

Christ Church Ministries

In keeping with the framework outlined in the resources from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI, this section details the various ministries carried out in the name of Christ Church Dartmouth.

Ministries refers to the services, activities, programs, outreach and missional work carried out in the name of Christ Church Dartmouth. The following is a list, but not a comprehensive list, of the current list of ministries carried out at Christ Church.

Committees/ Organisations	Outreach	Services/ Programs	Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pastoral Care ● Altar Guild ● Anglican Church Women (ACW) ● Choir ● Sides People/ Greeters ● Gardening Committee ● Historical Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food and Clothing Ministry ● Food Bank ● Christmas Hampers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pastoral Visitors ● Youth Ministry ● Youth Camps ● Marriage Preparation Course ● Baptismal Preparations Course ● Counseling Services ● Catering/ Food Preparation ● Photography ● Videography ● Archiving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bible Study Groups ● Prayer Shawl Knitters ● Men’s Breakfast ● Musicals/Plays ● Maintenance of buildings/ grounds

Description of Ministries

As part of the SafeRChurch Audit Process, the parish was asked to ask and answer the following questions, about each of the above listed, to better understand what Christ Church is currently doing:

1. **WHY**—why is the parish doing this? How does it fit into the parish’s vision and mission? How central or peripheral is it to the parish?
2. **WHAT**—what are all the pieces of this reality? The specific, obvious and not-so-obvious elements of it?
3. **WHO**—who are the people involved?
4. **WHEN**—when does it take place? How often?
5. **WHERE**—where does this take place or happen?
6. **HOW**—how does this program, service, or activity work? Is there a fixed program?

What We Learned:

1. **WHY**—Christ Church has a large number of different types of ministries. There are a number of committees and organisations which undertake a number of outreach activities/programs, ministry activities, community activities, and community programs. All the activities which take place at Christ Church are related to the Vision and Mission Statements.
2. **WHAT**— Each group/organization of Christ Church has a long standing history and a core group of members who have served for long periods of time. Ministries undertaken at Christ Church are well organised and planned, they provide opportunities for both parishioners and community members to come together.
3. **WHO**— Most parishioners are attached to one or more ministries of Christ Church. There are a number of parishioners who participate in many ministries.
4. **WHEN**— Most committees/organizations meet and work from September to June, taking the months of July and August off. Most ministries follow the same with the exception of the Food and Clothing Ministry which runs weekly year round. Some activities may be offered periodically or on an as-needed basis.
5. **WHERE**—Most ministry activities take place at one of the buildings on the Christ Church property. There are some committees/organizations which meet offsite, usually at a member's home. There may be times when committees/organizations attend trips offsite and away from their normal meeting place.
6. **HOW**— Most ministries have a lead person who is in charge of the activity/group/organization. Committee/organization chairs typically report to Parish Council regarding their activities, needs, or wants. All financial information is shared with the Finance Committee to ensure transparency and proper reporting.