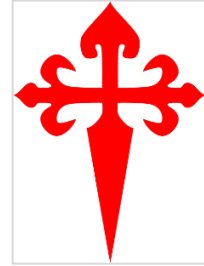


The Anglican Parish of St George the Martyr, Queenscliff and St James, Point Lonsdale



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In solidarity with communities near and far
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Drawn from Colossians 1.24-27



Annual Report 2020-2021

For presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting

11.30 am Sunday 28 November 2021

St James Gill Hall

1 Albert St Point Lonsdale

and on ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83304997940?pwd=bFdqb1QxMXVvdGpiQ0doNmdVRlpQQT09>

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Anglican Diocese of Melbourne

Parish of St George the Martyr Queenscliff & St James Point Lonsdale

Annual Meeting Sunday 28th November, 2021 - Gill Hall 11.30am

Face to Face and on ZOOM

A G E N D A

The business of the **annual meeting** is to include after prayers—

- (a) The minutes of the previous annual meeting and of any subsequent statutory parish meeting;
- (b) The reception of the parish electoral roll;
- (c) The annual report by the vicar that includes the entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, persons received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and such other statistics from the registers as Archbishop in Council determines;
- (d) An annual report on the proceedings of the parish council and together with a report by the parish council on the pastoral care, evangelism, social and ecumenical programmes of the parish and on future plans for the parish;
- (e) A report by the churchwardens on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the worship centre and the vicarage and other buildings of the parish;
- (f) The audited or independently examined accounts and financial statements of the parish and any accompanying papers required by the Act;
- (g) The budget approved by the parish council for the year in which the meeting is held;
- (h) Reports by other parish groups;
- (i) The election of churchwardens and members of the parish council;
- (j) The election of an auditor or independent examiner;
- (k) The election of lay representatives to the parish incumbency committee;
- (l) Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.

Signed: *Joan Howe*

2. Minutes of Previous Statutory Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, QUEENSCLIFF & ST JAMES, POINT LONSDALE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020, at 11.00am
Saint James Anglican Church, 1 Albert St, Point Lonsdale

OPENING: Father Peter welcomed all and opened the meeting with prayer.

Father Peter began by thanking the Outgoing Parish Council, Jon Howe – Warden, Sally Hawkins – Treasurer, Bodil Wright, Jenny Bleakley, and Jenny Price for their leadership and support, especially with Covid-19 issues. With no face-to-face meetings allowed they have always been available for ZOOM meetings as required.

PRESENT: Father Peter Martin (presiding), Jenny Bleakley; Jane Caldwell; Kay Cottrell; Margaret Farren-Price; Ronald Farren-Price; Sally Hawkins; David Holloway; Kate Houghton; Joan Howe; Lindsay Howe; Russell Jackson; Val Lawrence; Helen Martin; Gillian McLeod; June Mellross; Sur Mitchell; Ros Myer; John Oxbrow; Jenny Price; Margaret Robinson; Richard Robinson; Rosemary Robinson; Carmen Ward; Hilton Ward; Wendy Watson; Bodil Wright; Brian Cotter; Jenni Farrar.

Russell Jackson moved the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 24 November 2019 be received.

Seconded John Oxbrow Carried

APOLOGIES: Andrew Behan; John Crisp; Beth Neyland; Rosemary Selkirk; Nick Simpson.

ELECTORAL ROLL: Father Peter reported that the Electoral Roll has been reviewed by Warden Joan Howe and himself and distributed to all those on the Electoral Roll.

Father Peter spoke about the recent happenings of the Gill Hall South Wall collapse, which is in the hands of the Insurance Company.

Father Peter highlighted the Conditions and Assessment & Recommendations report of Saint Georges Church which is available for parishioners in PDF form. Val Lawrence commented that although it seems an insurmountable task, with Parish, Community, Diocesan, and Government support we should be confident of rising the required funds needed to begin the necessary repairs and renovations needed.

In Gods good Providence we will move forward with these major repairs and rectifications to our Churches and Halls.

REPORTS

VICARS REPORT - As published, was taken as read.

ANNUAL REPORT of the PARISH COUNCIL and CHURCHWARDEN Joan Howe - As published, was taken as read.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT - As published, was taken as read.

PARISH HISTORY PROJECT REPORT - As published, was taken as read.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - As published, was taken as read.

ICON WRITING REPORT -As published, was taken as read.

Jenny Price moved that all reports be accepted. 2nd – Jenny Bleakley - CARRIED

FINANCE: As published, was taken as read.

Sally Hawkins – Treasurer spoke to her report and commented. with Covid-19 lockdowns and all the uncertainty that it has brought, much of the regular giving streams and fundraising income has been interrupted. Many have taken the opportunity to give electronically, and many have made one-off donations. With the Government Grants and Job-keeper payments we have managed to keep the Parish operating, albeit with an ongoing deficit. Fundraising will be the focus for the Stewardship Day early in the new year.

The question was asked about a Stall for fundraising. Sally reported that we are holding a book Fair on Saturday at St James Point Lonsdale and that the Annual Stalls in the Hall which is usually held at St James in January will be at Old School Hall Queenscliff. A convener is sought to make this important fundraiser a success.

Sally Hawkins moved that the Finance Report be accepted. 2nd – Sue Mitchell – CARRIED

THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Nominations were received for: Joan Howe as Vicars Warden, Sally Hawkins as Treasurer, Jenny Price, Jenny Bleakley, Bodil Wright, and David Holloway as Parish Councillors. They were duly elected. Father Peter indicated that the parish has one month in which to fill positions to comply with legislation.

ELECTION OF AUDITOR OR INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Neville Barwick has agreed to act as Independent Examiner.

ELECTION OF LAY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PARISH INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE: Ros Myer was elected as lay representative to the Incumbency Committee. Fr. Peter gave a brief explanation on the role of the Incumbency Committee.

MEETING CLOSED at 11.45PM with the saying of the Grace.

