

ANNUAL REPORT 2013 - 2014

**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST STEPHEN AND ST MARY
383 HIGH STREET ROAD
MOUNT WAVERLEY 3149**

(FULL VERSION)

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VICAR'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2014

This year I am commencing my report by quoting a small portion from Archbishop Philip Freier's 2014 Synod Charge as follows:

"Why are we gathered here tonight? Let us take a fresh look at our first principles. We are here to pursue the mission of the Anglican Church in Melbourne, that same mission that belongs to Christ's body everywhere. Influential theologian and missiologist David Bosch says the Christian faith sees all humanity across all time as subjects of God's plan of salvation. He writes that the reign of God which has come in Jesus Christ is intended for "all humanity". This dimension is not an optional extra: Christianity is missionary by its nature or it denies its very reason for existence.

David Bosch's brief definition of the missionary character of Christianity is but one of many that affirm the enduring character of mission at the centre of God's concern for humanity. His point is obvious but is one that we should not skip over too quickly. If we dismiss his plea for us to understand what God intends, we easily lose the sense of the divine mission and end up with something which is sociologically informed but alien from God, something that reflects our own aspirations and culture, but has nothing to do with the sending of God's son into the world or the death of Jesus on the cross.

The challenge that we embraced here at Synod last year committed the Diocese of Melbourne to work to become more mission-shaped. This means that we examine how we do things and how we organise our efforts and work to ensure that they are better fitted for the work God has committed to us. Becoming more attuned to our mission as God's people is not just a matter for our leaders, or for those specially charged and equipped to the various callings. It is a matter for all of us, all Anglicans in every parish. We together are the body...there are many members, but one body and we are all called to proclamation of the Good News in Jesus Christ and to service in his name. For the body to flourish, each member of the body must do its part. That is why, if the church is to flourish, we must share the same vision, the same commitment, energy and passion. God has entrusted the mission to all of us...

Mission – we must grasp it.

Hope – we must have it." *Archbishop Philip*

So, why have I written this into my report? Because it shows you where I am coming from in terms of new developments and directions for the parish. If the Archbishop is calling me to mission and outreach, he is calling our parish also.

One of the first steps this year was to develop a Mission Action Plan (MAP) that you should have received in your mail-out for the "Celebrate Giving" Programme that was held in August this year. The MAP is the foundational document for our mission over the next three years. It is like a 'map' - it gives directions, important points of reference and interesting places in the journey. Like all journeys there will be deviations, but the MAP holds the end point and main 'pathway' for our missional endeavour in the parish.

Mark 1: "To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom" We have already commenced two Meditation Groups (evening and day time) and I thank Reverend Sharne, Michael Mosley and Val Dyke for commencing meditation groups. In Lent this year we had 4 groups (2 day time and 2 evening groups) for Lenten study (about 40 people all together) and then in July we welcomed The Reverend Pirriall Clift as she led us through a 3-evening School of Prayer. Again this was well attended having over 30 people every evening with a number of people coming from other parishes. To assist facilitation of this particular MAP Goal and to plant future events we have established a 'Spirituality and Education' team consisting of Rev'd Sharne, Michael Mosley, Judith Gibson, Peter Northwood, Alex Burke and myself. Also, under this same *MAP Mark*, an order has been placed for new electronic signage at the front of the church on High Street Road. We will be able to advertise all of our events not only by website but by making ourselves more visible to those who drive and walk by. The new signage will be installed by early 2015.

Mark 2: "Teach and nurture disciples" One of the main foci for this mission is '*mainly music*' - a wonderful programme for parents, carers and pre-school children, who will be coming into these church buildings commencing in February. They will gently hear about God and feel supported and cared for by this Christian community. They will be nurtured, fed in body and soul, and have fun together. But I have to say at this stage the response to volunteering for the rosters for this programme and even to bringing unwanted scarves has been poor for this sized parish. I thank Jeannette Hamilton who has come from All Saints' Mitcham and joined us to organize and get '*mainly music*' up and running.

Mark 3 "Tend and care for those in need" Under the heading of "inviting, welcoming and befriending" and to this end a small number of the Parish Council together with Rev'd Sharne, attended a training seminar facilitated by Michael Harvey from the UK and founder of the "Back to Church" programme. This is an insightful seminar (one I have attended about 3 times now) and I always find him challenging and encouraging. This is a Mark that will be developed further in 2015. One group that has been re-convened that would come under this Mark is the Catering Group, ably led by Phoebe Wilkinson-North, whose work particularly focuses up the needs of bereaved families at funerals.

Mark 4 "Transform the unjust structure in society" I would like to thank the Social Justice Committee for organizing an MWICC event, "Between the Devil and Deep Blue Sea", which was well received with approximately 50 people in attendance. This Mark is also supported through the Mission Committee and their fine work and I thank these two committees of the parish for their work in keeping issues before our eyes, hearts and mind.

Mark 5 "Treasure God's creation" This is an important ongoing call to us individually and corporately to be good stewards of our creation. We will develop this MAP mark further in time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your response and involvement in the 'Celebrate Giving' programme this year. It is challenging for all of us, including me, to run with such a programme. Without your financial support nothing can happen. An immediate response has been to increase our office staff hours from 9 hours to 12 hours per week and I sincerely thank Barbara for her willingness to increase her time with us and all her wonderful administration and support during the year.

Thank you to our Assistant Curate, The Reverend Dr Sharne Rolfe, for her work with us since February. Thank you Sharne for your pastoral work, preaching and assisting in the leadership of our services; it has been good to see you grow in ministry.

I would like to thank the Wardens (Brian de Lacy; Bruce Chugg and Joan West) and Parish Council members as they continue in faithful ministry and administration of the parish. I wish to offer a most sincere and heartfelt thank you to those members of Parish Council who are stepping aside for various personal reasons: Hillarie Griggs and Duncan Macarthur who have served this parish and God diligently for so many years.

There are so many people to thank for their ministry in the parish and I know if I start I will sadden someone by missing them out. We can only run well if we all work as a team with the one goal in front of us and that is to live as a Christ-centred parish. Thank you for all your work no matter how small it may seem – *We are the body of Christ!* Thank you all!

