

Ministry Opportunities at St. John the Evangelist Church, Kitchener Anglican Church Women

At St John's, our various ministries support our intention to be a faithful and thriving community. Connecting individuals and ministries is an act of mutual discernment—you may wonder which ministry is the best fit for you at this time, and the community may recognize gifts in you and encourage you to share them as we seek to be a thriving community.

The community also has some expectations for ministries. Knowing these expectations can help you and the community discern which ministry makes sense for you at this time. Some ministries also include a trial time to assist further in this discernment.

How does this ministry contribute to living as a faithful and thriving community and your life of discipleship?

The purpose of the ACW in the Diocese of Huron is to seek to unify all Anglican Women in the fellowship of worship, learning and sharing, which will deepen and strengthen their lives and will lead them into fuller Christian service. The organization, Anglican Church Women, is comprised of all the women in the Anglican Church.

At St John's, the ACW has a long history of being an active and motivating influence in connecting the church with service to our surrounding community. Among the projects that the ACW has promoted most recently are financial donations to the Waterloo Region Food Bank, Women's Crisis Services, Canadian Mental Health, Camp Huron and hosting the World Day of Prayer service. Other projects include providing clothing for migrant workers in Southwestern Ontario and in past years we have sent clothing to the Diocese of Keewatin. Before the pandemic, for many years we provided refreshments for a Habitat for Humanity build.

Within the parish, the ACW provides leadership for Coffee Hour, the Annual Pudding Factory and coordinates the purchase and sale of the annual Anglican Church calendars.

What gifts and skills are helpful for this role?

- Willingness to serve faithfully in Christ.
- Willing to use your gifts.
- Be open to possibilities.
- Work well in a team.

What to expect?

Currently, the ACW meets on the 2nd Monday at 7pm in February, April, June, September, November and December. We continue to meet via Zoom with an in-person in December if possible. The meeting begins with devotions, followed by a business meeting closing with a chance to share any personal news (birthdays, grandchildren, travel etc.) and then the Grace.

Members are asked contribute to projects as they are able. Examples include, organizing an event, writing a newsletter article, making an announcement on Sunday morning, baking cookies, or serving refreshments. Working together as a team helps build community in the ACW.

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Responsibilities

- Attend meetings as you are able.
- Engage in discussions.
- Contribute to projects.

Accountability

- ACW Annual General Meeting
- ACW Executive and Council printed report included in the Vestry report.
- Annual Financial report.