

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

2016 Diocesan Altar Guild Annual Meeting

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An enthusiastic group of approximately 100 Altar Guild members gathered in the sanctuary of St. Thomas's Stittsville for the Holy Eucharist lead by the Bishop John Chapman and assisted by The Rev. Jane McCaig, and with Don Gillen providing music for the service. The Bishop gave an inspiring homily commending the Altar Guild's for preparing the Sanctuary, Sunday after Sunday, so that during the Holy Eucharist, a small crack can be created enabling God's Grace to squeeze to those

gathered together in community.

A short business meeting was held after the service where the Altar Guild members voted to donate the Offering to the The Diocese of the Arctic.

Following the meeting, Frances Macdonnell, organist emerita at Christ Church Cathedral gave an insightful talk and video presentation on "The Stores of the North", after which members were treated to a wonderful lunch put on by the Altar Guild of St. Thomas.



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There was a full house at St. Thomas, Stittsville; for the Eucharist celebrated by the Rt. Rev. John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa.