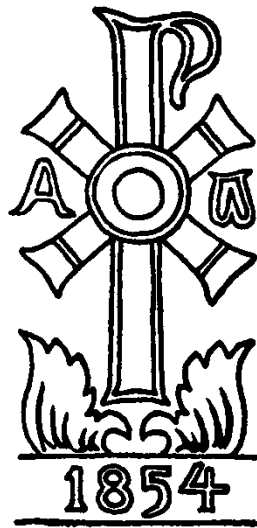


The Annual Meeting
of
Christ Church Parish



Sunday, January 21, 2024
9:30 am in the Parish Hall



Eve of the Feast of the Presentation: Candlemas

*Blessing of the Candles, Solemn High Mass,
Burning of the Greens, & Potluck Feast*

Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

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The Society of Christ Church Parish
2024 Annual Meeting
Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 21, 9:30 a.m.
The Parish Hall

Welcome & invocation	The Rector
Adoption of agenda.....	The Rector
Adoption of voting roles & quorum count.....	John Kohanski <i>Clerk</i>
Reading & adoption of minutes of 2023 meeting.....	Mr Kohanski
Report of the Nominating Committee	Don Smith <i>Chair, Nominating Committee</i>
Report of the Treasurer	James Smith <i>Treasurer</i>
Report of the Rector	The Rector
Election of Officers, Vestry, and Nominating Committee	The Rector
Prayer & adjournment	The Rector

Nominations for 2024

Officers

Parish Warden (3 year term) – Jeremy J. Mudd

Treasurer (1 year term) – James Smith

Clerk (1 year term) – Alinda Stanley

Vestry Class of 2027 (3 year term)

Nancy Horn

Lorraine Siggins

Stephen Young

Nominating Committee (3 year term)

John Kohanski

Diocesan Convention Delegates & Regional Representatives (3 year term)

Faith Fuller

Candidate Biographies

Jeremy J. Mudd (*candidate incumbent for Parish Warden*)

Jeremy grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. He attended Arizona State University where he studied urban planning and met his now-husband, Joe. After college Jeremy moved to Washington DC where he attended the George Washington University law school. He currently practices commercial real estate law at a firm in Hartford. Jeremy was raised in the Roman Catholic Church but was attracted to the Episcopal Church by the sincere sense of welcome found there, the beautiful liturgy, and the church's willingness to take a bold stand to live out its values. Jeremy and Joe have been attending Christ Church since moving to New Haven in 2016 and celebrated their wedding at Christ Church in May 2017. Jeremy has served as a member of the Vestry since 2018.

James Smith (*candidate incumbent for Treasurer*)

James Smith has been attending Christ Church for nearly 40 years, having been brought here by his father as a young child. Since then he has been an Acolyte for the past 29 years and a member of the finance committee for 15 (which he now chairs). The two greatest highlights of his time at Christ Church are his wedding in 2004 and the baptism of his twin son and daughter in 2007. Having come to church here for so many years, he has seen many changes. From parishioners to rectors, there has always been a feeling of motion here, but the spirit and the mission of Christ Church has never wavered. It is this stability and sense of purpose

coupled with the sheer beauty of our worship that has shaped and defined his faith over the years. He has served two previous terms on the vestry in addition to serving as Treasurer. In his professional life James has worked in bank management and compliance for over twenty years.

Alinda Stanley (*candidate for Clerk*)

Alinda first came to Christ Church in 1976 after being brought up in the Methodist Church and quickly found that it felt entirely right to bow during the liturgy. Her husband Bevan was sponsored for ordination by the parish and served as curate for a year before accepting a call to another parish in 1984. Since Bevan's retirement in the spring of 2022, the Stanleys have returned to their home parish. Alinda has owned and managed a bookstore in downtown New Haven, worked for the Diocese of Connecticut, and consulted on capital campaigns for parishes. Since her time as an undergrad at Yale, she has had a particular interest in the history, art, and literature of pre-Norman Britain. Alinda is a long-time member of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, a vowed community of women focusing on intercessory prayer, thanksgiving, and simplicity of life with a concern for social justice. The Society was founded in 1884 by Emily Malbone Morgan, sister of George Brinley Morgan, fourth rector of this parish, who built the current church building.

Lorraine Siggins (*candidate incumbent for Vestry Class of 2027*)

Lorraine Siggins has been a member of Christ Church for many years. She grew up in Melbourne, Australia and received her medical degree from the University of Melbourne. She came to New Haven in order to undertake post graduate work at Yale School of Medicine and completed her residency in Psychiatry at Yale. She spent her career as a psychiatrist working with students at Mental Health and Counseling at Yale Health Centre and for thirty years was Director of the department. She retired several years ago and is Clinical Professor Emeritus Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine. She also trained as a psychoanalyst and is on the faculty of the Western New England Institute for Psychoanalysis. In Australia she was baptized and confirmed in the Church of England in Australia (as it was then called), so in coming to New Haven she joined Christ Church and has been a member ever since. She and her husband Braxton McKee were married in Christ Church by Fr David Boulton. Over these many years Christ Church has been her spiritual home and she is grateful to God for all He has given her through the Christ Church community with its faithful preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the frequent participation in the sacraments. Lorraine is grateful for the privilege of having been Senior Warden and now Vestry member.