3. Reception of the Parish Roll as at 28 November 2021.

Bryan Addison	Lorraine Juergens	Richie Robinson
Norma Addison	David Lawrence	Rosemary Robinson
Jennifer Baker	Val Lawrence	Rosemary Selkirk
Rob Baker	Fiona Lindsay	Ben Shearer
Kaye Barry	Helen Martin	Caroline Shearer
Carole Barwick-Hamilton	Jessie Martin	Nick Simpson
Andrew Behan	Robert Martin	Michele Spencer
Pat Bellhouse	Diana McClaren	Ivan Sutherland
Jenny Bleakley	Nicola McLean	Liza Sutherland
Jane Caldwell	June Mellross	Wendy Thomas
Valwyn Cheong	Sue Mitchell	Angela Van Zyl
Desiree Cohen	Kate Moran	Kurt Van Zyl
Kay Cottrell	Kirsten Mowlem	Carmen Ward
John Crisp	Ros Myer	Alison Ware
Margaret Farren-Price	Jean Nelson	Wendy Watson
Ronald Farren-Price	Noel Nelson	Mary Wenzel
Betty Ferguson	Beth Neyland	Diana Whittle
Sally Hawkins	Karen Newkirk	Jan Williams
David Holloway	John Oxbrow	Bodil Wright
Helen Hosking	Libby Palmer	
Kate Houghton	Graeme Parton	
Joan Howe	Phil Pearce	
Lindsay Howe	Jenny Price	
Judi Idle	Lucy Richardson	
Rob Idle	Ian Richardson	
Jill Jackson	Margie Robinson	
Russell Jackson		

4. Annual Report of the Vicar

The last 12 months can best be tracked by the ebb and flow of the COVID virus and related ever changing public health orders.

It has been quite a year. The sense of promise as we approached 2021 was soon challenged with the arrival of the Delta variant of the Corona Virus.

Like the previous year the administration team and leadership team (Parish Council), amid this flux and uncertainty, have focused on maintaining our gatherings for worship and caring for one another. While diligently observing the health orders thanks to our team of well-trained COVID officers, we gathered for worship every Sunday during COVID. Our early adoption of Zoom and video livestreaming have over and again proved essential in keeping us connected with each other and with God.

Largely hidden from view has been what I believe to be the daily heartbeat of the parish: daily Morning and Evening Prayer in the churches. Morning Prayer at St James and Evening Prayer at St George's. With the seventh lockdown in August, I decided to tie this daily round of Prayer and Worship to the ringing of our church bells. There has been a lot of feedback from the community about how meaningful the ringing of the bells is, so much so that I decided to continue the practice.

Another part of this undergirding spiritual rhythm is the round of meditations: 8.30-9.00am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Like Morning and Evening Prayer, people participate not only in the church but also on Zoom, with some joining us from metro and rural Victoria, and interstate.

It became apparent early on that aged care residents and their families were among the hardest hit by both the virus itself and the strategies employed to control its spread. Hence, our ministry to this population has been given priority. Apart from times of absolute lockdown I have been able to conduct regular services of worship in Arcare Point Lonsdale even when it meant wearing full PPE. In those times of complete lockdown when I couldn't visit, one of the Arcare staff, Jill, has used our order of service to conduct worship in my absence. I even gave her an alb and a cross to wear! The weekly hand delivery of our Newsletter has been welcomed by staff and residents. I have also endeavoured to support families of residents during this time.

Our Buildings:

Earlier in the year Parish Council adopted a business plan for the St George's Precinct, centred on the Old School Hall and more especially on the newly restored North Wing of the Old School Hall. The potential for mission and outreach into the community from this facility as a small-scale arts venue is clearly evident. Even with the thwarting impact of COVID, there has already been an exhibition, several concerts, and a regular quilting group and a yoga group have taken up residence.

As God's good providence would have it, we've had a significant focus on repairs and maintenance of our buildings over the last 12 months, beginning in November 2020 with extreme winds blowing down the south wall of Gill Hall. This destroyed two sheds and revealed structural weakness in the whole building.

There has been over this year, and will continue to be, work needed on our buildings and related things to do with fences, sewage, trees, and stormwater. St George's church and Gill Hall have needed particular attention. All this has put considerable demands on our human and financial resources. We are learning afresh what it means to be 'Lovers of the Place'.

When the damage done to the St George's church tower by the Sulphur Crested Cockatoos was examined it became apparent a major restoration project was needed. A generous donation by a parishioner, complemented by contributions from other donors, resulted in a successful dollar for dollar grant from Heritage Victoria for restoration work to begin. We should see work starting in early 2022. Also, in early 2022 we will launch the full St George's Restoration Project and accompanying fundraising program.

Amid many other challenges, the members of Parish Council have been truly amazing in their project management across these multiple tasks. Through our contacts in the community, we've been ably assisted by an excellent stable of tradies and generous volunteer expertise from others.

Climate Action

In October 2019 the then Parish Council decided to put Climate action into our Parish Mission Action Plan (MAP). Soon after I attended a weekend conference of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). Upon my return we became members of ARRCC, and I began the broader task establishing ARRCC in Geelong. My history in interfaith initiatives in the Geelong region meant I was well placed to gather people together from the various faith traditions to give voice and plan actions that would give expression to our common concern regarding climate change and its impact on communities, human and non-human:

This initiative fitted neatly into our Parish Vision, especially the second line:

*Enlivened by the mystery which is Christ in us,
in solidarity with communities near and far,
we will make the Word of God fully known*

Of course, within months, COVID hit.

On March 15, at St George's, we participated in a global inter-faith day of climate action; 'Raising the Alarm'. In a window between lockdowns a wonderfully diverse group of locals from fellow Christians, the Mayor and other councillors, leaders in the local Queenscliffe Climate Action Group (QCAG) and the captains and vice-captains of St Aloysius Primary School gathered on top of the hill to ring the bell, sing a song and say words to give expression to our collective concern that not enough is being done, in a timely manner, to address the causes of human induced climate change.

Our commitment to Climate Action has helped us to keep looking outwards at a time when the temptation could've been to turn inwards and become pre-occupied with simply surviving COVID.

Hospitality

Our capacity to offer hospitality through our ministry of retreats was severely hampered once again this last year because of the pandemic. We had no big retreats at Whitehall. However, as the House of Prayer report shows, we still manage quite a few House of Prayer retreats in between lockdowns, even with recurrent cancellations. We have also welcomed new people onto the hospitality team. These parishioners help prepare the House of Prayer, welcome our guests, pray for our guests, and then do the cleaning and laundry after they leave. Jenni Farrar and Helen Martin continued to ensure that things ran smoothly in the face of more than usual challenges including ensuring a thorough regime of COVID cleaning before and after each guest.

Finances

Sally Hawkins, our Treasurer, with Andrew Behan at her side, has excelled in managing our finances, ensuring we received government assistance when it was available and providing clear financial reports to Parish Council. All this at a time when our major income sources were adversely impacted by COVID; then overlaid by unforeseen building repairs and maintenance. Importantly, Sally has established a very good working relationship with the senior management of the Diocese especially with regard property and finance.

