

2020 In Review - Treasurer

2020 has not been without challenges. Given Covid-19 protocols, St. Mary's was closed for several months, had not been able to offer outreach to the Community, offer the Hall for rental and our fundraising efforts have had to be postponed.

Notwithstanding these challenges, St. Mary's was able to meet her financial obligations. This was due in large part to the commitment of her Parishioners and Community. In 2020 we were blessed with a special donation from a Parishioner, and a generous donation from Nanoose Community Services. We also received some grant funding under the Federal Government's Wage Subsidy Program. Although we were unable to hold our annual Christmas Fair we still netted a healthy return as a result of our own Marg Denney crafting little "elf-kins" as a thank you for an "in lieu" Christmas Fair donation. In addition, Jean Christopher crafted a special insert for Christmas Cards which also brought in additional revenue.

Given the Covid-19 protocols, a request was made to have those who contribute via their weekly envelope offerings to consider transitioning to Electronic Plate Collection which would cut down on the handling of cheques and or cash. This request received a positive response from 6 families for which we were very thankful.

As we move forward, the Church will need a new roof and we have been gratefully rewarded with news a grant application for a portion of the cost has been approved by the Anglican Foundation of Canada in the amount of \$10,000.00.

2021 will again bring more challenges and St. Mary's will require the financial generosity of our Parishioners to see us through.

Our strength comes from our Parish Community, the commitment on behalf of our Volunteers and the ongoing "thinking outside of the box" to keep St. Mary's in stable condition, both spiritually and financially.

May 2021 bring us many blessings and the reward of the promise of much needed relief through the Covid-19 vaccine.

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Treasurer