Nancy Horn (*candidate incumbent for Vestry Class of 2027*)

Nancy Horn is a clinical psychologist with a private therapy practice in New Haven. She appeared on the Faith Middleton show on Connecticut Public radio for many years and is a

member of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists for the state of Connecticut. As a member of Christ Church since 1976, she has served previously on the vestry, two search committees, the parish choir, and as a spiritual director to Saint Hilda's House. For about 18 years she was the head of the diocesan committee in charge of screening for the priesthood and she now is a co-director of a regional discernment group for the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT). She is presently a member of the Commission on Ministry. She also was a member of the Taskforce for Reimagining the Episcopal Church in CT (Trec-CT) which resulted in the new regional structure, ministry networks and the Mission Council. As a resident of Milford she has five grown children. She is pleased to serve as a candidate for Vestry because of her great love for Christ Church and its members.

Stephen Young (*candidate incumbent for Vestry Class of 2027*)

Stephen Young is a life-long Episcopalian, baptized and confirmed at Christ Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. He graduated from Amherst College with a major in music in 1965. After an academic year (1965-1966) in Lyon, France as a French government assistant of English, he lived for seven years in New York City doing graduate studies at Columbia University in French literature and library service, teaching French at the Columbia University School of General Studies and the Horace Mann School, and working as a cataloger at Columbia's Music Library. He has been a parishioner at Christ Church, New Haven since 1973, when he transferred from St. Mary the Virgin, having accepted a job at Yale as a reference librarian. At the end of July 2020 he retired from Yale, where he had spent most of his time as a rare book cataloger for the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. At Christ Church he has served as acolyte, lay Eucharistic minister, vestry member, alternate and delegate to Diocesan Convention, member of the Nominating Committee, and a member of the Search committee for the XIII Rector. The remains of many of Stephen's friends and loved ones are buried in the Christ Church garden. Stephen is enjoying retirement at his home in Wallingford with his husband Mark and puppy Boster. He is active in activities of the Alliance Française of New Haven and is immersing himself as much as possible in French language and culture.

John Kohanski (*candidate for Nominating Committee*)

John Kohanski returned as a member of Christ Church parish in 2007 after initially attending while at SCSU in the late 1980s. He has a deep and abiding love for the parish and its Anglo-Catholic tradition of prayer and devotion, which lead to the service of all in Christ's Name. He has served as co-chair of the Discernment Committee during the last rector search and heads the Linen Guild and the Flower Guild. He has served most recently as Clerk of the Vestry. John lives in Milford with his husband Ken Moore and has two sons: Andrew, who teaches middle school band in Stonington, CT, and Peter, who is in the doctoral program for musicology at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX (and who you may recognize

from his service at the altar when he is home!). John works as a financial systems analyst at the Hartford Insurance Group, in Hartford, CT.

Faith Fuller (*candidate incumbent for Diocesan Convention Delegate & Regional Representative*)

Faith Fuller has been a parishioner of Christ Church for 20 years and most recently served as chaplain to the Search committee for the XIII Rector. She holds an M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and has also studied healing with Grey Antelope of the Santa Clara Pueblo. Previously Faith has identified as a Quaker, hence her love of worshipping in silence. She has served as a Roman Catholic Chaplain for the Diocese of Rochester. Faith is delighted to be called to serve as a diocesan delegate and looks forward to that position providing more opportunity for expression of her Christian faith. A regular at the 8:45 a.m. Mass, she has found that, since the COVID-19 pandemic, public communal worship has become even more important to her life than ever.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christ Church Parish, New Haven, CT

January 15, 2023

Present: The Reverend Stephen Holton, Rector; Deacon Jett McAlister, seminarian intern, vestry officers Lorraine Siggins, Senior Warden, James Smith, Treasurer, and John Kohanski, Clerk, and twenty-four other voting members of Christ Church, reaching a quorum of twenty-nine.

The first in-person annual meeting since 2020 was called to order at 9:47a.m. Fr. Stephen Holton opened the meeting with a prayer. Without a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting, the approval of the previous year's minutes, the voting rolls, and the agenda were moved to later in the meeting.

Don Smith, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate, with thanks to Margaret Powell and Peter Crumlish who serve along with him. He thanked everyone nominated for their willingness to serve in these positions.

Nominations:

Officers:

Senior Warden (3-year term) – Robin Landis

Treasurer (1-year term) – James Smith

Clerk (1-year term) – John Kohanski

Vestry Class of 2024 (to fulfill Robin Landis' term):

Lorraine Siggins

Vestry Class of 2026 (3-year term):

Ben Geertz

Susan Rood

Rachel Sexton

Nominating Committee (3-year term):

Donald Smith

Diocesan Convention & Regional Delegates

Nancy Horn, Delegate

Joe Canarie, Alternate

David Rood, Alternate

Senior Warden's report: Lorraine provided a brief recap of the last year, with highlights including attaining the \$250k goal of our capital campaign including the \$50k match to go against the organ loan, the re-roofing of the rectory, the complete restoration of the parts of

the rectory interior water damaged by the formerly leaking roof, and the pay-down this past year of \$103k on the outstanding organ loan.

