

All Saints Parish in CBS

A parish made stronger by coming together to overcome obstacles!!

This year we celebrate the **80th anniversary** of our Church, and we thank God for our amazing history. As a Parish, we are so blessed to be the home of such a large and vibrant congregation!!

For our youth we are home to an active CLB Company, numerous Youth Groups, a busy Sunday school program, as well as a confirmation class, to name just a few. For the adults we boast a busy ACW team, an Anglican mens' fellowship group, choirs, church bands, regular Sunday night fellowship meetings, vacation Bible schools, Bible studies and training, visitation of the sick and shut-ins, meals on wheels, and many other activities in our Parish Hall that are just too numerous to mention.

Our current physical church building is starting to show its age, and consequently it is in need of repairs - in fact it now requires a major overhaul.

In response to this daunting challenge, our congregation has recently authorized a major renovation project, which has been strategically dissected into several manageable phases. Phase-1 is addressing our exterior issues which include reinforcing the foundation, resurfacing the roof with modern metal shingles, boxing in the eaves, adding extra bracing to the roof and walls, replacing all windows with new energy efficient units, replacing the siding with high-wind rated vinyl siding, and installing new main exterior doors. Needless to say, all these refurbishments cost money, and raising this money means a serious commitment from our congregation.

Rev Shelia White is not one to be discouraged!! Under her guidance, with the blessing of Vestry, and with the tenacity of a committed group of lay-people, an achievable plan has been devised.

We have offered the entire All Saints community the opportunity to become "owners" in a selected section of the church renovations. For example, for \$1000 a person (or maybe even chip in as a family) can donate a window to the church in memory of a loved one. Alternatively, \$250 would purchase a square of siding, or \$100 would purchase a section of roofing. A small plaque will indicate the window, section of siding or section of roof that the donor has gifted as a legacy for a loved one, and future generations.



The next step was to organize a number of committees, capitalizing on the unique gifts, skills and specialized wisdom of many individuals. Rather than just following the traditional cliché of the same 20% of the congregation doing 80% of the work, a plan was formulated to encourage all parishioners to donate their time and diverse skills.

The results have been nothing less than incredible! The first surprise was that people almost literally "came out of the woodworks" - computer experts, business consultants, marketers, carpenters, fundraisers, and so on. Many had never before offered their services, but all chose to step forward at this time to answer the call.

The second big surprise was the commitment!! As of the writing of this column (mid June) we have over \$93,000 committed to this renovation project. As one woman so nicely put it, "buying her piece of the church".

So now we are reaping the big reward – materials are arriving on site, and construction starts June 20th, just four short months after our February 20th congregational meeting – **God has truly blessed us!!!**

This is without a doubt a testimony to our rich past, the bristling pride of our current congregation, and with God's help, our collective will to move forward. All Saints has welcomed many new families to our ever-changing community, as we continue to "**Fight the Good Fight**". Not only have these new families volunteered their time and skills, but we have also witnessed an increase in our Sunday church service attendance, with much more active youth participation.

If you or your family would like to become an active member of this close-knit family, or to be involved in our "church ownership" project, please contact us at 834-4501, or for continuous updates just visit our website at www.allsaintsparish.ca.

This article was written by your Communications Team for insertion into the "Anglican Life" magazine. All congregation members should be receiving a copy of this magazine, so please let us know if you are not. Also, we welcome your comments and suggestions for future articles. Please email us at communications@allsaintsparish.ca



Dear Parishioner:

Your commitment to All Saints Anglican Church enables us to provide worship, pastoral care, education, and outreach to more than 1200 families in this community and beyond.

It takes \$349,000 to maintain our current standard of ministry: these funds come through your envelope offerings, hall rentals, caterings, and other special events.

As your management team,

- We **strive** to provide ministry during times of great joy and great sorrow
- We **aim** to ensure that ministry continues for future generations
- We **imagine** a congregation:
 - where every person gives 1 hour per week (*there are 168 hours in a week*)
 - where every person increases their financial commitment by just \$2.00 per week. (*the price of a cup of coffee*)

Quarterly Operating Account : ending May 31st, 2011

<i>No. of Envelope Donors <u>to date</u>:</i>	<i>400</i>
<i>Average Weekly Donation</i>	<i>\$ 7.78</i>
<i>Preauthorized Donors <u>to date</u>:</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>Average Weekly Donation</i>	<i>\$15.56</i>
<i>Total Donors <u>to date</u>:</i>	<i>459</i>
<i>Average Weekly Donations</i>	<i>\$8.78</i>

Where are you on this chart ?

