



Saint Boniface Episcopal Church

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Handing over the Keys!

Dear friends in Christ,

Next year, when you call a new rector to this wonderful parish, the Senior Warden will give that person several gifts in the *Installation of a New Rector* ceremony. Among those symbolic gifts – a Bible, Prayer Book, Holy Oil – will be a very practical one. A set of keys!

I want you to think of this gift for a moment as the keys to a slightly used car.

The new “driver” will, with the help of the people, Vestry, and Diocese, be in the “driver’s seat” as this parish strikes out on its journey to the Kingdom. It’s an exciting, spirit-filled time, full of hope and promise!

The Annual Appeal will be an important part of this question: **what kind of shape will that car be in?**

Will the Saint Boniface budget be like a strong reliable engine, ready to roll, or will our new driver be spending time tinkering with the engine, wasting important, early “driving time” on maintenance?

You already know how your money creates the strong “engine” of this parish: the **worship** and **prayer** that feeds your soul every week; the **teaching** and **education** that helps you make sense of your life in light of our Bible and tradition; the **healing**, **fellowship** and **outreach** by which we show the world just how dynamic and wonderful the body of Christ can be in this broken world.

You already know that. And now, the Church calls you to make your financial contribution in this very important year of our lives together. Gentlemen and women, start your engines!

Yours,

Dean Taylor
Interim Rector