Lorraine finished by giving thanks for the privilege of serving two terms as Senior Warden which come to an end as of today. The rector offered thanks on behalf of the entire parish. Lorraine was presented with a framed print of the interior of the church.

Treasurer's report: James reviewed highlights from his report for the year 2022, noting as of 12/31/22, the balance in the main endowment account was \$2,409,504, representing a decrease in value of \$642,599. The endowment draws from this fund in 2022 totaled \$160k as compared to a budgeted draw of \$165k. While this is up from the previous two years during the pandemic, we still did not need to draw as much as budgeted. The 2023 budget projects and endowment draw of 5.84%, the lowest in the recent history of the parish.

The current balance on the organ loan is at \$350,500 due to the generosity of a parishioner who offered a \$50k match during the Capital Campaign, several other gifts earmarked to go towards the loan, as well as the regularly budgeted \$30k payment.

We ended the year with a \$17k overage thanks to the generosity of parishioners whose actual giving exceeded the amount pledged. Overall, the financial health of the parish remains stable, even in the midst of worsening market and inflationary conditions in the overall economy. He thanked his colleagues on the Finance Committee and everyone who give of their resources for their faithfulness.

At 10:09am a quorum was reached and the clerk called for the reading and approval of the previous year's minutes. A motion was made by Rachel Sexton and seconded by Glen Trunkfield. Passed unanimously. Next a call was made to approve the agenda by Rachel Sexton and seconded by Mtr. Kathryn Greene-McCrieght. Passed unanimously. Finally, a call was made to approve the voting rolls. There were 6 additions of voting members present who were not the rolls and deletion of one person on the rolls who reposed in 2022 and was inadvertently left on. The call was made again by Peter Crumlish and seconded by Karen Johnson. Passed unanimously. Those voting members present were then asked to vote for the slate presented, using the ballot in the printed packet. Ballots were collected and tabulated.

Rector's report: Father Holton presented a recap of the events of the year 2022. He expressed gratitude for the clergy, staff and volunteers who have been faithful and flexible in service and ministry, even stepping up and finding new ways to serve, an example being one parishioner putting together a festive and very well attended reception in the parish hall after Christmas Lessons and Carols. He highlighted this among other good things that happened in 2022, counting among them the continued work funded by the successful Capital

Campaign, a paydown of \$103k on the organ loan, and higher than expected pledges. We are fiscally sustainable, with a well-resourced year in 2023. The daily round of services, both the Offices and Mass, have resumed due to the generosity of our associate priests and some new lay readers. This is a vital part of our ministry and our foundation as an Anglo-Catholic parish. We are probably the only Episcopal parish in the state of Connecticut to offer daily services. Examples of someone happening into the church during one of these services and finding solace or making this parish as their spiritual home are many. Livestreaming of the high Mass on Sundays and holydays has improved, even as there is an opportunity for service there in volunteering to operate the video equipment.

Father Holton also recounted disappointments and losses from 2022, the end of long-standing St. Hilda's House program and the resignation of the new director of the Community Soup Kitchen. The CSK has continued on their mission with the oversight of the Board of Directors, a new Finance Director, and the extraordinary efforts of the kitchen manager and volunteers, some of whom are parishioners. He cited both as opportunities for change, growth, and new venues for service. To that end he announced the call of Deacon Jett McAlister as part-time curate following his priestly ordination on January 26, 2023 at Christ Church by the new bishop of CT, the Rt. Rev'd Jeffrey Mello. He ended by reminding everyone: What a year God has in store!

At 10:28am the results of the vote were presented and the slate was approved unanimously 29-0. Hearing no other business, Fr. Holton entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:31 which passed and he lead all gathered in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
John Kohanski, Clerk

Report of the Rector & Wardens

This meeting, the 2024 Annual Meeting, marks the 170th year of the founding of Christ Church Parish. It's worth remarking on what we've done in the past year—and reflecting on what God may be calling us to do in the year ahead.

Last year I invited us to work towards four goals: sustainability, formation, service, and discernment—particularly about Saint Hilda's House. Here's what we've accomplished so far.

Life in Community

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Ps 126:1-2 (BCP)

We've gathered faithfully as the Body of Christ to celebrate the sacraments together, to share Christian fellowship, and to engage more deeply with the good news of God in Christ. We've settled into a new rhythm of daily prayer and sacraments, with a healthy and stable round of Sunday services: 8:45 a.m. Mass with Hymns, 11:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass, and 9:00 p.m. Compline. While our numbers are somewhat lower than before the pandemic, they are stable. This is noteworthy post pandemic, when everyone is tired and still recovering from the stress of our shared health crisis, and also noteworthy in a culture in which neither Christianity nor religious praxis are normative. Our average Sunday attendance before the pandemic was around 175 people; now it's more like 145 people, and about twenty of those each week are joining online. We accomplished our goal of stable online access to our liturgies, thanks to the formation of the Guild of Saint Clare. I salute the members of the guild and thank them for their excellent ministry. The Guild of Acolytes similarly has grown this autumn, helping to facilitate our liturgical life and prayer together. Thanks to all those involved in these ministries of service around the altar and in the sacristy.