I occasionally get asked, "Am I happy here?" – The answer is an assured **"yes!"** I am honoured to be here as your priest and pastor.

REVD DIANNE SHARROCK
Vicar

ASSISTANT CURATE'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2014

This has been a wonderful year of learning and formation for me. Encouraged by the generous mentoring of my supervising Vicar, Dianne, I have been warmly welcomed into the parish and as assistant curate, I have participated in many aspects of parish life.

I have participated on a weekly basis in all three Sunday worship services - BCP, SE and CE - and gained increasing familiarity and confidence in these different liturgical styles. I have enjoyed preaching, and I thank everyone for their encouraging comments over the year. I have also been involved in Thursday morning Eucharists and Eucharists in local residential aged care facilities, leading worship with Reserved Sacrament on several occasions. I have assisted in one funeral service, a graveside burial, and led an interment of ashes in our Memorial Garden.

I have been actively involved in the Pastoral Care team, regularly visiting parishioners who are unwell, in their homes and in hospital. It has been a great privilege to journey with parishioners during their particular times of need.

I have also been involved with the parish Spirituality Group, and encouraged by them, have helped to establish Christian meditation as a regular part of parish life. With Michael Mosley, we began an evening Christian meditation group (John Main tradition) on 8th May, and this has continued throughout the year every second and fourth Thursday evening with around 12 people regularly attending. On 1st October, with Val Dyke as leader, an afternoon meditation Inner Stillness (Ignatian) group began, and this has met regularly since on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, with around 12 people attending. It was a joy to lead a group during our time of Lenten studies.

I have appreciated the opportunity to assist in parish ministry to children and families and to give regular talks to the children as part of the CE service and at Joint Eucharists. By the end of this year, I will have conducted four Baptisms.

I would like to thank Dianne for her ongoing encouragement and willingness to give so generously of her time to talk with me about so many aspects of parish life. I also thank my Field Committee (Sue, Michael, Irene, Jenny and Melissa) for their support and hospitality throughout the year, with special thanks to Sue Retschko who has been so generous in guiding me and encouraging me in so many ways. Finally, thank you to everyone at St Stephen and St Mary's. I couldn't imagine anywhere I would rather have been in my deacon year. It has been a blessing and a privilege to minister to you all.

REVD DR SHARNE ROLFE
Assistant Curate

THE CHURCHWARDENS ANNUAL REPORT

GENERAL

We give thanks for our continuing experience of high quality worship. We are grateful for the gifts of our clergy and lay people who contribute in so many ways to enable this to happen.

As a Parish we have shared several social activities during the year which provide the opportunity for us to share time together as a Parish family. These activities include our annual Jazz Night, Parish Dinner and a musical concert by the group Singularity.

The revised Parish Governance Act came into operation as of July 2014. One of the changes is a change of name from Vestry to Parish Council. The Parish Council adopted the Parish Rules for meetings and Officers. Plain English Guide and Checklist for Parishes are available.

After much discussion a Parish Directory has been produced and made available to those who were willing to sign up for it. Please remember that this is a confidential document and people should respect the confidentiality of the directory.

The Social Justice Committee supported an evening with the showing of the film Beyond the Deep Blue Sea. This was supported by members of the Waverley Inter Church Council and David Spittler from the Asylum Seekers Centre Dandenong. Several refugees were in attendance to share their experiences.

A Quiet Day was held during the year at the home of Gavin and Jenny Bowers giving parishioners the opportunity to enjoy a day of silence and refreshment. These days are very much appreciated by those who attend and we thank all involved in organizing and running these events. In particular we thank Jenny and Gavin for the use of their home.

STAFF

We are blessed to have our Vicar Dianne to lead us in our worship and Christian journey. We are also blessed to have her leadership in the Parish development and her pastoral care of us all.

Rev'd Sharne Rolfe joined us in February as our Assistant Curate following her ordination as a deacon. She has supported the Vicar in our worship and taken part in the pastoral care of parishioners. Her work in the development of the meditation groups is very much appreciated.

Pastoral care remains a very important part of our parish ministry. The team provides pastoral care to sick parishioners, both in their homes and in several aged care facilities and hospitals. Care is also provided to bereaved families. Members of the team run regular services at the care facilities. These services are attended by both parishioners who now live in the care facilities as well as other residents. We thank the members of the different teams for their faithful work and the generous giving of their time.

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

The Parish buildings and plant remain in overall good condition. During the year fencing has been completed, three trees have been removed; one on the fence line, one at the Vicarage and one at the eastern end of the Church frontage. The west wall window in the old church has been restored. Painting has been carried out on the external of the Stephenson's Road unit and the external and internal walls and woodwork of the Parish Centre to ensure that the buildings are kept in good condition. Our two emergency houses have also had a much needed paint to all external surfaces. Sunblinds have been installed at the Vicarage.

A new projector has been purchased and installed in the church. Thanks to donations from parishioners a Defibrillator has been purchased and installed.

During the year an Essential Services Review has been completed and approved by the Monash City Council. OH&S reviews on all aspects of the property are also required by the diocese to be carried out on a yearly basis. We ask everybody to observe new signage where displayed.

The Memorial Hall is currently being refurbished for use by Elements of Life Acupuncture Centre. Approval has been received from Monash City Council and the Diocese for the work to be carried out. A five-year lease has been negotiated. This will give us access to the extra rooms in the Parish Centre for use by the parish as well as providing additional rental income.

A new modern illuminated sign with LED message panels will be constructed at the front of the church. This will enable us to advertise events and service times in a more public way. We look forward to being able to inform people what is happening in our parish.

Our unit in Stephenson's Road has been leased to St John's Anglican Church Camberwell for their Assistant Curate. The leases for our emergency houses remain with the Victorian Government Department of Housing and will be renegotiated at the appropriate time.

We must also acknowledge the work of Chris Knight and his gardening group. Without their untiring efforts we would struggle to keep the surrounds of our property in such a fine state. Many thanks to you all.

