets to our shows, which they in turn sell to raise funds for their projects. The other way is through our Charities of Choice, one per show. We donate $1 from every ticket sold to the designated charity, along with any tips from the canteen. The charity also has a presence in the lobby at each performance and accepts donations made by patrons. Often, the choice of a charity represents a cause near and dear to Bedford Players, such The Friends of Blue-Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Beacon House Shelter, and The Cobequid Health Centre Foundation, to name a few. It's very gratifying to hear back from the community groups and charities who express their gratitude for our support and let us know how the funds raised and contributed through BP have been used to make the lives of others better.

One of the great things about community theatre is that it is a place where all sorts of people can come together and have fun with the common goal of providing top-notch performances for our patrons. Being involved in Bedford Players is truly an intergenerational opportunity. It's been wonderfully encouraging for us more mature BP folks to see several new, younger volunteers on many of our BP teams during this past season.

Above all, we are so grateful to All Saints Anglican Church for our theatre venue and their continuing support for BP. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you once again for everything you do for our theatre!

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Melanson

President, Bedford Players

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Audit Report are not ready at this time.

THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
SCHEDULE OF INSURED LOCATIONS
(Any Building / Contents not listed here is Not Insured)

Named Insured: The Parish of All Saints Church, Bedford

Effective: March 1, 2024
Policy No.: NSPE-061

Loc. I.D.	Description	Rating Class		Limit per Location	Rate	Premium	Poll Prem	Sub Total
1	Building & Contents of All Saints Church & Hall, 1408 Bedford Hwy., Bedford, NS; wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, oil/electric heat, built 1987	AA	Building	$3,969,287	0.3301	$13,104.00	1A	
		AA	Contents	$206,626	0.3301	$682.00	$115	
			Total	$4,175,913	Total	$13,786.00		$13,901
2	Building & Contents of All Saints Cemetery Shed, Perth & Wardour Streets, Bedford, NS, wood frame, patent roof, hydrant protected, no heat, built 1990	A	Building	$3,846	0.4171	$16.00		
		A	Contents	$1,457	0.4171	$6.00		
			Total	$5,303	Total	$22.00		$22
			Building					
			Contents					
			Total		Total			
			Building					
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			Building					
			Contents					
			Total		Total			
			Building					
			Contents					
			Total		Total			

Total Property Limits $4,181,216

Commercial General Liability Premium	$700
Abuse Liability Premium	$750
Crime Premium	$125
TOTAL PREMIUM	$15,498

Church Inventory

Date	Description		
	Land & Church Bldg	Church & Hall Contents	Cemetery Shed & Contents	Total
Dec 2008	$1,+33,467	$228,986	$3,512	$1,965,965
Dec 2009	$1,815,053	$240,294	$3,613	52,058,960
Dec 2010	$1,764,709	51 1,743	$3,706	$1,870,158
Dec 2011	$1,808,B27	$101,743	$3,770	**$1,914,340**
Dec 2012	$1,854,048	$104,287	$3,864	$1,962,199
Dec 2013	$1,891,OOO	$106,000	$3,941	$2,000,941
Dec 2014	$1,928,952	$108,500	$4,020	$2,041,472
Dec 201ĩ	52,198,180	$78,230	$4,140	$2,280,550
Dec 2016	$3,202,800	$184,850	**$4,150**	$3,391,800
Dec 2017	$3,237,280	$187,947	$4,250	$3,429,477
Dec 2018	$3,270,280	5189,632	$4,500	53,464,412
Dec 2019	$3,249,888	$194,727	$4,526	Sa,449,141
Dec 2020	$3,365,845	198,622	$1,616	$3,569,083
Dec 2021	$3,399,503	$200,608	$4,709	3,604,820
Dec 2022	$3,501,48B	$206,626	$4,850	$3,712,964
Dec 2023	$3,816,622	$206,626	$5,155	$4,028,403
Dec 2024	$3,969,287	$206,626	$5,303	$4,181,216
		Heat Pumps-5 $11,884.25 (04/24)		

