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St. Bart's

St. Bartholomew's, built in 1868 as a local parish church for the Village of New Edinburgh and serving as the chapel for Government House, is now also the parish church for the communities of Lindenlea, and Rockcliffe Park in Ottawa. Our church also attracts others beyond our neighbourhood. We desire to be a vital community, welcoming for people of all ages, that reaches outward to help those in need both near to home and farther afield in the world.

St. Bartholomew's is a congregation of about 230 families. We are a community of faith within which we:

- † Come to know and worship God,
- † Explore our own spirituality,
- † Are nurtured, educated and grow in understanding our Christian faith,
- † Demonstrate our faith in action, through our responsibility to the wider Church, to humankind, and to creation,
- † Help one another in our Christian journey, and,
- † Together help others to know Christ and to make him known.



St Bart's - circa 1930

Frequently Asked Questions about St. Bart's Stewardship Campaign

Why is it important to make a commitment or to promise to give a certain amount of my income to St. Bart's?

St. Bart's relies on its members to fund its operations. We need to know how much we will have in the next year to enable our leaders to prepare a sound budget that they can count on.

St. Bart's has trust money, why can't that be used?

When people leave money in their wills it cannot be used for the day to day operation of the church. By law we are only allowed to apply interest from bequests towards operations. We are in fact using some of that interest to balance our budget. Our hope is to be supported in our regular operations by our members and allow this interest to compound in the trust fund.

What are the main trust funds at St. Bart's?

We have two main funds:

1. Our capital fund for major repairs and expenditures.
2. Our Social Outreach and Christian Education fund (SOCE) for our mission work.

Is Proportional Giving and Tithing the same thing?

No, tithing means giving back 10% of your wealth. Proportional giving can be any proportion of your wealth, 1%, 2%, 5% etc.

Should I calculate my giving from my before tax income or after tax income?

That is a completely personal decision.

What percentage of charitable gifts are rebated through my income tax?

When you make a charitable donation to either a charity or a church over \$250 you receive effectively just over 40% back from the government. This is because the 29% reduction allowed also reduces your provincial tax rate and the total is from 40-46%.

There are many worthy charities to which I make gifts. How should St. Bart's factor in?

Quite simply, St. Bart's is not a charity. Your gift to St. Bart's is not about supporting a good cause that does great work in the world. Your financial support of St. Bart's is about nurturing your spiritual home and deepening your relationship with God. The question to consider is not "how much does St. Bart's need to get?" but rather "how much do I need to give?"

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the parish office at 613-745-7834.



St. Bart's has hosted a number of concerts for international and local musicians this year and last. Chamber concerts, solo guitar and lute, choral ensembles and lectures have all found a home in our church. These events, which more than pay their way, allow our local community to "discover" us. They have provided a venue for various embassies to showcase artists from their own countries. Arts and cultural events at St. Bart's are a way of sharing our heritage with the larger world.



My favourite Grace to pray before a meal goes like this, "Gracious God, you have given us all good things, grant us one thing more, a grateful heart." We at St. Bartholomew's have indeed been the recipients of good things. Our heritage spans 142 years of worship and discipleship in this place where Jesus is proclaimed. St Bart's is our "spiritual home" for us, our forbears and those to come.

Throughout the fall we have all seen the beautiful new cedar shake roof being installed. Less obvious is the new flat roof added last year to the parish hall, a completely renovated vestry and upgrades to the fabric and insulation of our buildings. This work, including the rectory restoration in 2008, has totalled \$400,000. This we were able to do because we were given the money in two significant bequests. We have not had to ask you to pay for these crucial repairs.

It is in the spirit of having a grateful heart that we are asking you to consider your stewardship of St. Bart's. God has blessed us in this place. Our response should be to give thanks and one of the significant ways of doing that is by giving money, your own treasure. Our bequest money will soon run out. We need to be able to maintain St. Bart's and meet our future challenges.

I am very hopeful-our Sunday School has grown significantly and our Youth Group is going strong. New people are coming here and our previous members are returning. Our outreach program has done enormous good both locally and abroad.

Many of you give of your time and talent. Indeed we total some 10,500 volunteer hours given this past year. This astonishing number is a reflection of the dedication and commitment so many of you have made in Christ's service.

After reading this booklet we are asking you to do four things:

- † Review your financial commitment to St Bart's from previous years
- † Using our chart calculate *for your information only* what the percentage of your giving to our church and other charities represented of all your financial wealth
- † Consider what financial commitment you are willing to make for 2010
- † Fill out the Commitment card and return it to the church, either by mail or on the offering plate in the next two weeks.

