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**Reverend Rosemary Doran**

July 8, 1935 — December 7, 2025

In her 91st year, Rosemary passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, December 7th, 2025.

Rosemary is survived by her husband of 63 years, Gerald Doran. Loving and devoted mother of Andrew (Lori), Barbara (Richard), and Ruth (Ian). Proud grandmother of Drew (Carly), Kaylie (Eric), Connor (Lauren), Robert (Elizabeth), Laura (Dylan), Petra (Natalie), Nathan (Isabela), and Justin. Great Grandmother to Landon, Tessa and William.

Rosemary was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland on July 8th, 1935, the second child to Jack and Maisie Allen. She was always an avid reader and loved school and language. As a young woman she graduated Victoria College Belfast with honours enabling her to attend Trinity College Dublin where she achieved a B.A. Hons in English and French (1957). She became a language teacher and taught at private schools in Switzerland and Northern Ireland.

She emigrated to Canada after meeting Gerald (a Canadian minister from Montreal, Quebec) in Italy in 1961 and marrying him in September of 1962. Once in Canada, she put her energies into helping to raise her family – Andrew (1964), Barbara (1967) and Ruth (1970) – supply teaching, involving herself in many facets of church life and ultimately

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going back to the University of Windsor. Here she completed a B.A Hons in Religious Studies (1982) and then a Masters in Religious Studies in 1984. She was awarded the Governors medal as well. This additional schooling awakened a new career path for her and she went on to Presbyterian College in Montreal where she obtained her Diploma in Ministry (1986).

She became a minister with a Licence to Preach in 1986 and was ordained in 1989 when she became the minister of Riverside Presbyterian Church in Windsor. She was the minister there for 11 years and then she “retired” and moved to Brampton with Gerry in 2000 to be closer to Barb and Ruth. It was here that she began her next ministerial calling as Minister of Visitation (2001) and ultimately Minister Emeritus (2010) at St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Brampton, where she served for the next 20+ years. She contributed on many levels to the Presbyterian Church in Canada Head Office and the Women’s Missionary Society (WMS), for which she co-authored the book “Certain Women Amazed Us” with Lois Klempa (2002).

She enjoyed music, art, languages, travel, engaging in philosophical debates, good food and wine, and spending time with her family, especially around the dinner table. She was an excellent listener and

provided an empathetic ear to many over the years – both officially and unofficially. She became the surrogate mother, mother-in-law, counsellor, friend and confidante to numerous people. She will be fondly remembered as “Our Beloved Rosemary” and will hold a special place in many hearts for years to come.

We will miss her laughter, her sage advice, her listening ear, her stern look when she caught us misbehaving (which was often) and her fashion sense! A big thank you to the staff at Greenway Retirement home and Burton Manor for their care of her over the last few months.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Brampton or World Vision are appreciated.

The Celebration of Life for Rosemary will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in FEB, 2026. Details will follow in the Church Bulletin. All are welcome to come to celebrate the remarkable life of a woman who touched all our hearts.

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## **BYRON'S BRIDGE**

Connecting Faith to Daily Life

*Hey St. Andrew's!*



The Christmas season is in full swing, and it's time for another edition of the St. Andrew's Newsletter! There are a lot of things that make us Presbyterians unique, but historically we are known for two things: iconoclasm, and frequent periodicals. In Canada, in 2025, though we certainly still love articles and newsletters, we have thankfully left behind our destructive heritage of religious image-smashing. Iconoclasm is the denunciation and destruction of religious imagery which has been deemed heretical. The Presbyterian church joined many protestant churches in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries in rejecting religious imagery, going so far as to smash, destroy and burn many of the Catholic images in places like Europe and Scotland, in which there was a strong Protestant presence.

I found the image above on social media with the caption: "Christmas is here! Time for Presbyterians to break out their Reformed Nativity Set!" – a humorous jab at our reformed, image-allergic heritage. My parents loved nativity scenes, and when I was growing up, they were a big part of our Christmas decorating. We had several in the house, and happily we are not so "iconoclastic" as we used to be as a church, and can display our beautiful nativity set in the sanctuary each Sunday, often including it in the children's time.

I don't think that it was a positive thing for us to have engaged in the destruction of religious imagery in our past. I love art, and I think religious art has its place in our spiritual lives. However, I do know that often potentially positive spiritual impulses can be easily misdirected towards destructive acts.