Church & Hall	Content Include:
	Hall Furnishings
	Hall Utensils
	Hall Appliances
	Video/Audio Equipment
	Musical instruments
	Books and Music
	Layreader's Vestments
	Rector's Vestments
	Office furniture and equipment
	Sacristy Equipment linens
	Sacristy Equipment- vessels
	Stained glass windows

Heat Pumps added April 2024 (5)

The Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Parochial Return Form - Notice of Assessment

Filing for the year ending December 31, 2023

DEADLINE: March 31, 2024 (as per Canon 16)

The Parish of:	All Saints Bedford		
Parish Number:	61		
Region Name:	Rivers to Trails	*Region Number:*	7
Contact Person:	Thomas Furlong	*Contact Email:*	bjbsrdaon@gmail.com
Contact Phone:	(902) 489-3848		

The amounts below should populate automatically when you complete the schedules

Total revenue						
HST Rebate - if reported as revenue on income statement					$	156,721
Redemption of investments					$	-
Receipt of loan proceeds					$	-
					$	-
Gross income					$	156,721
Flow-through funds	4(1)(b)	(100%)	$	-		
Income of a cemetery fund	4(1)(c)	(100%)	$	-		
Bequests placed in investment funds	4(1)(d)	(100%)	$	-		
Proceeds from sale of assets invested		(100%)	$	-		
Cost of fundraising	4(1)(f)	(100%)	$	-		
Cost of rental properties	4(1)(f)	(100%)	$	-		
Rectory costs	4(1)(g)	(greater than $5,000)	$	-		
Missional activities	4(1)(h)	(maximum $3,000)	$	-		
Capital improvements in expenses	4(1)(h)	(100%)	$	2,091		
Capital improvements on balance sheet	4(1)(h)	(100%)	$	-		
Grants deducted from improvements on		(100%)	$	-		
Stipendiary costs	4(1)(h)	(26%)	$	1,248		
Clergy travel	4(1)(i)	See Schedule 6-E	$	-		
Christian education	4(1)(j)	(maximum $1,000)	$	-		
Total exemptions					$	(3,339)
Net parochial income					$	153,382
Exemption					$	(8,000)
Base					$	145,382
Allotment factor						20.1%
2025 Allotment					$	**29,222**

SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIABLE GIVERS FOR: 2024

Item Description	Number	Total Am't of Contributions
Total Number of Regular Envelope Contributors	136	$ 111,954.49
Total Number of Casual Contributors (no Envelope #)	33	$ 3,669.50
Total Amount of Tax Receipts to be Issued -->		$ 115,623.99

PROFILE of REGULAR ENVELOPE and CASUAL CONTRIBUTORS FOR: 2024

Annual Contribution Range	Weekly Contribution Range	Number of Envelope Contributors	Pct of Total Envelope Contributors	Grouped Pct Envelope Contributors	Casual Contributors
$0.00 - $100.00	$0.00 - $1.92	50	36.8%		24
$100.01 - $200.00	$1.92 - $3.85	7	5.1%	46%	3
$200.01 - $300.00	$3.85 - $5.77	5	3.7%		4
$300.01 - $400.00	$5.77 - $7.69	3	2.2%		-
$400.01 - $500.00	$7.69 - $9.62	7	5.1%	13%	2
$500.01 - $600.00	$9.62 - $11.54	7	5.1%		-
$600.01 - $700.00	$11.54 - $13.46	4	2.9%		-
$700.01 - $800.00	$13.46 - $15.38	5	3.7%	7%	-
$800.01 - $900.00	$15.38 - $17.31	1	0.7%		-
$900.01 - $1,000.00	$17.31 - $19.23	6	4.4%	9%	-
$1,000.01 - $1,100.00	$19.23 - $21.15	5	3.7%		-
$1,100.01 - $1,200.00	$21.15 - $23.08	6	4.4%		-
$1,200.01 - $1,300.00	$23.08 - $25.00	5	3.7%	8%	-
$1,300.01 - $1,400.00	$25.00 - $26.92	4	2.9%		-
$1,400.01 - $1,500.00	$26.92 - $28.85	2	1.5%	4%	-
$1,500.01 - $1,600.00	$28.85 - $30.77	-	-		-
$1,600.01 - $1,700.00	$30.77 - $32.69	3	2.2%		-
$1,700.01 - $1,800.00	$32.69 - $34.62	1	0.7%		-
$1,800.01 - $1,900.00	$34.62 - $36.54	-	-	4%	-
$1,900.01 - $2,000.00	$36.54 - $38.46	1	0.7%		-
$2,000.01 - $2,500.00	$38.46 - $48.08	4	2.9%		-
$2,500.01 - $3,000.00	$48.08 - $57.69	3	2.2%		-
$3,000.01 - $3,500.00	$57.69 - $67.31	1	0.7%	7%	-
$3,500.01 - $4,000.00	$67.31 - $76.92	1	0.7%		-
$4,000.01 - $4,500.00	$76.92 - $86.54	1	0.7%		-
$4,500.01 - $5,000.00	$86.54 - $96.15	-	-		-
$5,000.01 - $5,200.00	$96.15 - $100.00	-	-	4%	-
$5,200.01 -	$100.00 -	4	2.9%		-
	Totals	136	100.0%	100%	33