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Rector

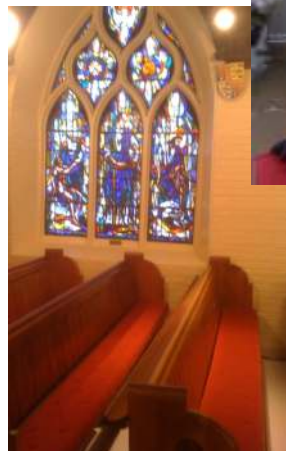


Renovations & changes

What a year! Our new cedar shake roof is the most dramatic change. As well as new shingles the chimneys, flashing, venting and roof itself have all been upgraded. In the spring the vestry was stripped and its leaking ceilings repaired, the cabinets refinished, electrics renewed and stained and soiled carpet replaced.

A handicap accessible automatic door was installed in the Parish Hall and doors to the garden weather sealed. The front doors of the church were completely refinished with new brass plates. Also a small parking lot for staff was created behind the hall off Avon Lane.

We have all benefited from Joyce Bryant's wonderful gift of pew cushions for our church.



parish and diocese management

None of this would be possible without effective parish and diocesan management. Office administration, corporate management and financial oversight are an important Ministry that assures us of effective governance and service in support of all we do as a parish community.

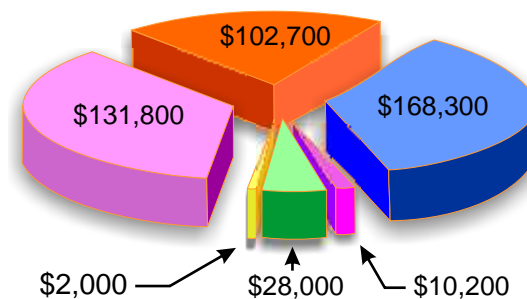
Funds are required to provide excellent administration and professional financial management services necessary to properly safeguard the use of our resources. Like all churches in the Anglican community, we also contribute to diocesan management in the fair share amounts we give to the Ottawa Diocese each year. This year we paid as our Parish Fair Share \$62,000. Of that amount \$24,800 helps finance outreach programs run by the Diocese. Examples are Cornerstone Women's Ministry and Centre 454 for men.

Our Parish Council, Wardens, Treasurer and Envelope Secretary give an astonishing amount of volunteer time in the administration of the parish. The combination of paid and volunteer time is what allows us to function efficiently as the "small business" we are with a budget of approximately \$343,000.

1500 Volunteer Hours



This booklet describes the many active ministries at St. Bartholomew's



- *Worship and Music* - \$168,300
- *Christian Education* - \$10,200
- *Pastoral Care and Evangelism* - \$28,000
- *Fellowship* - \$2,000
- *Outreach* - \$131,800
- *Parish and Diocesan Management* - \$102,700

What We Can Do

With your additional generosity we could continue building a strong Christian community working in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ:

- ✓ Balance our current operating budget instead of having to rely on interest from our capital fund
- ✓ Increase support to Christian charities within our parish and surrounding community
- ✓ Provide additional support to strengthen and expand our church school and youth activities
- ✓ Enhance our pastoral care
- ✓ Improve our evangelism and attract new members
- ✓ Enrich our worship and music



How Much Should I Give?



We are asking you to consider giving “Proportionally” to St. Bart’s. Whatever amount you give in a week or year it will be a proportion of your wealth. We ask you to calculate what that proportion or percentage of your money is that you are giving to the church and other charities. *This calculation is only for your personal information.*

Consider then increasing the amount you give by a proportion. If you find you are giving 2% of your wealth perhaps you could increase to a higher rate.

In terms of dollars and cents we have a budget of approximately \$343,000 and 230 envelope or pre-authorized givers. That works out to about \$1500 dollars per giver/family or about \$29 per week. In 2009 one third of our givers gave less than \$400 per year.

It is worth noting that for every dollar you give (over \$250) to church or charity you receive back 40-45% as an income tax return. As an example a donation of \$2500 to St. Bart’s would generate a \$1000 refund on your income tax!

We are asking you to consider how God has blessed you and what you would like to give back for the work of the church.

Christian Education



St. Bartholomew's is a church dedicated to the education of our children, youth and adults.

This Ministry includes the Nursery, Sunday School, special programs for our children, Youth Group, bible study, lecture series and retreats. Without initiation of our children into the life of the church, we have no future. Maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming church hall is an important contributor to this Ministry.



Our nursery room is newly renovated and staffed every Sunday. The Sunday School is growing and we have added a new class. Our Youth Group now meets twice a week, Sunday and Wednesday evening.