FINANCE

Details of the financial position of the parish as at 30 September 2014 are shown in the Treasurer's report. The offertory budget for 2013-14 was down \$5362 on budget (97.5% of budget achieved). The year's result overall was \$7034.00 better than budget.

The Review of Giving pledges was a very positive result and provides with a positive basis for the Income and Expense budget for 2014-15.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As always there are many people who give their time and talents to enrich our parish - far too many to name individually. To all of you who do so much to ensure that we enjoy our worship and surroundings we say "thank you". We also thank our fellow Vestry, now Council members for their enthusiasm and commitment during the past 12 months. Thank you to the parishioners who served as the Field Committee for Rev Sharne and to Sue Retschko who served as the Chair of this Committee. Thank you to our Treasurer Duncan McArthur for his work; our Council Secretary Helen Warren; Barbara Aghajani our Clerical assistant and Helene Durkin for her work in producing the pew sheet and the Parish News.

BRIAN DE LACY, BRUCE CHUGG AND JOAN WEST

Church Wardens

2013 - 2014

VESTRY/PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has seen the Vestry work in a very co-operative way and has achieved many good outcomes for the parish.

We started the year by reading the book "The Myth of the 200 Barrier". This was used as a basis for the discussion at early meetings and for the February Workshop. We were challenged to discuss how churches work, what surprised us, what was relevant to us, and the challenges we might face. In June, Ken Morgan led another workshop for the Vestry.

MISSION ACTION PLAN

A small committee worked on producing our Mission Action Plan (MAP). The draft was presented to Vestry who discussed the ideas and approved the production of a leaflet for distribution. The Map will guide our development over the next 2 years.

The MAP is based on the Five Marks of Mission.

- proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- teach and nurture disciples
- tend and care for those in need
- transform the unjust structures in society
- treasure God's creation.

To ensure we can achieve our Plan and to employ the necessary staff and maintain the infrastructure and church fabric, it was decided to hold a "Celebrate Giving" program during August. This resulted in a positive result for the basis of the budget for 2014-2015.

PARISH DIRECTORY

As reported in the Warden's Report, a Parish Directory has been produced. Much discussion was held regarding the privacy issues of such a document, so a process was put in place to ensure people's privacy is protected.

MEDITATION AND PRAYER SCHOOL

Rev'd Pirrial Cliff from the Franciscan Monastery of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Stroud NSW conducted a Meditation and Prayer school from 29 July until 3 August. This proved to be very successful and we hope to repeat this in the coming year.

COMMITTEES

Several committees were formed during the year to help share the load and to involve other interested parishioners.

- Catering for funerals
- 150th Celebration of St Stephen's Church
- Parish Dinner organization
- Mission Action Plan

150TH CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday 26 July 2015, the Archbishop will visit us to celebrate this special occasion. Other events will be announced in the coming months.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These included the annual Jazz Night, the Parish Dinner with a French Soiree theme and a concert by Singularity. Thank you to all those people who worked to plan and conduct these activities. They are an important part of our parish life as are our joint services followed by a shared brunch.

SUPPORTING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES.

The continued support of the alms baskets for the Waverley Benevolent Society and the Asylum Seekers Centre at Dandenong is one of the ways we support others. Vestry also approved mission allocations to the value of \$16,000 to local, interstate and international agencies.

CHURCH WARDENS AND VESTRY MEMBERS

The following people were elected at the Annual General Meeting in 2013.

Church Wardens: Brian de Lacy (Vicar's Warden), Bruce Chugg (People's Warden), Joan West (People's Warden)

Vestry/Council: Geoff Crawford, Elaine Fasken, Judith Gibson, Hillarie Griggs, Duncan McArthur, Michael Mosley, Peter Northwood, Sue Retschko, Elizabeth Taplin, Helen Warren.

Meetings were held on the third Wednesday of the month. 2 workshops were held on Saturdays in place of the Wednesday meeting.

The Vicar chaired Vestry meetings. Helen Warren was appointed Secretary.

The Warden's appointment of Duncan McArthur as the Treasurer was endorsed.

Each month a Vestry member was responsible for the opening prayer for the meeting.

Individual attendance at the regular meetings (9) were:

Bruce Chugg 8/9, Geoff Crawford 6/9, Brian de Lacy 5/9, Elaine Fasken 7/9, Judith Gibson 8/9, Hillarie Griggs 7/9, Duncan McArthur 4/9, Michael Mosley 5/9, Peter Northwood 8/9, Sue Retschko 7/9, Elizabeth Taplin 6/9, Helen Warren 7/9, Joan West 6/9.

CHANGE OF NAME FROM VESTRY TO COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Please refer to separate Report.

FUNERAL CATERING

St Stephen and St Mary Mt Waverley
Financial Statement
July 1st – September 30th 2014

Funeral Catering Account

Income		
	Funerals	\$1,050.00
Expenses		
	Catering – Food	<u>-\$53.48</u>
Bank Balance 30th September 2014		\$996.52

PARISH STATISTICS

	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2013/14</u>
No. of people on Electoral Roll	212	197
Total number of communicants	9641	8873
Sunday Attendance	7585	7321
Sunday Communicants	6996	6756
<i>(not including Christmas or Easter Days if on a Sunday as these are listed separately below)</i>		
Thursday Attendance	814	747
Thursday Communicants	804	740
Christmas Services		
Attendance	343	337
Communicants	299	299
Lent / Holy Week / Easter Services		
Ash Wednesday	81	87
Attendance	81	87
Communicants	81	87
Holy Monday	N/A	10
Attendance	N/A	10
Communicants	N/A	10
Holy Tuesday	N/A	9
Attendance	N/A	9
Communicants	N/A	9
Holy Wednesday	N/A	33
Attendance	N/A	33
Communicants	N/A	33
Maundy Thursday	80	75
Attendance	80	75
Communicants	80	75
Good Friday	172	142
Attendance	172	142
Communicants	164	140
Holy Saturday	53	27
Attendance	53	27
Communicants	52	27
Easter Day	271	273
Attendance	271	273
Communicants	239	250
Total number of services		
Sundays	140	144
<i>(not including Christmas and Easter Days if Sundays as these are listed separately)</i>		
Thursdays	45	45
Christmas	4	4
Holy Week/Easter	11	12
Funerals / Interments	20	17
Nursing Homes	35	42
Baptisms	2	4
<i>(not including 1 baptism service within CE or SE services)</i>		
Weddings	2	0

