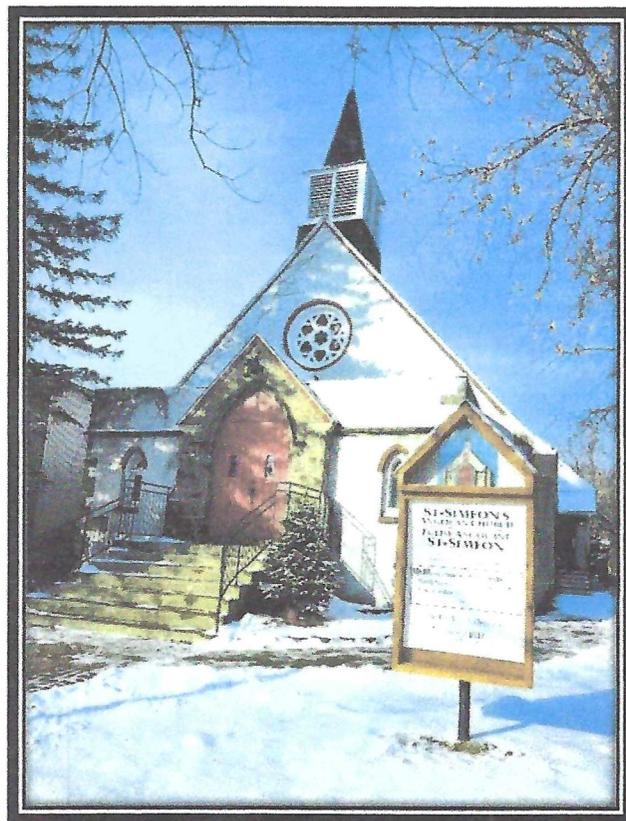


**St. Simeon's Anglican Church
Annual Vestry Meeting
February 15, 2026**



**Agenda
Minutes
Reports**

St. Simeon's Anglican Church

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Administration:

People's Warden	Andy Mason
Deputy People's Warden	Karen Napp
Rector's Warden	Susan Sioui
Treasurer	Herb Sioui
Vestry Clerk	Karen Napp

Groups:

Women's Fellowship	Ann Mason
Bible Study	Susan Sioui

Worship:

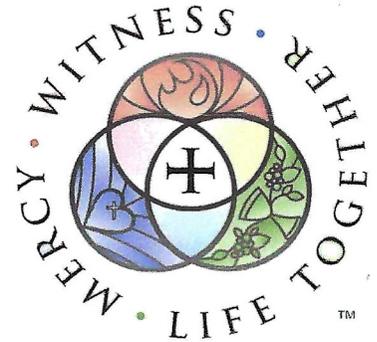
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Alternate Service	Gordon McPhee & Susan Sioui
Altar Guild	Edna Hall
Music	Janis Morrill
Hosts and Readers	Judy Evans
Coffee Hour	Donna Silverson
Web Site	Susan Sioui



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St. Simeon's Anglican Church

Annual Vestry Meeting

February 9th, 2025

In attendance: Ven. Dr. Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu, Susan & Herb Sioui, Ann & Andy Mason, Janis Morrill, Catherine Brown, Darren Prentice, Ron Tilsley, Christine Small, Jenna Sioui, Edna Hall

This meeting was held in person at St. Simeon's Church.

1. **Opening Prayer:** Ven Dr. Victor-David opened the meeting with prayer.
2. **Welcome & Thanks:** Andy Mason welcomed and thanked those in attendance (12) for St. Simeon's Annual General Vestry Meeting for the year 2024.
3. **Appointment of the Vestry Clerk:** Sue Sioui nominated Edna Hall for this meeting only. Edna accepted.
4. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Jenna Sioui moved to adopt the agenda.
5. **In Memoriam:** We remember and pray for the former clergy lost this past year: Rev. Canon Peter Asbil and Rev. Canon Eric Beresford.
6. **Minutes of the last Annual General Vestry Meeting:** Approval of minutes from February 25th, 2024, for Year 2023. Sue moved to accept the minutes.
7. **Business arising from the minutes:** Andy reported on our Ukrainian Outreach. Report attached. Both our families are doing well.

8. **Reports:**

8.1 Clergy Report: In the absence of Rev. Nick, Sue shared our esteem for Rev. Nick during his presence at St. Simeon's. We wished him a fond farewell and best wishes for the future on Sunday, January 12 after our service. Ven. Dr. Victor-David reported that the clergy had honored Rev. Nick at a clergy gathering.

