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### 2025 Cookie Campaign

#### - A Great Success Story -

The cookie campaign for 2025 was a huge success and our thanks to all the good folks of St. Andrew's

who promoted, ordered, consumed and bought even more cookies, cakes and shortbread. We give a BIG THANK YOU to Bruce's family for being there for him during the six week campaign. He truly appreciates the steady support of Teresa and Adam.

We would also like to thank Bruce for the many years he has ordered product, sold it to us, delivered it to our homes and done all of this with a smile, and felt proud to hand a cheque each year to Gord Warren for the Food Bank. You are our hero, Bruce!

We would also like to say THANK-YOU to the food bank volunteers. It is a pleasure for Bruce to come to the food bank each Wednesday morning to work with such dedicated amazing people. We think it's appropriate to recognize their contribution, as we would not have a food bank without them.

Bruce challenged the St. Andrew's congregation to answer this question:

*“What significant historical event occurred on May 6, 1956?” and also to consider the following numbers.*

96      108      1695      285

Well, 96 was the number of boxes of shortbread sold; 108 was the number of fruit cakes purchased; 1695 was the number of boxes of those oh so good shortbread cookies with chocolate chunks sold; and 285 was the number of dollars that Bruce collected from those wonderful people who just wanted to make a contribution and not take any product.

As well as thanking all the generous folks at St. Andrew’s, we also need to mention the huge contribution by the management and employees at Brampton Brick. Their support over the years has been just marvellous !

Now, to the information you have been waiting for. That question about that May 6, 1956 significant event ... Well, it was the first time in history that the mile was run in less than four minutes. On May 6, 1956 a runner by the name of Roger Bannister ran the mile in a time of 3 minutes 59.4 seconds.

So what does a less than a four minute mile have to do with the 2025 cookie campaign?

Simply put ... **the number 4.**

Because the **2025** cookie campaign raised an incredible **\$4,259.70** for the benefit of our food bank ... the St. Andrew’s Food Bank.

In celebration of this historical event, the congregation gathered in the Great Hall after the service for a piece of history, a celebration cake to celebrate an absolute and truly AWESOME event.

Oh ... by the way ... mark your calendars ... the 2026 cookie campaign starts on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 ... it’s only 245 days away.

## **BYRON’S BRIDGE**

Connecting Faith to Daily Life

*Hey St. Andrew’s!*



It used to seem strange and contradictory to me that the season of Lent comes to us during the Spring. It is a time in which we symbolically observe Jesus' walk towards the cross. Although we know the true end of the story, we are meant to behave as if we do not (and indeed throughout our lives we often lose sight of the promise of the resurrection, and live as if it never happened anyways). The colors of lent are dark purples and blacks, colors of mourning. We begin the season on Ash Wednesday, when some Christians even draw a cross in ash upon their heads which they leave there the whole day long to mark the occasion. Ashes were also traditionally used during mourning, especially in biblical times, when a grieving person sat for seven days "in sack cloth and ashes".

Lent is a somber affair, and yet the word "lent" itself contains connotations of regeneration and new life. "Lent" comes from the Old English word "*lencten*", which means "Springtime", or literally "lengthening of days". It refers to the time of year in which days became longer, and daylight more abundant. We didn't have to put the Lent and Easter season at this time of year, but it is thematically

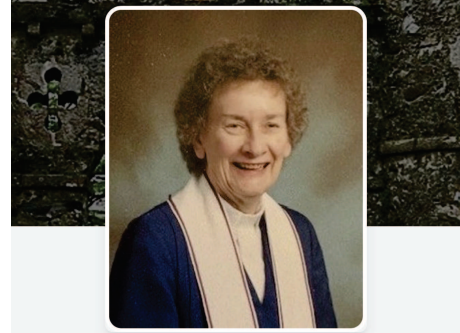
appropriate. Lent is a Spring cleaning for our souls. We clear away the fluff and debris, the dirt and baggage left over from a long and harsh winter, and we get things right between ourselves and God before we observe the climax of the cross and the resolution of the resurrection. We prepare our Spirits for the abundance of light which is to come. This is what is behind the practice of "giving something up for lent". It's like the "New Year's Resolution". New Year, New Me! This isn't entirely incorrect. However, we traditionally chose things like pop, alcohol, chocolate or chips to give up, and this would make one think that the point of the practice is to reduce our ability to enjoy ourselves, or even that Lent is a word which means "diet". But that's not the case. It's not so much about the thing you're giving up, but rather about making space in our lives for the new things that God has in store for us.

Perhaps, then, you might think this year about making a different sacrifice? Perhaps, rather than giving up a food item you enjoy, or on top of that sacrifice, you could also make a sacrifice of time and attention? Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Celebration of Life - February 14, 2026 at St.

