

Stewardship

Respectfully submitted by Paul Scrivener

The Stewardship Committee met regularly on Zoom throughout the year (about five times). The current membership includes Martha Drake, Sheila Tait, Janice Douglas, James Barnby, Jim Shapland, Siobhan Carmichael, Annis Tebbutt and the Rector, Canon Rob Mitchell. My gratitude to each member for their time, valued feedback and ideas.

Congregational Financial Support

- St. Olave's congregation was generous in its financial support of our church operations in that Giving amounted to 97% or \$227,991 of the Budgeted amount. The summer months continue to see a dip in Givings although this was mitigated by special gifts made earlier in the year. The final quarter was stellar in that the budgeted amount was almost met.
- After the "soft" launch of the FAITHLiFT campaign in October, more than \$130,000 was donated towards the installation of an elevator. In 2026, an additional \$170,000 has been donated or pledged.

Outlook for 2026

- The 2026 budget for St. Olaves is setting a 2.5% increase to meet planned cost increases. Our tenants will be asked to pay a little more and we may be able to attract another film shoot. However, the heavy lifting needed depends on our direct contributions.
- Efforts to increase Givings for church operations include asking that givers using pre-authorized weekly or monthly withdrawals such as PAG increase their amounts slightly.
- Weekly messaging will be changed up to provide for testimonials from parishioners about why they support St. Olave's.
- The launch of FAITHLiFT under the leadership of Marthas Drake, will occur at the Annual Vestry on Sunday, March 1. Currently, \$300,000 has been donated or pledged.

State of Good Repair

- There are always projects to undertake to keep our Church well-maintained. Sheila Tait has prepared a comprehensive list that include the roof flashing and essential upgrades to our electrical system.