8.2 Rector's Warden: Report attached. Sue emphasized how much she appreciated the support she has received in filling this position. Andy thanked Sue for her dedication to fulfilling the duties of the Rector's Warden. All agreed.

8.3 People's Wardens: Report attached. Andy thanked Karen for her work as Deputy People's Warden and all who helped with the maintenance of the church; in particular, Drummond and Herb. He especially thanked Darren Prentice for his good work and for his generous donation of our new Church sign.

9. Treasurer's Report: Herb presented the Treasurer's Report for the year 2024, report attached. Total Revenue for 2024: 54,177\$, Expenses for 2024: 63,887\$, leaving an Operating Deficit of 9,710\$. Congregation Equity is: 1,419,499\$

Herb thanked Andy Mason for verifying the treasurer's financial report. Andy thanked Herb for his tremendous amount of work all year long on financial reports, etc. Herb moved for acceptance of the Financial Report for 2024, seconded by Ann Mason. All in favour.

Ven. Dr. Victor-David complimented Herb on his meticulous report.

10. **Group Reports:**

10.1 Lay Assistants: Report attached. Edna spoke to Joan's report, expressing thanks to all who served in this capacity. Volunteers into the lay assistant ministry are always welcome.

Andy expressed thanks to Gordon for organizing and leading the Family Service as well as leading some Morning Prayer Services.

10.2 Alternate Service: Report attached. Susan shared that Gordon has taken on the leadership of this service. Ann organizes the volunteer participation. Sincere thanks to Gordon and Rolanda for continuing this ministry. We are blessed by their great generosity and talent.

10.3 Altar Guild: Report attached. Edna thanked Judy and Ann who serve on a regular basis. Particular thanks to all who help decorate for the special seasons of the Church Year.

10.4 Music: Report attached. Janis thanked Andy for accompanying the organ with the clarinet. She complimented the congregation on their singing. Janis was thanked for her dedication and for choosing the hymns each week.

10.5 Hosts & Readers: Report attached. Edna thanked Joan and Judy for organizing these tasks each week.

10.6 Women's Fellowship: Report attached. Ann commented that this group has been active for over forty years. It is still a vibrant group and the fellowship is meaningful in our community and beyond.

10.7 Coffee Hour: Report attached. In written form, Donna reported that all is going well with the support of parishioners who very willingly prepare and serve coffee and snacks.

10.8 Website: Report attached. Susan keeps the website up to date and current. The website receives many 'hits'. Thanks were given to Susan for her very professional presentation of the website and for maintaining the site up to date.

Sue was thanked for her technical expertise in the weekly power point productions. Debbie Tilsley is now helping with this task.

10.9 Bible Study: Report attached. Sue reported that the Bible Studies during Advent and Lent were held in the common room of the Rotary Apartments. Attendance has been very encouraging and very ecumenical. Plans are underway to continue this ministry during Lent this year.

10 A: Acceptance of Reports: Janis Morrill moved acceptance of the above and attached reports.

11. Appointments:

Rector's Warden

Chalice administrators

Treasurer

Verifier

All appointed.

Sue Sioui

Edna Hall, Susan Sioui, Joan Painter,
Andy Mason, and Jenna Sioui.

Herb Sioui

Andy Mason.

12. Nomination Committee Report: The nominations committee, Andy Mason and Jenna Sioui, presented their nominations for 2025. Susan moved to accept people as nominated, seconded by Andy. All in favour. The committee nominates the following people to the various offices:

People's Warden

Deputy People's Warden

Host Family & Readers Co-coordinators

Coffee Hour Co-coordinator

Synod Delegate

Andy Mason

Karen Napp

Joan Painter & Judy Evans

Donna Silverson

The annual Synod will be held in person this year.

13. Prayer of Dedication: Ven. Dr. Victor-David led a prayer for all nominations.

14. Financial Stewardship:

14.1 Budget for 2025: Report attached. Herb presented the budget for 2025. Revenues are estimated at \$54,500 and Expenses at \$53,192 for an Operating Surplus of \$1,308. Herb moved for acceptance of the 2025 budget, seconded by Jenna.

15. New Business: Discussion took place on the future of St. Simeon's.

The Ven Dr. Victor-David clarified the possible steps for choosing a new clergy.