'Re-imagining the Future'

Like so many entities, our Parish, and the Diocese more widely, is moving into a very different future to what we had pre-Covid. During the year the Diocese put into the hands of parishes a marvellous instrument to help bring us into this new future. It is called 'Re-imagining the Future'. The Parish Council and I have already begun this process and, now that restrictions on gathering have eased, we look forward to involving all parishioners in being part of this journey forward.

Conclusion

A common saying that affirms our faith in God's equipping and guiding us in this past year, and into the coming year is: 'It's an ill wind that doesn't bring some good'.

The last year, in fact the last 21 months since the first lockdown, has tested us and shaken us. In every way we have been stretched.

Perhaps the deepest hardship has been for those who have lost loved ones over this time. Words fail me still as I reflect on the way this pandemic has compromised our capacity to accompany those we love and bid them farewell in time honoured ways. I have in mind all those we have been with on this final leg of life's journey. In this report I should mention by name those with ancestral ties to this place and this community of faith: Norma Roddick, Dorothy Young and Alwynne Farman. And those of more recent involvement: Zenda Bromwich, Eileen Downes, Rosie Cowell, Hilton Ward, Elizabeth Bellhouse and Ben Wadham. We miss them, but we are not entirely bereft in the knowledge of their participation in the Communion of Saints in heaven. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the bonds of Divine Love in Christ gather us all together in the fullness of time.

Our circumstances have asked a lot of us. As is entirely appropriate, much of the load has been borne by the members of Parish Council. For their generosity, wisdom, hard work, and amazing teamwork, I invite all parish members to put their gratitude alongside mine for a job well done. And may they know the deep blessing of our Lord who says, if we but pause a while and listen; 'well done, good and faithful servant'. And, by extension, to every parishioner as you have played your part bringing us to this time of new beginnings, whether it be by participating in the rosters; adapting to new ways of worship and gathering via the digital world; remaining hopeful and positive; digging deeper in your sacrificial giving; and now, being keen and making the effort to gather again with the easing of restrictions.

Parish of ST GEORGE THE MARTYR QUEENSCLIFF AND ST JAMES POINT LONSDALE

Churches: ST GEORGE THE MARTYR QUEENSCLIFF AND ST JAMES POINT LONSDALE

Please return to the Registry by 3rd DECEMBER 2021

Most of the responses received from parishes are included in the statistics section of the Diocesan Yearbook and are used by various people. In other instances, the information is used in research projects carried out by the diocese. Your co-operation is sought in completing the data being collected. In instances where records are not maintained, your best 'guesstimate' would be appreciated.

WORSHIP

1 a	676	Number of public services wherever held* excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities	3 a	900	Total Acts of Communion in public services* excluding private ministrations and services in residential facilities
b	52	Number of public Sunday services wherever held excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities	b	850	Total number of Sunday Acts of Communion excluding private ministrations and services in residential facilities
c	15	Number of publicised services held in residential care facilities	c	100	Total Other Acts of Communion Including private ministrations and services in residential facilities
2 a	18	Average weekly attendance at all Public services ** exclude weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities, Easter and Christmas	4 a	150	Total attendance at Christmas Day/Eve services (Christmas Eve means after 5:00 pm)
b	22	Average Sunday attendance** at all Sunday services excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities, Easter and Christmas	b	110	Total number of Acts of Communion at Christmas Day/Eve services (Christmas Eve means after 5:00 pm)
c	0	Average weekly attendance at all non-English services** exclude weddings, funerals, private baptisms, services in residential facilities, Easter and Christmas	5 a	50	Total attendance at Easter Day/Eve services
		* Include weekday and Sunday services ** Include children and Non Communicants	b	45	Total number of Acts of Communion at Easter Day/Eve services

MEMBERSHIP

6	72	No. on Church Electoral Roll presented at the Annual Parish Meeting	13 a	0	No. of continuing home/small groups
7a	3	No. of Infant Baptisms	b	0	Total No. of persons in continuing_home/small groups per week
7b	0	No. of Adult Baptisms			
8	0	No. of children admitted to Communion			
9	0	No. of persons received into the Anglican Communion	14		Estimated no. of frequent attenders - including at weekly programs/worship services (excluding CRE)
10	0	No. of Confirmations	a	0	Pre-school (0 - 5)
11		No. of funerals conducted:	b	0	Primary School
a	13	in the churches of the parish	c	0	Secondary School
b	0	elsewhere	d	0	Post Secondary (under 25)
12		No. of marriages conducted:			
a	2	in the churches of the parish			
b	0	elsewhere			

Peter P. Martin

5. Annual Report of the Parish Council

This year has also brought its challenges and changes to our lives as did 2020. Livestreaming Sunday services has continued, bringing together our community from near and far, creating a strong sense of unity. This has been particularly beneficial to the more vulnerable in our parish. When fifty could gather outdoors at the start of this year, Sunday services were held in St James' Garden area and appreciated by all who could attend. The Wednesday and Friday services were conducted indoors with up to twenty people allowed. Unfortunately, due to the increased human resources required to conduct three weekly eucharists, and with our limited available volunteers, (two covid officers, two welcomers and one IT operator) only the Sunday service could continue. Thank you to those volunteers who have contributed throughout the year.

Your Parish Council is working through The Parish Council Handbook for old and new members by Bishop Bradley Billings. This is an invaluable resource for defining our role and responsibilities in the whole mission of the parish, influencing the values, culture and character of the parish community. Nick Simpson became a member of Parish Council at the beginning of the year and Fiona Lindsay recently became our secretary. We welcome them and the contribution they make.

Council has had to deal with a number of serious maintenance issues and repairs to our numerous buildings this year. All would be aware of the southern wall collapse at Gill Hall in strong winds last November. As a consequence, it was discovered that the appropriate brick wall ties for a marine environment were not used when the Hall was built. The Diocesan Insurers although funding rebuilding of the wall, would not insure the remaining properties at Albert Street against similar events in the future, and our Public Liability could be compromised. A consultant building engineer was engaged to assess the condition of all wall ties. The church and vicarage were deemed to be secure, but Gill Hall required the ties around the building to be replaced. This work is now being undertaken by a bricklayer at the expense of the parish.

To continue with the 'bricks and mortar' aspect of parish council responsibilities, both church precincts have had their annual inspections. There is extensive repair and maintenance work to be undertaken at the vicarages of both St James and St George, including fencing replacement or repair. It is unknown at present how these will be funded. Hopefully, monthly Working Bees will support the workers who have strived to keep our buildings and grounds neat and tidy during lockdowns. Council would like to thank all those volunteers who have contributed their time and energy in various dimensions.