1st Qtr		Reg	Other
Wk 1:	07-Jan	57	11
Wk 2:	14-Jan	31	8
Wk 3:	21-Jan	38	1
Wk 4:	28-Jan	35	2
Wk 5:	04-Feb	26	-
Wk 6:	11-Feb	33	7
Wk 7:	18-Feb	38	5
Wk 8:	25-Feb	27	4
Wk 9:	03-Mar	38	5
Wk 10:	10-Mar	37	8
Wk 11:	17-Mar	37	6
Wk 12:	24-Mar	31	4
Wk 13:	31-Mar	35	15
Wk 14:	N/A	-	-
1st Qtr Average # Envelopes / Wk		Reg 35.62	Other 5.85

2nd Qtr		Reg	Other
Wk 1:	07-Apr	52	6
Wk 2:	14-Apr	34	-
Wk 3:	21-Apr	28	4
Wk 4:	28-Apr	39	4
Wk 5:	05-May	44	10
Wk 6:	12-May	36	3
Wk 7:	19-May	20	5
Wk 8:	26-May	35	9
Wk 9:	02-Jun	33	10
Wk 10:	09-Jun	47	2
Wk 11:	16-Jun	26	4
Wk 12:	23-Jun	34	-
Wk 13:	30-Jun	26	-
Wk 14:	N/A	-	-
2nd Qtr Average # Envelopes / Wk		Reg 34.92	Other 4.38

3rd Qtr		Reg	Other
Wk 1:	07-Jul	43	4
Wk 2:	14-Jul	23	1
Wk 3:	21-Jul	30	-
Wk 4:	28-Jul	25	1
Wk 5:	04-Aug	37	2
Wk 6:	11-Aug	4	-
Wk 7:	18-Aug	37	2
Wk 8:	25-Aug	25	2
Wk 9:	01-Sep	30	4
Wk 10:	08-Sep	46	2
Wk 11:	15-Sep	40	3
Wk 12:	22-Sep	27	1
Wk 13:	29-Sep	37	5
Wk 14:	N/A	-	-
3rd Qtr Average # Envelopes / Wk		Reg 31.08	Other 2.08

4th Qtr		Reg	Other
Wk 1:	06-Oct	37	8
Wk 2:	13-Oct	37	11
Wk 3:	20-Oct	34	2
Wk 4:	27-Oct	40	3
Wk 5:	03-Nov	48	14
Wk 6:	10-Nov	38	5
Wk 7:	17-Nov	29	4
Wk 8:	24-Nov	33	4
Wk 9:	01-Dec	25	4
Wk 10:	08-Dec	49	13
Wk 11:	15-Dec	30	10
Wk 12:	22-Dec	35	8
Wk 13:	29-Dec	34	10
Wk 14:	N/A	-	-
4th Qtr Average # Envelopes / Wk		Reg 36.08	Other 7.38

2024 ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF ENVELOPES per WEEK:	Reg	Other
	34.42	4.92

PARISH STATISTICS

2024

Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals/Memorial Services

Baptisms There were no baptism's that took place in 2024 at All Saints Bedford.