Options were: 1. The Bishop could appoint a priest to serve on a part time basis.

2. St. Simeon's could ask the Bishop for a limited number of possible candidates to be considered. Interviews would then take place.

3. We could consider a candidate who has already shown interest.

St. Simeon's recent history of sharing services and outreach programs with other churches in Lachute was mentioned as a positive step forward.

16. Adjournment: The Annual General Vestry meeting of 2025 for the Year 2024 was adjourned by Ron Tilsley, seconded by Jenna Sioui.

17. Closing Prayer & The Grace: Andy thanked the Ven Dr. Victor-David and all for attending. The meeting closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna Hall
for

Karen Napp,
Vestry Clerk

Rector's Warden Report

The past year has been one of deep gratitude, significant transitions, and abundant blessings. While 2025 brought moments of concern regarding our leadership vacancy, it also revealed the incredible strength of our community. We are blessed with "faithful, willing servants" who ensure that the ministry of St. Simeon's continues to flourish. It has been an honour to serve this community. I do want to say a special thank you to Andy Mason for his exceptional patience and understanding as we have sifted through many parish concerns over the past year.

Our Worship

Our primary goal in 2025 was maintaining a regular sacramental life without a Priest-in-charge.

- **Eucharistic Ministry:** We maintained bi-weekly Eucharist through September. We owe a debt of thanks to **Rev. Peter Prosser**, whose comfortable style and Lenten leadership were appreciated by all; and **Rev. Jean-Claudel Wagnac**, whose kindness and faithfulness during his months with us were apparent to all. We

pray that he will find his place to serve in the Diocese.

- **Diocesan Support:** As finding coverage became more difficult toward year-end, we were grateful to **Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor** (Congregational Development Coordinator) for his December visit and guidance for our wardens.
- **Lay Leadership:** Our "devoted team of lay leaders" is the backbone of our Sunday mornings. Sincere thanks to **Edna Hall**, **Gordon McPhee**, and **Susan Sioui** for leading Morning Prayer and Family Services and to **Andy Mason** and **Christine Small** for their capable assistance.

Our worship is continually enhanced by those behind the scenes:

- **Music:** I am thankful to **Janis Morrill** who chooses the hymns each

Sunday and faithfully plays the organ. **Andy Mason**, who accompanies her with his clarinet and the occasional visits from the **Smith family**, all provide a beautiful atmosphere for praise.

- **Service Logistics:** We thank **Edna Hall** who prepares the service roster, **Judy Evans** who finds readers for the 1st lesson, **Donna Silversen** who provides hosts and supplies for our Fellowship time following the service, and the **Altar Guild** for their meticulous care of our sacred space.
- **Technology:** The weekly PowerPoint presentations by **Susan Sioui and Debbie Tilsley** keep our services accessible and modern. The newsletters are sent out to our parishioners by **Rolanda and Gordon McPhee**.

Ecumenical Partnerships

St. Simeon's has embraced a spirit of unity with our neighbours:

- **Shared Worship:** Our summer rotation with **Lachute United Church** and our year-end Communion with the **Presbyterian Church** were all wonderful occasions to worship together.
- In December we were invited to a Sunday brunch at a local Sugar Camp and several of our parishioners enjoyed a social afternoon of fellowship with the **United Church** members.
- **Christmas Eve:** Our most attended service was a beautiful ecumenical gathering led by **Edna Hall**, bringing all three local congregations together under our roof.

Stewardship & Governance

- **Property:** It is a joy to work with **Andy Mason** (People's Warden) and **Karen Napp** (Deputy People's Warden). Their handling of contracts and repairs allows our ministry to function safely. Karen pulls triple duty acting as Vestry Clerk and our

custodian. We are so blessed. I also welcome **Edna Hall** into her new role as Deputy Rector's Warden; her support is an invaluable asset.

- **Finances:** **Herb Sioui** continues to manage our financial health with incredible transparency. His comprehensive reports ensure the Parish Council can make informed, responsible decisions.

Outreach & Community Impact

Our faith extends beyond our walls through four key pillars:

1. **Community Bible Study:** Bringing the Word into the local community. (see report in this document)
2. **Residence Ministry:** **Christine Small**, organizes and leads this outreach with the help **Janis, Andy, Ann, and Edna**. Together, they provide a vital monthly service for local seniors.
3. **Ecumenical Dialogue:** Under **Edna Hall's** leadership, we are actively seeking ways to work closer with our sister churches. (see report in this document)
4. **Centre d'Entraide:** **Judy Evans** spearheaded a Christmas fundraiser for our local food bank, directly supporting families in Lachute and the surrounding communities.

