



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2015 - 2016**

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

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# VICAR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Christ the King – Yr C '16  
Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6  
Song of Zechariah  
Colossians 1: 11 – 20  
Luke 23: 33 – 45

It is fitting that this final text from the Gospel of Luke is read today, as it brings together some dominant themes and proclaims the kingship of Jesus. Throughout this liturgical year we have noted the radical reversal that at the heart of the gospel. Christ is proclaimed a king, not in a scene of glorious enthronement, but as a broken man upon a cross. The kingship of Jesus is revealed, paradoxically, in the moment of his deepest humiliation. Throughout the gospel, Jesus seeks out and saves the lost, and here it is a common criminal, rightly condemned, who proclaims the kingdom that Jesus is to inhabit. True to form, the compassionate Jesus of Luke's Gospel assures him of salvation, just as he had prayed for forgiveness for those who had brought him to this point.

So, in whatever we do as a parish we need to have as our focus the continuation of Christ's ministry in our community and world.

As Christians, that is our calling and our duty; proclaiming the kingdom and assuring Christ's love and forgiveness for all his people.

And so, we come to another annual meeting. It is an important occasion – it is like the liturgy: a time to look back and to look forward. Sir Winston Churchill said, "The farther back you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see."

So looking back at the year and, indeed, years, helps us to see both the wonderful and exciting parts of our lives as well as the areas of challenge; those points in our lives, where if we had the chance, would do things differently. If we can learn from these difficulties, then that is a good thing.

I think it is most appropriate that we hold our Annual Meeting on the Feast of Christ the King for these reasons – this is the culmination of a year and reflecting on it can enable us to proclaim Christ as the King of our hearts and lives.

I hope you have read the report closely – it is a wonderful document showing a vast array of ministry taking place in this parish. And we will hear from both Rev Kate and Becky, our Children's and Families minister, later in the annual meeting as both of their ministries have had a major focus in our Mission Action Plan.

The Archbishop, together with the Bishops, encourage all parishes to have a Mission Action Plan (MAP). It is indeed a map to help us to develop a focus on mission and to help us to stay on course. As in all journeys, one is prone to wander away. We have completed our 3-year MAP this year and you can see on the screen that all has been completed. (show MAP on screen). Like all work of mission, they are simply not just completed but an ongoing work. We will undertake in early 2017 to develop a new MAP for the next three years.

You will see from the Statistics of the parish that the 'numbers' have decreased. The Wardens and I have looked at this closely and can identify all of those who have had to move away from the parish. While some have died, many have relocated overseas or to more distant parts of Melbourne, usually into either Aged Care Facilities or Retirement villages. But at the same time we have welcomed 10 new people this year. While statistics can tell us some things, they are only one indicator of the vitality of a parish. This is a vibrant parish, as can be seen from our annual report, and this, in many ways, offsets the slight decline in attendance.

I also believe that our MAP needs to be in line with the Diocesan vision. The Diocese has become much more intentional with its strategies and visions, and has developed its next stage of vision and strategic directions for 2017 – 2025:

1. Be a compelling and outward-looking Christian presence in our communities.
2. Reach across boundaries of human division to serve our communities and proclaim Christ.
3. Be open to the Holy Spirit in transforming lives to be mature in Christ.
4. Use all the energy that God powerfully inspires to better manage our human and capital resources.

The sentence the Diocese uses to encapsulate its vision is, 'Making the Word of God known' and of course this is true for our parish too. Bishop Genevieve Blackwell, at this year's Synod, used the words from St Irenaeus, "God will always have more to teach us and we will always have more to learn from God." She went on to say that, "Making the Word of God fully known is not a survival plan for the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne." Our first strategic direction will only be a reality when we see ourselves as servants of the church, that is Christ's body.

We are here to make known all the riches of the mystery of the love of God in Christ Jesus. We are here for here for the sake of others. Our strategic direction will only become a reality as Lay people in all walks of life, work together with clergy: priests and deacons – and yes bishops.

Parishes and authorised congregations, the people of God, individually and collectively, must have the courage to keep trying different ministries, work, and maybe even face change, give up what they know, to create pathways and opportunities. It will only become a reality as we are prepared to suffer setbacks, prepared to make sacrifices, prepared to cope with difficult circumstances and few resources. When we recall what it is all for, and rejoice in that recollection, we will become a compelling and outward looking Christian presence in our community: present for the sake of others, present making the word of God fully known. It is a vision for the people we live and work among. It is a vision for those beyond the church, outside the church.

The good news is carried across generations and cultures. That is how we have received our faith. And we are called to pass it on and we have many boundaries to reach across, drawing more and more people to his saving grace. Bishop Genevieve said that the tragedy is when we let internal differences become insurmountable barriers that divide us, rather than reaching across to each other so that we have a strong cohesive and unifying identity, equipped in our scarce resources to speak into the world in the way we are called. There is nothing easy about this – it is toil and struggle. But there is no sense in giving up. We are called to commitment. The energy for that commitment comes from the vision inspired by God: Making the word of God fully known, to present everyone mature in Christ.

I look at the parish and rejoice in the amount that has been achieved in the past 3 years. I rejoice that God has called me here to St Stephen and St Mary's, to be your priest. I thank all of you for your many and varied ministries because we have to work together as a team. We are the body of Christ, and God gives to this community all that we need to grow the Kingdom of God in this place.

Finally, thank you to Kate for being a wonderful Assistant Curate and while there is time yet for 'thanks' I do thank you for sharing in this ordained ministry in this place. Thank you for your friendship and ministry. Thank you too, to Becky Sims for her ministry this year, a ministry that is bearing fruit. Thank you to the Wardens and Parish Council for your hard work, support and care.

Thank you to my husband, David, for his love and support of me as I lead this parish and the people of god in this place, as I grow in love of each of you. Amen.

**REVD DIANNE SHARROCK**  
**Vicar**

## **ASSISTANT CURATE'S ANNUAL REPORT**

While the step from Deacon to Priest was somewhat less terrifying than that from Laywoman to Deacon, the learning curve I have experienced in the past 12 months has still been considerable. It is no small privilege, with commensurate responsibility, to stand among you and before you as a priest.

This past year has given me more experience in preaching, in pastoral visiting, in hospital and residential care ministry, and in the day-to-day workings of parish life. In addition to my weekly tasks, I have assisted with monthly services at Cabrini Ashwood, taken ten funerals, addressed the mainly music women at their Mothers' Day high tea, attended the Active Bystander presentation on domestic violence, hosted a breakfast viewing of a seminar by Richard Rohr, conducted a workshop for Parish Welcomers, prepared five teenagers for Confirmation, hosted a Professional Standards Workshop in the church, met with my Field Support Committee bimonthly, and said morning prayer with the Vicar each morning I was in the office. I continued mentoring members of the Parish in their roles as pastoral visitors and youth group leaders. Filling in for the Vicar during her holiday in April-May gave me a closer insight to the amount of work that goes into running a Parish!