Andrew's



**Reverend Rosemary Doran**

July 8, 1935 — December 7, 2025

Rev. Rosemary Doran co-authored a book entitled “Certain Women Amazed Us”. As many speakers celebrated her life and shared memories with folks who filled the church and came from far and wide to honor her, we were all of one mind in agreement that Rosemary was a remarkable woman who truly amazed all of us.

Three ministers, Rosemary's 3 children, and a number of grandchildren, shared their love and bore witness to a life well lived. The music echoed Rosemary's Irish heritage, the speakers spoke of her influence, inspiration and the wide circle of hearts she touched by her pastoral ministry.

desert. He was fasting during that time, yes, but primarily he was praying. Perhaps you could give ten minutes a day to prayer? Can't do ten minutes a day? What about five minutes a day, or ten minutes a week? God knows where it is that you are beginning, and He can accommodate your needs. This is a time for “spring cleaning” in our souls. There are boxes to unpack in there, new things to discover, and new space to be made. God has great things planned for us this Lent, but we have to make the journey with Jesus, and make the necessary sacrifices in order to find out what comes next. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is a great place to be, to pray, and to listen to God's voice during this serious but exciting time.

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Rosemary was a rare, gentle larger than life individual, and the wisdom of her legacy will live forever in our hearts!

*Below is the reflection written by Rosemary, read at the Celebration of Life by her daughter Ruth.*

*What a remarkable ministry!*

### **The Ministry of Mothering**

**Rev. Rosemary Doran** (circa 1980)

It has lately been borne in on me that God has called me to a ministry. Ministry is all around us these days and not just in the professional sense – lots of lay people are being recognised as having a special ministry. One American church recognises the ministry of a physically challenged individual who operates the church elevator – the church sees it as that person’s calling. So I sometimes feel sort of inadequate. I mean, what’s special about me? I was feeling rather sorry for myself the other day and sounding off to God about it, when He said, “But I called you to be a mother!” Well, that really set me back on my heels. After all St Paul didn’t list mothering when he talked about callings in

Ephesians 4. Maybe God knew something St Paul didn’t?

So, I began to think about it and the more I thought, the more excited I became. Yes, I do have a ministry, a calling from God to bring up my children – His littles ones – in “the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” I used to hear that phrase in the baptismal service when I was a child and wondered what it meant. Now I know. It means healing the knees and trying to heal the hearts. It means saying, “No, you can’t” and living with the sulks. It means being called the squarest mother on the block and acknowledging that you probably grew up in the Ark with Noah. It means turning a deaf ear to “But everyone else does it” and discovering with delight that everyone else actually doesn’t. It means finding the time when there isn’t a spare minute in the day. It means saying “Go ahead and try” knowing that your heart will be in your mouth till they get back. It means cherishing weird-shaped pottery and oddly-carved wood on your best coffee table and never throwing out a piece of art work. It means living with scowls and

hugs, tantrums and smiles. It means teaching responsibilities as well as rights. It means answering one thousand and one questions – the same one thousand and one questions every day. It means putting together the pieces of a broken world. It means saying, “Do you mind if we use the phone for a while?” It means laughing at “Knock, knock, who’s there?” jokes and pretending you like breakfast in bed. It means saying “I Love You” in every word and gesture and never growing weary. You know – I’ve been almost twenty years in this ministry. Do I wish God had called me to something else? Sure I do – sometimes! On occasion I think I’d make a fantastic nurse or missionary or teacher – or elevator operator! But God didn’t designate me for those jobs so I try to do the best I can where I am. There is great joy in my heart as I contemplate the children whom God has entrusted to my care. Thank you, Lord, for the ministry of mothering.

### **A Reminder of Surf and Sunshine**

The Dewars and Woods/McMechan went to Antigua for their annual November vacation this

year. We were to go to Montego Bay, Jamaica but Hurricane Melissa changed our plans.

The Jamaica vacation will happen in

November 2026. At

the last minute we scrambled to find a new island and resort. So off to Antigua to the Pineapple Beach Club Resort. It had a beautiful beach and the staff was really friendly. Bill enjoyed snorkeling! We had a great time and enjoyed many laughs.



### **WMS Submission**

With heavy hearts this past Valentine’s Day, we gathered at St.



Andrew’s Presbyterian Church to celebrate the beautiful life and faithful ministry of the Rev.

Rosemary Doran, Minister Emeritus. Rev.

Rosemary was a vital and cherished presence within the Women’s Missionary Society—not only in our own group, but also at the Synodical and Council levels, where she served as President of the WMS.

Her passion for women’s leadership and faith-filled

service lives on in the pages of the book she co-wrote with the late Lois Klempa, *Certain Women Amazed Us: The Women's Missionary Society, Their Story, 1864–2002*—a lasting tribute to generations of faithful women who shaped the church.