It was wonderful to receive the news recently that, after a great deal of hard work by a small committee, our Living Heritage Grant application through the Government of Victoria has been successful for restoration work to begin on St George's tower. We are thankful for the generous donors who made the first stage of this long-term project possible

In January, Parish Council participated in a Quiet Day with emphasis on our Mission Action Plan and Stewardship. As we couldn't have Stewardship Sunday, our Treasurer Sally Hawkins has been including articles in Lovers of the Place to encourage parishioners to reflect on their sacrificial giving and raise awareness of our financial commitments to our own parish and the wider mission of the church. We have continued to make food donations to the Corio Food Bank, and support the Anglican Board of Missions.

Due to restrictions, the Karen congregation at St Stephen's, Werribee has been unable to share with us in worship, or have retreats and conferences in our peaceful Borough. We continue to support our partnership with them as we pray for their nation suffering from oppression and lack of medical supplies during the pandemic. There was also an opportunity to give financial support through the appeal for Myanmar held by the Anglican Board of Missions.

Again this year, Parish Council had to abandon future community and fund-raising events - the Card Luncheon, musical concerts, art exhibitions, Shrove Tuesday pancakes, the Book

Fair, the Fish and Chip Lunch, and the Grand Final Cake Stall. Booked retreats, House of Prayer stays, workshops and musical performances were cancelled. In January we were able to hold a combined and modified version of Stalls in the Hall and Book Fair using the delightful outdoor space of St James' garden. It was well supported and enjoyed by the community and parish family.

Parish Council has had discussions around a draft business plan for the future use of Old School Hall. Whilst adhering to the prevailing restrictions, quilting and yoga groups have been held when permitted, and between lockdowns we did manage to have an art exhibition and a viola concert.

We were pleased to welcome Father Tim Gibson as our Locum Priest during Father Peter's Long Service Leave in May. Archbishop Philip Freier invited the clergy and Parish Councillors from the Geelong Region to his Archbishop's Roadshow held at St John's, Highton. Father Tim and I attended, and various issues were addressed by the Archbishop and our Bishop Kate Prowd, including the pressures of Covid-19 on parishes, preparing for the Redress Scheme, the development of three churches on the outskirts of Geelong, multicultural parishes and how the future parishes may look different to the past. Diocesan staff members spoke of the services and resources available to assist clergy in areas of Property, Finance, IT and Communications, promoting Safe Ministry, Compliance, Synod and the Diocesan Registry.

Diocesan Policy requires each parish to have officers for: Risk management, Child Safety, Prevention of Violence against Women and COVID-19 Safety. Jenni Farrar fulfills all of these roles and we thank her for her integrity and diligence in carrying out these many duties.

In September, Father Peter, Jenny Price and Jenni Farrar attended the online National Summit on Women's Safety. Jenny Price reported to Council on the discussions and plans arising from this Summit, which followed on from the Intimate Partner Violence Report about the significance of domestic violence in the Anglican community. A document called the Ten Commitments has been circulated to inform and train our clergy and parish councillors in implementing strategies to address this social issue and to prevent and report violence against women and children. Our Parish Council is proceeding to review and discuss this important document. All members are also required to complete a two-hour online safety course, including completion of Police checks and accreditations.

Our parish, as a member of the organisation Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, participated in Sound the Alarm in March as part of a national and global initiative to draw attention to the climate crisis. On 17th October, we again joined with interfaith action groups around Australia, to raise our banners and peal our bells in a Global Day of Action for Australia to join the leading nations in working for an ecologically and socially sustainable future. In support, Bishop Kate presided at the Eucharist at St George's that Sunday and joined us with our banner raising after the service.

The easing of restrictions has increased the numbers permissible for public worship. New volunteers are needed and welcome, to assist in the various roles needed throughout our services, and on rosters to maintain our beautiful churches.

With strength and resilience, the Parish community and Parish Council have progressed through another challenging year, with deep gratitude for the faith and guiding ministry of Father Peter.

Joan Howe, Vicar's Warden

6. Annual Report of the Vicar's Warden

St George's Precinct

Church

All of the overhead lights in the nave have been replaced with LED lamps.

A successful application for a Living Heritage Grant from the Government of Victoria was made possible by the generosity of some parishioners. This grant will result in the restoration of the tower which was deteriorating due to age, the weather and attacks by cockatoos.

Old School Hall

The women's toilet was blocked by tree roots and has been cleared.

Vicarage

As per the recommendations from the report by Queenscliff Structural Consulting Engineers, a roof tiler from Geelong Roof Works has undertaken extensive roof repairs. Further work on the damaged patio fascia boards is to be undertaken before the veranda roof repairs can be completed.

Damaged and mouldy areas of the ceilings will be replastered and painted. Also recommended to be considered is the repainting of the entire premises.

Kerleys Real Estate have also advised that some of the fencing around the vicarage is not stable and needs supporting or replacing.

A tree surgeon has attended to the care and maintenance of the trees in the precinct and all gutters have been cleaned.

St James' Precinct

Church

The gas ducted heater has been serviced and a gas valve replaced.

House of Prayer/Office

A roof tiler from Geelong Roof Works has completed repairs to the roof where a leak has left a water stain in the entrance hall and caused the light to short.

Awaiting assessment and quote from plumber on rear blocked stormwater drain.

New day/night blinds have been installed in two bedrooms.

All windows have been cleaned internally and externally including flyscreens.

The shed door has been fixed.

A new side fence has replaced the old one.

The garden has been regularly maintained.

Gill Hall

- The insurance works to repair the damaged brickwork and fencing at the southern end is ongoing.
- The two damaged sheds have been replaced by a larger single one by the insurance company.
- Replacing the corroded brick wall ties with marine grade ones in the remaining walls has commenced at our expense.

A tree surgeon has attended to the care and maintenance of the trees in the precinct and all gutters have been cleaned.

Joan Howe, Vicar's Warden

7. Annual Report of the Treasurer and Financial reports

We have once again endured another year paved by Covid 19 and its restrictions. I believe that our Parish has navigated its way through with care and awareness of our financial situation.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and concern from our Parishioners about our finances while we unable to attend church. Many of you have chosen to give electronically knowing you couldn't give using the collection plate and at times an additional amount of money.