In related ministry outside the Parish, I have attended and taken part in my ordination retreat at Palotti College, monthly lunches with clergy in our Deanery, bimonthly post-ordination training at St. James' Old Cathedral, West Melbourne, a training day with Tobin Brothers funeral directors, my first Diocesan Synod, and clergy conference. I had the opportunity to attend a service at Yarra Valley Anglican Grammar School, where I took part in the presentation of badges. I also spoke at Waverley RSL's ANZAC Day dawn service, giving the address, prayers, and blessing. Recently, I was the guest speaker at a Spiritual Café in Malvern.

I have thoroughly enjoyed worshipping with each of the four weekly congregations. I love the variety of liturgy and people across each of them. I have particularly enjoyed being a part of the Thursday congregation. This service has given me a space to think out loud and to hear back from those around me as we have listened to and meditated on Scripture together. We have also learnt together about a wide range of martyrs and saints as their feast days have come up in the lectionary. Our chats over coffee or brunch, and our researching and sharing of information about many things, have been a real joy each week.

The highlight of my year was accompanying the Vicar and parishioners on a 20-day pilgrimage to Turkey. I continue to process what I saw and learned there. One day I will get around to sorting out my photos!

Another highlight of this year was the Creation Festival. The services themselves were the culmination of four months' worth of planning together with Dianne and Garry. There was a vast amount of work that went into every aspect of the services, including choosing readings and hymns, researching and writing liturgy, preparing Powerpoint presentations, and decorating the church. It was a wonderful learning experience and a great opportunity to be creative, but it was also exhausting. I came away from that six-week period with both an enthusiasm for developing liturgies on a theme and an appreciation of the lectionary and the prayer book that we use each week!

A lot of my time and energy has been spent on developing our youth ministry. This area is covered in detail in a separate report.

I am grateful for the love and support of our Vicar, the Reverend Dianne Sharrock, and my Field Support Committee, led by Sue Retschko, and including Jenny Brown, Irene Donohue-Clyne, Brett Gaffney and Christine Mallhoui. Together with the rest of the Parish, they have been an integral part of my training as your Assistant Curate.

**REVD KATE LORD**  
**Assistant Curate**

# **CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY 2016 AGM REPORT**

## **Children's Ministry – CE Service**

I have enjoyed preparing the Children's Activities and presenting the Children's Talk during the CE Service over the last nine months. It has also been a joy getting to know the children who attend the service and pray that this ministry will flourish in 2017.

### **Mainly Music**

The Mainly Music organisation commenced in 1990 and now there are more than 1050 groups worldwide. There are groups in disparate places such as Lebanon – for Syrian families living in refugee camps to isolated regions in Scotland. Throughout the last twenty- five years there has been consistent focus on connection – the child with the music & movement, the parent with the child, the parent with others going through the same season of life and the families connecting with the local church.

Mainly Music is also undergirded by five core values: connection, celebration, creativity, generosity and Honour. Added to this it uses a ministry continuum of "bless, belong, believe and become" This year the theme has been about "belonging."

The challenge as facilitator has been to be ever mindful of creating a space where the parent or carer feels comfortable, accepted, valued and thus feels that he or she "belongs." The Mainly Music team has made a determined effort to demonstrate the love of Christ & has warmly engaged with the families during the weekly sessions. This has borne fruit as a number of parents have commented on how "valued & special they feel" and a strong sense of community has resulted within both groups.

Throughout the year we have had several celebrations to further facilitate the connection between the Mainly Music team and the families. We have met in Jells Park during the holidays, shared Yum Cha, caught up for coffee, celebrated Fathers' Day, Mothers' Day and had fun at a Teddy Bears' Picnic. All of these extra curricula activities have been extremely well attended.

This year I have been blessed with an amazing team of women and men who have generously given of their time week in and week out as they graciously offered hospitality and friendship to the families who have come through the door. My heartfelt thanks to Pam Benstead, Eunice Bitmead, Arunthy Blanchard, Jenny Bowers, Shirley Chen, David Duncan, Brian de Lacy, Irene Donohoue Clyne, Elaine Fasken, Brett Gaffney, Melissa Harvey, Shanti Liewersz, Christine Mallouhi, Janice Miller, Veronica Newell, Margaret Noblett, June Puddy, Ros Sahhar, Gloria Smith, Fiona Stocker, Joan West and Elizabeth Woods.

Without the dedication of the aforementioned people, the ministry of Mainly Music would not happen.

The number of families attending Mainly Music over the last 33 weeks has been consistent.

The average attendance on Tuesday has been 17 families while the average attendance on Wednesday has been 15 families.

Has Mainly Music proved to be successful given the above listed figures? Yes, it has been successful, but I believe success does not just lie in numbers.

Success can be seen in the answer to prayer or how many opportunities there have been to share faith stories over eat/play and chat time. Success can be seen in the willingness of the five Mainly Music families who were actively involved in the first service in the recent Festival of Creation. Success can be measured in the encouraging response to the recent Mainly Music Survey with 29 % of parents showing a keenness to know more about the Christian Faith and 13% interested in Baptism for their children. And lastly, over recent weeks one Mainly Music family has regularly attended the CE service.

It has been a blessing to minister to the amazing families who have attended Mainly Music over the last nine months and a privilege to work with an outstanding team.

As we move forward, we need to be constantly on the alert to see where God is at work and join Him. This can prove to be challenging and confronting but that is the mandate described in the "great commissioning" of St Matthew's Gospel.