Looking ahead, the World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. This year's service was written by the women of Nigeria, inviting us to listen to their stories, their hopes, and their prayers. The World Day of Prayer is a special moment when people across the globe pause together, united in prayer and compassion. We warmly invite you to come, to learn about Nigeria, and to join in this worldwide circle of prayer. A reception with light refreshments will follow the service, and all are welcome.

For March and April, our meetings will be held online via Microsoft Teams, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join us, please let Kim Shepherd know so she can send you the meeting link. We would truly love to see

your face on the screen and welcome you into the conversation. As I close this month's reflection, I return to a phrase shared at Rev. Rosemary's Celebration of Life: "Go out and be a Rosemary." May we carry her spirit of kindness, courage, and faithful service into our everyday lives. Let us go out into the world—and be a Rosemary!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday School is slowly but surely growing, and what a joy it is to see our children and youth gathering together each Sunday morning! There's something special about watching young hearts and minds come together to learn, ask questions, and grow in faith.

First up is our Dwell class (K–Grade 3). This group has just begun a new session called Wonder. Through the Dwell curriculum, our youngest learners are encouraged to ask their favourite "why" and "how" questions as they explore God's Big Story. It's beautiful to see them discovering faith with curiosity, imagination, and a growing sense of awe at the greatness and love of our God.

Next is our Connect class (Grades 4–8). Using the Connect curriculum, students are learning how the Bible is beautifully connected—how stories in the Old Testament link with those in the New Testament and Psalms. The class has been having thoughtful discussions about Identity and will soon be exploring Technology as well. The conversations have been rich, honest, and full of insight as our youth wrestle with what it means to live out their faith today.

Before I close, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you. Your continued support of the children and youth in our church truly matters.

It reminds them that they belong—not only to God’s family, but to St. Andrew’s family too. Some of our kids and youth are even helping out during Fellowship, serving tea, coffee, juice, and goodies, which is such a wonderful way for them to be involved and serve others.

If you’d ever like to teach, help out, or simply peek into the classroom to see what’s happening, please speak with Kim Shepherd or any of our

teachers—we would love to share this joyful part of our church life with you.



The year 2026 means that St. Andrew’s Food Bank has been serving the less fortunate families in our Brampton neighbourhood for the past **36 years**. We started with just a small cupboard filled with food upstairs in 1990, to forming a Committee in 2014, and expanding into the downstairs Education wing when the daycare left. We needed ground access for our Clients with mobility issues, and more space for our increasing Client numbers and expanding food offerings. We could not serve these Clients without our 33 wonderful Food Bank Volunteers who give of their time freely every week. Most have been volunteering for 10 to 20+ years; supporting this important ministry at St. Andrew’s. We are so fortunate to have the support of our local Brampton neighbours who shop at grocery chains Chalo Freshco Chinguacousy/Queen, Freshco BCC, Metro Brampton Mall, FoodLand Vodden +

FoodLand Caledon. Customers purchase brown paper grocery bags filled mostly with canned goods, and place them in the drop off bins as they exit the store location.

Between Dec 18/25 to Jan 3/26 several volunteers picked up so many of these donated grocery bags that we had to bring in a large team of volunteers on Jan 5th to sort it all. We spent just over 2 hours spread out in the Sunday room area and filled up all our cupboard space, plus 22 red totes bins. We had to stack these tote bins along the window wall in our food room, it's a little cramped but we made it work. We have been giving out extra canned goods weekly to our clients to share this awesome abundance.

Our kind and generous neighbours in the Brampton neighbourhoods where these grocery chains are located, fills up our hearts with gratitude. It takes a village to help these less fortunate families in our own backyard.



### **Jan to Feb 17, 2026**

From January to Feb 17, 2026 a total of 7 prayer requests were received. That resulted in 43 updates since I receive several updates as the person's condition changes over the following days, weeks, and months. We continue to pray for 15 groups and 29 individuals listed in our long term conditions section. A monthly prayer list is sent out to all PCG members at the end of the month.

### **In Memoriam**

We continue to hold up the 17 church families in our prayers, who lost a cherished member in 2025.



- Sydney McFarlane moved into Greenway Retirement Home on Jan 24th, 2026.

- The Prayer Circle Group is part of St. Andrew's Congregational Care, together we help deliver milestone birthday cards, milestone wedding anniversary cards, milestone birthdays, as well as get well and sympathy cards to our church family members.

We also assist with delivering the bi-monthly church newsletter to 15 shut-ins with the help of Valerie Martin and Doreen Scott-Dunne.

- *Sandra Jackson, PCG Administrator*



Our **Annual General Meeting**

takes place on Sunday, April 26th, 2026 following the worship service.

