

## WHY THE ANNUAL PLEDGE CARD PROCESS?

Every November we take time to reflect and project how we can return our gifts of time, talent, and our money to help to preserve, protect, and sustain the life of St. John's Episcopal Church of Melbourne for another year. Our treasurer, Keith Salmon, needs data from your submitted pledge card to build a realistic and responsible budget for the next year, and the Vestry needs to approve this budget. The budget is directly driven by the congregation's pledge card response.

St. John's has a small endowment fund that we expect will grow in the next few years, but we presently don't use any endowment money to apply to our operating budget. The budget is developed on your pledge card response.

We are all reluctant to make commitments. Please understand that should some extreme circumstance arise that you cannot fulfill your pledge, arrangements or adjustments can be made with our Treasurer, Keith Salmon.

## DO YOU WANT WEEKLY PLEDGE ENVELOPES?

Some people prefer to use weekly pledge envelopes, while others don't use them and just write checks. There is a box on the pledge card for you to denote if you wish to use the pledge envelopes.