Confirmation's There were no confirmation's that took place in 2024 at All Saints Bedford.

Marriages There were no marriage's that took place in 2024 at All Saints Bedford.

Funeral/Memorial Services

Jean Mary Nagel

Joan Margaret Worth

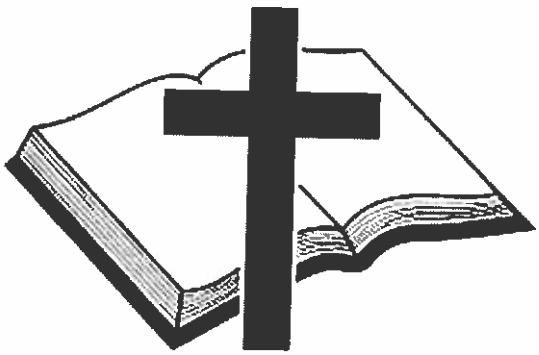
Nancy Lynn Desmeules

Barbara Joan Wyatt

Jamie William Tufts

Ruth Mildred Webber

Sylvia Ireland



	Parish Statistics 2024		
Total Attendance **(All Services)** Zoom and in person		**2023** 2841	**2024** 3026
Total **Sunday Attendance**		2390	2722
Average 8:00 AM Attendance	(Jan-June) (July-Aug) (Sept-Dec)	14 See 9 am 18	16 See 9 am 17
Total 9 AM Attendance	(July- Aug)	312	432
Average 9 AM Attendance	(July- Aug)	34	40
Average 10:00 AM Attendance	(Jan-June) (July-Aug) (Sept-Dec)	35 See 9 am 37	40 See 9 am 45
Total Communion Services Exc. PHC		Numerous	Numerous
Total Home Communion Services The Berkley-Retirement Home		16+ 11	11+ Numerous
Compline Services		0	0
Prayers for Ukraine-Zoom No specific service in 2023		Praying thur the year	Praying thur the year
Evening Prayers-Zoom		Numerous	Numerous
Messy Church/Messy Adventures		Online viewing	N/A
Ash Wednesday		15	0
Maundy Thursday		17	46
Good Friday		42	43
Easter Sunday		74	100
Blessings of the Animals		0	0
Christmas Eve Attendance		178	177
Christmas Day		7	N/A
First Communion Program		0	0
Confirmations		0	0
Weddings		1	0
Baptisms		0	0
Burials		7	7
Registered Sunday School		0	0
Toddler Time		0	0
Vacation Bible School		0	0
Number of Families		226	222
Parish Members-Adults and Children		511	519

Statistics reflect only what was recorded, may not reflect true number's

A Weekly, Yearly Glance of All Saints Bedford
2025

This Week at All Saints in the Mornings & Evenings

Monday

10 am -noon	*Coffee/Tea & Conversation-(4th Monday)*
1:30-3:30	*Coffee/Tea & Conversation-(2th Monday) if Holiday Monday, then Tuesday*
3:30-8:30 pm	*Choir Room Booked (Sept-June)* ***in church when Plays are on***
6:00 pm	*Bedford Players-Hall*

Tuesday

3:30-8:30 pm	*Choir Room Booked (Sept-June)* ***in church when Plays are on***
6:00-9pm	*Cubs, Scouts Venturers-Hall*
7:00 pm	*BP-Executive Meeting (3rd Tues mth) Lounge* ***Except Feb & May***
8:30pm	*AA Group (Bsmt)*

Wednesday

10:30-noon	*Faith Explorer's (Sept-June)*
3:30-8:30 pm	*Choir Room Booked (Sept-June)* ***in church when Plays are on***
6:15-8:30	*Guides-Hall*
7:00pm	*BP- Play read(1st Wednesday of the month)* ***Lounge*** *(1st week of play, following Wednesday)*

Thursday

3:30-8:30 pm	*Choir Room Booked (Sept-June)* ***in church when Plays are on***
6:00 pm	*Bedford Players-Hall*
6:30 pm	*Parish Council (3rd Thursday of the month) Sunday School Room*
7:00pm	*ACW (2nd Thurs month-lounge) off site*

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

8am	*Traditional Worship*
10am	*Family Worship- Sunday School*
11am to 12:30	Choir Practice-Choir Room
12:30-3:30 pm	Pentecost Service-church (11:15-12:15-12:30 pm when BP matinee's on on)
6-00pm	*Bedford Players-Hall*

If you need to book the facilities at All Saints Bedford please do so by calling the office at 902 835 2605 or email allsaintsbedford@ns.sympatico.ca.