### **Missions Minute**

It has been a long, cold winter but as I write this, the Blue Jays are preparing for their season. Spring as it always does is coming. This means it is time to prepare. The Mission Committee reminds the congregation that Faith in Action will happen in late spring. We ask as you do your spring cleaning, to remember we will be collecting towels for the animal shelter, men's and women's toiletries for both Ellen House and OCI. We also have a couple of ideas that we hope to share in our next newsletter. It may not feel like it; but spring is coming.

- *Colin Young*

### **Worship and Fellowship Committee**

I suspect I am not alone in feeling that this winter has been longer, colder, and snowier than in recent years. Even so, now that March has arrived, Spring cannot be far off — whether or not the groundhogs agree.

As the seasons begin to shift and we look ahead to a time of renewal and new growth, we also turn our minds toward the Holy Season of Easter.

Throughout Lent and leading up to Easter Sunday, St. Andrew's will offer many opportunities for worship and participation during this deeply significant time in the Christian calendar.

We will begin the Lenten season, which formally starts on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, with a Pancake Breakfast following our morning service on Sunday, February 15th. As we journey together through the 40 days of Lent and prepare our hearts for Easter, we are mindful of the many blessings we share at St. Andrew's. We hope you will join us for the meaningful services and gatherings planned to mark this sacred season.

8 March – 10:30am – Leap of Faith Band enhancing our Service

2 April – Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm (with a simple meal)

3 April – Good Friday Service at 11am

5 April – Easter Sunday Service at 10:30am

We look forward to worshipping with you—either in person or through YouTube where our services are livestreamed on Sunday mornings and are also available for viewing at your convenience.

- *Karen Hutchinson, Chair*

## GRACE GROUPS

Our next L6T/L6P gathering will be a "heart-check" for our group as we revisit the five pillars that define us: **Glorifying God, Relationships, Acts of Service, Caring Community, and Education.**

Rather than our usual study, we are carving out intentional space to talk about the "why" behind our meetings. We'll be discussing what is feeding our spirits and how we can better live out our faith through tangible **Acts of Service**. It's an essential

moment for us to ensure our time together remains a true reflection of a **Caring Community**—one that impacts both our members and those beyond our circle.

- *Maggie Nicol*

The L6X/L6Y Grace Group had its last meeting in December, 2025. This means we only have one remaining very healthy GRACE group connected to St. Andrew's. So if you feel you would like to start a GRACE group in your area of Brampton, please feel free to contact Ray Scanlan or Doreen Scott-Dunne([rose.scott.dunne@gmail.com](mailto:rose.scott.dunne@gmail.com)) and we will be happy to guide you and support you in any way we can.

**Deadline for submissions to the May 2026 Issue:**

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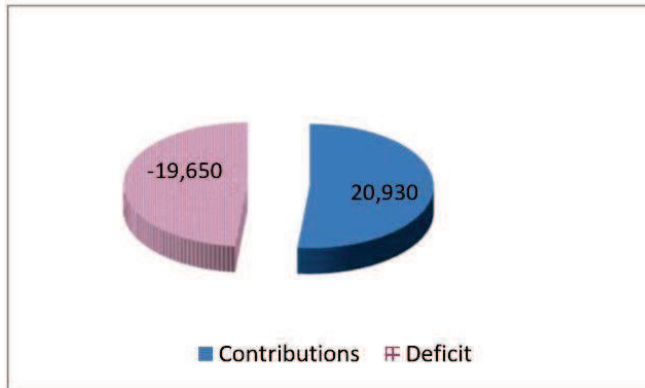
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# Church Finances

## Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of February 13, 2026



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

As you can see by the pie chart, contributions only covered half our expenses year to date resulting in a deficit of \$19,650.

Offerings are down 20% from the prior year so far in 2026.

## Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Feb 13, 2026	Jan 1 - Feb 13, 2025
<b>Contributions</b>		
Offerings	17,604.37	21,797.35
SEAOM Offerings/convention	1,110.00	1,873.85
Other Revenue	2,215.83	2,956.44
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>20,930.20</b>	<b>26,627.64</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Education	-	311.28
SEAOM Mission	400.00	400.00
Mission	-	-
Property	18,577.98	34,354.09
Stewardship	21,035.87	24,448.64
Worship	566.78	695.39
Session	-	1,311.91
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>40,580.63</b>	<b>61,521.31</b>
<b>Net General Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(19,650.43)</b>	<b>(34,893.67)</b>
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	1,175.00	2,214.00
PWS&D donations*	261.50	642.50
Food Bank donations*	4,141.20	5,495.78

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

## Bank Account Balances

	Jan 1 - Feb 13, 2026	Jan 1 - Feb 13, 2025
General Bank	(11,870.58)	(600.14)
Restricted Bank	52,916.65	66,796.65
Food Bank	147,695.44	142,033.45
Trustee Bank	20,682.92	10,806.57
Session Bank	3,446.84	3,035.20
Line of credit	(5,000.00)	(23,000.00)