

From the Wardens

During the summer various people are holidaying at various times and decision making is slowed. Often the number of decisions is decreased because people are recreating rather than innovating so it all works out. Last February, when after 6 weeks the CIBC could not offer us a mortgage to buy the rectory at 101 The Westway, our lawyer arranged a one year mortgage open after six months at 6%. On the 15th of August we replaced the original one with a totally open CIBC mortgage at 3.75% which we hope to pay off within three years.

Instead of throwing out the old tables that were replaced this year, we sold them using the internet to three different parties.

The property committee has been investigating the possibilities of restoring the sign in front of the church or commissioning a new one. St. Benham's Congregation would like their name on the sign and is prepared to share in the cost. In the fall when we negotiate a new contract with them we will activate a committee to make a proposal.

Robert McNutt and the property committee have had estimates for renovations in the kitchen which focus on the replacement of the existing counter and sinks and the purchase of an additional stove to replace the ancient steam table. The decision on this is imminent.

There have been a number of garden pixies active on the church grounds over the summer. We would like to thank them for the weed plucking in the playground and the gardening in front and along to south wall. It has looked quite good over the dry summer.



From the Treasurer \$\$\$

Financial Report on income Jan 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011:

Regular Weekly Offering: \$32,647. received which is \$2,827. above budget
Flea Market Sales total \$4,536.
Book Sales and Craft Show total \$587.

Financial Report on expenses since the last Newsletter:

In May, the church roof maintenance repair cost \$721.51

In July, we made a Faithworks donation of \$418.63 and incurred a \$2,768.50 capital expense to replace the Rectory air conditioner and we have a \$100,000. mortgage on the Rectory

Our bank balance @ July 31/ 2011 was \$109,000.

Back to Church Sunday

This initiative began as an invitation to welcome "back" those who used to attend, but has grown to include anyone who currently doesn't attend church.

What do we need to do? Invite one person – a friend, someone who used to come but doesn't now, a neighbour. You have something to share - your church! But what if they say no? That's the big fear, isn't it. No is not a failure and it's not your fault nor the fault of the parish. The decision to say yes is between the invitee and God. Our responsibility is to be enthusiastic, positive, and welcoming.

There are posters – Can you put one up in your building? invitation cards to leave a reminder. There is a motivating DVD. The first step is to say "would you like to come to church with me?"

Just think if each of us invited one person we could double the congregation!.