

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH PARISH UPDATE TO August 31, 2020

The reopening of St. Mary's Church, August 16th was indeed heartwarming and a welcoming way to renew our Church Family relationship. Thank you to Don Nicholl and Val Davies Co-Chairs of the Reopening Committee and their Members who made the reopening possible and safe using all the required protocols.

The financial situation is still in gloomy which is reflective of the Church being closed these many months. Sunday envelope offering and open offering continue to take a toll on revenue. In spite of reduction in some expenses, i.e. kitchen and hospitality, custodial, flowers for the altar, and a decrease in mileage costs, it has not been enough to offset the loss in revenue.

Our fundraising efforts continue to be challenged as are our Hall Rentals due to Covid-19.

The Diocese, on behalf of Parishes, applied for and received Government funding under the Wage Subsidy program. We were able to receive the Wage Subsidy for March and April. Given this unanticipated revenue, along with a generous donation, (un budgeted) St. Mary's as at August 31st is in a positive position.

Don Nicholl who is responsible for keeping the grounds and the buildings in excellent condition on our behalf, has advised Parish Council that we are in need of a new roof. With the blessing of a bequest in July, 2017, we have \$25,000.00 set aside for a new roof which will not be sufficient to cover the full expense. St. Mary's has made an application to the Diocese for a grant of \$15,000.00 and we are praying that we will be approved next year. The dishwasher still has to be replaced at a cost of \$5000.00+. Other expenses this year have been for paving stones in front of the entrance of the church, repairs to the Wayside Pulpit to name a few.

August 31st income after expenses is \$2,487.32.

Had we not received an un budgeted generous donation of \$5000.00 and the Government Wage Subsidy of \$8406.29, St. Mary's would not be able to post a positive income position from January 1 - August 31st of \$6,884.14. We would be in a negative income position.

St. Mary's continues to be strong and committed and I am confident we will weather this Covid storm together. We have a generous Church Community which will see us through.

I am always available to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully, submitted,

Jennifer Birchall-Creighton, Treasurer
September 22, 2020