

# **The 2015 Annual Parish Report**



**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Gordonsville, Virginia

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### A WORD ABOUT THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

The canons of the church only require the election of new vestry members during the “annual meeting”. Therefore, the only official business to be conducted will be the election of new vestry members. Once the election is conducted, the official meeting will be concluded. The remaining time will be spent in fellowship over lunch and an informal question and answer period with the Priest-in-Charge.

Questions about the specific content of any of the reports that follow should be addressed directly to the individual who submitted said report.

As always, the Priest-in-Charge is willing to meet and discuss any aspect of our common life in Christ with anyone attending Christ Episcopal Church, Gordonsville. Please feel free to contact him at the office 540-832-3209 or at home or by email [rfichterjr@msn.com](mailto:rfichterjr@msn.com).

## 1. Priest-in-Charge

This past year has been relatively calm. There have been no major changes in our facilities or our financial systems. We continue to gather for worship and fellowship week in and week out as we are called to do given that we collectively are a small portion of the Body of Christ.

As a community of faith, you show an abundance of support in your various ministries giving not only of your treasure but also of your time and talents to the Glory of God. And while I cannot in this space thank each of you by name, I do wish to give public thanks to Tom May, our organist; Ben Armistead, our uncompensated choirmaster; and Sharon Chapman, our sexton, with her crew.

I would like to personally thank the Rev. Mary Beth Wells who has been a real asset to this parish and me personally. Her ministry as our Parish Deacon touches the lives of all of us through her preaching, assistance at liturgy, and through the various pastoral care encounters she has with parishioners. We are truly blessed to have her with us!

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr.

## 2. Senior & Junior Wardens' Report

The year 2015 was relatively uneventful. Even so, we had a series of maintenance projects completed during this calendar year including these significant tasks:

- New shingles on majority of rectory
- Vapor barrier and installation in rectory crawlspace
- Replaced one and repaired two doors of parish hall and installed a new combo lock
- Painted parish hall doors and all sills that needed it on church building proper
- Rebuilt portion of brick wall.

Our greatest need is to gain new members for our parish. Any suggestions which you have for this activity will be carefully considered by the vestry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Floyd Hill, *Senior Warden*  
Lorrie Pollard, *Junior Warden*

## 3. Treasurer

The following unaudited “balance sheet” gives a snapshot of Christ Church’s financial state. It is divided into two major sections. The first section contains the asset accounts. These are the instruments used to maintain Christ Church’s financial resources (i.e. bank and brokerage firm accounts). The second lists the Fund Balances that represent how the monies are distributed. Therefore, the total value of all assets must be equal to the total value of all funds.

The Fund Balances are subdivided into four groupings. The first grouping represents the monies used to operate Christ Church on a day to day basis. The “Designated” funds are those monies with designated purposes. The “Specified” funds are what are commonly called “endowment funds” at Christ Church. Technically and in a legal sense these funds are not endowments but

are rather funds set up by prior vestries for specific purposes. Their existence and usage is at the pleasure of the Vestry.

The final subdivision is comprised of those monies which Christ Church has been asked to hold for St. John's Chapel, which is technically a diocesan chapel. We are merely the local agents for paying the expenses related to the upkeep of said chapel.

**THE BALANCE SHEET FOR OCTOBER 31, 2015**

<b>ASSETS</b>		<i>as of</i> <i>January 1, 2015</i>	<i>as of</i> <i>October 31, 2015</i>
1.100.100	BB&T Checking	5,444.59	1,983.80
1.100.110	Trustees of Dio of Va Acct	31,940.56	30,140.57
1.200.100	DMS F Acct	1,000.00	1,000.00
1.300.100	SS CC Investment Acct	493,871.23	457,375.44
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$532,256.38</b>	<b>\$490,499.81</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
3.100.100	General Operating Fund	0.00	(25,950.29)
<b>Total Operating Funds</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$25,950.29)</b>
3.500.100	Christ Church Discretionary Fund	790.46	820.31
3.500.120	Altar Guild Fund	1,358.57	945.77
3.500.130	ECW General Fund	461.31	461.31
3.500.131	ECW Chapter Mission Fund	11.35	11.35
3.500.140	Outreach Guild General Fund	577.32	2,470.77
3.500.150	Youth Group General Fund	183.77	247.77
3.500.160	Gail K Bowers Mem Youth Act Fund	5,290.81	5,190.81
3.510.100	Designated Offerings	500.00	0.00
3.510.220	Christian Emergency Council	250.00	0.00
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>		<b>\$9,423.59</b>	<b>\$10,148.09</b>
3.540.100	Christ Church Legacy Fund	484,890.32	469,159.53
3.550.130	Organ Fund	30,444.14	29,144.15
<b>Total Specified Funds</b>		<b>\$515,334.46</b>	<b>\$498,303.68</b>
3.600.100	St. John's Chapel Fund	7,498.33	\$7,998.33
<b>Total non-CEC Funds</b>		<b>\$7,498.33</b>	<b>\$7,998.33</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Funds</b>		<b>\$532,256.38</b>	<b>\$490,499.81</b>

On the following page is the unaudited “Treasurer’s Report on the General Fund”, better known simply as “the Budget Report”.