In addition to prayer we're gathering again for Christian fellowship—for coffee hour and for feasts and potlucks and meals—and we're gathering for formation. I'm grateful for the robust program of study and fellowship that is the Sunday Forum and thank Fr Jett McAlister for his part in helping plan and lead that time together. (Stay tuned for confirmation classes in February through Lent this year.) The number of folks who gather for the Sunday Forum is similar to our pre-pandemic experience; even as faces change, people show up, interested to get to know one another, and more interested to get to know Jesus.

The story in these numbers is that people are gathering in whatever way they can, and that those numbers continue to remain stable even as folks move in and out of our community

indicates to me a strong degree of health. As the Senior Warden continually notes, “Christ Church is healthy and thriving.” Amen to that.

And those who gather are giving more than before. For the first time in my memory, lay leadership banded together to plan and carry out our stewardship campaign for 2024, *Consecration Sunday*. Through their efforts—and your giving—we have reached a new record for pledging (or estimated giving) of \$267,000. You’ll hear what that means in the Treasurer’s report, but for me the watchword is sustainability: People are gathering to pray, and they’re giving for the needs of the community as a spiritual offering to God. And God is blessing and returning those gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ.

The Treasurer will apprise you that our financial position as a parish is strongly enhanced by the imminent retirement of our longstanding debt for the Kibitz Memorial Lively-Fulcher organ (built in 2005). Thanks to the generosity of many of you, and the estate planning of Professor Dale Martin, we will be entirely debt free within the first quarter of 2024 for the first time in almost 20 years. The funds that were going to debt service can now be turned towards mission, and we’ll escape the anxieties of ever-increasing interest rates.

Life on Campus

Unless the LORD builds the house, their labor is vain who build it. Ps 127:1 (BCP)

We continue to utilize our buildings and campus overall as a witness to and ministry for not only our community but for the City of New Haven.

Our longtime ministry partner Community Soup Kitchen has elected a new and dedicated board chair and is making strides in fundraising, narrowing the gap in its deficit spending and planning for a balanced budget in 2024. We continue to host Citizens Project and partner with CSK with Midnight Run; parishioners under the leadership of sexton Ben Schober make sandwiches every other week to give out along with a hot breakfast at Saint Martin de Porres.

We’ve attended to our own use of the buildings those who came before us have provided, examining our environmental and fiscal footprint through a second energy audit, and upgrading lighting from incandescent to LED bulbs within the church nave to reduce energy costs by 75% in that space as well as reducing long-term maintenance costs and staff time. With the completion of the rectory roof we’ve completed a first phase of upgrades to drainage, taking storm water out of the sanitary sewer system in New Haven and providing splash areas in the garden to help facilitate rain’s absorption and return to the earth. (The

final capital project, restoration of the 1961 Parish House restrooms, remains as a project for 2024 but will be completed!)

While we still engage in discernment regarding the closure of and a future for Saint Hilda's House, new residents on campus—namely sexton Ben Schober and Fr Daniel Heischman—add to the community—and the financial sustainability—of this place.

Finally, as we continue to open our doors to neighborhood partners, I'm pleased to announce that, thanks to the invitation of Prof. Martin Jean and Prof. James O'Donnell of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, we will provide a home for the Institute's newest choral ensemble, Yale Consort, who will sing Evensong on a monthly (or more) basis here at Christ Church as well as in other local churches. This is a fantastic pedagogical opportunity for divinity and music students as well as an opportunity for us to add to our offerings of weekday prayer. The first service is Tuesday, February 6, at 5:15 p.m. I hope you can join.

Life in Christ

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers... And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Eph 1:15-16, 22-23 NRSV

And so here we find ourselves. The devils of scarcity are held at the door by cherubim wielding the flaming sword of generosity. We are sustainable and building for a new era.

Collegiality calls us to partnership with our friends in New Haven both to pray together and to work to feed and care for the hungry among us. I look forward to seeing how CSK grows—and how our Tuesday evening services are inspired and transformed by partnership with the ISM.

And the sacraments are offered. And prayer is made. And despite—and because—our numbers are slightly smaller, a greater number of people per capita are involved. We are all involved, all walking together, all following Jesus.

This Sunday's gospel lesson just happens to be the story of Jesus's call to his apostles to leave their boats and follow him.

There's no rational explanation of why they'd do this—upend their lives, abandon their capital, and follow an itinerant rabbi for three years—except that the whole world changed when they met Jesus.

That's what we should expect today, as well. The whole world—everything we know—changes when we meet Jesus. When we walk with him. When we leave behind our expectations and follow him.

Good things happened in 2023. We are more sustainable now than the parish has ever been. We are well poised to discern where God is calling next in 2024.

But we are also leaner. We are smaller. We are more efficient.

For me, the structural work in 2024 is all about staffing. Rightsizing. It's time to add more administrative capacity in the office. When I started here, no one had reconciled bank statements in a decade. Now I am the person reconciling those bank statements! I look forward to hiring an assistant—a capable, professional staff colleague—in conjunction with Community Soup Kitchen to help facilitate the work of this community.

I also look forward to the enrichment of our weekly liturgical offerings with the partnership of the ISM.

And I look forward to discerning who and when and how to fill spots for lay ministry in this place. Some folks have grown tired. Others are just beginning to find their ministries in this place. Let's work together to find the best fit, the most rewarding opportunities to serve, and the most fulfilling places to answer Jesus's call to follow him. Let's fish for people together.

