

Pastor's desk: Leaving a Legacy or leaving a Liability?

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Will we leave a vibrant congregation, continually growing and connecting with our community? Will we provide facilities that draw more people in to hear the good news about Jesus? Will we be good stewards of the resources provided for us to grow the Kingdom of God?

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Super Sunday
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Special children's
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Jumping castle &
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building. In the same way that our town of Camden has made changes to accommodate the growing population, so must we. Buildings cost money, more than our current congregation can finance. However we have resources that if sold will finance the majority of the building costs. Our plan is to sell the property in Alpha Rd, the Rectory and the land between the church and the Rectory. As well as providing finances for the new building, the sale of these properties will relieve future congregations from the liabilities of both the time spent in mowing the grass and the expense of maintaining an aging heritage building that is already in need of much repair.

Your tithes and offerings can be put to better use than property maintenance. A growing congregation will provide the finances needed to maintain the St John's building. We have a vision to see more people come to the Lord. For the sake of the gospel and the future of St Johns, we need to avoid being sentimental and retrospective and instead leave a legacy for people in the future to enjoy.

Legacy or Liability. It's up to you St Johns.

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8am, 10am, 6pm

SUNDAY Advent 2

4th December 2016



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