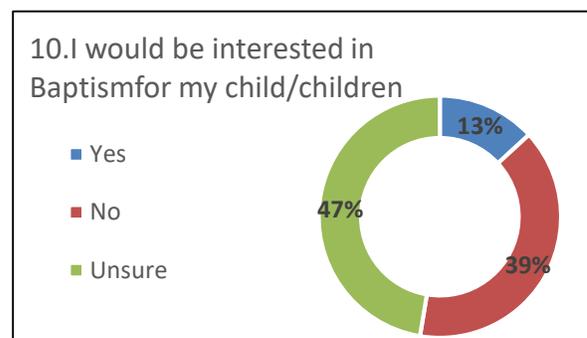
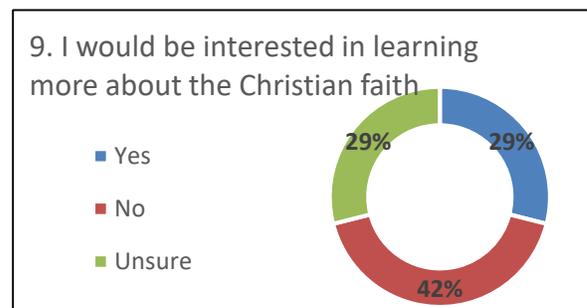
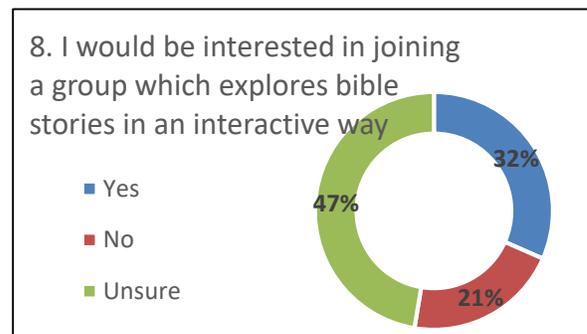
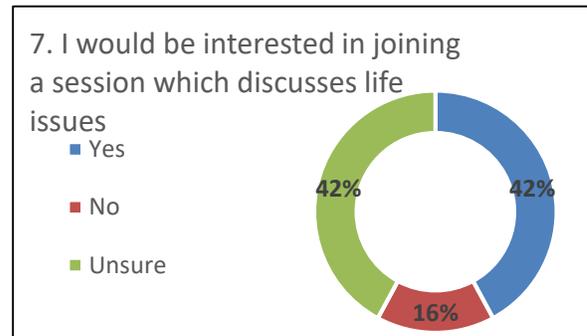
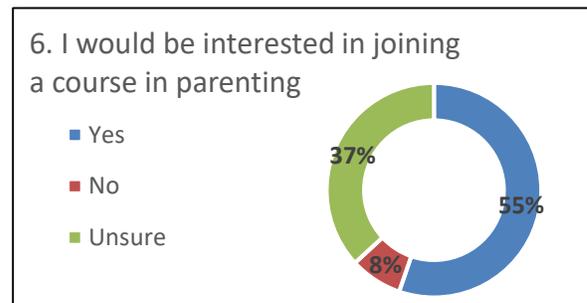
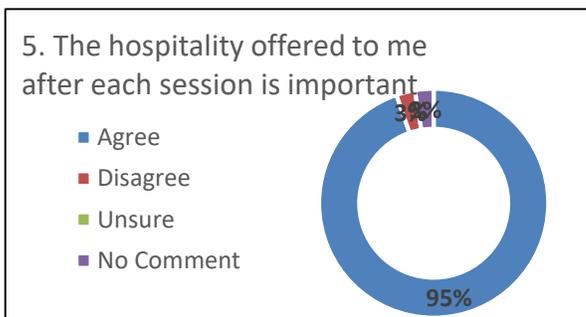
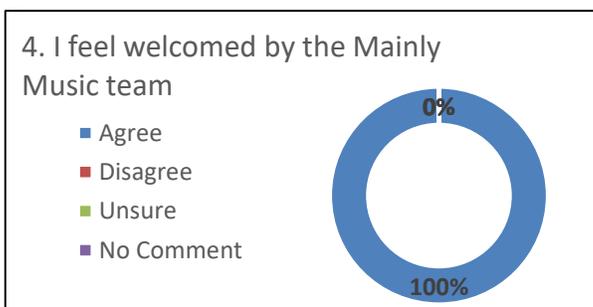
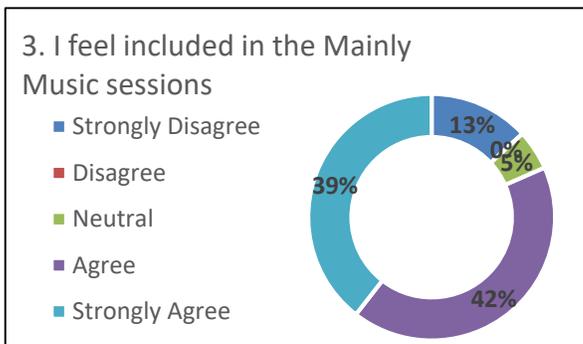
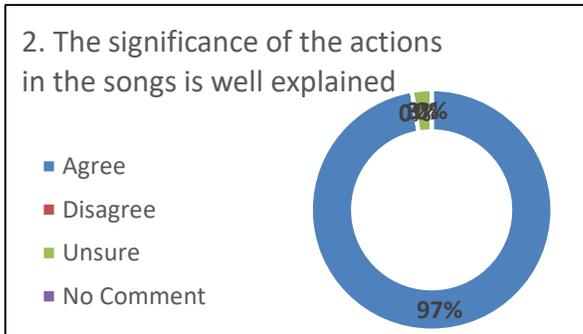
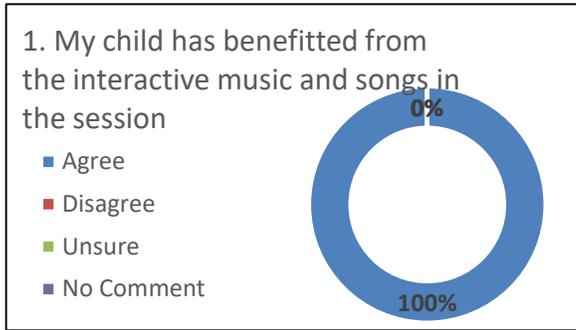
I pray that God will continue to bless the ministry of Mainly Music in the coming year and that as a team we can "exceed our limitations of vision to reach for great things in His name and that God the Father may be glorified in all we do and say" \*\*

### **BECKY SIMS**

#### **Children and Family Minister**

\*\*2016 Synod closing prayer to the opening address given by Archbishop Freier

# St Stephen and St Mary Mount Waverley Mainly Music Survey Results



# THE CHURCHWARDENS ANNUAL REPORT

## General Comments

We continue to give our thanks for the gifts that our clergy and all of the lay people involved bring to the parish, so that we are able to experience the ongoing high quality of Christian worship in this place.

The Parish has had a very active year with many successful events being conducted.

The significant events for the year were as follows:

- A. In October 2015 the parish conducted a very successful fete. Our sincere thanks go to Irene Donohue Clyne and her large team of willing volunteers for producing a fete that was very well received by our parish, as well as the community of Mount Waverley. The Fete raised \$13,000.00.
- B. The Mainly Music outreach programme continued on from 2015 and is being conducted every Tuesday and Wednesday with an average of 17 families attending each day. Our Children's and Family's Minister, Becky Sims, and all the volunteers have done a great job maintaining the attendance at the groups, as well as conducting several extra activities designed to increase the family's involvement in our Church.
- C. Two Meditation groups are held every second Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. Again we extend our thanks to the coordinators of these two groups.

## Staff

Our Vicar the Reverend Dianne has now completed her third year as our curate. We are blessed to have her leading us on our spiritual and pastoral journey. She is very active in the development of Parish outreach activities. In February 2016 Rev Dianne lead a Lenten Study Tour to Turkey. Some 13 members of the parish went with her on a very memorable trip.

The Rev Kate Lord our Assistant Curate was made Priest in November 2015. Kate continues to make a significant contribution with her work with the younger people in the parish, as well as her involvement with the Pastoral Care team. Rev Kate has been of great assistance to Rev Dianne as part of our Ministry team for all of 2016. Kate sadly will be leaving us to return to the Australian Navy as a Chaplain in January 2017.