BAPTISMS (*within CE or SE services)

Daniel Kanagalingam	February 9, 2014
Zane Bell	March 23, 2014
Samuel Fregon*	July 6, 2014
Mason Lamb	August 24, 2014
Mackenzie Johnson	August 31, 2014

FUNERALS

Arthur Latham	October 1, 2013
Betty Horswill	November 1, 2013
Donald Miller (Internment of Ashes)	November 17, 2013
Aileen Cooper	November 25, 2013
George McCauley	November 29, 2013
Dorothy Thompson	January 22, 2014
Phyllis Hoxey	January 23, 2014
Richard Coyle	January 28, 2014
Frederick Goldsworthy	February 11, 2014
Marjorie Poulton	March 6, 2014
Mary Thompson	March 20, 2014
Hesther Rodrigue	June 12, 2014
Louise McMartin	June 20, 2014
Mufanwy McLachlan	June 27, 2014
Agnes Cusden	July 14, 2014
Doris Wallis	September 12, 2014
Joan Robertson	September 15, 2014

MISSION ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

This Sub-Committee is entrusted by Vestry with the task of recommending which Welfare and Mission agencies should receive donations from our parish "wider church" giving. As Chair, I wish to thank Rev'd Dianne, Dr. Irene Donohoue-Clyne, Ian Smith and John Russell who meet twice a year to carefully and thoughtfully discuss our allocations. Joan West kindly offered the payments and receipting of these allocations.

We did have a budgeted amount of \$20,000 but, as presented in the Focus on Mission Sunday late August, we reduced our donations to \$16,200. A Vestry Motion of 18th April 2007 approved 15% of Gross Income to be allocated to cover the combined Parish Assessment and Mission Allocation. 15% of the Budget for this year was \$16,200.

The major allocations are shown in this year's Financial Statements. Smaller donations were sent to St Mark's Fitzroy, Dixon House, Northern Region Homework Club, Nungalinga, Trinity Theological College, St Christopher's Fiji and the Dr Morna Sturrock Scholarship.

DOUG HASTINGS**Chair**

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Social Justice Committee has continued to work to raise the awareness of parishioners to issues of social justice.

The focuses of the committee are:

- **Refugees and asylum seekers**
- **Poverty**
- **Indigenous and reconciliation issues**
- **Homelessness**

Activities during 2013-14 have been:

- promotion of the weekly alms baskets (one of which is donated to the Asylum Seeker Centre in Dandenong, the other to the Waverley Benevolent Society),
- coordinating the multilingual intercessions on Migrant and Refugee Sunday (as well David Spittler, facilitator of the Asylum Seeker Centre, preaching on that day),
- sponsoring, with the Mount Waverley-Chadstone Inter-church Council, a showing of the film 'Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea' and discussion on asylum seekers,
- several committee members and parishioners joined thousands of others for the Palm Sunday March in support of asylum seekers and refugees,
- coordination of the parish response to the Christmas Bowl (which had a significantly increased response in 2013),
- incorporation of liturgical recognition of Indigenous and reconciliation issues in the services on 1 June as part of National Reconciliation Week,
- committee members attended a Reconciliation Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral,
- maintaining the reconciliation garden with indigenous plants.

The committee members wish to thank parishioners for their continuing commitment to the weekly alms baskets.

To promote its focus issues, committee members have published articles in the parish newsletter. The committee has also reported on its activities on the parish website.

Representatives of the committee, along with a representative of the Mission and Ecumenism Committee and a chair appointed by Parish Council, reviewed past commitments and made recommendations to Parish Council on the allocation of the \$16,000 in parish funds made available annually to support the work of mission and welfare agencies working in Australia and overseas.

The members of the committee are Dr. Irene Donohoue-Clyne, Fran Ludgate, John Russell, Norma Schultz and Marg Taylor. Christine Mallouhi has recently volunteered to join the committee. If you are interested in joining, or would like to find out more about the committee and its work, please speak to one of us.

JOHN RUSSELL
Chair

LADIES GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the Ladies Guild, I have pleasure in presenting the 79th Annual Report.

Father Grant Edgcumbe chaired the Annual meeting held on 12th September 2013.

The following Office Bearers were elected.

President	Janice Miller	Moved:	Di Scrivener
		Seconded:	Beryl Waters
Vice President	Erol McArthur	Moved:	Marj Collas
		Seconded:	Janice Miller
Secretary	Marj Collas	Moved:	Liz Monaghan
		Seconded:	Erol McArthur
Asst Secretary	Carol Macdonald	Moved:	Margaret Lawrey
		Seconded:	Di Scrivener
Treasurer	Di Scrivener	Moved:	Beryl Walters
		Seconded:	Miriam Porter
Asst. Treasurer	Nima Flora	Moved:	Di Scrivener
		Seconded:	Margaret Lawrey

Our sincere thanks go to Russell Payne for auditing the treasurer's books this year. Our thanks too are extended to Helene Durkin for putting our notices in the pew slip and Parish News and our thanks also go to Barbara in the Parish Office.

Currently we have a membership of 17 members with an average attendance of 13 members at meetings.

Our main fund raising efforts are the Waverley Lions Opportunity Shop and our Annual Morning Tea.

At our May meeting, we had an Afternoon Tea for the Anti-Council Campaign which we raised \$130.

Our Annual Meeting Tea was held on Tuesday 20th May 2014. Our Speaker was Mr. Frank Cresia, Executive Director of Waverley Industry Ltd. It was very interesting to hear how he took them to a profitable industry from the red.

Our group has also been represented at our neighbouring churches, guild functions and A.C.W. Services.

