

**St. Margaret of Scotland
Anglican Church**
Barrie, Ontario



Narrative Budget 2014

Our purpose at St. Margaret's is to be a loving and leading community of God's people dedicated to being involved in the parish's and community's life and work by following the example of Christ.

Time, Talent, Treasure

During 2013, we concentrated on the 'Treasure' aspect of our title. In 2014, we want to focus on all of the gifts in our congregation.

St. Margaret of Scotland devoted her energies, talent and treasure to helping those in need, especially children. She influenced those around her to assist her in her charitable work.

Many in our congregation devote time, energy and their treasure to St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church. However, if our church is to grow, each of us needs to re-examine our role within St. Margaret's to ensure that ours is a caring and vibrant church of God.

St. Margaret's has a unique opportunity to participate in the growth of our immediate area. A new housing development has grown up along the extension of Hanmer, with over 200 new homes and families.

We recognized that our mandate of outreach will include discovering effective ways of reaching into this ever expanding community.

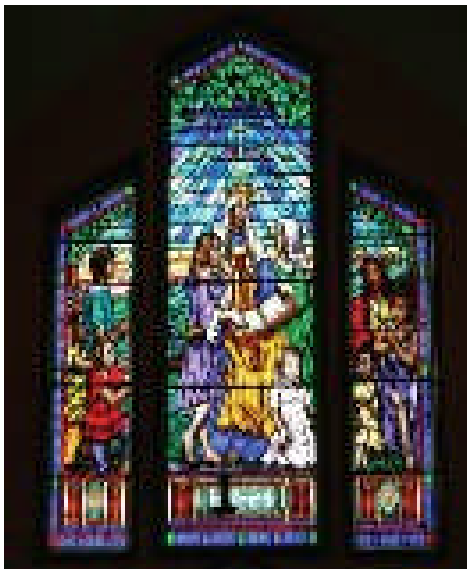
With this in mind, we will be seeking your input as to how we can best put our time, talent and treasures to work.

Yours in Christ,

- The Reverend Stephen Pessah, Incumbent
- Bill Gray, Rector's Warden
- Peter Beckett, People's Warden
- Stewardship Committee: Joy Packham, David Paradis and Wendy Pettey

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Our History

In 2010 we celebrated twenty-five years as a parish! Our ministry was first consecrated in 1985 as the Letitia Heights Mission.

St. Margaret's has a history of active growth and movement. We began in the early 1980's as a group of Christians who held a Sunday service in the home of Clive Callan.

Our numbers multiplied until we outgrew the private home. Then we moved to Lampman Lane Community Centre, Portage View Elementary School, Letitia Heights Plaza, a portable at Ford and Hanmer and finally, in April of 1999, to our new permanent home at 161 Hanmer Street West.

Over the past year we have lost some vital contributors to our survival but we also gained 13 new members. In 2013 our parish also celebrated a wedding, 7 baptisms, and 4 confirmations. Canon Elizabeth Morley was commissioned as Honorary Assistant on June 6th, 2010. But your time, talent, and treasure are still crucial to our survival!

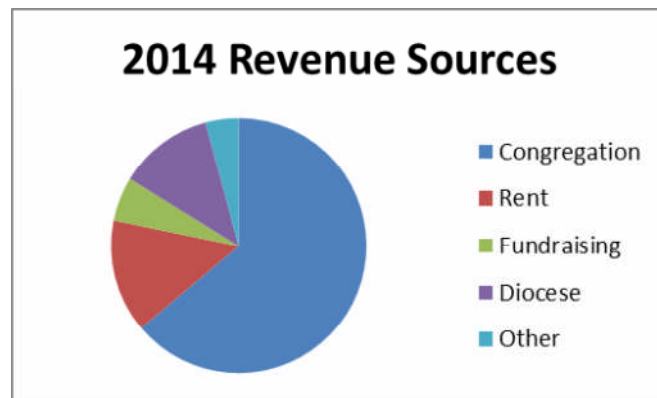
"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the temple treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Mark 12:43-44

The Purpose of Our Narrative

The purpose of a narrative budget is to describe the services provided by our ministry and mission and to show how these services are connected to the time and treasures, we, the congregation and the stewards of the church, provide to St. Margaret's.

All that we have is from God, and as good stewards we need to give back to the ministry of the church, with our time, talent and treasure.

Revenue Source	2014 Budget	% of Total
Congregation	\$147,960	64%
Rent	\$33,300	14%
Fundraising	\$12,850	6%
Diocese	\$27,919	12%
Other	\$9,750	4%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$231,779	



Our Ministry of Worship

The Ministry of Word and Sacrament is central to our witness. Through worship, the parish of St. Margaret's continues to proclaim God's message.