Our Children's and Families Minister, Becky Sims, is much involved in the successful running of the Mainly Music programme as well as contributing much to the needs of the younger parishioners during the Sunday services. Her role as part of the ministry team is of great value to the parish.

We also acknowledge with thanks the contribution made to the Parish during the past twelve months by our Theological Student Garry Deverell.

In December 2015 Keith Fullard, our Music Director of some 16 years, retired. We acknowledge with grateful thanks Keith's service to the parish as Organist and Choirmaster for that period of time. In January 2016 David Cundy joined the parish as Musical Director. David brings a wealth of experience to this role and is very much involved with all our musicians and choir members. He continues to ensure that we are enriched by all the beautiful music provided as an integral part of the worship at the different services. Thank you David.

In January 2016 the office Administrator, Barbara Aghajani, resigned to take up a full time job after five years in the role. We thank Barbara for her excellent work. We were fortunate in having a readymade replacement in David Cundy. David has taken on this part time position as well as his duties as Musical Director to great effect. Again thank you David.

## Buildings and Property

All necessary work has been carried out this year to ensure that the parish buildings and plant remain in good overall condition. Much attention has been given to ensure that we meet all of the Occupational Health and Safety requirements for the site.

The Unit at 461 Stephenson's Road is still rented out on a retail basis on a 12-month lease. This arrangement will continue as long as there are no Church requirements.

The biggest problem we encountered with our buildings took place in November 2015. The parish centre was broken into and several Church artefacts were stolen and malicious damage was suffered in the form of graffiti in the main church and the parish centre. It took some four months to make good all items. As a result of this break-in we have

installed a motion sensor alarm system into the main church and are investigating the installation of a CCTV system to the surrounds of our property.

### **Acknowledgements**

There are many people who give of their time and talents to enrich our parish. We give special thanks to the gardening group organized by Chris Knight and to the flower ladies organized by Maggie Dellora. To all of you who do so much to ensure that all of us benefit from our worship and surroundings we again say "thank you ". We must also mention that there is still an increasing need for volunteers as we expand our outreach activities. Please give some thought to going on one of the many rosters.

We also thank our fellow Parish Council members for their enthusiasm and commitment during the past 12 months. Thank you also to our Treasurer, Helen Warren and Parish Council Secretary, Joan West. Also we acknowledge most gratefully the constant work of Helene Durkin and our Office Administrator David Cundy in the production of the weekly pew slip and quarterly Parish News Letter.

**BRIAN DE LACY, BRUCE CHUGG AND SUE RETSCHKO**  
**Church Wardens**  
**2015 - 2016**

## **PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

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

### **MISSION ACTION PLAN**

Council has regularly reviewed the way in which our Mission Action Plan (MAP) has been implemented. An updated MAP is being developed and will continue to guide our work over the coming 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.

### **LENTEN STUDIES**

This year our Lenten studies offered a spiritual program and included sessions based on art and music. The sessions provided a different Lenten perspective and were well attended by parishioners. There was also a more traditional Lenten study group offered. Thank you to everyone involved in this work.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activities this year included a Parish Dinner, the Jazz Night, a Hopper night as well as Shrove Tuesday pancakes organised by our youth group. In October 2015 we also held a very successful Fete. The Fete provided parishioners with a great opportunity to work together and an opportunity for the Parish to engage with the broader community.

Thank you to Joan Janka who arranged a piano recital to raise money for Wavecare. This was a beautiful afternoon with afternoon tea served in the garden. \$1000 was sent to Wavecare to support their work in the community.

Our joint services are also an important part of the social life of our parish life. We would encourage all parishioners to be part of these.

Thank you to everyone who worked to plan and conduct all these activities and to all who attended.

## **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. Council also approved mission allocations to the value of \$10,000 to local, interstate and international agencies. Money from the sale of Christmas items raised \$1000 for Anglicare, a retiring collection on Refugee Sunday and the sale of items raised \$2000 for the Good Shepherd School for Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

The Winter Woollies collection was well supported and warm winter clothes were delivered to the Asylum Seekers Centre and St Mark's Fitzroy for distribution.

Thank you for your continued support for these activities.

## **CHURCH WARDENS AND VESTRY MEMBERS**

The following people were elected at the Annual General Meeting in 2015. Church Wardens: Brian de Lacy (Vicar's Warden), Bruce Chugg (People's Warden), Sue Retschko (People's Warden)

Parish Council: Bev Anderson, Geoff Crawford, Elaine Fasken, Fiona Nicholson Stocker, Peter Northwood, Elizabeth Taplin, Helen Warren, Joan West. During the year Bev Anderson resigned from Council and Doug Hastings was appointed as a Vicar's appointment

Meetings were held on the third Wednesday of the month. The Vicar chaired Council meetings. Joan West was appointed Secretary. The Warden's appointment of Helen Warren as the Treasurer was endorsed. Each month a council member was responsible for the opening prayer for the meeting and council members arranged teams for setting up and cleaning up for joint services.

Individual attendance at the regular meetings (9) were:

Bev Anderson 1/3, Bruce Chugg 9/9, Geoff Crawford 6/9, Brian de Lacy 9/9, Elaine Fasken 9/9, Doug Hastings 5/6 Fiona Nicholson Stocker 9/9, Peter Northwood 6/9, Sue Retschko 8/9, Elizabeth Taplin 6/9, Helen Warren 8/9, Joan West 9/9.

## **PROMOTION OF THE PARISH**

Our electronic sign is providing much needed promotion of parish activities including service times, Mainly Music programs and social activities. The parish website and Facebook page also provide opportunities for promotion of activities and we continue to publish and distribute the Parish Newsletter.

## **COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**

Committees and groups continue to meet and support the work of the parish. Parish Council appreciates the continued support of everyone who is part of this work and wants to acknowledge the work of everyone involved. Thank you to you all.

**Joan West**  
**Parish Council Secretary**

**PARISH STATISTICS**

	2014/2015	2015/2016	
Electoral Roll	192	165	
Total number of communicants	8302	7569	
Sunday Attendance	7074	6488	
Sunday Communicants	6605	6067	
(not including Christmas or Easter Days if on a Sunday as these are listed separately below)			
Thursday Attendance	789	664	
Thursday Communicants	782	652	
<b>Christmas Services</b>			
Attendance	318	374	
Communicants	286	323	
<b>Lent/Holy Week/Easter Services</b>			
Ash Wednesday	Attendance	88	81
	Communicants	78	79
Holy Monday	Attendance	10	6
	Communicants	10	6
Holy Tuesday	Attendance	15	14
	Communicants	15	14
Holy Wednesday	Attendance	29	34
	Communicants	29	33
Maundy Thursday	Attendance	63	76
	Communicants	62	76
Good Friday	Attendance	162	101
	Communicants	156	93
Holy Saturday	Attendance	24	39
	Communicants	24	38
Easter Day	Attendance	212	204
	Communicants	190	188
<b>Total number of services</b>			
Sundays	146	152	
(not including Christmas and Easter Days if Sundays as these are listed separately)			
Thursdays	47	47	
Christmas	4	4	
Holy Week/Easter	14	11	
Funerals/Interments	31	20	
Nursing Homes	41	66	
Baptisms	2	1	
Weddings	1	0	