Members continue to assist with:

- Meals on wheels
- Flower, silver and linen rosters
- Staff the Brotherhood of St Laurence Opportunity Shop
- Refreshments after Sunday Services
- Sandwiches for 3rd Thursday Service Lunch

Our Christmas Luncheon was held at the R.S.L. Glen Waverley in November. We wish to thank Di Scrivener and Janice Miller for the prizes, etc. for the luncheon.

President Janice Miller and Treasurer Di Scrivener join me in thanking Revd Dianne and Office Staff for all their help and support throughout the Year.

God Bless.

MARJ COLLAS
Secretary

ST.STEPHEN'S AND ST. MARY'S LADIES GUILD

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE – PART YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2014

RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURE

Balance brought forward 1/9/2013

\$711.89

End of year luncheon	414.00	Church Vestry	2,200.00
Subscriptions	90.00	End of Year Luncheon	360.70
Least Coin Collection	91.50	A.C.W. – Subscription	15.00
Afternoon Teas	98.60	A.C.W. – Least Coin	105.05
		Nance Johnson Memorial	400.00
Bank Interest	.08	Balance Carried Fwd 31/8/13	833.33
Lions Opportunity Shop	1,782.01		
Annual Morning Tea	726.00		

\$3,914.08

\$ 3,914.08

I have examined the cash book and supporting documents, and in my opinion the above statement give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Ladies Guild during the Part Year ending 30th June 2014.

Signed: Russell Payne F.C.P.A.
Hon. Auditor

MOTHER'S UNION ANNUAL REPORT

For members, this year has been one of new beginnings, fellowship, interesting speakers and sadness. In October we welcomed our new Vicar Revd Dianne Sharrock and were pleased she was able to attend the ACW "Fellowship Day" service and to share in our November outing at the Glen Waverley RSL. In February we welcomed our new curate Rev Dr Sharne Rolfe. We appreciate and thank them for support and the time they share with us.

It is with sadness we remember three of our long standing members who died this year. Marjie Poulton – a foundation member and former President – Mary Thompson and Berta Cusden all of whom contributed so much to the life of the branch and the parish.

We commenced our year with an Eucharistic Service in the Chapel with Revd Dianne presiding. At the meeting which followed, she told us of her journey from growing up on a farm to her ordination in 1999.

Prayer partners for 2013 were revealed and new ones given and the program for 2014 was distributed. On 25th March members attended the Lady Day Service in the Cathedral, Bev Anderson carried our banner and the MU Chaplain Rev Helen Phillips gave the address.

In June we had a very happy day of fellowship when 11 members of the Parish joined with us to celebrate our 56th Birthday. Jenny Bowers took us down memory lane with reminiscences of some events of earlier years. We all enjoyed a delicious "High Tea".

August was a busy month for members who staffed the Lions Op Shop – we raised \$944 to support MU projects. A great result and warm thank you to Bev Anderson & Briony Mainwaring and all helpers.

MU continues to support the Third Thursday Service –a special time of sharing with those who find it difficult to attend Sunday services.

We have continued our support of Australian Church Women. In October members attended the Community Day service when our contribution to the FLC of \$63.25 was given. We have since forwarded a further \$88.45. Members also attended the World Day of Prayer in March

Following the amalgamation of Deaneries to form the Eastern Region, the first meeting was held at St Barnabas Church, Glen Waverley in April when 22 branches met. We were greeted by the Region Co-ordinators – Nancye Crawford and Ailsa Wakeley. It was a great opportunity to meet new representatives and to share branch news. Mary Sumner Day Service was on 9th August, another opportunity for representatives from 14 branches to gather to again renew friendships. An inspiring service was led by Rev Helen Phillips assisted by Anne Kennedy.

Ros Sahhar, the Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Co-ordinator, prepared the Wave of Prayer service which we observed on 17th July – again our sincere thanks to Norma Schultz who prepared the setting which focused our thoughts on the branches for which we prayed. Ros also prepared the service for the Diocesan Quiet Day held on 11th September which was facilitated by Rev Clem Taplin.

Our speakers for the year have been varied and interesting.

In March Robert Till spoke of his wonderful experience of walking the 800km pilgrimage –The Way of St James – the Camino de Santiago – a spiritual journey that pilgrims have travelled since 8th century.

April saw 11 members visit the NVG where Tony Pugsley (tour guide) enhanced our appreciation of paintings relating to our theme – Called to Serve.

In May we welcomed David Perrin CEO of Aboriginal Literacy Foundation who gave us an insight of the work of the Foundation.

July was our Fund Raising Afternoon - an open meeting to which Eastern Region members & the parish were invited to hear Anna Burke MP for Chisholm speak of her challenge with dyslexia and the challenges of being speaker of the House of Representatives. We were delighted to forward \$652 to the diocesan office to support their project for 2014 – The Ethiopian Literacy Programme.

In August Marjorie Kennett OAM, who for many years was involved in research into polio, told of the work done by the World Health Organization worldwide to eradicate this disease.

A special thank you to Erol McArthur who for many years has served as both Treasurer and Secretary. We pray that Erol will be restored to health and strength.

Thank you also to the hard working committee and the members for their support and prayers who have made 2014 a wonderful year of fellowship and friendship. May God bless each and everyone with health and strength as we go forward "Sharing Christ's love by encouraging, strengthening and supporting marriage and family life"

ELIZABETH WOODS & MARGARET NOBLETT

President & Secretary

3rd THURSDAY SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

This monthly service and get together has not been quite as well attended this year. We do enjoy worshipping together and the fellowship we share over morning tea and we warmly invite new participants to join us.

I would like to thank all who contribute towards these gatherings, especially Revd Dianne, Gloria, Pam, Veronica and all those who help with setting up, providing food, etc. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. All are welcome to attend this service.

The pre-Christmas service and lunch will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday 18th December. Please let me or Gloria know if you are coming to assist us with numbers to cater for.

JILL DE LACY

THE 3rd SATURDAY GARDEN GROUP

The 3rd Saturday Garden Group meets regularly on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month (except January) from 9.30am, and stopping around midday for a "cuppa & a chat". We are most welcoming to new members at any time no matter their level of gardening expertise there are no auditions !... Younger members are especially welcome since for many of us, our aching backs (and if the truth be known our fronts as well) create some limitations to activity.

