

The rector also leads a monthly Eucharist at the **Residence on the Saint Clair**, and other members of the parish regularly join the residents and assist.

## ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

The **Wardens** are the legal representatives of the Parish, and work closely with the **Parish Council** to ensure that the business of the parish, and the needs of its members, are being met. The **Treasurer** keeps the books, while the **Envelope Secretary** keeps confidential records of donations and issues tax receipts. The **Tabulators** count and record the donations received each week, while the **Security** volunteer makes sure the doors are locked and lights turned off after our gathering.

There are two standing committees that report to Parish Council on different parts of our activities: **Resource Management** looks after the finances and property while **Christian Life** has responsibility for overseeing all the activities which take place.



The **Woodrowe Group** is our branch of the Anglican Church Women, and they meet monthly for fellowship and worship, along with other activities such as catering receptions at the church, fundraising for various charities, participating in **World Day of Prayer** and the **Fellowship of the Least Coin**.



The **Phoenix Group** meets twice each month to look after our buildings and grounds, doing the various maintenance and upgrading activities that are necessary to ensure our comfort and safety. Members of the group have also overseen outside contractors when work beyond their level of comfort was required such as roofing or electrical repairs.

## AFFILIATED GROUPS

The **23rd Sarnia Scouts** have been sponsored by the parish since before the building was built, and are one of the largest Scouts Canada groups in South-West Ontario offering Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers.

The **St. Bartholomew's Day Nursery** began as a coop daycare organized by members of the parish, but is now run as a non-profit child care provider by London Bridge Child Care Services. What hasn't changed is excellent programming as former students bring their own children to have the same kind of experiences they had.

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The Church of Saint Bartholomew is an active parish with activities and ministry opportunities appealing to people of all ages and interests. Each of our activities is supported by numerous volunteers and staff who make these possible, and there is always room for more people to be involved.

## WORSHIP

There are many people who are involved in organizing and leading our worship experiences each Sunday (and other special liturgies). The **Altar Guild** looks after decorating and setting up our worship space. **Ushers** and **Greeters** welcome people to worship and distribute printed materials. **Readers** and **Intercessors** take their roles in leading different parts of the liturgy. **Servers** and **Chalice Bearers** assist the priest during the liturgy, while **Lay Readers** also ensure that worship services continue even in the absence of the priest. Our **Coffee Hosts** provide refreshments for the social time after the 10 am Sunday worship service.

## OUTREACH

Many of the outreach activities we support are organized through the **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**. Others are more local in nature, such as our **Soup Kitchen Ministry** at the Inn of the Good Shepherd, monthly collections for the **food bank**, sponsoring of local families at Christmas, and other special

appeals. In 2015 we joined with a number of area churches in jointly sponsoring a building project for **Habitat for Humanity** and in 2016 are jointly sponsoring 3 Syrian refugee families with other Anglican parishes in our Deanery through the **Lambton Anglican Refugee Committee**.



## EDUCATION

The **Church School** meets during the first part of the 10 am Sunday worship services, providing a message and activities aimed at an appropriate level for children. They currently meet in two age-delineated groups.

On a weekly basis we have groups that meet for **Bible Study**, a **Book Group**, and **The Journey** — a discussion group exploring issues of faith and society.

## FUNDRAISING

The majority of our fundraising activities are aimed at assisting others in our community and around the world. Some of the regular events are our **Roast Beef Dinners**, **Bistro Night**, **Pamper Day**, **Talk of the Town Bazaar**, and **The Arts at St. Bart's** Concert Series. Recent recipients of funds raised includes Habitat for Humanity Sarnia-Lambton, St. Joseph's Hospice, the Lambton Anglican

Refugee Committee, and our Soup Kitchen Ministry. The Church School holds its own fundraisers, most recently to support the work of UNICEF among the children living in refugee camps, and the Woodrowe Group distributes funds annually to a variety of causes.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

We are also a group of people who enjoy each other's company and having fun together. While all of the other activities listed in this brochure provide opportunities to come together, we also have events like **Dinner & a Movie** evenings when we share a meal at a local restaurant before watching a film back at the church.

Each Friday there is Seniors' Euchre Group that meets in the Lower Hall, and other groups come together on an occasional basis to bake pies, do crafts, card making, and other activities.

## PASTORAL CARE

Our **Lay Pastoral Care Team** ensures that all those who are unable to regularly attend due to age or illness receive visits, calls, cards, and invitations to special services intended to meet their needs. Our **Lay Eucharistic Visitors** are specially trained and licensed to bring the Eucharist from the church to people in their homes, hospital rooms, or other care facilities.