## **BAPTISMS (\*within CE or SE services)**

Natalie Fraser

24 January 2016

## **CONFIRMATIONS**

Cameron Morris

14 August 2016

James Morris

14 August 2016

Emily Morris

14 August 2016

Madison Taylor

14 August 2016

Jayden Taylor

14 August 2016

## **FUNERALS (\*Not held here)**

Mavis Schubach

25 October 2015

Ian Kelly

24 November 2015

Barbara Le Huray

5 December 2015

Margaret Briggs\*

7 December 2015

Aidan Hawthorn

3 March 2015

Gladys Rogers\*

9 March 2016

Pamela Wheller

15 April 2016

Violet Deutscher

24 April 2016

Patricia Moll

16 June 2016

Ruth Coyle (Interment of Ashes)

28 June 2016

Lois Irving (Interment of Ashes)

26 July 2016

Jack Crane

31 July 2016

Beryl Ingleby

9 August 2016

Noel Runting (Interment of Ashes)

12 August 2016

Anthony Ward (Interment of Ashes)

15 August 2016

Shirley Gaffney

27 September 2016

## Mission Allocation 2016

During a meeting on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, the Mission Allocation Group, (Revd Dianne Sharrock, Dr Irene Donohoue Clyne, John Russell and Doug Hastings), discussed the meaning of Mission within our parish before this year's allocation was finalised for approval by the Parish Council.

It is our role to distribute the budgeted item of \$10,000.

When you take a broader look at Mission we have, as well as the budgeted item:

- Various church groups allocations to Missions e.g. Mothers' Union
- Parishioner Donations e.g. Money Boxes, Christmas Bowl, Lenten Appeal etc
- Winter woollies appeal, knitted babies bonnets for L'il Premmie Foundation
- Weekly food baskets and I am sure there are others.
- Very close to home is our growing mission of Mainly Music.

The Allocation of \$10,000 for 2016 was paid to the following:

Dr Morna Sturrock Scholarship	\$500
Trinity Theological College	\$1000
Dixon House Clayton	\$500
Nungalinya College Darwin	\$1000
St Christopher's Home for Children Fiji	\$500
Church Missionary Society	\$1000
Bush Church Aid Society	\$1000
Brotherhood of St Laurence	\$1000
Anglican Board of Missions Project AU008BA	\$1000
Anglican Overseas Aid Solar Program	\$1500
Anglicare Victoria	\$1000

### **DOUG HASTINGS**

**Chair, Mission Allocation Group**

# FUNERAL CATERING GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

The Funeral Catering Group was formed to offer a service to families holding funerals at the parish of St Stephen and St Mary.

A list of volunteers has been developed and people are asked to help so that everyone takes a turn. There is also a group who help with the cleaning of the parish centre following the funerals.

The catering group has been able to update the crockery in the parish kitchen as well as providing a new cupboard for storage and other equipment such as knives and chopping boards from the proceeds of the catering.

This year the group also paid for repairs to the organ pipes in the church.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this group during the year.

## St Stephen and St Mary Funeral Account

**Bank Balance 1 October 2015** \$1502.87

### Income:

Donations- Funeral Catering \$6515.00

### Expenses:

Food catering	\$178.59	
Kitchen - cupboard	\$675.00	
Kitchen - utensils	\$325.14	
Donation to the Parish: Student Grant	\$600.00	
Donation to the Parish: Organ maintenance	\$4637.20	\$6415.93

**Bank Balance 30 September 2016** \$1601.94

The accounts have been checked and are a true and correct record of monies received and paid 1 October 2015 – 30 September 2016.

**Prepared by Val Dyke  
19 October 2016**

**PHOEBE WILKINSON-NORTH & ELIZABETH WOODS**  
Coordinators



## **YOUTH GROUP**

Our Youth Group has continued to grow in numbers and strength during the past year. In our first six months, at this time last year, we had had 21 different teenagers attend, including nine from outside the Parish. We had an average attendance of eight and a maximum attendance of twelve. In this, our second year, we have had 32 different teenagers attend, including 16 from outside the Parish. We have an average attendance of ten and a maximum attendance of 16.

As well as our usual fun and games (come to the Annual Meeting to see the photos!), the Youth Group has increased its involvement in Parish life. In October, the Youth Group had a stall at the Fete, where they did face painting and children's activities. In February, the Youth Group cooked pancakes for the Parish on Shrove Tuesday. In August and September, they wrote and prayed the intercessions for joint church services. I pray that the Parish will continue to support our young people as they find their place and their voice among you, and grow in Christian discipleship.

During the year, the Youth Group leadership team met to discuss our plans for the future. During this meeting we made four decisions. The first was to include dinner and Bible study as part of our program. We now meet at 5.00 p.m. to share a meal, read the Bible and pray together. The programmed fun and games for the week then go from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. The second decision was to meet on the first and third Sundays of the month, rather than strictly fortnightly, to accommodate the Tamil congregation on the second and fourth Sundays. The third decision was to cease the older children's activities during the CE service, and instead encourage the teenagers to join rosters. The fourth decision was to start a young adults' group for people in VCE, at university and in their 20s.

These variations have only been in effect for one term, so we are still assessing the outcomes of each. The dinners have been an enjoyable addition to the ministry, and the teenagers are becoming more used to reading and reflecting on the Bible together and praying for each other. We are looking forward to welcoming our first Tamil family to Youth Group in the near future. Six of our teenagers are now on the roster for the CE service, helping with everything from welcoming to writing the intercessions to helping with the children's activities. The young adults have only met once. Ongoing conversations will need to determine the frequency and nature of get-togethers for this age group.

I am grateful to Geoff and Marg Crawford and Lizzy Taplin for their leadership of this group, and to Fiona Sawyer as she has explored the possibility of coming on board as a leader. It has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence in planning and running activities for the teenagers, and to observe the deepening of the relationships they have with our teenagers. I have great faith and hope in their ongoing leadership of this group. I pray that they will be encouraged as they continue to model and share God's love for our youth groupies, enabling our young people to grow strong in Christian love and faith.

**REVD KATE LORD**  
**Youth Group Leader**



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

Some years ago, the Anglican Communion agreed to five marks of mission for the worldwide Anglican Church. The third of these is, "To respond to human need by loving service". Pastoral care is one of the major ways in which we, as a Parish, fulfill this aspect of God's mission in the world.

While pastoral care on behalf of the Parish is largely carried out by ordained and authorised lay ministers, each of us is called to care for those around us who are in need. I encourage each of you to reach out to those in your congregation and your community who may need a listening ear or a helping hand. By loving and serving others, we bring about the kingdom of God in the here and now.

This year our team has continued to offer pastoral support at several residential care facilities in the community, as well as visiting in hospitals, rehab centres and homes.

