



St. Patrick's Anglican Church

Lower Stafford

2595 Snake River Line

The Feast of Pentecost
June 8th, 2025

Dear Members and Friends of St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Lower Stafford,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We are pleased to share that the first stage of repairs to our beloved church's belfry is now complete, just in time for a wedding on Saturday, June 7th and for our annual cemetery service on Sunday, June 8th. As was discussed at our annual Vestry meeting in March, over the winter months the members of the Church Corporation worked diligently to obtain several estimates in preparation for making repairs to the bell tower. Reiche Masonry was awarded the contract, and we have been pleased to partner with them to see the exterior of the belfry re-pointed and the louvres and doors given a new coat of white paint.

It is our hope and intention that subsequent work to further restore the belfry will be completed in stages. This year we have completed repairs to the exterior of the belfry. In the coming years we plan to continue working to re-point the inside of the tower, as well as other parts of the church, as funds permit and circumstances warrant.

St. Patrick's stands as a treasured part of our Anglican heritage in the Ottawa Valley, and we are proud as a community to see its stonework faithfully restored. However, as with any significant repair effort, the work comes with a financial cost. Fortunately, St. Patrick's has been blessed with funds on hand in its Building Restoration Fund, as well as funds raised from the Christ Church Cathedral Girls Choir Evensong earlier this year, which have enabled the Church Corporation to proceed with the current repairs. Moving forward though, additional funds will be needed if we are to continue the work of restoring our church's beloved stonework, which has watched life's seasons come and go since 1896.



We are reaching out to you as members and friends of our church to humbly ask for your financial support to continue making repairs to St. Patrick's stonework as we go forward. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to our shared goal of fully completing the work of restoring our beloved church in the years that lie ahead.

As you are able, please prayerfully consider contributing to the St. Patrick's Building Restoration Fund. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Patrick's Anglican Church" – please clearly mark "Building Restoration Fund" in the memo line. Cheques can be placed on the offering plate in any congregation of our Parish of the Valley – they will faithfully be forwarded to St. Patrick's. You can also submit cheques to the Treasurer, Dianne Siebarth.

You can also give online through Canada Helps: please write "Building Restoration Fund" in the notes line:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-patricks-church-lower-stafford/>

Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and dedication to our church community. With your support, and the help of God, we know all things are possible! (Matthew 19: 26b).

Yours faithfully, with gratitude and blessings,

		
The Rev. Matthew J. Brown Rector	Johnny McLaren Rector's Warden	Patsylyn Childerhose People's Warden

