

PARISH OF LANSDOWNE REAR 2020 MINISTRY PLAN
'Working together to reach our full potential as God's creation'

WORSHIP

"For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth" John 4:23-24, NLT

We will:

- Be flexible in worship and explore new ways of doing church, including needs of families
- Use the BAS as the main liturgical resource and consider projection
- Offer one worship service each Sunday, alternating between Christ Church Athens (1st, 3rd) and Holy Trinity Oak Leaf (2nd, 4th)
- Provide worship services at Maple View Lodge
- Support the team approach, including training, to worship leadership
- Provide special services / sacraments as needed
- Promote ecumenical gatherings

DISCIPLESHIP

"Go and make disciples of all the nations...And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20

We will:

- Fuel disciples within the parish
- Provide an annual opportunity for members to offer their time, talents and treasure
- Encourage members to participate more fully in diocesan, provincial and national programs
- Provide appropriate training and financial support to lay leaders for parish ministries
- Equip the parish family as evangelists
- Increase support for parish and ecumenical youth ministries
- Live into the truth and reconciliation process

MINISTRY

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.
Ephesians 4:11-12

We will:

- Proportionally support full-time ordained ministry (2 clergy for Leeds Anglican Ministries)
- Develop and increase support for a pastoral care team
- Emphasize prayer through prayer team, prayer chain and intentional prayer, including Order of St. Luke- Respond to local and global needs

FELLOWSHIP

"... make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose." Phil 2:1-2

We will:

- Respond to newcomer needs
- Be attentive to inclusiveness
- Encourage community building through dinners and other open events
- Support connection to the parish through availability of fellowship ministry at funerals
- Encourage the development and continuation of small fellowship groups
- Offer informal fellowship activities accessible to all
- Explore possibilities for community-building activities

MISSION

"Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world." John 17:18

We will:

- Live into the diocesan / LAM Covenant
- Support local, diocesan, national and global mission
- Offer opportunities for community involvement
- Seek local organizations connections
- Maintain and expand social media presence
- Encourage community use of parish facilities
- Support Athens Food Bank, including monthly Food Bank Sunday
- Support global missions including Shoeboxes for Seniors in Chernobyl

RESOURCES

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Luke 6:38

We will:

- Provide the resources to implement ministries
- Ensure that leadership teams communicate and consult regularly with parish members-
Re-evaluate fund-raising models
- Fully implement Screening In Faith
- Assess all parish facilities for maintenance needs, safety, accessibility and energy efficiency- Be deliberate in our efforts to be more 'green'