### **Home Visiting**

Members of the Pastoral Care Team, both lay and clergy, visit people in their homes when their state of health prevents them from attending church. This ministry is gratefully received by all who are touched by it, and we thank Sue Retschko, Ian Smith, Peter Northwood, and Jenny Bowers (who visits parishioners now in aged care) for their generosity of time and spirit in this ministry.

### **Cabrini Ashwood**

Each month Kate and I conduct a Eucharistic service in the chapel at Cabrini Ashwood. This is attended by up to 35 residents, family members, staff and volunteers, and is a wonderful opportunity to minister to the social, emotional and spiritual needs of the people there. In addition, there is a fabulous team of volunteers who visit residents when requested by staff. The team now consists of Bruce Chugg, Judy Duncan, Margaret Lawry, Liz Monahan and Peter Northwood.

### **Scotchman's Creek**

A monthly service with reserved sacrament is taken by Sue Retschko, who is assisted by Judy Duncan and Brett Gaffney. We are grateful to Hillarie Griggs who, prior to moving back to England, was part of this team. The service is attended by up to 25 residents, family members, staff and volunteers. Judy delivers the weekly pew sheet, TMA and the Parish News to those who would like to receive these publications. In addition, our wonderful volunteer pastoral carers visit residents between services as requested by staff.

### **Rosewood Gardens**

Val Dyke had been the Chaplain at Rosewood Gardens for over 15 years and, with the assistance of Joanne Burns, celebrated a monthly service with reserved sacrament. However, this arrangement has now ended, with those being visited either coming back to church or passing away. We are grateful to Val and Joanne for their faithfulness in this ministry over so many years.

### **Hospital Visiting**

Pastoral visiting in hospitals is a vital ministry, one that is conducted here by myself, the Assistant Curate, and Sue Retschko, an authorised lay minister. We have visited many people in numerous hospitals and rehab centres, sharing with them the communion that the Parish shared the previous Sunday. This ministry, together with care and prayer, is vital for restoring people to wholeness.

### **Prayer Chain**

We are grateful to members of the Parish Prayer Chain, co-ordinated by Margaret Syfret and consisting of herself, Deanna Sansoni, Val Dyke, Elizabeth Woods and Sue Retschko. They are available and very willing to pray for any needy or sick family members or friends that you'd like prayer for. This ministry is an important part of our overall pastoral care for the parishioners, their families, and the wider community. This ministry is totally confidential: you needn't even say what the need is - the Lord knows.

### **Pastoral Care Committee**

The Pastoral Care Committee comprises myself and the Assistant Curate, Jenny Bowers, Bruce Chugg, Brett Gaffney, Peter Northwood, Sue Retschko, and Ian Smith. We welcome Christine Mallhoui to the team. I thank the members of the Pastoral Care Committee for their offering of their gifts and accepting God's call to ministry in this way.

### **REVD DIANNE SHARROCK**

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Parish Social Justice Committee has continued its efforts to raise the awareness among parishioners regarding issues of social justice.

During 2015-16 the committee has continued its promotion of the weekly alms baskets (one of which is donated to the Asylum Seeker Centre in Dandenong and the other of which is donated to the Waverley Benevolent Society).

In the winter of 2016, the committee organised a very successful 'Winter Woollies Appeal', collecting warm clothing for people in need. Donated items were provided to the Asylum Seeker Centre and St Mark's, Fitzroy.

The committee also coordinates the parish response to the Christmas Bowl appeal, which supports projects in a number of countries. (Act for Peace acknowledged the parish donation of \$4,179 in 2015.)

The committee members wish to thank parishioners for their continuing commitment to the weekly alms baskets and the support of the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

To promote its focus issues, the committee makes use of the parish newsletter, website and noticeboard on the wall near the kitchen.

A representative of the committee, along with a representative of the Mission and Ecumenism Committee and a chair appointed by Parish Council, made recommendations to Parish Council on the allocation of the \$10,000 in parish funds made available annually to support the work of mission and welfare agencies working in Australia and overseas.

A committee member, Christine Mallouhi, was invited by the Vicar to preach on Refugee Sunday. A retiring offering resulted in a significant donation from the parish to support a school in Lebanon.

The committee acknowledges and thanks the Vicar, the Reverend Dianne Sharrock, for her support and participation and her frequent inclusion of social justice issues.

The committee also commends the Reverend Dianne, Reverend Kate Lord and Gary Deverell on the outstanding series of events arranged for the Festival of Creation in September-October, in particular the public lecture on climate change by Professor David Karoly, Professor of Atmospheric Science at the University of Melbourne.

Norma Schultz retired from the committee after coordinating publicity for the 2015 Christmas Bowl (a task she had fulfilled over many years). Norma was a foundation member of the committee, serving since 2007. The committee acknowledged Norma's many contributions, especially her link with the Monash Reconciliation Group.

The members of the committee are Irene Donohoué Clyne, Fran Ludgate, Christine Mallouhi, John Russell and Margaret Taylor. If you are interested in joining, or would like to find out more about the work of the committee, please speak to one of us.

**John Russell, Chair**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP**

Once again this service - and the following morning tea - has been well supported by a small but loyal group of parishioners. Average attendances have usually been in the mid to high 20's. All are welcome and we would encourage anyone who has not previously attended to come along.

The pre-Christmas service - and luncheon - will be held on December 15th commencing at 11 am. Please note the later time.

Lastly I would like to thank all those people who help in so many ways to make our days a success by providing sandwiches, birthday cakes and other food, music, flowers and transport etc. Special thanks go to Gloria for all that she does and also Pam for her posies.

**Lorraine Cocks**

## LADIES GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the Ladies Guild, I have pleasure in presenting the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Report.

The following Office Bearers were elected for 2015/2016:

President	Janice Miller
Vice President	Margaret Lawrey
Secretary	Marj Collas
Asst Secretary	Carol Macdonald
Treasurer	Di Scrivener
Asst. Treasurer	Nima Flora

Our thanks go to Russell Payne for auditing the treasurer's books again this year. Our thanks are also extended to Helene Durkin for putting our notices in the Pew Slip and the Parish News and our thanks to David in the Parish Office.

Currently we have a membership of 14 members with an average of 12 members at our meetings.

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

At our May meeting we had an Afternoon Tea for the Anti-Cancer Council Campaign which raised \$210.00.

Our Annual Morning Tea was held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The speakers this year were Shirley Rix and her partner Brian Rix. They spoke about their trip around the world on motor bikes. It was very interesting hearing about the places they had been to and the different customs of each country.

During the year we lost four of our Members – Erol McArthur, Yvonne Woods, Jo Holt and Joyce Cummings.

Our group has also been represented at our neighbouring churches guild functions and the ACW.

Members continue to assist with:

- Meals on Wheels
- Flowers, silver and linen rosters
- Staff the Brotherhood of St Laurence Opportunity Shop
- Refreshments after Sunday Services
- Sandwiches for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 prizes, etc, for the Luncheon.