With the leadership of our clergy, we offer:

- Worship through regular and special services
- Music and liturgy that create a joyful and relevant experience
- Monthly Healing Services
- Sermons that offer thoughtful insight into God's Word
- A choir that offers inspiration through music
- Ongoing Bible studies
- We produce a weekly bulletin to guide us through services and to keep parishioners informed of church-centered activities.
- Members of the congregation participate in worship as greeters, readers, servers, lay anointers, sidespeople, communion servers, Sunday School teachers and audio/visual controllers. Volunteer and caretaking staff maintain the property.
- The Beacon monthly newsletter
- Youth Group activities

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms... with gratitude in your hearts toward God. Colossians 3:16

What the Ministry of Worship has done

Over time, we have added projectors, screens and a computer, with an audio-visual console, to enhance our worship experience.

We have also:

- Increased the number of prayer/hymn books and music resources provided
- Created a servers' manual
- Provided Wednesday morning prayer meeting and communion services with mini-bible study
- Installed a hearing impaired system

Our Future Goals

Going forward we want to maintain and improve the audio/visual experience in ways that are inspirational to those attending our services.

We would like to:

- Purchase more Bibles and prayer books for first communion and confirmation preparation
- Improve the music experience that we provide
- Be a Christian inspiration to the community
- Reach out to our immediate neighbourhood to welcome new families
- Increase youth involvement in the church

Annual Costs of these Services: \$126,230

Our Ministry of Pastoral Care

Our pastoral ministry team prepares and celebrates baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings and funerals.

We also provide visits by clergy and lay people to shut-ins and to those parishioners who are in nursing homes or hospitals.

In addition, we organize and lead:

- The church website
- The provision of a casserole ministry for people in crisis
- A flower ministry for shut-ins and hospital patients
- A prayer chain and Sunday prayer requests
- A tree of Remembrance during Advent



What the Ministry of Pastoral Care is currently doing

We have four licensed lay anointers as well as trained pastoral visitors.

Every month we:

- Have a healing communion service
- Bring communion to the sick and elderly
- Have dedicated licensed lay people spend many hours providing pastoral visits
- Offer visits by our clergy

Our Future Goals

With more resources we hope to develop a pastoral ministry to adolescents and teens.

We would like to:

- Develop Fresh Expression initiatives
- Offer more training and education to parishioners
- Extend the therapy provided by the Tree of Remembrance to our community
- Further develop our prayer ministry
- Increase congregation participation in diocesan events:

Annual Cost of this ministry: \$24,865

Our Ministry with Children and Young People

We offer a variety of programs at St. Margaret's so that young people can fully experience and practice their Christian faith.

In addition to a weekly Sunday School and nursery, we also offer:

- Baptism preparation
- First communion and confirmation classes
- Family events, picnics, Christmas pageant and Diocesan events
- Opportunities to read at worship services and serve at communion
- Youth group meetings and events



The Ministry with Children and Young People

We take our Youth on education field trips and encourage our youth to actively participate in activities such as:

- The Advent party
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- A Murder Mystery Play
- A Halloween party
- Monthly gym night
- A trip to Wonderland
- Snow Valley Tubing & Sleepover shared with other Anglican churches in our region
- We also sponsor a local child in need through Samaritan House Community Ministries

Our Future Goals:

With more resources we could establish junior and senior youth groups. Our vision is to:

- Start a 'Worship and a Movie' event
- Initiate Vacation Bible School
- Host special youth services
- Host retreats or camping expeditions
- Start an after-school club
- Sponsor more children in need
- Create a Youth band

Annual Cost of these programs: \$25,240

Our Ministry with Adults: Education, Fellowship and Service

At St. Margaret's we seek to equip, enable and support adults so they can grow and share in their Christian faith. We want to provide spiritual food for life!

We offer courses such as:

- Mission-Shaped Intro
- Introduction to Christianity
- Bible studies
- Baptism and confirmation preparation

Our fellowship groups include:

- Men's breakfasts
- Sunday coffee hosts.
- Social events feature
- Christmas bazaar
- Christmas dinner
- Bake sales
- Craft groups
- Pancake supper
- Social dinners
- Celebrate Barrie
- June fundraising event
- We also participate in a variety of Diocesan events.