Iconoclasm doesn't necessarily mean something destructive. The spirit of iconoclasm is that of rejecting and opposing established norms and cherished practices which are not useful or helpful. In the modern day, the church's commitment to rejecting injustice, consumerism, and anti-human practices accepted as "normal" in our modern society, is a continuation of the iconoclastic heritage of the Reformed and Presbyterian traditions.

Was the iconoclasm of the historical Protestant churches misguided and misjudged? A result of religious and cultural fanaticism, fearmongering and hate? Absolutely. But iconoclasm doesn't have to be destructive – if it is a rejection of evil, it can be a good and a Christ-like, life-affirming thing, which builds up, as opposed to breaking down!

This Christmas, 2025, let us celebrate the radical rejection, the iconoclasm against evil, which Christ brought into the world, and which the Christian church is meant to embody.

Merry Christmas friends!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Byron Kappes

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## Welcome baby Lylah!



At 1p.m. on December 13th, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, baby Lylah Maddison Peyer was baptized, surrounded by her loving parents, grandparents, great-grandma and many relatives and friends. Parents Luke and Kayasha Peyer are so proud of their beautiful first born. Luke's parents, Henry and Colleen Peyer are over the moon to welcome their first grandchild. Kayasha's parents

Rovina and Ran Jan were present, having come all the way from Sri Lanka, via London, for the joyous event. Lylah was born on November 12th 2025, weighing in at 7lbs. 7oz, and she grows more beautiful every day. There was a reception at Colleen and Henry Peyer's home following the baptism and the food was delicious.



We celebrate with Colleen and Henry and if you chat with either of them, they will be happy to show you many photographs of their beautiful Lylah.

## Welcome baby Evereigh!

Baby Evereigh Carter Jackson was born at 1.27am on December 20th to Chantal Jackson. Mother and

baby are well. May and Kennedy Jackson could not be more proud of their new granddaughter.

## Congratulations On Your 65th Anniversary!

It was a cold and snowy evening on December 23rd, 1960 when Phil and Joy Rodgers were wed by candlelight in Rexdale United Church at the junction of Islington and Elmhurst Drive in Toronto. This loving couple met in February and married in December. The Youth Group, YPU, brought them together, and they began dating following a Winter Camp weekend in February, 1960.



Phil felt God calling him to ministry and left a job with the A+P Food Chain, where he was in training for a management position, to begin classes at WLU in Waterloo, then on to seminary at U of T. Joy was teaching Elementary School in downtown Toronto. The first eight years of their marriage Phil spent as a student! In May 1968, he was ordained by the Toronto Conference of The United Church of Canada in North Bay, Ontario, and settled in his first church in Bonnyville, Alberta. Churches in Kitchener, Toronto, Burlington and North York followed, as well as many years of Intentional Interim Ministry in retirement.

The couple were blessed by two sons, Lindsay and Matthew, and the family expanded along the way with the addition of two daughters in law, Carolyn and Pollyanna. The couples reside in Cobourg and Halifax respectively.

The Rodgers reside at Hallmark Place, top floor, right next door to St. Andrew's, and are grateful to have been so warmly welcomed by Presbyterians ...



the St. Andrew's family. We sincerely congratulate Phil and Joy on a remarkable marriage.

### **Congratulations On Your 50th Anniversary!**

To celebrate 50 years of bliss, Robert and Ivie Wightman spent 56 days exploring 6 countries; Iceland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Spain and Portugal. Each country offered distinctive beauty.

Iceland — Blue Lagoon, awesome waterfalls, unforgiving terrain.

Belgium — Brugge, Antwerp, Dinant, the home of Adolphe Sax the inventor of the saxophone.

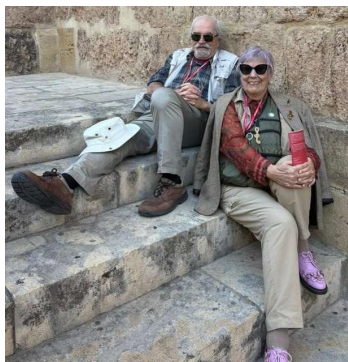
Luxembourg — a financial capital, free public transportation.

France — Vimy Ridge Memorial, Juno Beach Normandy.

Spain — Olive groves, tapas, Alhambra, Moorish architecture, Santiago Calatrava breathtaking waterfront in Valencia, Gaudi and Barcelona.

Portugal — terraced mountain sides, gorgeous tile motifs, cork trees, custard tarts and The Algarve.