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

God Bless

**MARJ COLLAS**  
**Secretary**



## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE – PART YEAR ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

### RECEIPTS

### EXPENDITURE

Balance brought forward 1/7/2015

\$918.66

End of year luncheon	400.00	Parish of St Stephen & St Mary	2,700.00
Subscriptions	70.00	Christmas Luncheon	314.90
Least Coin Collection	122.55	Gift – Lectionary M Porter	108.03
Afternoon Teas	176.70	A.C.W. – Least Coin	124.05
Bank Interest	.11	Subscriptions	15.00
Lions Opportunity Shop	1,004.72	<b>Balance Carried Fwd 1/7/16</b>	481.76
Annual Morning Tea	871.00		
Donations	180.00		

**\$3,743.74**

**\$ 3,743.74**

I have examined the cash book and supporting documents, and in my opinion the above statement gives a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Ladies Guild during the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

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

### MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The 'Net' has been meeting regularly at 9am on the second Saturday mornings of each month – except January - for an informal breakfast gathering. The current venue is Shine Café, 74-76 Kingsway, Glen Waverley. The upcoming monthly breakfast and venue are notified in the preceding week's pew sheet. All men of the parish are welcome to attend what is a good natured, enjoyable gathering of fellowship. Michael Mosley is the convenor and can be contacted on 9894 4886 or on [mc3344@bigpond.com](mailto:mc3344@bigpond.com)

### MEN'S FORUM

Another enjoyable and informative year has concluded with the holding of the Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Waverley Golf Club. We have had many varied guest speakers in 2016.

1. Dennis Everitt "50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Battle of Long Tan", Vietnam War.
2. Andrea Olsson, MST Lawyers, "Wills and Estates".
3. Bob Knowles, "Men's Shed".
4. Joan Teele, Stroke Foundation, "Be Stroke Safe".
5. Dr Geoff Crawford, Estate Expert, "Values Treasures of a lifetime".
6. Sue Retschko, "Visit to Turkey".
7. Mandy Lee, Elements of Life, "Chinese Medicine and Men's Health".
8. Graham Duncan, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, "Seniors Fire Safety".
9. Michael Glinksi, Sports Science.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those who have given me assistance throughout the year: Bruce Chugg, Geoff Tait, Geoff Taylor, Richard Harris and special thanks to Helene Durkin for preparation of advance notifications and presentation plaques. Also, thanks to Judy Duncan for her assistance in preparing and serving the afternoon teas.

I look forward to welcoming you all again when we recommence in March 2017. Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Yours in friendship – **David Duncan, Chair**

## **MEDITATION GROUPS**

The parish has offered two meditation groups throughout the year: a Wednesday afternoon group which meets between 2.30pm and 4pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the 'Old' Church and a Thursday evening group which meets at 7.30pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the 'Old' Church.

Val Dyke leads the Wednesday afternoon group offering *Inner Stillness* meditation based on Ignation Spirituality. Val can be contacted on 0412 160 710 or [valdyke@tpg.com.au](mailto:valdyke@tpg.com.au).

Michael Mosley leads the Thursday evening group which is based on the John Main contemplative traditions of Christian meditation. Michael can be contacted on 9894 4886 or [mc3344@bigpond.com](mailto:mc3344@bigpond.com)

### **MICHAEL MOSLEY**

## **MOTHER'S UNION ANNUAL REPORT**

This year Mothers Union in the UK are celebrating their 140th Birthday. We celebrated our 58th Birthday with a casserole luncheon and were delighted to welcome guests & our new member, Pat Crossley – the festivities were enjoyed by all. It is with sadness we acknowledge the death of Caryll Molineaux - a long standing & loyal member of MU, her friendship was valued.

We enjoyed hearing all our speakers - Christine Mallouhi speaking of life as a Christian in Syria prior to the oppression & brutality of the Assad regime; Becky Sims, co-ordinator of Children's Ministry & leader of Mainly Music speak of her journey in the Christian faith; Sue Retschko told of her Pilgrimage to Turkey; Chris Brassington from Monash Community Support Service spoke of the desperate need of support many in Monash are experiencing. Our thanks to Irene Donohoue Clyne for the opportunity we had to view the film, "Arranged", which told the story of a Jewish girl and a Muslim girl whose marriages had been arranged according to local custom.

In Holy Week Revd Dianne Sharrock led us in the service of "Rite of Penitence & Reconciliation". The Lenten Blessings discipline was well supported by MU & the Parish – the money raised was given to an MU Overseas Project, The CCM Process in Tanzania.

As a follow on from the "Think – Prevent" seminar in 2015 we hosted the seminar – "Think Prevent – Active-Bystander" which was again facilitated by Dr Ree Bodee, who challenged all to be aware of various types of abuse & to recognize their abilities to be an Active Bystander

We participated in Diocesan events. In December at the Choral Evensong service in the Cathedral a plaque honouring Mary Sumner & commemorating 120 years of MU Melbourne was installed in the Ascension Chapel. Lady Day was celebrated at St Peter's Eastern Hill, a new venue with about 200 MU members present – Revd Michael Lazarus, the MU Chaplain, was the preacher. We observed the "Wave of Prayer" service praying for our Link Branch members in Africa, UK and Australia. Members attended a Garden Party at "Bishopscourt"- a fund raising function in support of the "Dream Stitches Sewing Program" for refugee & migrant women.

Australian Church Women Services were again supported. In October the World Community Day service was hosted by our Church. The World Day of Prayer service written by the women of Cuba was held at the High Street Road Uniting Church.

Members continue their support of Parish programs - The 3rd Thursday Service, always a happy morning - The Funeral Ministry, a great outreach to bereaved families. We are involved in Church rosters; we supported the manning of the Lions Opportunity Shop; helped at Mainly Music on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings – a happy time with children & their mothers.

Our sincere thanks to Revd Dianne Sharrock & Revd Kate Lord for their support & encouragement and to President Elizabeth for her leadership & her prayerful support of all members & to all members for their support & friendship.

**ELIZABETH WOODS & MARGARET NOBLETT**  
**President & Secretary**

## **HOME GROUPS**

Two small Home Groups have continued to meet twice monthly, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays or 1st and 3rd Fridays, for about two hours in the homes of parishioners.

The foundation of the groups is the prayerful study of the Bible using Lectio Divina. The group reads a passage from Scripture (usually a reading from the following week's Lectionary), meditates on that reading and contemplates what God is calling each to do or be during the coming week. The group prays together and for each other. The roles of leading the scripture reflection and leading the prayers are shared.

There are spiritual, social and pastoral aspects of the Home Groups and individuals have found that belonging to a Home Group is very supportive of their Christian life. We would encourage others to join these or form similar groups.

**ELAINE FASKEN & JUDITH GIBSON**

## **THE 3rd SATURDAY GARDEN GROUP**

Before getting into the details of this report, it must be said that huge thanks are due to all those who have voluntarily contributed in any way to the development and management of the Church grounds.