For we, friends—you and I—are the Church, the Body of Christ, as Saint Paul says. We are Christ Church. The buildings are useful. The finances are helpful tools. The community partnerships are good opportunities to walk alongside one another and to meet Jesus together. But WE are Christ Church. God is using US. And so, to those ends, I'm asking you to do two things today.

One is to give thanks. Let's give thanks together for the place where God has brought us—for the sustainability we are finding—and for the opportunity to witness and serve in this community of New Haven to the radical all-encompassing love of God. Let's just take a moment to give thanks. God is good.

And the other is to think for just a moment together about how we are responding to Jesus's call to follow him. How are we following Jesus? How are we joining in this new changed

world? In this new way of being? How are we using all that we are and all that we have to walk with him—and to invite others to join along the way?

To those ends, there's a discernment "checklist" at the end of this annual report. After you've torn off the ballot for the vestry elections, tear off the discernment worksheet, as well. Use the same pencil. Take a moment to pray, to reflect, to give thanks, and then to mark your answer: Where will I join Jesus today?

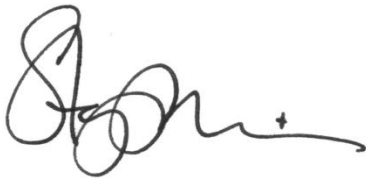
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, Jesus says. How will we respond?

Be assured—you read the numbers right. We are a smaller community, but we are more generous, more giving, more committed than ever before.

Is there something you can do—one thing you can do—to help grow our walk with Jesus? To join him in his ministry, in his walk, in his path? Is there one more net you can cast to fish for people?

Take a look at what opportunities there are. Tick a box if you dare. And let's plan and pray and serve together in this new year.

Yours in the hope and love of Jesus Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John" followed by a stylized flourish and a small cross-like mark at the end.

Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee

Finance Committee Members:

Stephen Holton, *Rector*

Robin Landis, *Senior Warden*

Jeremy Mudd, *Parish Warden*

James Smith, *Treasurer & Chair*

Peter Crumlish

Lorraine Siggins

Ben Geertz

The Endowments:

Balance as of:

12/31/23

Merrill Lynch (ML)

\$2,742,806

Donations & Bequests (D&B)

\$662,909

\$3,405,715

Seven-Year Endowment Balance History

	<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/21</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>	<u>12/31/23</u>
ML	\$2,223,551	\$2,061,849	\$2,415,653	\$2,720,480	\$3,052,103	\$2,409,504	\$2,742,806
D&B	<u>\$641,349</u>	<u>\$571,156</u>	<u>\$646,160</u>	<u>\$696,891</u>	<u>\$723,989</u>	<u>629,907</u>	<u>662,909</u>
	\$2,864,900	\$2,633,005	\$3,061,813	\$3,417,371	\$3,776,092	\$3,039,411	\$3,405,715

The greatest portion of the endowment continues to be managed by The Outtrim Group through Merrill Lynch. As of 12/31/23, the balance in this account was \$2,742,806, representing an increase in value of \$333,302. The total endowment draw from our fund at Merrill Lynch in 2023 was \$120,000 as compared to a budgeted draw of \$165,326.

The Merrill Lynch endowment fund remains invested in equities and fixed-income funds. The asset mix at 12/31/23 was approximately 75/25%. The portfolio remains diversified, with no single investment representing a significant percentage of the total.

The smaller portion of the endowment continues to be invested with the Donations & Bequests (D&B) funds of the Diocese of Connecticut managed by U. S. Trust (a subsidiary of Bank of America). The 12/31/23 balances totaled \$662,909, a modest increase of \$34,073. The asset mix continues to be approximately 60% in equities and 40% in fixed-income funds. These funds remain well diversified. At the present time, we are receiving approximately 5% of the value of the fund per annum, which equaled \$34,073 in 2023.

Organ Loan Update:

The current balance on the loan is \$308,000, as principal payments continued in 2023. It is with great gratitude that we are pleased to declare our intention to payoff the organ loan completely, thanks to a generous gift from the late Dale Martin's estate. We are working with the current custodian to have the funds transferred to Christ Church, which we believe will happen before the end of the first quarter of 2024. Anticipating the payoff, we will not budget further payments to the line of credit.

Donations and Bequests Update

Due to continued difficulties with the administration of the Donations and Bequests fund, the finance committee has recommended, and the vestry approved, that we move this portion of our endowment out of the fund and invest it with The Outtrim group alongside the rest of our investments. The funds will be held separately and a similar 5% draw will be automatically made monthly as is the case now. We are working with D&B to make the change as quickly as possible and anticipate completion by the end of the first quarter.

2023 Budget to Actual / 2024 Budget

An overview of the 2023 Budget to Actual and the 2024 Budget, approved by the Vestry in its December 2023 meeting, follows this report.