If your scheduled day is on a holiday, please call the office to reschedule. Thank you.

Bedford Players Codes

WORKSHOPS: Hall, PLAY: Hall, PLAY READ: Sunday School Room & EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: Lounge

JANUARY
Jan 5: Beacon House Sunday
Jan: Messy Church (Pending)

FEBRUARY
Feb 2: Beacon House Sunday
Feb 17: Heritage Day
Feb 23:10 am service followed by AGM
Feb 23: Undie Sunday
Feb 24: Bedford Players Tech Rehearsal-Hall and all main floor areas
Feb 25: BP Preview Night- Hall and all main floor areas
Feb 27-28: Start of Bedford Players Play-*Lunch Hour*
Feb: Messy Church (Pending)

MARCH
March 1-15: Bedford Players Play- "*Lunch Hour*"- Hall and all main floor areas
March 2: Matinee of Play-"*Lunch Hour*"- Hall and all main floor areas
March 2: Beacon House Sunday
March 5: Ash Wednesday
March 7: World Day of Prayer
March 8: St. George's Dinner
March 9: Matinee of Play-Lunch Hour- Hall and all main floor areas
March 9: 1st Lent, Daylight Savings Time begins
March 16: 2nd Lent
March 23: 3rd Lent
March 30: 4th Lent
March: Messy Church (Pending)

APRIL
April 6: 5th Lent, Beacon House Sunday
April 13: Palm Sunday
April 14-20: Holy Week
April 18: Good Friday
April 20: Easter Sunday
April: Volunteer month
April: Messy Church (Pending)

MAY
May 4 Beacon House Sunday
May 10: St. George's Dinner
May 11: Mother's Day
May 19: Victoria Day
May: Messy Church (Pending)

JUNE
June 1: Beacon House Sunday
June 2: Bedford Players Tech Rehearsal-Hall and all main floor areas
June 3: BP Preview Night- Hall and all main floor areas
June 5-21: Bedford Players Play-*A Murder is Announced,* Hall and all main floor
June 8: Bedford Players Play Matinee- Hall and all main floor areas
June 15: Bedford Players Play Matinee- Hall and all main floor areas
June 15: Father's Day
June 25: Bedford Players AGM Wed -Hall
June: Annual Lobster Supper (TBD)

JULY
July 1: Canada Day
July 6: Beacon House Sunday

AUGUST
August 3: Beacon House Sunday

SEPTEMBER
Sept 7: Beacon House Sunday
Sept 7 or 14: Welcome Back to Church
Sept: Messy Church (Pending)

OCTOBER
Oct 5: Beacon House Sunday
Oct 5: Blessing of the Animals
Oct 12: Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct 13: Thanksgiving Monday
Oct 25: St. George's Dinner
Oct: Messy Church (Pending)

NOVEMBER
Nov 2: All Saints Day
Nov 2: Beacon House Sunday
Nov 2: Standard Time resumes
Nov 11: Remembrance Day
Nov: Bedford Players play (date to be determined)
Nov: Bedford Players Full Dress Rehearsal-hall/main floor all rooms
Nov: Bedford Players Preview Night-hall/main floor all rooms
Nov: Bedford Players Play Matinee's
Nov: Messy Church (Pending)
Nov 16: Parade of Lights and All Saints Hot Spot
Nov: Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner (TBD)
Nov 30: 1st Advent

DECEMBER
Dec 7: 2nd Advent, Beacon House Sunday
Dec 7: Hope for the Holidays, White Gift Sunday
Dec 14: 3rd Advent
Dec 21: 4th Advent
Dec: Adsum House/Bryony House
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services
Dec 25: Christmas Day

Note: Some groups may not meet over the course of the church year in person, and through the summer months, but may connect through Zoom. Some of the dates may change throughout the year also.