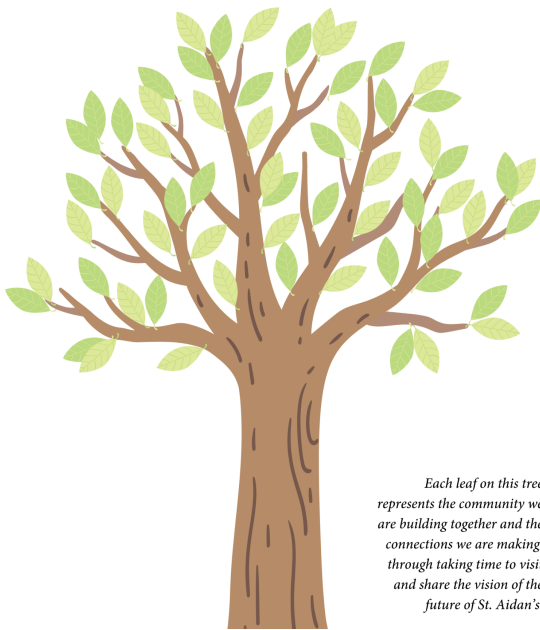


# STRONG ROOTS, NEW SEASON.

## *St. Aidan's in the Beach*

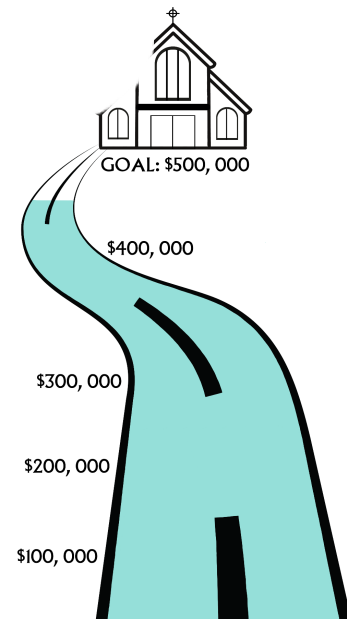
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*Each leaf on this tree represents the community we are building together and the connections we are making, through taking time to visit and share the vision of the future of St. Aidan's.*

\$447,920  
raised!

62 visits  
conducted



## A WORD ABOUT OUR STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS



A number of our parishioners have asked why we've included repair of our stained-glass windows in our *Strong Roots, New Season* campaign.

On the one hand, the windows are core features of the building whose preservation ought to go hand-in-hand with our recent renovation. Many of these windows, however, are also **precious works of art** worth preserving in and of themselves. The *Dalle de Verre*, or 'slab glass' windows you see in the chapel, for instance, were created using a **painstaking method developed in 1930s Paris**, though relatively rare today, and feature strikingly deep colours in their mosaics. We are exceedingly fortunate to have these important **works of modernist art** in our building and to be able to share them once again when our doors open to the community.

Yet our stained-glass windows aren't just museum pieces. They also **embody our faith in tangible ways worth maintaining**. Their imagery can teach and draw us to wonder; **they commemorate our shared past and call us to carry forward its blessings**; their beauty illuminates and uplifts the soul. **To look upon them is to be reminded that God creates a world shot through with the "beauty of the infinite,"** a world in which our senses draw us to a deeper faith. Far from being incidental details of St. Aidan's, our stained glass forms a part of our historic identity whose value remains clear even to this day. Indeed, if we look closely, we may see the divine by the windows' light.

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