Respectfully submitted,

James Smith

Treasurer & Chair of the Finance Committee

2024 Budget Summary

	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Actuals</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>
Receipts			
Endowments			
Community Foundation Endow.	29,300	29,703	29,300
Donations & Bequests Endow.	34,073	34,075	34,073
Merrill Lynch Endowments	<u>165,326</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>181,522</u>
Total Endowments	228,699	183,778	244,895
From the Parish			
Pledges	225,000	225,900	267,500
Other Offerings	<u>27,000</u>	<u>42,829</u>	<u>27,500</u>
Total Parish Support	252,000	268,729	295,000
Other Income	105,800	129,372	114,300
Total Operating Receipts	586,499	581,879	654,195
Extraordinary Receipts			
Endowment Draw - Loan Int.	15,000	22,375	
Endowment Draw - Loan Prin.	30,000	42,500	
Total Receipts	<u>631,499</u>	<u>657,719</u>	<u>654,195</u>
Expenses			
Extra Parochial Expense	49,994	63,839	63,248
Clergy Expense	182,522	169,859	207,162
Music	81,967	83,908	90,101
Evangelism	2,000	1,088	2,000
Parish Life	14,209	11,223	15,056
Sanctuary	6,100	8,496	6,100
Administration	104,287	91,560	132,864
Maintenance & Buildings	126,648	126,263	137,664
Total Operating Expense	567,727	556,236	654,195
Loan Interest	15,000	22,375	0
Loan Principal	30,000	42,500	0
Total Expense	<u>612,727</u>	<u>621,111</u>	<u>654,195</u>

<u>MERRILL LYNCH</u>		<u>MKT VALUE</u>	<u>MKT VALUE</u>	<u>MKT VALUE</u>	<u>MKT VALUE</u>	<u>MKT VALUE</u>	<u>MKT VALUE</u>	<u>MKT VALUE</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>USE</u>
	<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>		(U=Unrestricted)
1	Corwall Fund	\$4,556.98	\$4,071.25	\$4,769.86	\$5,371.76	\$6,026.57	\$4,757.72	\$5,413.81	0.19738%	U -2/3, Miss 1/3
2	Pemberton Fund	\$25,094.20	\$22,419.39	\$26,266.46	\$29,580.98	\$33,186.86	\$26,199.60	\$29,812.56	1.08694%	U
3	Hopkinson and Kent Fund	\$1,154.66	\$1,031.58	\$1,208.60	\$1,361.11	\$1,527.03	\$1,205.52	\$1,371.77	0.05001%	Sick
4	Morgan Fund	\$4,007.67	\$3,580.49	\$4,194.89	\$4,724.23	\$5,300.11	\$4,184.21	\$4,761.22	0.17359%	Maint. Church
5	Parish Endowment Fund	\$198,278.00	\$177,143.43	\$207,540.50	\$233,729.65	\$262,221.00	\$207,012.20	\$235,559.41	8.58826%	U
6	Grice Fund	\$3,951.62	\$3,530.41	\$4,136.22	\$4,658.16	\$5,225.98	\$4,125.69	\$4,694.62	0.17116%	U 1/2 Miss 1/2
7	Emily Townsend Fund	\$10,433.03	\$9,320.97	\$10,920.41	\$12,298.43	\$13,797.60	\$10,892.61	\$12,394.71	0.45190%	Discr. Funds
8	Garland Hospital Fund	\$23,722.81	\$21,194.18	\$24,831.02	\$27,964.40	\$31,373.22	\$24,767.81	\$28,183.32	1.02754%	Sick
9	Garland Christmas Basket Fund	\$1,810.45	\$1,617.48	\$1,895.03	\$2,134.16	\$2,394.31	\$1,890.21	\$2,150.87	0.07842%	Xmas Baskets
10	Margaret Shepard Fund	\$4,556.98	\$4,071.25	\$4,769.86	\$5,371.76	\$6,026.57	\$4,757.72	\$5,413.81	0.19738%	U
11	Raymond Hill Fund	\$134,259.86	\$119,949.02	\$140,531.77	\$158,265.22	\$177,557.54	\$140,174.04	\$159,504.19	5.81537%	U
12	Chauncey Tinker Fund	\$139,805.20	\$124,903.29	\$146,336.17	\$164,802.06	\$184,891.22	\$145,963.67	\$166,092.21	6.05556%	U
13	Costello Flower Fund	\$5,930.24	\$5,298.13	\$6,207.27	\$6,990.55	\$7,842.69	\$6,191.47	\$7,045.28	0.25686%	Flowers
14	Raymond Balzer Fund	\$5,547.22	\$4,955.94	\$5,806.36	\$6,539.05	\$7,336.15	\$5,791.58	\$6,590.24	0.24027%	Elderly
15	Hansbrough Flower Fund	\$2,157.98	\$1,927.96	\$2,258.79	\$2,543.82	\$2,853.91	\$2,253.04	\$2,563.73	0.09347%	Flowers
16	Garland Scholarship Fund	\$109,877.51	\$98,165.60	\$115,010.41	\$129,523.36	\$145,312.09	\$114,717.64	\$130,537.33	4.75926%	Scholarship
17	Ethington Window Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00000%	TRANSFER
18	R. H. Thomson Fund	\$107,842.84	\$96,347.81	\$112,880.69	\$127,124.90	\$142,621.26	\$112,593.35	\$128,120.10	4.67113%	U
19	Julia Tucker Firth Fund	\$5,394.00	\$4,819.05	\$5,645.98	\$6,358.44	\$7,133.53	\$5,631.61	\$6,408.22	0.23364%	U
20	W & F Beasley Fund	\$10,786.15	\$9,636.44	\$11,290.02	\$12,714.69	\$14,264.59	\$11,261.28	\$12,814.22	0.46719%	Soup Kitchen
21	Annie Garland Maintenance Fund	\$88,677.02	\$79,224.88	\$92,819.54	\$104,532.27	\$117,274.61	\$92,583.26	\$105,350.60	3.84098%	Maint. Church
22	Annie Garland Memorial Fund	\$532,062.06	\$475,349.26	\$556,917.19	\$627,193.55	\$703,647.64	\$555,499.55	\$632,103.54	23.04587%	U
23	Baird/Sanders Fund	\$249,475.32	\$222,883.60	\$261,129.49	\$294,080.94	\$329,929.03	\$260,464.78	\$296,383.15	10.80584%	Elderly
24	Harriet Jackson Ely Fund	\$92,451.14	\$82,596.72	\$96,769.97	\$108,981.19	\$122,265.86	\$96,523.64	\$109,834.35	4.00445%	U
25	Samuel H. Frye Fund	\$68,126.70	\$60,865.04	\$71,309.22	\$80,307.61	\$90,097.00	\$71,127.71	\$80,936.29	2.95086%	U
26	Ruth Pope Fund	\$21,041.68	\$18,798.84	\$22,024.64	\$24,803.89	\$27,827.45	\$21,968.57	\$24,998.06	0.91140%	U
27	Johnson Organ Fund	\$3,944.15	\$5,769.54	\$6,759.56	\$7,612.54	\$8,540.50	\$6,742.36	\$7,672.14	0.27972%	Organ Maint
28	E. Buffum Fund	\$3,944.15	\$3,523.74	\$4,128.40	\$4,649.36	\$5,216.11	\$4,117.89	\$4,685.75	0.17084%	U
29	John Firth Fund	\$2,001.04	\$1,787.75	\$2,094.52	\$2,358.82	\$2,646.36	\$2,089.18	\$2,377.28	0.08667%	U
30	William Medinger Fund	\$7,495.92	\$6,696.92	\$7,846.09	\$8,836.17	\$9,913.29	\$7,826.12	\$8,905.35	0.32468%	U
31	William George Kibitz Fund	\$257,730.32	\$230,258.69	\$269,770.12	\$303,811.92	\$340,846.20	\$269,083.41	\$306,190.31	11.16340%	U
32	Robert Patterson Fund	\$29,258.51	\$26,139.83	\$30,625.32	\$34,489.87	\$38,694.14	\$30,547.36	\$34,759.87	1.26731%	U
33	Daniel O'Keefe Fund	\$17,132.99	\$15,306.78	\$17,933.35	\$20,196.33	\$22,658.24	\$17,887.71	\$20,354.44	0.74210%	U
34	Joseph Stevens Fund	\$51,043.04	\$45,602.33	\$53,427.50	\$60,169.42	\$67,503.99	\$53,291.50	\$60,640.45	2.21089%	U
35	Warfel Bequest		\$70,405.52	\$82,486.82	\$92,895.68	\$104,219.54	\$82,276.85	\$93,622.91	3.41340%	U
36	Deming Music Fund		\$2,655.47	\$3,111.14	\$3,503.73	\$3,930.82	\$3,103.22	\$4,559.89	0.16625%	Music
Total		\$2,223,551.42	\$2,061,848.59	\$2,415,653.14	\$2,720,480.00	\$3,052,103.00	\$2,409,504.06	\$2,742,806.00	100%	