There are many more people working in the background, supporting our congregation in a variety of ways. This is the body of Christ. As Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. *Ch. 12: 5*

As we look toward 2026, we do so with hope. We remain "one body in Christ", where every member's contribution is vital. Our goal for the coming year is to remain steadfast in prayer as we seek new leadership while continuing to deepen our bonds with our ecumenical partners.

Faithfully submitted,
Susan Sioui

People's Wardens Report

During 2025, much of the People's Wardens responsibilities again involved general maintenance of the building and property.

This year we continued to have an agreement with the owner of the Pub next door. The owner uses the back portion of our property in return for a monthly donation and the provision of some lawn care during the summer months. A meeting will be scheduled in September 2026 to discuss rental terms for 2026-27. At this point the agreement appears to be working well for both parties.

Corey Haldimand continued to provide snow clearance for St. Simeon's. Even with all the snow and some rain, it has been a job well done. Thank you, Corey.

During 2024, we were approached by the local chapter of the Masonic Lodge to ask about using the church basement once per month. An agreement was reached. A donation to St. Simeon's related to the need for extra maintenance and heating was made. We intend to review the agreement later in the year.

Several minor repairs were made during the year including to a window (likely vandalism)

and to washrooms. Following a period of very strong winds, roofing shingles needed to be replaced. Work was carried out by Darren Prentice's company.

In recent years, there has been some water infiltration at the front end of the church. Early in the year it became apparent that significant work would be needed to make repairs to the front roof peak, the wall around the front window, and the ceiling tiles. Ceiling fans also needed to be replaced. This work was again carried out by Darren's company. Many positive comments were received about the final outcome of this challenging project. Thank you, Darren!

Other duties of the People's Wardens included helping to organize our Parish Council meetings. Karen's minutes were always well received. We will continue to work in the coming months with other members of our Parish Council to find someone to fill, on a regular and official basis, the role of Parish Priest.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Mason, People's Warden
Karen Napp, Deputy People's Warden

Ecumenical Planning Committee

It has been a pleasure meeting with the representatives from Lachute United Church, Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church and St. Simeon's to dialogue strategies that would enhance and broaden the Protestant presence in this community. Our representatives on this committee are Susan Sioui, Andy Mason and Christine Small.

We have shared a number of ecumenical ministries: Bible Study at the United Church, Advent Series at the Rotary Apartments, the United Church initiated Christmas gathering at the Cabane à Sucre in St. Andrews, the Christmas Eve service at St. Simeon's and the Communion Service

on December 28 at the Presbyterian Church.

We look forward to continuing to share Bible Studies, Lenten Series, services during Holy week and possibly summer services. We will continue to discuss paths of sharing the faith in our community.

We give thanks for all the representatives serving on this committee who share their knowledge and insight with their fellow Christians in our community.

Respectfully submitted
Edna Hall, Chairperson

Lay Assistants

The Lay Assistants are an integral part of the regular Sunday worship at St. Simeon's. Generally, they read the Psalm, the Second Lesson and lead the Prayers of the People and on occasion they lead other parts of the service. The creativeness of the Lay Assistants brings variety and a personal touch to the service.

The faithfulness of Susan Sioui, Andy Mason and Jenna Sioui is greatly appreciated. We are pleased and thankful to welcome Christine Small as a Lay Assistant this year. I am also privileged to be a part of this group. The contribution of each one brings creativity to the worship.

Yours respectfully
Edna Hall

Alternate Service

On the third Sunday of each month (with a few exceptions) Gordon McPhee leads our Alternate form of worship – a tradition at St. Simeon's since 1999. While it began as a service specifically for families, it has beautifully evolved into a meaningful worship experience for all generations.

Gordon leads with heart, preparing the liturgy, selecting the music and accompanying the service with his guitar. His meaningful sermons are appreciated by all.

Gordon is supported by a talented and dedicated team of: Ann Mason, Edna Hall, Jenna Sioui, Rolanda McPhee, Susan Sioui and a few occasional extras.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to Gordon for his amazing talents, deep knowledge, and faithful service. We invite you to join us this month (exceptionally) on **February 22nd at 10:00 am** in celebration of God's love for everyone.

