

ST. MATTHEW'S

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE GLEBE

Centennial Capital Campaign

On December 21, 2030, St. Matthew's, The Anglican Church in the Glebe, a true local landmark in this central area of Ottawa, will celebrate 100 years of worship in this magnificent building.

Constructed during the Great Depression, it is centrally located and architecturally distinctive. As a major spiritual and social cornerstone serving the neighbourhood and city, it is a vibrant and welcoming venue for:

- The congregation of St. Matthew's Anglican parish
- Outreach programs
- Meetings of community groups and children's programs
- Private functions, weddings, and funerals
- Popular performances of choral, organ and other instrumental music

Today, our St. Matthew's family is strong and growing. Fundraising events have been successful. Record revenues are being achieved through increased rentals and our financial accounts are in the best state ever. Crucially, we remain active in offering vital support programs to those in need.

For these blessings, and many more, there is much to celebrate as we approach the century milestone. It means we can plan for the future from a position of strength.

The Challenge Ahead

During his visit earlier this year, the Bishop of Ottawa emphasized the importance of preserving our 100-year-old spiritual home for the next generation of congregants. We are now answering that call.

Our Property Committee commissioned engineering studies to assess the condition of the church building. The results are encouraging. Although it has been thirty years since the last major renovation, our church remains in good shape overall—a testament to all those over the past nine decades who have lovingly cared for this facility since its dedication.

However, a major investment is now required to address fundamental threats to its long-term sustainability and update the facilities to allow us to carry our mission forward.

To this end, we are launching this Centennial Fundraising Campaign with the goal of raising \$2 Million over the next 3 years for:

- Repairing the church roof and improving drainage and stormwater management. This will solve the problem of water infiltration and moisture in the basement.
- Replacing the 100-year-old steam-heating system to increase performance and efficiency, thus reducing the carbon footprint. Air conditioning may be added as well.

- Repairing, updating and improving the organ, a core feature of the building and major draw for musical performances.
- Improving accessibility (e.g., washrooms, etc.).
- Expanding the capacity/flexibility of facilities to function as a community hub by adding to or repurposing existing space where appropriate.

The Campaign

All funds raised, aside from minimal administrative costs, will be applied directly to building renewal, which will take place in two phases.

Phase 1: Immediate Repairs

\$1 million will go to work scheduled to begin in 2026 and be completed in 2028. It will address the urgent need to stop persistent leakage around foundation walls and undertake roofing repairs to prevent further damage. Immediate requirements to our heating system and improvements therein will be addressed as well.

Phase 2: Long-Term Upgrades

\$1 million will go to upgrades between 2028 and our centennial celebration in 2030. Work will focus on updating/improving our original heating system (installed in 1930, upgraded in the 1990s) which will include installation of targeted heat pumps to minimize our fossil fuel consumption. We will also examine enhancing the facilities for our music program, including maintenance/improvement of our organ. Other facilities will also be updated, and accessibility will be improved.

To lead this campaign, the St. Matthew's Corporation has assembled a dedicated team:

- Campaign Chair: Kevan Pipe
- Campaign Co-Chair:
- Property Committee Liaison: Bill Nuttle
- Campaign Secretary:
- Campaign Communications Lead:
- Campaign Event Planner:
- Campaign Finance Committee Liaison:

The team is committed to full transparency through regular quarterly updates to the St. Matthew's congregation, including monthly timely reports in the church bulletin, email updates, a campaign thermometer near the main entrance, and quarterly post-service briefings.

How you can help

As we look ahead to celebrating 100 years of faith and fellowship, we ask for your financial support. We also welcome your ideas, feedback, and involvement.

The Time to Act is Now

With the collective commitment of our community, we will move forward with energy and purpose in the coming months to safeguard St. Matthew's for future generations. Thank you for your support in advance!