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1	General Fund	\$410,733	\$383,496.94	\$365,779.73	\$413,813.51	\$446,302.93	\$474,020.31	\$388,133.09	\$424,540.18	64.0420%	U
2	E H Morse Fund	\$112,901	\$105,414.05	\$100,544.02	\$113,747.35	\$122,677.90	\$130,296.74	\$106,688.42	\$116,695.85	17.6036%	U
3	Sanctuary Chapter	\$117,716	\$109,910.00	\$104,832.26	\$118,598.71	\$127,910.16	\$135,853.95	\$111,238.72	\$121,672.97	18.3544%	Sanctuary Chapter
Total		\$641,349	\$598,821	\$571,156	\$646,160	\$696,891	\$740,171	\$606,060	\$662,909	100.0000%	

Music Report

The Choir played a vital role in enriching the worship of the parish in a post-pandemic environment.

Noteworthy services sung by the choir include Compline for All Hollow's Eve and All Saints' Sunday. During Advent, the Choir sang Advent Procession and collaborated with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra for performances of G.F. Handel's Messiah.

Professor Thomas Murray provided excellence in organ music and service playing. He was ably supported this past year by organ scholar Luke Brennan.

In 2024 we look forward to adding additional capacity to the choral program as we continue to rebuild from the previous pandemic, further supporting and deepening the prayer life of this place.

We give thanks to the clergy, staff, vestry, and parish for their support.

Faithfully submitted,

Thomas Williford
Choirmaster

Voting Roll

The voting roll of the Parish is comprised of those “communicants sixteen years of age or older, registered in the Parish and not in another Parish of the diocese of Connecticut, who for at least six months prior have been faithful attendants at the services of the Church and the Parish, faithful contributors to its support, and faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of God’s realm...” (from the Parish bylaws). This list has been compiled of those who have given faithfully in 2023 and are believed to have attended Mass or the Daily Office (including online) at least three times in that period. If you are aware of any discrepancies, please make them known to the Chair before the rolls are adopted. A quorum for parish meetings is 20 per cent of voting members.