This year, thankfully, we managed to maintain the usual number of participants, averaging around 10 people per session. It was also very encouraging to notice a number of members individually going into the gardens at other times to complete tasks or to tackle jobs needing immediate attention.

Again, the year resulted in many worthwhile outcomes and provided considerable satisfaction and enjoyment for participants. The unpredictable weather patterns presented ongoing challenges, particularly with vigorous weed growth in the various gardens around the Church and irregular moisture restricting effective use of herbicides and weedicides.

The gardens look beautiful, enhancing all of the other good happenings in the Church's life. The plants are flourishing, especially after last year's make-over of the main front bank and the regular additions of mulch, which subsequently reverts to amazing compost, promoting healthy growth.

Storm damage and the heavier trimming and pruning work around the grounds is mainly undertaken by our friendly 'Tree Man' who also provides copious mulch upon request, at no cost to the Church. The resultant piles are stored at the rear of the property to "cook" and mature until early Spring each year, when we call upon a small group of the Waverley Help Mates to transfer barrow-loads around the grounds (under supervision of Maggie & Chris assisted by our 2-way radios) in preparation for the Garden Group to spread it out during their regular gatherings. We sincerely thank the WHMs for this service and for their ongoing fortnightly service of mowing, edge-trimming and tidying of the paths, gutters & driveway.

The Garden Group achieved a very successful make-over of the arid garden beneath the Memorial Window of Old St Stephens and also the narrow bed beneath the Campanile. All done with propagation from various drought-tolerant plants from other parts of the gardens, especially chosen for the purpose as it is not possible to do any watering adjacent to the foundations of the Old Church.

Limitations of watering also applied to the main front lawn which suffered badly in the summer heat. There are no garden taps in that area of the property, hence watering would require trailing hoses across the driveway causing inconvenience, damage and a potential hazard.

The necessary replacement of a large section of the east-side paling fence meant that our surface mounted poly water pipes had to be un-fixed from the fence and then re-fixed with numerous clips to prevent heaving and joint breakage of the pipes under pressure. Our thanks to Reis Flora for undertaking this work.

Also, our thanks to Lorraine & Greg Cocks for adding many home-grown Iris of various colours to the garden adjoining the car park at the rear of the Memorial Hall. The Iris have been flowering beautifully and are a valuable addition to the availability of more "free" flowers for use by the Flower Guild in ongoing Church decoration. And thanks also to John Foster who has recently taken over from me and Bruce the regular fertilising of our lawns plus the spraying of the pathway weeds, and to Paul Rowlands who is always prepared to offer help when something unexpected happens along the way.

Thanks are also due to the Wardens and Church Council who have been very supportive of the Garden Group, and rendered appropriate assistance when we were having trouble over capacity in our Green Sulo Bins due to illegal dumping of their excess rubbish by nearby property owners.

CHRIS KNIGHT

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group has continued to meet during the past year. Those of us who attend find the friendship and companionship of one another a real bonus.

We continue to support KOGO in their work of providing blankets, hats and other warm articles for those in need. Our group has provided 190 blankets, over 600 hats and a variety of scarves, gloves, and children's jumpers. This year there has been a call for baby jackets and booties. We have taken this challenge up and provided some beautiful baby clothes for distribution.

Thank you to all those people who have donated wool or cash so that our work can continue. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

This year some of our members have suffered from health issues. We hope that the future brings better health for them.

Anyone who would like to join us at any time would be most welcome. Join us in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am. There is always a cuppa and time for a chat.

JOAN WEST

THE NET

The men's breakfast group continued to gather at 9am on the second Saturday of each month, except for January, providing an excellent forum for relaxed and informal fellowship. The breakfasts were initially at the Airstream Café in Century City Walk, but more recently we moved to the Shine Café, 74-76 Kingsway, Glen Waverley. A notice of the upcoming breakfast is placed in the preceding Sunday's pew sheet, with a follow up email for those 'online'. The invitation is always there for the men of the parish to join us for fellowship and a hearty breakfast.

MICHAEL MOSLEY

FLOWER GUILD

The Church always looks beautiful.

Each week the flowers are replenished to adorn the Sanctuary, Narthex and Office Foyer. Any services, such as weddings or funerals, are catered for specially. Often the flowers are donated by parishioners to highlight a significant event or in memory of a family member or loved one. It's a lovely way for the Parish to also reflect on the members of our Parish who are no longer with us.

Our Church garden has been developed to provide cut flowers for the displays, and parishioner's home gardens frequently supply both flowers and foliage, especially at Christmas.

A happy band of people are rostered, usually once a month, to 'do' the flowers. Extra volunteers are always welcomed and partnered with an experienced person, to familiarize them with the procedure.

The church values the art and dedication of the wonderful Flower Guild Members and wishes to thank Pam Benstead, Shirley Betts, Helen Clements, Maggie Dellora, Helene Durkin, Ruth Hastings, Pam Knight, Vivienne Rowlands, Margaret Sparrow and Helen Warren.

MAGGIE DELLORA

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY AT ST STEPHEN'S AND ST MARY'S

Pastoral care is an essential part of all Christian ministries and is a key factor caring for one another and in commending the gospel way of life, which Jesus embodied. Continuing a long established tradition and led by the Clergy, our group of Parish Lay ministers' meet together regularly to report, be supported and encouraged in our St Stephen and St Mary's visitation ministry.

This year our team has continued to offer pastoral support to several aged care facilities in the community, and as a new initiative, visiting cards have been printed in case the one visited is not available and so that families and parishioners in hospital, home or aged care are aware that a visit has been made from a representative of our parish.

Home Visiting

Ian Smith heads this team and this service is provided to parishioners who are temporarily or permanently unable to attend Church. Some people in this situation are visited by clergy. In other cases, lay people are authorized to take Communion to them either in their own homes or in care facilities where they are now living. In the recent year, two couples and three individuals have received monthly visits, and several others have been visited while temporarily unwell.