650 Volunteer Hours

Fellowship

The St. Bartholomew's parish community wants to be accepting and compassionate in our relationships and care for each other. We want to make the youth and elderly in our community feel equally welcomed and cherished. Whether it is regular fellowship through coffee hour after services and refreshments at parish meetings, or events like our winter party, pub night, church school BBQs, or gatherings around baptisms, birthdays and confirmations, the fellowship Ministry at St. Bartholomew's is an important element knitting together our community.

Fellowship activities are for the most part self-financed and sometimes raise money to support outreach activities.

2000 Volunteer Hours



Outreach

St. Bartholomew's is a service community. We exist not only to support our own needs, but also to serve local Christian charities and opportunities abroad. We have established a Social Outreach and Christian Education fund (SOCE) to use bequests in support of outreach activities, and will spend \$100,000 on these activities in 2010. We spent \$100,000 as well in 2008 and 2009.

We also believe a portion of our regular givings should be directed to support Christian charities and special outreach projects. Our 2010 budget includes \$31,800 of direct spending.

2000 Volunteer Hours

From Social Outreach and Christian Education Fund (SOCE)

Youville Centre, Ottawa - Counseling for young mothers	\$40,000
The Hospice at May Court, Ottawa	22,500
Robert E. Wilson School, Ottawa - Milk program	2,500
OUS Children's Library Fund, Ghana	7,500
Cornerstone, Ottawa - Chapel in new building	25,000
Watercan, Water treatment in school in Tanzania	5,000
Total from Social Outreach and Christian Education Fund (SOCE)	\$100,000

From Regular Givings

Contributions to extra parochial funds PWRDF and other Diocesan outreach	7,000
Portion of Parish Fair Share Diocesan outreach within Canada and abroad	24,800
Total from Regular Givings	\$ 31,000
Total	\$131,000

200 Volunteer Hours



Making a Commitment

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

We ask you to consider an intentional and proportional offering to St. Bartholomew's in 2011. The amount you commit and the amount you give are confidential.

On the sheet included in the package you will find an Offering Worksheet and Proportional Giving Table. Please consider them prayerfully.

Next, complete the personalized commitment form opposite the work sheet. Place it in the return envelope provided and addressed to our Envelope Secretary Ron Burrows. You may return it by placing it on the Sunday offering plate or mail it as soon as possible.

Please consider joining our Pre-Authorized chequing program or PAR which you can do on the commitment form with a voided cheque.

If your personal or family circumstances change during the year, you may alter your commitment. All gifts are completely voluntary. You may also withdraw from PAR (pre-authorized chequing) if necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact our office at (613) 745 7834.



Worship and Music Ministry



At St. Bartholomew's we come together as a community to worship and praise the Lord. The church is our spiritual home and is there for us throughout our lives. It provides the sacred space for Sunday worship as well as the occasions in the life of the community such as baptism, confirmation, marriage and death.

This Ministry includes clergy, musicians, lay administrators, servers, altar guild, readers, greeters, sidespersons, intercessors, and all the work that goes into wonderful special services such as Remembrance Day and Carol services. Over half of our volunteer and staff hours are devoted to worship and music.

The preservation and maintenance of this historical place of worship, is also an important contribution to our worship ministry.

3300 Volunteer Hours



Pastoral Care and Evangelism

At St. Bartholomew's we provide pastoral care to one another and to the needs of people in the community, especially those in retirement homes and care facilities. As a parish we have had a longstanding commitment to pastoral care at the Garry J. Armstrong Centre, and before that at its predecessor, Island Park Lodge. Our team of pastoral care volunteers visits people in the Centre weekly and once a month our rector takes a communion service assisted by the team. We have also help to fund a chaplain to the centre assisted by St. John's Lutheran Church.

We have another pastoral care team that visits our members who are ill or cannot come to church themselves.

Meal Program for Cornerstone

A new ministry began in March 2010, once a month a team of 5-6 volunteers prepare a lunch for 35-40 women for the Cornerstone Women's ministry of our diocese. We have almost 30 members taking part on these teams as well as a group of 8 at the Rockcliffe residence.

We provide regular communication and information to the parish community. We also support our neighbouring community by caring for our grounds and providing a pleasing and welcoming place. Our evangelism Ministry includes our newsletter, website, weekly bulletin, care of our property and grounds, bazaar and ecumenical services.

A renewed relationship with the Governor General's Foot Guards is also a sign of reaching out. Our rector is now the official Chaplain to the Guards.

1500 Pastoral Volunteer Hours

1500 Bazaar, Grounds, Communications, etc.