- If you are under the average, maybe the average should be your goal.
- If you are an average giver, maybe you want to be above average

Your contributions are vital to life at All Saints.

Our Ministries

- Alongsider's Prayer Ministry
- Anglican Church Women
- Baptismal Preparation
- Beyond the Altar Rail
- Bible Studies
- Faith Café
- Choir
- Church Lads Brigade
- Follow Up
- Funeral Receptions
- Home Visitation
- Marriage Preparation
- Meals on Wheels
- Men's Fellowship
- Messy Church
- Mission and Outreach
- Praise Bands
- Prison Ministry
- Servers Guild
- Stewardship
- Sunday School
- Spiritual Development

Summarized Statement of Income and Expenses May 31, 2011

Receipts:

Regular Weekly Offerings
Other Offerings
Special Donations
Special Events—net of exp.
Hall Fundraising (catering etc)
Hall & Equipment Rentals
Sundry other income

Total Receipts

Expenses

Synod Assessment
Clergy & Staff costs inc'l benefits
Church Operating Expenses
Hall Operating Expenses
Other Expenses

Total Expenses

Surplus/-Deficit

	Year to Date		
	Budget	Actual	Inc/-Dec
	89,561	88,652	-909
	12,109	10,929	-1,180
	4,069	6,879	2,810
	13,250	13,842	592
	4,250	3,237	-1,013
	2,100	3,360	1,260
	425		-425
	125,764	126,898	1,134
	24,975	24,975	
	89,910	86,211	-3,699
	10,331	10,336	5
	16,990	16,410	-580
	12,235	15,316	3,081
	154,441	153,248	-1,193
	-28,677	-26,350	2,327

Renovation Project Update - June 17, 2011

Positive Progress...

Lots of positive things are happening at our church these days!! The initial response from Parishioners to help with the renovations has been simply amazing.

If you drive by this week you will see windows and siding being delivered, and that means renovations are about to start – just four short months since you made your decision. We have Warrick Butler, a local CBS contractor, hired to work on the project.

Our original estimate of \$270,000 to complete the job has been negotiated down to \$253,000 and construction will start the week of June 20.

Plus, more people are offering their time and expertise to help, as we truly ***“Honor our Past and Invest in our Future”***.

Still a Challenge...

A great start, and now we have to “keep the momentum going”!!

This is just the beginning, as we take on the first step with our exterior issues which include reinforcing the foundation, resurfacing the roof with modern metal shingles, boxing in the eaves, adding extra bracing to the roof and walls, replacing all windows with new energy efficient units, replacing the siding with high-wind rated vinyl siding, and installing new main exterior doors.

So if you haven't as yet made a commitment, now is the time to “jump in”. The materials have been ordered, and the bills have to be paid. Why not get your family together and make a joint donation in memory of a loved one. Or maybe help a needy family make a donation. Or how about fund raise, challenge friends, or get your group to pledge. Now's the time to claim your piece of the church and let our future generations know you were there when called upon.

How Do I Get Involved...

Do you have a skill that could help? Do you have time to help? Would you like to offer suggestions that would help? Can you encourage others to pledge and/or help?

Have you considered:

- Which part of the church you would like to be recognized for having personally donated?
- What your financial commitment would be, and how you would like to arrange your gifting? For example, would you like to pay in a lump sum, or perhaps a weekly/monthly commitment would be more convenient?
- Would you like to pay by cheque, cash or Visa?

If you have decided you would like to help, just give the office a call at 709-834-4501 or email us at <mailto:renovations@allsaintsparish.ca>

Check us out on our newly revised and informative website <http://www.allsaintsparish.ca> (all contact information will be there).

Please take a minute to **add your email** to our growing All Saints subscribers' list and we will update you on all the latest developments and activities in our Parish.

And remember to pray, pray, pray for our church.
“Keep the Good Fight”