Our Future Goals

We want to:

- Continue to expand our small group ministries
- Develop our newcomer ministry
- Provide greater support through the prayer chain and other initiatives
- Open the church to the community
- Explore new approaches to implement the Alpha course.

We need your time, talent and treasure to develop these initiative.

Annual cost of these programs: \$24,865

Our Ministry of Outreach

The mandate of this ministry is to accept Christ's challenge to work with and help those who are in need. We use our talents and resources to reach beyond our parish - to touch the world.

Dedicated volunteers are essential to Outreach. Although we are blessed with a number of these volunteers, we still need your time, talent and treasures, to donate to such missions as:

- Faithworks
- David Busby Street Centre
- Barrie Food Bank
- Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Hat & Mitten Campaign for our local schools

What the Ministry of Outreach has done since 2001

We have contributed to the following causes:

- Christmas Hampers
- Out of the Cold
- FaithWorks
- Haiti DISASTER RELIEF and Haitian schools
- Stamps for leprosy relief
- Assistance to the Diocese of the North
- Missionary trip to Guatemala

Our Future Goals

As our parish grows, we will continue to fulfil our role as a relevant participant in meeting the needs of our greater community.

Annual Cost of these programs: \$27,465

I tell you the truth, whatever you do for one of the least of these, you do for me.
Matthew 25:40

Our Vision for the Future

We seek to:

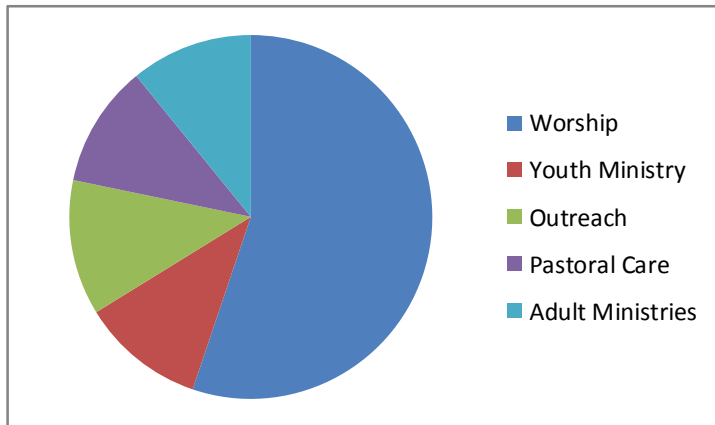
- Find imaginative and inviting ways to bring Christ to our community
- Find new ways to open our doors to our local community
- Create activities to increase membership
- Actively engage our parish family and greater community to think in terms of time, talent and treasure
- Become a self-sustaining congregation

Annual Cost in the 2014 Budget: You Decide!



Expenses by Ministry

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>2014 Budget \$</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Worship	126,230	55%
Youth Ministry	25,240	11%
Outreach	27,465	12%
Pastoral Care	24,865	11%
Adult Ministries	<u>24,865</u>	11%
Total Budget 2014	228,665	
Total Revenue 2014	<u>231,779</u>	
NET	3,114	



How do we meet the Challenge?

By God's Grace, we will be inspired to fully participate with Him by using our time, talent and treasure to bring the Good News of the Gospel to St. Margaret's, our community and beyond.

What are you being called to do?

If you do not use pre-authorized givings please consider. Pre-authorized giving simplifies giving for you and provides the church with a reliable means of budgeting for expenses

Glossary

Alpha: A program to facilitate an introduction to the Christian faith

Diocesan: All congregations within a given geographical area which is overseen by a bishop and organized in accordance with the canons of the Church.

Faithworks: An outreach of the Toronto Diocese, seeking and distributing funds from individuals, foundations and parishes. Together with agencies they deliver social, health or community service at local, diocesan, national and global levels.

Lay/Laity: A Lay Person is any member of the Church who is not an ordained Minister or employed as Clergy.

Lay Anointer: A Lay person who has received training and is licensed by the Area Bishop to work under the supervision of the parish clergy to support pastoral care in the parish.

Pastoral: The practice of care and counselling by an ordained minister or other trained member of the congregation for the good of any church member in need.

Prayer Chain: A group of committed members of the Church who receive all prayer requests, maintaining confidentiality and respect for the person(s) in need.

Rainbows: A community service provide for families and especially for children grieving the loss of loved ones.

Small Group Ministries: This is a broad term encompassing all individual groups within our parish. Examples include Pastoral Care, Chancel Guild, Sunday Schools, Sidespeople, Lay Anointers and more.

Time, Talent and Treasure: We ask you to provide a combination of your time, skills and financial support to our church in a way that best suits your circumstances.

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