I have been grateful for the introduction of the newsletter. This has given me the opportunity to inform and share with you all our financial situation and what costs are involved in running the Parish. I have also conveyed to you how we raise funds through the various ways of giving and fundraising as well as the importance of gifts and bequests. In estimating last year's budget, we didn't know that the Delta strain would hit us and lockdowns would continue in 2021. This meant we had no fundraising, retreats or functions. Also, Jobkeeper finished in March and there were no available Grants. We have been fortunate to have reserves to draw from. The Parish Council has been discussing this issue and how to move forward.

The Diocese has asked us to participate in a project called 'Reimagining the Future'. This gives us an opportunity to review how we go forward after Covid19. The Parish Council is presently meeting to discuss the guide/framework on how to proceed from the Diocese. This process includes acknowledging that the Archbishop's Vision of 'Making the Word of God Fully Known' is as important as ever.

As part of 'Reimagining the Future' we have been encouraged to review all facets of our Parish. The Parish books, our assets and our ministry. We look forward to having fruitful and meaningful conversations with our Parishioners about all of these different aspects of our future as a Parish and look forward to hearing what you all have to say. These discussions will start in the new year.

All Parishes have also been recommended to review their budget in light of our challenging financial situation. You will find the budget attached. Please look at the budget and contact me if you have any questions. We have taken some significant steps to raising some much needed funds. One is putting the House of Prayer up for summer rental.

We also need to review our offertory and electronic giving and tracking. Fundraising remains a focal point as it is vital to our ongoing viability.

Which brings me to another area of review. Each year, it is timely to review our own individual sacrificial giving. This last year has been especially testing. With such testing, faith is deepened, and the fruit of deepened faith may well be a deepening in our sacrificial giving. Please use this opportunity to prayerfully review your financial commitment to the parish. This is a deeply personal decision for each person to make.

In summing up our year, there has been, and there remains, a degree of uncertainty about the future both for us as a parish and for the world at large. However, our aim is to address moving forward with 'Reimagining the Future', and in so doing, arrive at a renewed set of objectives as a Parish. This, in turn, will open up all sorts of opportunities and possibilities!

Sally Hawkins -

THE ANGICAN PARISHES OF ST GEORGES', QUEENSCLIFF & ST JAMES', POINT LONSDALE		
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021		
	Total Year to Date	Comparative 12 Months to 30/09/20
WORSHIP		
Bequests	-	5,000
JobKeeper	23,550	49,000
Worship Centres :-		
Collections	18,011	11,509
Envelope/ADF Deposits	32,634	47,798
Gifts & Donations	5,374	10,990
Total Income from Worship	56,019	70,297
Investment Income		
Interest	181	723
Distributions ADF Endowment Funds	3,855	3,949
Total Investment Income	4,035	4,671
Church Property Expenses -		
Repairs & Maintenance - St Georges Church	(18,154)	(6,682)
Repairs & Maintenance - St James Church	(3,414)	(203)
Heating, Light & Power - St Georges	(1,784)	(710)
Heating, Light & Power - St James	(903)	(1,139)
Property Insurance - St Georges	(4,608)	(4,573)
Property Insurance - St James	(1,185)	(1,176)
Rates & Taxes - St Georges	(825)	(681)
Rates & Taxes - St James	(640)	(325)
Total Property Expenses	(31,512)	(15,488)
NET INCOME FROM WORSHIP	52,092	113,480
MINISTRY		
Income from Pastoral Services		
Weddings	2,600	1,000
Less Wedding Expenses	-	-
Funerals	12,455	2,400
Less Funeral Expenses	(918)	(832)
Net Income Pastoral Services	14,137	2,568
Mission Giving		
Receipts	297	1,243
Payments to Missions	-	(1,172)
Net Mission Income/(Deficiency)	297	71
Fund Raising		
Ladies Guild	-	407
Fund Raising - St Georges	-	2,664
Fund Raising - St James	3,503	5,552
Net Income from Fund Raising	3,503	8,623
Diocese Assessment	(12,004)	(4,486)
Ministerial Expenses -		
Vicar's Stipend & Related Expenses	(104,996)	(106,536)
Locum Expenses	(1,298)	(508)
Clergy Conferences	-	-
Subscriptions	(132)	(252)
Ministerial Resources	(1,133)	(1,795)
Total Ministerial Expenses	(107,559)	(109,092)
Office Expenses -		
Bank Charges	(30)	(36)
Communications - Telephone	(3,166)	(3,374)
Communications - Internet	(646)	(25)
Computer Software & Maintenance	(7,684)	(6,185)
Heating, Light & Power	(1,014)	(1,055)
Property Insurance	(462)	(458)
Postage, Cleaning, Sundry	(1,333)	(396)
Printing & Stationery	(3,109)	(1,122)
Repairs & Maintenance Office Equipment	(626)	(3,263)
Rates and Taxes	(601)	(516)
Office Wages & Superannuation	(21,084)	(30,888)
Workcover	(1,101)	(540)
Total Office Expenses	(40,855)	(47,858)
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FROM MINISTRY	(142,483)	(150,175)
HOSPITALITY		
Grants		
St Georges Old School Hall	-	-
Income	8,291	5,468
Less Expenses :-		
Repairs & Maintenance	(323)	(11,937)
Rates and Taxes	(1,845)	(1,044)
Heating, Light & Power	(1,238)	(832)
Insurance	(1,529)	(1,517)
Net Income/(Deficit) St Georges Hall	3,357	(9,862)
St James Gill Hall	-	-
Income	9,100	1,815
Less Expenses :-		
Repairs & Maintenance	(3,079)	(740)
Rates and Taxes	(258)	(325)
Heating, Light & Power	(668)	(1,193)
Property Insurance	(1,223)	(1,213)
Net Income/(Deficit) St James Gill Hall	3,871	(1,656)
House of Prayer Donations		
Income	5,185	3,390
Less Expenses :-		
Repairs & Maintenance	(595)	(227)
Rates and Taxes	(551)	(516)
Heating, Light & Power	(1,015)	(1,110)
Property Insurance	(462)	(458)
Net Income/(Deficit) House of Prayer	2,563	1,079
Functions/Retreats		
Income	-	4,680
Expenses	-	(2,145)
Net Income from Functions/Retreats	-	2,535
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FROM HOSPITALITY	9,791	(7,905)
COMMERCIAL		
St Georges Vicarage Rental Income		
Income	20,720	19,480
Less Expenses :-		
Agent Management Fee	(1,463)	(1,271)
Repairs & Maintenance	(451)	(95)
Rates and Taxes	(3,188)	(2,051)
Property Insurance	(648)	(701)
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FROM COMMERCIAL	14,969	15,363
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR PERIOD	(65,630)	(29,237)