**TREASURER’S REPORT ON THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND  
FOR OCTOBER 31, 2015**

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>as of October 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>
<i><b>Income</b></i>			
4.100.100	Plate Offering	1,441.32	2,500.00
4.100.200	Pledge Offering	59,900.00	72,720.00
4.100.210	Regular Giving	15,055.25	12,000.00
4.100.220	Prior Year Pledges	0.00	0.00
4.100.400	Misc. Income	36.00	0.00
4.100.500	Memorials	2,980.00	0.00
4.100.800	Interest	34.65	0.00
	<i><b>Total Income</b></i>	<i><b>\$79,447.22</b></i>	<i><b>\$87,220.00</b></i>
<i><b>Expenses</b></i>			
5.100.100	Rector Salary	38,750.00	46,500.00
5.100.101	Rectors SECA Reimbursement	2,700.00	3,500.00
5.100.102	Rector Pension	12,333.60	12,334.00
5.100.103	Rector Insurance	6,100.00	7,400.00
5.100.104	Rector Travel	385.00	2,100.00
5.100.108	Rector Continuing Education	0.00	1,000.00
5.100.110	Deacon Expense	119.00	1,000.00
5.100.130	Organist Salary	6,960.00	8,352.00
5.100.140	Sexton Salary	3,910.00	4,692.00
5.100.150	Child Care Salary	80.00	1,040.00
5.100.160	Supply Clergy	1,206.05	1,200.00
5.100.170	Payroll Tax	831.52	1,020.00
5.100.175	Payroll Services	159.50	300.00
	<i><b>Total Personnel</b></i>	<i><b>\$73,534.67</b></i>	<i><b>\$90,438.00</b></i>
5.100.700	Misc	0.00	1,000.00
	<i><b>Total Miscellaneous</b></i>	<i><b>\$0.00</b></i>	<i><b>\$1,000.00</b></i>
5.110.100	Electricity	4,405.39	6,000.00
5.110.110	Fuel Oil and Gas	3,384.59	6,000.00
5.110.120	Water and Sewer	1,002.50	1,800.00
5.110.130	Telephone	1,226.82	2,500.00
	<i><b>Total Utilities</b></i>	<i><b>\$10,019.30</b></i>	<i><b>\$16,300.00</b></i>

5.110.200	Repair and Maint	2,650.71	5,000.00
5.110.280	Lawn Care	217.89	1,000.00
5.110.300	Facilities Insurance	7,399.00	8,000.00
	<b>Total Facility</b>	<b>\$10,267.60</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>
5.120.100	Office Expenses	652.59	2,200.00
	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$652.59</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>
5.130.100	Diocesan Pledge	8,900.00	10,020.00
5.130.105	Diocesan Newspaper	225.00	400.00
5.130.110	Region 15	500.00	500.00
5.130.200	Diocesan Council	0.00	1,500.00
	<b>Total Diocesan Obligations</b>	<b>\$9,625.00</b>	<b>\$12,420.00</b>
5.140.110	Altar Supplies	361.10	500.00
5.140.120	Choir Supplies	776.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>\$1,137.10</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
5.150.100	Christian Education	146.80	1,000.00
	<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>\$146.80</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
5.160.100	Hospitality Comm.	14.45	600.00
	<b>Total Hospitality</b>	<b>\$14.45</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
5.170.050	Evangelism	0.00	200.00
5.170.100	GF to CEC Discretionary	0.00	0.00
5.170.200	GF to general outreach	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total GOB Outreach</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$105,397.51</b>	<b>\$139,658.00</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$79,447.22</b>	<b>\$87,220.00</b>
	<b>Difference (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$25,950.29)</b>	<b>(\$52,438.00)</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Shiflett

#### 4. Music Department

As we approach the end of 2015, I would like to thank the members of the choir for their dedication and tireless support of the music program. It would not exist without them.

In addition to Sunday services, your music department has provided support for extra services including, Christmas, Holy Week, weddings and funerals. We also will have supplied music for services at St. John's Chapel, Green Springs.

It goes without saying that it would be most difficult to have a more dedicated and talented organist than Tom May; who besides playing at the services and rehearsing the choir spends many additional hours each week practicing.

I would encourage members of the parish to consider joining the choir as we worship God through our music. We welcome those who have joined us this past year.

Finally, as Tom and I conclude our twenty-sixth year as organist and choirmaster we wish to thank you for all your support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benjamin C. Armistead  
*Choirmaster*

## 5. Altar Guild

Mission Statement: This group prepares for the meeting of the people of God. Each member is devoted to Christ and His Church to give of herself/himself to the service of the altar.

Our devoted members continue to perform in this ministry with much grace. We wish to give thanks to our monthly Altar Guild members who have continue to keep the altar ready for church services, funerals, weddings and other special occasions. Welcome a new member to our Altar Guild Pat Harlow.

Special thanks and appreciation to several groups:

- **Linens:** Gail Parrish for cleaning the monthly church linens.
- **Supplies:** Bev Tucker for ordering and obtaining the communion wine and wafers.
- **Brass and Silver:** Ben Armstead, Tom May, Nelson and Bev Tucker for cleaning all of the brass and silver several times a year.
- **Altar Flowers:** Father Richard for organizing the monthly flower ordering from Colonial Florist.
- **Christmas and Easter Decorations:** Tom May, Ben Armstead, Father Richard and volunteers for providing their talent and time for decorating the church for Christmas and Easter celebrations.

Special blessing and thanks to Father Richard for his time, support and guidance.

Thanks to all of the members for their time and service to this ministry. This ministry is a wonderful example of good stewardship and devotion to our Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Parrish & Beverly Tucker  
*Co-Chairpersons*