Faithfully in Christ,
Susan Sioui and Gordon McPhee

Altar Guild

The weekly duties of the Altar Guild are shared by Ann Mason, Judy Evans and myself. We are grateful for the help of Karen Napp, Andy Mason and Drummond Hall when decorating for special seasons of the year, including Easter, Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas.

New members are always welcome. We consider it an honour and privilege to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted
Edna Hall

Music

Playing the organ at St. Simeon's has been a privilege and a pleasure for many years. My failing eyesight and some hearing loss have made it quite challenging at times lately; however, I am very thankful for Andy's clarinet which sometimes disguises my fumbles. I am also very thankful for the "power point" system which makes it so much easier for the congregation to sing the hymns.

We have three hymns each Morning Prayer service, and at Holy Communion we also sing the Gloria.

I believe this is a very satisfactory augmentation to the spoken words of praise.

Once a month Gordon McPhee takes the "Alternate" service and provides excellent guitar music.

Thanks to the congregation for their continuing participation and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Morrill, Organist

Readers

Weekly services include several Bible readings which have been designated by the Common Lectionary, spanning a three-year cycle. The officiant and lay readers are responsible for the Psalm, the Second Lesson and the Gospel. The first reading is done by a volunteer from the congregation: hence the reason for a reader.

We are grateful for the support and excellent reading from these people. They are greatly appreciated and enhance the presentation of the message pertinent to the weekly service.

Respectfully,
Judy Evans

Bible Study

Since October 2022, our Bible Study program has been blessed to grow within the wider community. Thanks to a wonderful partnership with the Rotary Apartments on Thomas Street, we gather in their first-floor common lounge—a space that has seen a few renovations in the past year. We have always received an encouraging and vibrant response from all who attend.

In 2025, our two studies sparked deep, thoughtful discussions. During Lent, we offered a Bible Study entitled “*Seven Words from the Cross*” – all ideas presented were from a book of the same name by the Rev. Charlie Holt. Rev. Peter Prosser, Edna Hall and Susan Sioui guided the discussions through powerful themes like:

forgiveness, abandonment, salvation, distress, and triumph.

During Advent of 2025, Edna and Susan led a series of three studies entitled “*Heaven and Earth*” focusing on Light, the Stars and the birth of Christ.

We invite everyone to join our upcoming journey. Our new Lenten Series, ‘*Encounters with Jesus in His Final Days*,’ begins **February 25 at 10:30 am**. All are welcome to share in this time of fellowship and reflection.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,
Susan Sioui

Women’s Fellowship

It is such a pleasure to be a member of this supportive group. We appreciate, inspire and laugh with one another in a stress-free, friendly environment.

We are informed, at our four annual meetings, of important Parish Council issues and decisions concerning our Church’s activities and services. Short devotions or readings encourage stimulating discussion and reflection.

In 2025 we provided Valentine bags of home-made cookies to our friends at The Rotary Apartments. We made much-needed donations to Tyndale,

St. George’s and Doctors Without Borders.

Come and join us in March for a warm and interesting time together with coffee, tea and refreshments.

If you have any questions about the Women’s Fellowship, please call me. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Mason
President, Women’s Fellowship

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour is going well. Thanks to everyone helping out and their support in taking turns serving coffee, tea, and snacks.

I would also like to thank everyone who has donated money, coffee, or tea, and goodies. It is all greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Silverson, Convenor

St. Simeon's Website

Our website [stsimeonsanglican.ca](https://www.stsimeonsanglican.ca) has been linked to the Diocese of Montreal website making it easier than ever for seekers to find us when searching for local parishes.

The Diocesan website, by the way, is: <https://www.montreal.anglican.ca> You can find us easily when you do a search for parishes.

One of our most popular features is our collection of sermons. I am deeply grateful to Gordon McPhee and our visiting clergy for allowing their messages to be shared online. The response has been remarkable—several articles have garnered over 1,000 hits, proving that our ministry reaches far beyond our red doors.

We strive to keep the site current with Parish News, worship services, historical documents, and updates on Bible Study, etc. While I apologize for the occasional lag in updates, I am committed to keeping you informed. I encourage you to visit often and share the link with friends who might be looking for a warm and welcoming spiritual home.

Finally, the website is for *you*. If you have ideas for new features or ways we can improve our digital presence, please don't be shy! I would truly value your input and suggestions as we continue to grow.

Susan Sioui
Webmaster

*May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.*

Amen