THE ANGICAN PARISH OF ST GEORGES QUEENSCLIFF & ST JAMES POINT LONSDALE

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Sep-21</u>	<u>Last Year 30/9/20</u>	<u>Movement</u>	<u>Funds Available for Operations</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Cash at Bank - Bendigo Bank Operating Account	4,090.91	8,560.79	(4,469.88)	4,090.91
Cash at Bank - ADF Internet Donations	5,354.53	5,896.19	(541.66)	5,354.53
Cash at Bank - ADF Debit Card Expenses	0.06	0.06	-	0.06
Cash at Bank - ADF Operating Reserve Accounts	6,367.03	8,695.14	(2,328.11)	6,367.03
Cash at Bank - ADF House of Prayer Reserve Accounts	15,288.42	15,235.80	52.62	15,288.42
Cash at Bank - ADF Old School Hall Maintenance Fund	9,627.15	9,111.37	515.78	9,627.15
Cash at Bank - ADF Direct Giving Accounts	191.21	234.34	(43.13)	191.21
National Trust Account	43,684.76	4,802.25	38,882.51	
Cash at Bank - ADF WJN Anon Reserve Accounts	3,670.21	11,650.27	(7,980.06)	3,670.21
ADF - St Georges Building Maintenance Reserve	9,682.64	20,774.81	(11,092.17)	
	<u>97,956.92</u>	<u>84,961.02</u>	<u>12,995.90</u>	
Investments				
ADF Endowment Investments -				
Alice Lees Fund	12,491.49	11,389.41	1,102.08	???
Diana Vernon Fund	-	-	-	
James Fund	57,721.02	52,628.48	5,092.54	???
Fettel Fund	12,491.49	11,389.41	1,102.08	???
Kit Mills Fund	10,126.49	9,233.06	893.43	???
	<u>92,830.49</u>	<u>84,640.36</u>	<u>8,190.13</u>	<u>44,589.52</u>
Trade and Other Receivables				
Trade Debtors	-	8,052.39	(8,052.39)	
Deposits	-	-	-	
Stipend Paid in Advance	-	-	-	
GST/ PAYG Instalments Refund Receivable	877.21	1,254.57	(377.36)	
	<u>877.21</u>	<u>9,306.96</u>	<u>(8,429.75)</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>191,664.62</u>	<u>178,908.34</u>	<u>12,756.28</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Trade Creditors	(30,313.69)	-	(30,313.69)	(30,313.69)
Prepaid Specified Income	(43,682.51)	(4,800.00)	(38,882.51)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>(73,996.20)</u>	<u>(4,800.00)</u>	<u>(69,196.20)</u>	
NET ASSETS	<u>117,668.42</u>	<u>174,108.34</u>	<u>(56,439.92)</u>	<u>14,275.83</u>
EQUITY				
ADF Endowment Funds Revaluation Reserve -				
Opening balance	20,703.42	27,873.06	(7,169.64)	
Revaluation of ADF Funds during the year	8,190.13	(7,169.64)	15,359.77	
Closing balance	28,893.55	20,703.42	8,190.13	
Retained Earnings -				
Opening balance	153,404.92	182,642.09		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period to date	(64,630.05)	(29,237.17)	(64,630.05)	
Closing balance	88,774.87	153,404.92	(64,630.05)	
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>117,668.42</u>	<u>174,108.34</u>	<u>(56,439.92)</u>	

TRADE CREDITORS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne -	
- Insurance (11 @ \$842.62 per mnth)	9,268.82
- Insurance (1 @ \$847.89 per mnth)	847.89
- Assessment (10 @ 1,091)	10,910.00
- Assessment (1 @ 1,094)	1,094.00
- TMA sub (1 @ \$34.30)	34.30
- TMA sub (2 @ \$48.99)	97.98
- June payroll dishonoured	7,661.71
- Stipend Insurance - P Martin	0.00
- LSL - P Martin	399.00
	<u>30,313.70</u>
Reconciliation to A D of M Statement	
Balance per statement	31,225.69
Less Paid with 2020 Assessment relief	(847.89)
Error on statement(1/11/20 Assessment)	74.00
Less Paid with 2020 Assessment relief	(138.11)
	<u>30,313.69</u>
@ Total \$986 = Assessment Relief in 2020 FY	

THE ANGCAN PARISHES OF ST GEORGES', QUEENSLIFF & ST JAMES', POINT LONSDALE			
BUDGET PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022			
	Actual Year Ended 30/9/21	Budget Year Ended 30/9/22	
GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GRANTS			
Covid 19 Allowances from Government	23,550	-	No assistance
WORSHIP			
Bequests	-	5,000	
Worship Centres :-			
Collections	18,011	18,500	Round up
Envelope/ADF Deposits	32,634	35,000	Round up
Gifts & Donations - Donate Now donations	5,374	10,000	Round up
Total Income from Worship	56,019	63,500	
Investment Income			
Interest	181	50	Estimate based on reducing rates
Distributions ADF Endowment Funds	3,855	3,000	Reduce
Total Investment Income	4,035	3,050	
Church Property Expenses -			
Repairs & Maintenance - St Georges Church	(18,154)	(10,000)	
Repairs & Maintenance - St James Church	(3,414)	(10,000)	
Heating, Light & Power - St Georges	(1,784)	(1,800)	Same as 2021 rounded
Heating, Light & Power - St James	(903)	(900)	Same as 2021 rounded
Property Insurance - St Georges	(4,608)	(4,747)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Property Insurance - St James	(1,185)	(1,220)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Rates & Taxes - St Georges	(825)	(849)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Rates & Taxes - St James	(640)	(659)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Total Property Expenses	(31,512)	(30,175)	
NET INCOME FROM WORSHIP	28,542	41,375	
MINISTRY			
Income from Pastoral Services			
Weddings	2,600	4,500	Guess if no Covid restrictions
Less Wedding Expenses	-	-	Guess
Funerals	12,455	12,500	Guess
Less Funeral Expenses	(918)	(750)	Guess
Net Income Pastoral Services	14,137	16,250	
Mission Giving			
Receipts	297	500	Put in \$ that we would like to attain
Payments to Missions	-	(500)	
Net Mission Income/(Deficiency)	297	-	
Fund Raising			
Fund Raising - St Georges	-	3,000	Guess
Fund Raising - St James	3,503	5,000	Guess
Net Income from Fund Raising	3,503	8,000	
Diocese Assessment	(12,004)	(13,092)	\$1091 X 12
Ministerial Expenses -			
Vicar's Stipend	(26,935)	(26,935)	Actual cost
Vicar's Fringe Benefit Allowance	(28,127)	(28,127)	Actual cost
Vicar's Superannuation - Parish 15%	(9,177)	(9,177)	Actual cost
Vicar's Superannuation - Vicar 10%	(6,118)	(6,118)	Actual cost
Vicar - Long service Leave	(1,596)	(1,578)	Actual cost
Vicar - Stipend insur & sickness/accident	-	-	Actual cost
Vicar - Housing Allowance	(23,400)	-	Vicar not taking housing allowance
Vicar - Motor Vehicle - Replacement Fund	(4,560)	-	Actual cost
Vicar - Motor Vehicle Maintenance	(1,360)	(1,400)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Vicar - Motor Vehicle - Cost per KM	(1,260)	(1,260)	Actual cost
Vicar - House Rates & Utilities	(2,464)	(2,538)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Vicar's Stipend & Related Expenses	(104,996)	(77,133)	
Locum Expenses	(1,298)	(2,000)	Guess -
Clergy Conferences	-	-	No cost
Subscriptions	(132)	(136)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Ministerial Resources	(1,133)	(1,000)	Guess
Total Ministerial Expenses	(107,559)	(80,269)	

