Wardens' Report 2022 ~ St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville



In yet another pandemic year, the Parish has continued striving to foster spiritual growth, youth programs, and the creative arts.

This year saw a return to in-person worship, with mask wearing welcome and encouraged. Community Partners were able to offer programs on our premises.

This return to normalcy was interrupted by a fire in the office in June 2022. Fire and smoke remediation took place in July. The surface finishes and contents were contaminated with smoke, and had to be discarded. The office was initially moved into the Multipurpose Space, disrupting our Community Partners. As things got sorted out, the office was moved into the Library, and the Multipurpose Space was available again. Files were sealed up to contain the smell, and are being sorted and copied as time allows. Reconstruction is underway now, including a reconfiguring of the spaces to allow for easier access to the office, and the church, from the parking lot. Electrical and basic construction have been completed, and the work should go quickly once the new doors and windows arrive.

The Parish was successful in employing two students under the Canada Summer Jobs program to maintain the graveyard and other projects.

The roof of St. Anne's was replaced this summer with historically appropriate materials.

The Parish Council is in the process of investigating the feasibility of allowing the construction of a communications pole near the fence along Wembley Road in return for an annual rent. Parish Council and any parishioners in leadership positions have completed the Diocesan "Safe Church" program.

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