Cabrini Ashwood

A team of four parishioners has regularly visited residents at Cabrini. The people to receive visits are selected by pastoral care staff and allocated to individuals in our team. They are mainly Anglicans. Most are visited weekly. If any request Private Communion, this is provided. This visiting service is in addition to the monthly, clergy led Anglican Communion service in the Chapel.

Scotchman's Creek

Bruce Chugg and Hillarie Griggs, assisted by Judy Duncan, continue to hold a service using the Reserved Sacrament on the second Wednesday of each month. This service is attended, by on average, twenty residents and occasionally by members of their families. Judy delivers the weekly pew sheet, The Melbourne Anglican and the Parish News to those who would like to receive these publications. We continue to visit residents between services and the staff have our contact details if we are needed at other times.

Wahroonga

Felicity Podger has been visiting Wahroonga in Glen Waverley for 2 ½ years, initially as an assistant to Fred Hardy. Felicity was licenced as an Honorary Lay Minister in January 2013 and took over from Fred in April 2013 when he moved to Inverloch.

Attendance at the Holy Communion service using the Reserved Sacrament has always been well attended with up to 26 residents being present. The average number is around 17. The Hall is set up prior to the service which is held on the second Wednesday of the month and is announced by the Receptionist. Residents come from the hostel and the nursing home.

In the past year, one regular attender to the service died and Rev. Dianne Sharrock was requested by the family to officiate at her funeral service.

Rosewood Gardens

Val Dyke has been the Chaplain at Rosewood Gardens for over 10 years and with the assistance of Bev Anderson, Val celebrates a monthly Service of Holy Communion with three to eight residents attending. Through the ministry offered during this time, one resident, who is now 102 years old, has come back to the faith and attends this service every month. Joanne Burns has recently expressed her desire to assist in this ministry as she feels she is able to relate to the elderly.

Pastoral Care in the Contemporary Eucharist

Along with the Clergy, Hillarie Griggs takes a pastoral interest in the well-being of this congregation, sometimes arranging a supportive casserole roster and an awareness of any needs that may arise.

Hospital Visiting

Sue Retschko convenes the Pastoral Care Team meetings and also takes referrals as required to assist the Clergy in hospital visiting. As part of her Curacy training, and a most welcome member of the Pastoral Care Team, our assistant Curate, the Reverend Sharne Rolfe, regularly visits parishioners in a variety of hospital settings. Over the last twelve months, there have been many referrals to a number of parishioners in hospital, including several who have required extended admissions in acute care. Sharne and Sue bring the Reserved Sacrament and prayer with the reminder of God's love to these folk in hospital or rehabilitation facilities as they recover.

SUE RETSCHKO

PARISH CHOIR

For a variety of reasons this year has presented its own set of challenges but like previous ones it has been both rewarding and fulfilling. I thank sincerely our members for their continued interest, commitment and faithfulness. I acknowledge the invaluable contribution made by the cantors, who, each, in turn, ensures that the Propers are well rehearsed and sung with confidence and devotion.

Existing members are always encouraged and motivated when we have new members join us and we are delighted to have welcomed recently Arunthy Blanchard, an alto, into the choir. Our two altos will work well together and make an invaluable contribution to the choral music.

One of the highlights of the year was the Christmas Carol Service which was a vibrant act of corporate worship. The Parish Choir always enjoys the singers and instrumentalists from the other congregations sharing in the music on parish occasions such as these. Furthermore, during the second half of the year the Contemporary Eucharist singers have been supplying the cantor for the Joint Eucharists. This is an initiative introducing and familiarising as many worshippers as possible to the singing of Responsorial Psalms to meet today's needs as well as the possible needs of the Parish as it moves into the future. It is unfolding as a very successful exercise.

Lent and Easter, especially the Triduum, were as always challenging and demanding times. This year we focused again on the music especially for Maundy Thursday by singing new settings of the antiphons used during the foot washing ceremony.

Another highlight of the year was the Ecumenical Choral Festival in which we participated and which was hosted by this parish. The church was full, the congregational singing was enthusiastic and each choir, in turn, presented well-rehearsed examples of the choral music each sings back in their own churches.

We, along with twelve other choirs from the Eastern Region of the Diocese, were invited to be part of an occasional choir formed to sing at the Region's Farewell Service for Bishop Barbara Darling. Three of our members accepted the invitation and attended the rehearsals and the service at St Mark's Camberwell. Each one found the experience rewarding and enjoyable.

Finally, I want to thank the clergy for their graciousness and the commitment they have made toward maintaining the musical tradition of the Sung Eucharist. I mention especially the Sursum Corda which introduces the Great Thanksgiving. Beginning in song, this prayer immediately assumes its rightful level of importance in the service as the principal prayer of the Eucharist.

May we as a body of members of a liturgical choir remain aware of our role in corporate worship and continue to fulfil that role faithfully.

KEITH FULLARD

The Parish of St Stephen and St Mary Mt Waverley
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
November 24, 2013

Chair: Rev Dianne Sharrock

Opening Prayer and welcome by Rev Dianne

Attendance(as per attendance book)

Jill de Lacey, Brian de Lacey, Sophie Clapperton, Shirley Swindon, Ray Price, David Strudwick, Joan Strudwick, Marg Crawford, Yvonne Woods, Norma Schultz, Melissa Harvey, Bill Harvey, Marg Taylor, Briony Mainwaring, Bev Anderson, Gloria Smith, Hannah Bullen, Elizabeth Mounas, Bruce Chugg, Elaine Faskin, Rowena Ferguson, Jane Scoble, Julia Cornelius, Alan Washington, Alison Washington, Darell Lieversz, Shanti Lieversz, Charlotte Chidell, Grant Le Huray, Margaret Sparrow, Lian Ong, Clarence Chin, Milton Biddle, Glenda Biddle, Luke Cornelius, Shirley Betts, Jill Bond, Mo Smethurst, Graeme Smethurst, Jean Clarke, Margaret Noblett, Bill Noblett, Helene Durkin, John Hobbs, Fiona Staker, Sue Retschko, Chris Knight, Pam Knight, Liz Monaghan, Geoff Crawford, Irene Donohue Clyne, Geoff Taylor Nathan Goode, Joanne Burns, David Sharrock, David Duncan, Judy Duncan, Helen Warren, Russell Payne, Gavin Bowers, Jenny Bowers, Vivienne Rowlands, Paul Rowlands, Des Sparrow, John Bisset, Judith Gibson, Ruth Chatwood, Eleanor U'Ren, Erol McArthur, Duncan McArthur, Adrian Assaw, Verna Assaw, Reis Flora, Nima Flora, Tom Swindon, Paerata Johansson, Ruth Sturgeon, Trevor Bickerstaff, Fran Ludgate, Peter Northwood, Alex Burke, Anne Richardson, Ron Ritchie, Leonie McLachlan, Hugh Foenander, John Russell, Joan West