Office Expenses -			
Bank Charges	(30)	-	No cost
Communications - Telephone	(3,166)	(3,261)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Communications - Internet	(646)	(665)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Computer Software & Maintenance	(7,684)	(2,000)	Reduce as set up finished Estimate ongoing
Heating, Light & Power	(1,014)	(1,045)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Property Insurance	(462)	(475)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Postage, Cleaning, Sundry	(1,333)	(1,373)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Printing & Stationery	(3,109)	(3,202)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Repairs & Maintenance Office Equipment	(626)	(645)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Rates and Taxes	(601)	(619)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Office Wages & Superannuation	(21,084)	(20,592)	Actual = \$1,560 + \$156/month
Workcover	(1,101)	(1,134)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Total Office Expenses	(40,855)	(35,011)	
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FROM MINISTRY	(142,483)	(104,122)	
HOSPITALITY			
Grants	-	-	
St Georges Old School Hall			
Income	8,291	12,000	Helen Martin \$1325 per Qtr + other rent
<i>Less Expenses :-</i>			
Repairs & Maintenance	(323)	(600)	Guess
Rates and Taxes	(1,845)	(1,900)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Heating, Light & Power	(1,238)	(1,275)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Insurance	(1,529)	(1,575)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Net Income/(Deficit) St Georges Hall	3,357	6,650	
St James Gill Hall			
Income	9,100	6,000	Historical Soc Rent
<i>Less Expenses :-</i>			
Repairs & Maintenance	(3,079)	(5,500)	Estimate includes brick ties
Rates and Taxes	(258)	(266)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Heating, Light & Power	(668)	(689)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Property Insurance	(1,223)	(1,260)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Net Income/(Deficit) St James Gill Hall	3,871	(1,714)	
House of Prayer Donations			
Income	5,185	28,000	Estimate
<i>Less Expenses :-</i>			
Repairs & Maintenance	(595)	(1,000)	includes roof repairs
Rates and Taxes	(551)	(568)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Heating, Light & Power	(1,015)	(1,045)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Property Insurance	(462)	(475)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Net Income/(Deficit) House of Prayer	2,563	24,912	
Functions/Retreats			
Income	-	-	None allowed for
Expenses	-	-	None allowed for
Net Income from Functions/Retreats	-	-	
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FROM HOSPITALITY	9,791	29,848	
COMMERCIAL			
St Georges Vicarage Rental Income			
Income	20,720	22,080	Current actual
<i>Less Expenses :-</i>			
Agent Management Fee	(1,463)	(1,700)	Actual
Repairs & Maintenance	(451)	(4,000)	includes roof repairs
Rates and Taxes	(3,188)	(3,284)	Increase 2021 by 3%
Property Insurance	(648)	(668)	Increase 2021 by 3%
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FROM COMMERCIAL	14,969	12,428	
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR PERIOD	(65,630)	(20,472)	
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR PERIOD and GOVT GRANTS	-42080	-20472	

**ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST GEORGES' QUEENNSCLIFF
AND ST JAMES' POINT LONSDALE**

CHURCHWARDENS' DECLARATION

In my opinion, the Anglican Parish of St Georges' Queenscliff and St James' Point Lonsdale is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This is a special purpose financial report.

In my opinion the financial statements of the Anglican Parish of St Georges' Queenscliff and St James' Point Lonsdale present fairly, as required by the Acts of Synod, the financial position of the Parish as at 30 September 2021 and its performance for the year ended that date is in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In my opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Parish will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Churchwardens.

Joan Howe

Joan Howe
Churchwarden

Point Lonsdale
Dated this 2/day of November 2021.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Churchwardens of the Parish of St Georges' Queenscliff & St James' Point Lonsdale

I have examined the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of The Anglican Parish of St Georges', Queenscliff and St James' Point Lonsdale, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2021, and the Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended on that date, other explanatory notes and the Churchwardens' Declaration.

Respective Responsibilities of the Churchwarden's and Independent Examiner

The Churchwardens of The Anglican Parish of St Georges', Queenscliff and St James' Point Lonsdale have determined that an audit is not required for this financial year under Section 43 of the Parish Governance Act 2013 and that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the requirements of Section 47 of the Parish Governance Act 2003.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parish and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items and disclosures in the financial reports, and seeking explanations from the management and Parish Council concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the financial reports.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention -

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements that
 - (i) accounting records have not been kept in accordance with the Parish Governance Act.
 - (ii) the financial accounts are not in accordance with those records.
 - (iii) the accounts did not comply with the requirements of section 42 (2) of the Act.
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



NEVILLE BARWICK BArch (Hons)

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11th November 2021

8. Annual Report of Office the Administrator

2020/2021 certainly has had many challenges, not least the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and how that has affected our daily lives and the life of the parish.

My role as Office Administrator role also takes in Risk Management and OH&S, Child Safety, Prevention of Family Violence, and Parish Covid Officer.

It became obvious early in the year that due to the increased need for extra human resources, and the backing off of volunteers due to COVID-19, we were not going to be able to continue offering Wednesday and Friday Eucharists, so parish council took the difficult decision to suspend these services. Sadly, Arcare services were also suspended for most of the year. More emphasis was placed on Sunday worship which has continued to be Livestreamed every week and when possible, in person. Much of my time has been taken up by implementing the ever-changing restrictions, which in turn has kept us all safe. Thank-you to you, the Parish Community, for accepting these restrictions and following the everchanging the rules, which has brought us, finally, to a place where we are getting closer to whatever COVID normal is going to look like going forward. We should all be thankful that here in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale, and most of the Bellarine, we have been relatively free of COVID.

