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***"Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words,
the Spirit blowing through the churches." Revelation 3:6 (The Message)***

With the pace of events so far this year, we can't help but feel the rush of the Spirit surrounding us, flowing through us, and pushing us on further into where God is sending us – our mission. Mission is a thankful response to God's gifts for us. It begins with prayer, opening ourselves to receive and acknowledge the gifts for ministry, listening for guidance and how to use those gifts, and responding with thanks for the opportunity to reveal the kingdom of God in love and service.

Our Stewardship theme for 2023 has been 'Listen to the Wind Words' and we have heard the Spirit in the voices of our communities and world calling for help but also in the voices of those who have affirmed our response to our calling. We are grateful for all the gifts of time, talent, and treasure offered by our St. Luke's Leeds family and our community partners. As a reflection of that gratitude, the theme for our Stewardship Intention Meals this year is 'Thanksgiving'. As a part of St. Luke's Leeds, what are you thankful for? How do you think the Spirit is calling us to respond in gratitude? During our Intention Meals, we will be leading discussions on how we are formed to be disciples, what our parish culture is, and the fullness of life in our neighbourhoods in order to help us respond in gratitude, love and service.

Included in your Stewardship Intention package this year is our Narrative Budget, Snapshot Tools for Mission Action Planning, and Four Directions themed Anglican Rosary. Please take time to review the material enclosed with this letter. You will also find an Intention Card enclosed – we ask you to prayerfully consider how you can respond in gratitude to God's abundance in support of where the Spirit is guiding us. Intention Sunday will be November 5th and will include a time to offer these intentions for supporting our Parish vision in 2024. If you are not able to attend on November 5th, or need more time to review the material, we invite you to return the Intention Card by hand or by mail by mid-November. If you have any questions, please call.

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trish Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Trish Miller, Incumbent

On behalf of Trustees: Donna Robinson (Warden), Susan Thorpe (Warden),
and The Ven. Nancy MacLeod (Priest Associate)