Every country had us learning new vocabulary for Good Morning, Thankyou and Goodbye. Returning to Ontario felt so mundane. With Robert's love of trains and schedules we zipped around like locals. Train travel is reasonable, relaxing and fun. Washrooms were a daily topic, not to be discussed here but were a true European education. Travel is intensified living and home is for recovering.



Robert and Ivie are resting against the walls of an old Moorish Mosque in Spain. The stones are older than they are.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Angels we have heard on high. Sweetly singing o'er the plains.*

*And the mountains in reply.*

*Echoing their joy astray*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*



Our Sunday School pageant took place on Sunday, December 14th, after weeks of practice—and all that hard work truly shone! The children did a wonderful job bringing the story to life. A special thank-you goes to all the youth who participated, and to two of our dads, Todd Huether and Mark Bhim, who joined the children for the final Nativity scene.

The excitement and joy of the children filled the sanctuary as they shared the Good News of the coming birth of Jesus with such innocence and enthusiasm.



And the celebration didn't end there! Following the pageant, Miss Shelagh delighted everyone with a special video presentation that was enjoyed by all.

The children were then treated to a pizza party, plenty of goodies, and a small gift bag from their teachers—a perfect way to end a joyful day.

We, the teachers, hope everyone had a Christmas filled with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Kim Shepherd - Sunday School Superintendent

## Women's Missionary Society



With December upon us, we gathered for our Christmas Worship and Communion service, followed by a potluck lunch.

As we gathered around the table to receive Communion, Kim Shepherd shared the sad news that the Rev. Rosemary Doran, Minister Emeritus, had passed away. While this was difficult to hear, we also reflected that Rosemary has now joined her long-time friend and fellow WMS member, Florence Martin, who passed away just a week earlier. Kim asked that we keep the families of both Rosemary and Florence in our prayers.

The Rev. Wayne J. Baswick led the Communion service, which was served by distribution, followed by grace offered by the Rev. Byron Kappes.

Following Communion, everyone enjoyed the potluck lunch, with lively conversation and shared laughter around the tables.

The Christmas worship service was written by Donna McIlveen, a Diaconal Minister who serves as Clerk of the Presbytery of Seaway–Glengarry and the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario. Her message, titled “The Shepherd’s Story,” was thoughtful and engaging, highlighting the important role the shepherds play in the Christmas story.

Donna reflected on the message of great joy announced to the shepherds—good news filled with new life and questions to ponder: What does “to you is born this day” mean? Who is the Saviour, the Messiah, the Lord? Why a child, wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger? How can this child, the cloth, and the manger be a sign—and a sign of what?

The shepherds’ story reminds us that God shows up

in the ordinary rhythms of daily life—day or night. God is present everywhere, at all times. Like the shepherds, we have heard the good news. Like them, we are invited to let go of fear. And like them, we have a choice to make: Will we see and hear God and respond? Will we go and share this good news with others? Will we glorify and praise God for what we have been given?

The shepherds hold a beloved place in the Christmas story. As we reflect on their response, we give thanks that they went with haste and told everyone that Jesus Christ is born. May their story become our story as well, as we continue to share and make known the good news of the child.

We concluded the afternoon by singing “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

May everyone have a blessed Christmas and a blessed 2026. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, to be held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome—please speak with Kim Shepherd if you wish to attend. We would love to see you!



Our church Food Bank celebrated 35 years serving the local community in 2025. The need is great and we will continue into 2026 to feed the less fortunate families in our Brampton neighbourhood. We could not do what we do, without our great team of volunteers and support from our St. Andrew's church family, thank you! We want to give a big shout out to our local faith community and service

organizations that support us all year long with either food or monetary donations. It takes a village as they say and we are so grateful for their support and help!

<b>Faith Community</b>	<b>Organizations</b>
Augsburg Lutheran	Bell Brampton Retirees
Deacon's Heritage Fellowship HCH	Bramalea Lions Club
Emmanuel United	BramCare Dental Centre
Heart Lake Presbyterian	Brampton Brick
St. Andrew's Members	Brampton + Caledon Community Fund
St. Paul's Presbyterian	Brampton Community Gardens
St. Paul's United	Brampton Horticultural Society
	Brampton Smile Studio
	Centennial + Trinity Dental Brampton
<b>Second Harvest Food Rescue:</b> Our Food Bank as a registered charity picks up food frozen soon to expire that would be sent to land fill.	<b>Customer paid brown bag food donations at these chains:</b> Metro, Freshco BCC, Chalo Freshco, FoodLand Vodden + Caledon
Volunteers p/u weekly, a total of 278 times in 2025 Second Harvest donations from these grocery stores:	Gamma Chi Master Sorority
	Horseshoe Hill Farm
FoodLand Caledon	Legacy Supply Chain Services
FoodLand Vodden	Miss Dixie Pet Food Bank
Chalo Freshco	Regeneration (Food Bank Partner)
	Rock Garden Farms Caledon

	Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch 15
	55 Via Rosedale Residents
	Rotary Club Bramalea
	WG Davis Sr. Public School

Sandra Jackson - Food Bank Secretary

## Call to Prayer

Ray Scanlan

There are so many things we need to pray for. It is sometimes overwhelming. The good news is that St Andrew's has a prayer circle who pray for members, family and friends who respond in prayer for the many needs of our church family. After all, the church is the people, not a structure and we sometimes refer to church as more than bricks and mortar when we bring our prayer requests to God. The list keeps growing as we live in a time of change "post COVID", with many more of us facing a host of new prayer requests every month. Our new senior pastor and Session need our prayers as well as the body of Christ comes to God in prayer.

Our community and in particular our Food Bank clients and volunteers need our prayers as many are dealing with a multitude of issues. We are thankful that we are able to stretch our budget to deal with the ever rising demand and cost increases facing this ministry to our community.

We are thankful too for the Food Bank committee who have worked hard over the years to build a community of support to meet the challenging times.

We are thankful too for our political leaders and other local groups who respond to the plethora of needs outside our church doors.



## Stewardship Corner

By the Stewardship Committee

Our Annual Budget Meeting was held on Sunday, November 16th, 2025, where the Treasurer presented the proposed 2026 Budget to the congregation. Most committees submitted budgets similar to those in 2025. The following three committees had changes to their budgets and draw your attention to them:

**Stewardship:** This budget has decreased from the prior year, as the church did not hire a seasoned lead minister as originally planned. We are also no longer paying a housing allowance, as our new lead minister is residing in the manse.

**Property:** This budget has decreased as well, as the Property Committee does not anticipate any major renovations for the church in 2026. The manse will receive a new air conditioning unit in the spring.

**Christian Education:** This budget has increased, as the committee believes this is a vital area for supporting growth within the church both Sunday School and Adult studies. We, the church, have a membership with RightNow Media, a Christian platform for all ages providing a variety of bible studies and devotions for individuals and families of all ages. Please speak with Rev. Byron Kappes or Kim Shepherd to begin your journey with RightNow Media.

The congregation unanimously approved the 2026 Proposed Budget and the motion put forward by Session.

Over the past year, we have seen a slight decrease in our Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR). We extend our sincere thanks to those who continue to give

through PAR—a direct debit program that allows individuals to support the church through automatic monthly withdrawals.

### Benefits of PAR include:

- Contributions continue even when the donor is away.
- No need to write cheques or carry cash each week.
- The church receives consistent support, helping with expenses even during low-attendance months.
- Donors never have to worry about forgetting their offering on the way to church!

The Stewardship Committee encourages those not currently enrolled in PAR to please consider joining. We have set a goal of reaching \$10,000 in annual contributions through PAR. To sign up, please speak with Kim Shepherd or Valerie Martin—it's quick and easy.

The Stewardship Committee wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

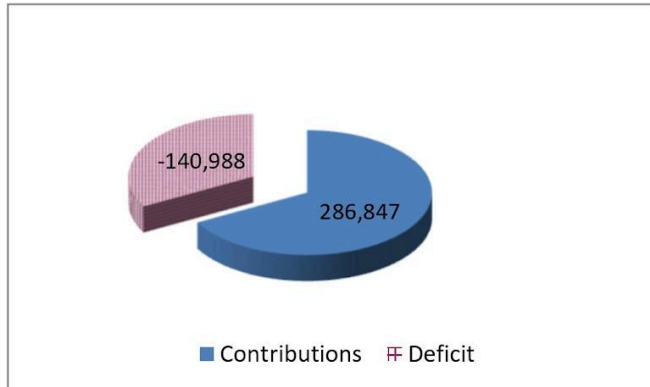




# Church Finances

## Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of Dec 9, 2025:



Thank you for your continued support of St Andrews with your generous contributions.

In 2025, we had Rev. Byron Kappes join us as a lead minister. There were reno costs for the manse and for our church building at about \$105,000. As costs continue to rise, it costs more to maintain our building and staff on a monthly basis. We appreciate your monthly support of our church.

May 2026 be a year of growth for St. Andrews.

## Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Dec 9, 2025	Jan 1 - Dec 9, 2024
<b>Contributions</b>		
Offerings	211,186.44	217,788.69
SEAOM Offerings/convention	24,882.80	16,483.70
Other Revenue	57,393.06	66,903.85
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>293,462.30</b>	<b>301,176.24</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Education	2,131.15	1,640.52
SEAOM Mission	10,931.23	9,531.00
Mission	1,536.82	1,835.86
Property	213,147.39	111,570.47
Stewardship	196,809.49	199,636.26
Worship	8,008.54	10,492.66
Session	1,501.88	55.17
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>434,066.50</b>	<b>334,761.94</b>
<b>Net General Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(140,604.20)</b>	<b>(33,585.70)</b>
<b>Presbyterian Sharing donations*</b>	<b>16,780.00</b>	<b>17,877.50</b>
<b>PWS&amp;D donations*</b>	<b>4,302.50</b>	<b>4,690.50</b>
<b>Food Bank donations*</b>	<b>47,801.63</b>	<b>56,003.46</b>

\* NOTES: 1) Presbyterian Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank donations are not included in the Offerings numbers above.

## Bank Account Balances

	Jan 1 - Dec 9, 2025	Jan 1 - Dec 9, 2024
General Bank	(21,050.59)	(11,491.52)
Restricted Bank	54,148.15	52,746.65
Food Bank	124,822.63	126,104.97
Trustee Bank	19,434.85	9,690.13
Session Bank	3,446.84	2,910.20
Line of credit	(1,000.00)	(15,000.00)

## Worship and Fellowship Committee



For many of us, the Season of Advent and the month of December seem to pass in a whirlwind. There were so many services and events leading up to and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. While the Christmas season can sometimes be busy and leave us feeling a little drained, we hope that when you look back on Advent and Christmas 2025, you will find that the services, music, and gatherings at St. Andrew's offered moments of joy, renewed energy and enthusiasm when needed, and a sense of peace and calm when that, too, was needed.

As you read this newsletter, we will have entered the Season of Epiphany, when we commemorate the arrival of the Three Kings at the stable in Bethlehem, where they found Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus. In many ways, this season continues the celebration of Christ's birth and His presence among us.

The Season of Epiphany concludes with the beginning of Lent. Although we often associate Lent with the early days of spring, this year it begins in February.

As we continue to reflect on the miracle of Jesus' birth and prepare our hearts for the Lenten journey, we hope you will join us as we walk this path together at St. Andrew's.

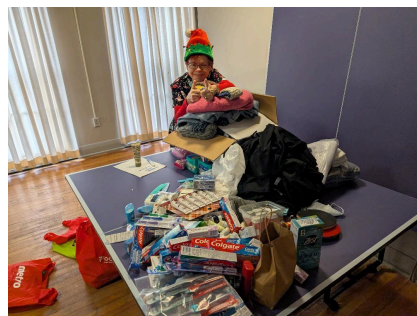
We look forward to worshipping with you—either

in person or through our YouTube livestream on Sunday mornings.

Karen Hutchinson - Chair

St. Andrew's Worship and Fellowship Committee

### Project Cozy 2025



June packing and sorting ^

As the Toronto Blue Jays readied to play in the World Series, the Mission Committee announced Project Cozy for 2025. Our plan was to collect 25 hats, mitts and scarves for Ellen House. We also asked, the congregation for travel size deodorant, body wash, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste for 10 bags to support men being released from the Ontario Correctional Institute. The plan was to run this event through Sundays in November ending on the first Sunday of Advent.

Not only did this congregation hit a home run, we hit a grand slam. June and myself came to the church on Saturday November 22nd to do an inventory. We had planned to make an announcement on the 23rd letting you know what we still needed. The announcement became one of thanks, as we reached our goal and then some, one week early. We packed 10 bags for OCI and got everything ready for Ellen House.

Thank you to Ray Scanlan for dropping the bags to the chaplain at OCI. Thank you to Blanche and Carm McCreary for dropping off the hats, mitts, and scarves to Ellen House. Thank you to my committee members Rosalind and June for helping with this

event.

Finally, the biggest thank you goes to you, our congregation who delivered big time, so much so that extra articles were given to our Food Bank as their event began. I am humbled by this congregation's support for all that we attempt to do every year. We ask, and you continue to deliver.

Merry Christmas to you all and the happiest of New Year's.

Colin Young - Chair Mission Committee

*(The following is taken from the Dismas newsletter.  
It is why we support OCI.)*

### **Awakening to a Story Worth Sharing by Tee Mann**

At 4:47 AM, I found myself suddenly awake, compelled by the urge to share a story that holds great meaning for me. My name is Tee Mann, and as I reflect on my past experiences in prison, I am reminded of what it was like to endure the Christmas season while incarcerated. Sentenced to thirteen months, I faced the reality of spending one Christmas behind bars.

#### **Finding Comfort Through Connection**

Recently, a good friend of mine, who served time in a federal facility, shared his own experience of spending two Christmases in jail. In an effort to stay connected with his loved ones, he reached out to his family and friends, asking each of them to write a personal story recalling a cherished memory they had shared together.

#### **Memories as Meaningful Gifts**

He received several heartfelt letters, which became

his Christmas presents. He took his time opening each one, allowing himself to savor the memories and momentarily escape the confines of his cell during the holiday season. These letters served as a powerful reminder that, while the body may be imprisoned, the mind remains free to reflect on joyous memories and travel wherever it wishes.



### **Prayer Circle**

#### **Group Report Oct, Nov, + Dec 15th, 2025**

From October to Dec 14th, 2025 a total of 13 prayer requests were received. That resulted in 42 updates, in this time period. Often we receive several updates as the person's condition changes over the following weeks. We continue to pray for 15 groups and 25 individuals listed in our long term conditions section.

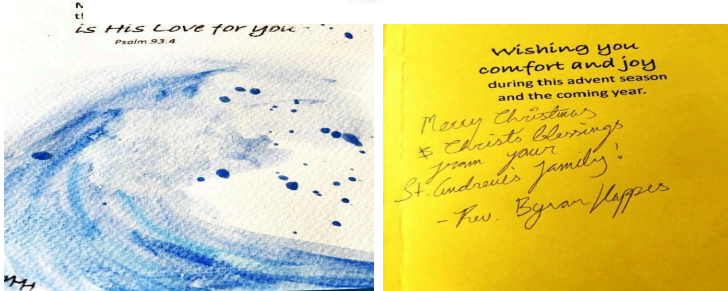
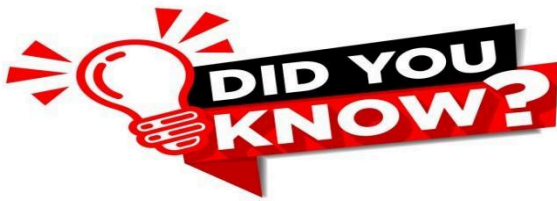
#### **2025 Oct to Dec 15th In Memoriam:**

November 24th – Mrs. Florence Martin

December 7th – Rev. Rosemary Doran

December 11th- Mr. Kenneth Yates

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the grieving family and friends of those we lost.



Molly Harvey created beautiful hand painted Christmas cards that got delivered to 26 of our Senior shut-ins, as well as the 7 families that lost a loved one this year. Rev. Byron signed the inside of each card on behalf of St. Andrew's.

- Sandra Jackson PCG Administrator



After over 20 years of hosting the L6X/L6Y Grace group, Doreen and Ray have decided to retire from the leadership of the group. Our last meeting was on Tuesday, December 16th, where we met together for a time of fellowship. A number of our members are no longer able to attend due to health reasons, and we are not getting any younger, so it was with thankful hearts that we met to remember our faith journey as we studied God's word together, prayed for one another and celebrated our church family. We will continue to see one another in church and care for one another in prayer. It has been a privilege and a joy to lead this group.

- Doreen Scott-Dunne, Ray Scanlan

After months of meeting online, the L6T/L6P Grace Group met in person for their Christmas Potluck

Luncheon, getting together across generations with good food and good conversations. We are thankful for everyone that could join us and our prayers to those that could not.

Looking forward to our next zoom meeting  
Thursday, January 22nd at 7:30pm.

- Maggie Nicol

## 2025 Cookie Campaign

While final numbers will not be available until early in January 2026, I would take the time now to thank all of you who participated in the 2025 cookie campaign. The campaign was a huge success. Over 90 people placed orders for the cookies, shortbread and fruit cake. Some even came back for more a second time. In some cases five of those wonderful people took 20 or more additional orders.

The overall result was overwhelming.

While you wait for my final report in the New Year, I'll leave you with this thought ... over 1800 boxes of those oh so good shortbread cookies with chocolate chunks were purchased.

SIMPLY PUT, AWESOME !!!

Merry Christmas & Thank you,

Bruce 'Cookie-Man' Cornish

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