The busy times of Christmas and Easter presented some extra challenges, but we all rose to the occasion and were able to go ahead with 'in person' services, both inside the churches and in the garden at St James.

Many Fundraisers had to be cancelled but the Annual Stalls in the Hall went ahead in the garden at St James and as it was such a great success with a lovely atmosphere, it will happen again in 2022.

I now have the technology and capacity to work from home whenever the necessity arises, and this Hybrid way of working seems to be the way forward.

Along with my day-to-day duties, I have continued to attend information sessions and workshops on Prevention of Violence against Women. Many challenges are ahead and as such, along with Jenny Price, we are hoping to make this a major focus for 2022.

A Diocesan Risk Management Auditor attended to review all the Church Buildings. As we are nearing the end of the three-year cycle, most items have been attended to, and only some minor ones outstanding.

Fr. Peter was able to take some well-earned leave in April/May and Fr. Tim Gibson led us admirably. It is always a pleasure to work with Fr. Tim.

Parish Council meetings have continued monthly by ZOOM. I would like to thank Fr. Peter, Joan Howe – Warden, Sally Hawkins – Treasurer, and all the councillors for their support and leadership during the last 12 months.

Jenni Farrar

9. Reports from Parish Groups

The Parish History Project

As reported in 2020 the History Project has continued in 2021 to focus on finalising all aspects of management of the parish records collection both digital and hard copy. This has included exploring ways to facilitate access for researchers.

Our project team met in September with Fr Peter in the chair. We welcomed Sally Hawkins as an appointed representative of Parish council.

The digitising project has continued at a slow pace but should now be completed by the end of this year. We will by then have digital files created of over 5.500 paper records, photographs, documents, minutes, plans etc, along with descriptions of each item.

Work on the hard copy collections located in the Gill Hall, has continued. See Arch Lever files on shelves.

The Parish Oral History Project undertaken in 2014 and 2015 is now complete. The initial project involved interviewing 22 older members of both church congregations. These audio files, along with transcripts of each interview, photographs of participants and other documentation have been collated. As well as all of these records being safely shelved in the History Room, they have been incorporated into the digitisation project.

Progress has been made to ensure access for research purposes to both hard copy files and digital records on site. The History and Archives link on the Parish home page (<https://www.queenscliffionsdaleanglican.org/history-and-archives/>) now contains links to information about our churches' history, a summary of the records held in the History Room, information about the digital collection and contact details for enquirers. Our thanks go to Jenni Farrar for her efforts in making this happen.

Recently Parish Council approved our proposal to apply to join Victorian Collections which, as the name implies, is a website of collections held in Victoria. It is a partnership between the Australian Museums and Galleries Association Victoria and Museums Victoria, with funding is provided by the Victorian Government. It is hoped this will provide a free on-going management system enabling us to have some of our digital files uploaded and eventually searchable on the internet. Many community-based organisations make their collections available on this platform including the Queenscliff Maritime Museum. Lindsay Howe plans to undertake training supplied by Victorian Collections to enable him to begin uploading images and accompanying data. This will commence in the new year. It has been necessary to find another platform as the proposed venture with the Geelong Heritage Centre did not proceed.

With the encouragement of Fr Peter we have contributed monthly small illustrated stories in Lovers of the Place, extracted from our records.

No public research enquiry occurred this year. But an important task has been helping the Parish Council and outside consultants by researching and providing information and images related to the Gill Hall wall collapse, including various building specifications and plans.

Due to limited progress and the Covid-19 lockdowns, no further original records have been deposited with Diocesan Archives this year. Hopefully a third tranche will be delivered for safekeeping in 2022.

The Hospitality Committee

Summary Hospitality Committee 2020-2021

As this year unfolded it became apparent that the pandemic had more to play out, with frequent lockdowns in both the regions and Melbourne in particular. Remarkably a number of people were able to pick the gaps between lockdowns and enjoy the solace and respite the House of Prayer offers.

House of Prayer Usage 2020-21

Over the past year we hosted 10 retreats at the House of Prayer, cumulatively there were 21 guests who stayed for 39 days, making each stay around 4 days. While there have been less retreats and guests compared to last year, the stays have been for longer periods, and hence there was an increase in occupancy in comparison to 2020. Some 7 bookings were lost due to lockdowns, one person lost their booking 3 times! But not to be deterred, was on the phone as soon as restrictions lifted to secure a stay.

Residential Retreats

There were no residential retreats this year. There was one booking with the Coptic church youth ministry which did not proceed due to COVID lockdown.

Quiet Days

There were no quiet days this year.

At this stage in the unfolding of the pandemic, we continue to offer retreats at the House of Prayer to single people or households, and now that there is a pathway to re-opening to COVID normal with high vaccination rates bookings will return. Our very able COVID Safety Officer, Jenni Farrar and the housekeeping team, have put in place a COVID safe plan for the House of Prayer which is revised with each new set of opening up guidelines. This includes ensuring at least 3 days between bookings, enhanced cleaning regimen and personal protection protocols for housekeepers. In spite of the upheavals of the year the Hospitality Team welcomed new members to its ranks.

With Victoria re-opening to 'COVID normal' in the coming months, and with the Parish Council in the process of re-visioning the future, there is an opportunity to review our Hospitality Ministry in light of these momentous events and imagine what it will look like as we move forward into 2022 and beyond.

Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Abuse can be in many forms and not just physical, but emotional, threatening, sexual and spiritual. This behaviour grows from attitudes and behaviours which abuse a persons power and control over another.

A culture shift is needed to shift attitudes and structures and churches play a big role in connecting to the community. The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne is seen as a world leader in preventing violence against women & abuse in a faith setting.

By changing our attitudes & behaviours and working on our knowledge and skills within our church community we can help to address some of the issues that cause violence and abuse. Stopping violence before it occurs through initiatives that challenge the root cause of violence is the key. We need to create a church culture that promotes equality and offers support for those who have experienced violence. By providing this support our community can flourish as God intended, with respect for one another.

It is everyone's responsibility to acknowledge & address this issue so that we can live the life that God intended for us all. We as a church have a key role to set up conditions and structures to prevent abuse and violence. Jenny Price Parish Councillor