Apologies: Jenny Brown, Howard Brown, Geoff Tait, Doug Hastings, Ruth Hastings, Hillarie Griggs, Jim Monaghan, Caryll Molineux, David Molineux, Joan Janka, Morna Sturrock, Kevin Phillips, Fiona Rudd, Dorothy Kean, Frank Mainwaring, Elizabeth Taplin Phoebe Wilkinson-North and Alf North

Reception of Parish Electoral Roll.

The Roll was tabled and accepted.

Minutes of previous AGM November 25, 2012

Tabled and accepted as read.

Moved Luke Cornelius
Seconded Brian de Lacy
Carried.

Vicar's Report

Due to Dianne's brief period as Vicar she gave a short verbal summary.
Dianne thanked the Wardens for all their hard work.

Moved: Sue Retschko
Seconded: Joan West

Wardens and Vestry Report.

As presented in the Annual Reports (page 3) 2013

Rowena spoke to the Wardens and Vestry report highlighting some of the main points

Moved: Rowena Ferguson
Seconded: Geoff Crawford
Carried

Adoption of Tabled Reports (as printed in Annual Report 2013)

All reports were adopted.

Moved: Rowena Ferguson

Seconded: Bruce Chugg

Treasurer's Report including audited accounts for the Parish Year 2011/12 and Budget for 2013/14

Financial report as tabled.

Duncan McArthur gave a brief verbal report. There were no questions

Moved: Duncan McArthur

Seconded: Brian De Lacy

Carried.

Business

Nil business arising.

Appointment of Wardens and Vestry (A motion was passed allowing candidates over the age of 72 to be appointed as members of Vestry or a Warden)

A motion was passed to allow the names of candidates over the age of 72 to be appointed as members of Vestry or as a Warden.

Moved: Rowena Ferguson

Seconded: Elaine Faskin

Carried.

Brian de Lacy has accepted the Vicar's invitation as her Warden. There were 2 nominations for People's Warden (Bruce Chugg and Joan West) and they were duly appointed.

Rowena Ferguson did not re nominate as a Warden. Brian and Bruce presented Rowena with flowers to thank her for her time as a Warden

There were 9 nominations for Vestry: Geoff Crawford, Elaine Faskin, Judith Gibson, Duncan McArthur Michael Mosley, Peter Northwood, Sue Retschko Elizabeth Taplin and Helen Warren. All were duly appointed

Appointment of Lay Members of the Incumbency Committee.

There were 2 nominations: Julia Cornelius and Rowena Ferguson. They were duly elected.

The Wardens will elect their member for this committee during their first meeting.

Appointment of Auditor: Ryecrofts Pty Ltd.

Formal Questions.

No formal questions.

Presentation of list of Lay Assistants at Holy Communion.

39 people were listed on the agenda as Lay Assistants in this Parish.

New names may be added by Rev Dianne and these names will be advised in the pew slip. Any concerns regarding the people on this list are to go direct to the Vicar

Soapbox.

This is an initiative where any parishioner is invited to present a 3 minute presentation relating to the state/future/direction of the parish. The following presentations were made.

Elizabeth Mounas(Pastoral Care)

Elizabeth thanked the Parish and especially the CE congregation for the support, meals and home group during her illness.

Alan Washington (Pastoral Care)

Alan thanked the pastoral care team for their prayers and support during his hospital and recovery after an operation.

Bruce Chugg (Welcome)

Bruce commented that when he joined the parish at a low point in his life he was made most welcome by Morna Sturrock and John Hobbs.

Irene Donohue Clyne(Parish Directory)

Irene spoke of her campaign over the last 5 years to establish a Parish directory. She spoke of the disadvantages of not having a directory and then the advantages of such a directory. A starting point would be for people to put their names forward if that was their wish.

Chris Knight (Gardening)

Chris explained to the Parish why there was rubbish lying at the bottom of the drive.

It was dumped by the contractor who was working on the replacement fence. It will be cleaned up by the gardening group.

Judith Gibson (Personal Retrospective)

Judith reflected on the past year of change, from farewelling Nick White and family and Father Grant and Kathryn Bullen. The Parish was fortunate to have the leadership of Rev Grant Edgecombe as Locum ably assisted by Father Walter and John Capper.

Giving thanks to the Wardens for their leadership during this period of change, before the arrival of Rev Dianne Sharrock in October.

We gather each Sunday to share our love of God, this church and its community over 3 services. We give thanks all the parishioners who give of their many and varied talents.

Closing Reflection by Rev Dianne.

Rev Dianne was able to announce that Sharne Rolfe would be our assistant Curate in 2014. Sharne will be Ordained as a Deacon on the 1st February 2014.

She will work 2 days plus Sundays. This appointment will greatly assist the Vicar in her Parish responsibilities.

A Stewardship programme to encourage parishioners to increase their giving will be held prior to Lent 2014.

A high priority of Rev Dianne's ministry is to be a more an outreach parish, enabling us to connect to the wider community

"The Myth of the 200 Barrier" by Kevin Martin was given to Vestry members to read.

Vestry members were asked to consider the issues raised and how to face the many changes and "break the 200 member barrier".

Finally, Rev Dianne thanked the parish community who helped in many and varied ways to settle into the Parish.

The meeting closed with a prayer and grace.

Helen Warren

Vestry Secretary