

# Annual Stocktaking



This is the time of year when we sit down, review how the last year went and plan for the next. Sometimes we identify all the good things that have happened and look forward to them continuing, at other times we are glad to leave a year behind and make a fresh start. For each of us it is different.

The congregation of Holy Cross has gone from strength to strength in witness and worship. At the same time, many social events have been enjoyed and MAGNA has recorded many of them. 2006 will kick off with the pantomime and throughout the year we will host events that we can all enjoy in the company of our local community.

However the year pans out, one thing is for certain; there will still be bills and taxes for us all to pay. The church is no different.

You will all remember the Stewardship campaign in 2004 and the need to raise our giving to pay our bills. In 2005 – no, don't stop reading, I won't go on too long – we still needed to pay bills and unfortunately, in 2006 they will be even greater.

So, when you do your personal stocktake, please think also about what you contribute to the church. Did you increase your giving in 2005? If not, are you in a position to do so in 2006?

Holy Cross needs all its members to offer time, talents and money liberally in support of its mission to be a living testimony in the heart of the community.

May God bless you in the coming year.

**Peter Abernethy,**  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

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**of Holy Cross Church (exterior views).**



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