Adams, Christopher	Davies III, William	Holley, Jay
Akter, Emre	Drabkin, Andrew	Holton, Stephen
Akter, Lee	Drake, Graham	Horn, Nancy
Akter, John Paul	Dunn, Leroy	Hosseinpanah, Roya
Allen, Craig	Fallon, Brian	Howell, Ben
Ambrose, Mark	Ferrall, Jane	Hunt, Melinda
Arakelian, Elizabeth	Fountain, Gary	Huzi, Lawrence
Armstrong, Sara	Fountain, Missy	Iacovino, Patrick
Beenken, Beth	Fowler, Rick	Iannucci, Susan
Bickley, Elizabeth	Fuller, Faith	Johnson, Karen
Black, Hannah	Gardella, Petra	Johnson, Paula
Boutilier, Corey	Geertz, Ben	Juhasz, Stephen
Brewster, Richard	Greene-McCreight, Kathryn	Kelly, Francis Merry
Bruce, William	Grimes, John	Kirkland-Mullins, Waltrina
Cadwallader, Rex	Harley, Felicity	Knapp, Richard
Canarie, Joe	Hermes, Gretchen	Kohanski, John
Constantine, David	Hodgkins, Diane	Lamberti, Tony
Croce, Deborah	Hofstatter, Dan	Landis, Robin
Crumlish, Peter	Hofstatter, Erin	LaPaix, Merlyn

Larson Torres-Larsch, Alexandra	O'Connor, Jeffrey	Singh, Margaret
Larson, Elizabeth	Osgood, Russell	Smith, Donald
Larson, Jeffrey	Osler, Arani	Smith, James
Larson, Matthew	Osler, Britton	Smith, Kent
Lin, Vincent	Osmond, Patricia	Stanley, Alinda
McAlister, L. Jett	Osmun, Andrew	Stanley, Bevan
McClendon, Charles	Osmun, Terry	Stone, Judy
McCreight, Matthew	Pace, Joseph	Strecker, Serena
McDaniel, Christopher	Papa, Susan	Swerling, David
McGovern, Brian	Patton, Curtis	Talbot, Brian
McGowan, Andrew	Preston, Sandy	Tan, Zeki
McMurtrey, Barry	Pugliese, Rocco	Tapp, Bryce
Miller, Cecilia	Rawlings, James	Tompkins, Gregory
Mittelholzer, Esther	Rebeschi, Michael	Trunkfield, Glenn
Mittelholzer, Monika	Reese, Matthew	Valdivieso, Erika
Moore, Ken	Reilly, Jonathan	Virgulto, Dinah
Moore, Mark	Rice, Jae	Wendling, Zach
Mudd, Jeremy	Rollins, Geraldine	Whitmire, Lacey
Murray, Thomas	Rood, David	Wideman, Michael
Nelson, Rob	Rood, Susan	Wildermann, Kristin
Nields, Jenifer	Scott, Joy	Williford IV, Thomas
Nowie, Robert	Sexton, Rachel	Wozniuk, Vlad
Nwankwo, Adora	Shiley, Mark	Wrinn, David
	Siggins, Lorraine	Young, Stephen

The above names represent 128 members of the Parish believed to be eligible to vote as of January 17, 2024. Please make changes known to the Chair before the roll is adopted.

NOTES



I AM CHRIST CHURCH

In 2024, I would like to try one of the following spiritual practices:
(*mark any that apply*)

- ☐ Make a pledge (estimate of giving) for the first time
- ☐ Join for Morning Prayer online at least twice a week
- ☐ Join for Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at least once per week
- ☐ Join for Daily Mass at least once a week
- ☐ Attend more regularly on Sundays (add an additional Sunday per month)
- ☐ Help lead family & children's ministries
- ☐ Volunteer once a week with Community Soup Kitchen
- ☐ Join the Altar Guild (one Saturday per month)
- ☐ Join the Acolyte Guild (approx. 2 Sundays per month)
- ☐ Join the Guild of Ushers (approx. 2 Sundays per month)
- ☐ Join the Linen Guild (approx. 1 time per month)
- ☐ Join the Guild of Saint Clare (approx. 1 Sunday per month)
- ☐ Train as a daily mass server (1 hour per week)
- ☐ Train as a lay reader for Morning Prayer (1 hour per week)
- ☐ OTHER _____

My name:

My email:

Best phone:

**Society of Christ Church Parish
Annual Meeting 2024
Ballot to elect Officers, Vestry members, and others**

Please check the appropriate box below:

I vote to

☐ APPROVE ☐ DISAPPROVE ☐ ABSTAIN

the 2024 slate of candidates, listed below, as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Nominations for 2024

Officers

Parish Warden (3 year term) – Jeremy J. Mudd
Treasurer (1 year term) – James Smith
Clerk (1 year term) – Alinda Stanley

Vestry Class of 2027

Nancy Horn
Lorraine Siggins
Stephen Young

Nominating Committee (3 year term)

John Kohanski

Diocesan Convention Delegates & Regional Representatives (3 year term)

Faith Fuller, Delegate