The Garden Group of about 12 – 14 regulars and several casuals gathers from 9.30am on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month (except January) to "Treasure God's Creation" (Mark 5) and after much activity, the achievements are invariably followed by morning tea and a time of fellowship in the Parish Centre – a very pleasant occasion and an opportunity to chat with members of other congregations whom you may pass-by on frequently hectic Sunday mornings.

The core activity is not necessarily to be an expert gardener, although we number several, but to help maintain the grounds in a presentable manner which is attractive and supportive of all the other good things going on in the Parish.

When a major task comes along, discussion follows to determine if we have the expertise and the strength to undertake it or if outside assistance should be called in. One such situation, for which we are most grateful, is the lawn mowing / edge tidying / cleaning-up etc. done fortnightly on a regular basis by The Waverley Helpmates - a very enthusiastic group of young people from a nearby Sheltered Workshop. They also assist with the annual distribution of mulch to the various garden beds around the property, which protects the roots of the plants and saves enormous quantities of water.

As time has passed, the gardens have become quite extensive and are still growing vigorously, requiring constant pruning and shaping, generating copious green waste, which is then chopped into smallish sections and deposited into one of our several Green Sulo Bins for Council's fortnightly collection - this saves considerably on Council Tip costs and hopefully provides mulch for someone else's garden.

Another significant benefit is the quantity and variety of flowers and foliage growing throughout the gardens, providing fresh material for the Flower Guild to use in regular decoration of the Church on Sundays and for special occasions, often avoiding costly purchases of flowers. A 'cutting garden' has also been developed towards the rear of the property to provide larger quantities of specific flowers on a seasonal basis.

Prior to each Group gathering, a reminder notice is placed in the Sunday Pew Slip and also a "Wish List" is emailed to members which contains ideas for what needs to be done as part of the regular routine, together with any special jobs for the forthcoming Saturday. It is a great credit that, almost without exception, the Group usually gets through all of the tasks listed and it also helps overcome the problem of having to think "Well, what do I do next?!"

Recently, to contain costs, members of the Group undertook the big job of clearing a large section of the screening foliage growing against one of our western-side fences, to enable replacement of the fence on that boundary by a contractor - This generated a huge amount of 'debris', and again, all of which was chopped-up and disposed of in our Green Bins over several weeks - and a good home was found for the resultant firewood.

Another task successfully completed, although not strictly gardening, was the tracing of the underground electric cable on the bank on the east side which previously powered the spotlights for the St Stephen Statue but was disconnected by the installers of the new signage erected recently adjacent to High Street Road. Re-establishing a floodlight to 'St Stephen' also enabled greatly improved illumination to the driveway entrance, plus the concurrent installation of a weatherproof 240-volt power outlet on that side of the driveway enabling adjacent use of electric tools and electric gardening implements.

Invitation: If you feel inclined to become part of this regular, but casual activity around the grounds, please just turn-up on a 3rd Saturday morning whenever you can ...you will be most welcome.

And finally, our thanks to the Vicar, Church Wardens and Parish Council for their support in our endeavours throughout the year.

**Chris Knight**  
**Convenor**

*P.S. re FETE 2015; As promised in the 2015 Annual Report, which was prepared before the results of the 2015 FETE were finalised, profit from sales of the plants propagated by Garden Group members, Parishioners & friends just exceeded \$1000.*

## **FLOWER GUILD**

The Flower Guild comprises nine parishioners this year, who provide flowers for our parish. It's lovely to bring the joy and beauty of nature into the worship space for everyone to enjoy.

We also do special displays for large celebrations such as Easter and Christmas. Weddings and Funerals and any other special days are also happily catered for.

The Church garden continues to provide flowers and foliage, to add to the vases, which greatly assists in keeping down the costs.

We would like to thank several parishioners who have donated to the Guild for loved ones, which is a great way of honouring their memory.

There have been a few changes of the members of the Flower Guild this year and the parish would like to acknowledge the many years of service provided by Shirley Betts, who has stepped down.

We are a very happy group and if anyone would like to join the roster to learn or develop your artistic skill, you will be very welcome. Please speak to any of the people mentioned below.

Thank you to Pam Benstead, Helen Clements, Lorraine Cocks, Maggie Dellora, Ruth & Doug Hastings, Pam Knight, Vivienne Rowlands, and Helen Warren for their creative flair in complementing the ambience of the Church.

**Maggie Dellora**

## **REPORT ON CHURCH FETE HELD OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2015**

The parish had not held a fete for several years, but the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary provided a good opportunity for outreach into the community and what better to do this than an old-fashioned fete? The fete committee began its meetings in January 2015 and met regularly until November 2015.

We decided on a theme of traditional or old-fashioned stalls and activities, with the intention of attracting families and children to the church grounds. Our marketing of the fete included the image of a colourful tent and we decorated the site with balloons, marquees and colourful bunting. To attract families, we hired a children's petting zoo which was located on the High Street Road lawn and we offered a Kids' Zone of 8 activities for an inclusive cost of \$5. This was quite successful. One of the Mainly Music mothers (Carol) offered to make balloon-animals which were given away to children. Colonial dress-ups and photographic studio, face-painting, tombola, lucky dips and a variety of stalls made the fete a fun activity for families. In addition, we had a traditional lemonade stall, real coffee and a good range of food stalls including a very busy BBQ and afternoon tea. Stalls such as the Trash & Treasure/White elephant, Garden Plants, Cakes and Sweets, Preserves and Jams, Books, Toys & Crafts, Jewellery and a Christmas Stall, together with the Clare Castle Jazz Band created a lively atmosphere.

Yes, raising over \$12,000 was a good outcome but the efforts and hard work of so many people from the parish and their families was the real achievement of the Fete. There is hardly a person in the parish who did not contribute in some way. Special thanks to the fete planning group (Fran, Joan, David, Nora, Joanne, Fiona, Marg, Jenny, Irene), the stallholders, to Ros for the colourful bunting, Chris who organised the clean-up, David who managed the parking and the Rev. Kate & Youth Group who provided so much help in the Kids' Zone.

A date for your diary: **Parish Fete Saturday Oct.28 2017.**

**Irene Donohoue Clyne** for the Fete Committee

## PARISH MUSIC REPORT

When an organist/choir director goes to a new parish, there is always a learning curve, as each parish sings different music throughout the year, different styles, some traditional music that is never deviated from and there is always the opportunity to introduce new music, as well. St Stephen's and St Mary's is no exception and, since coming here in January this year, I have been fortunate to meet so many wonderful people and so many dedicated musicians in the parish, many of whom have been very helpful in my settling in.

The BCP Service continues to sing a traditional hymn at the services. I have been ably assisted twice a month by Ruth Hastings, who has happily contributed to the worship of this service with her playing.

The SE Service continues to enjoy the contribution of the choir with the singing of the sentence, gradual psalm and response, gospel sentence and acclamation, motet and leading the hymns and the mass settings. The choir continues to sing at every Sunday except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and also sang at a number of Holy Week services.

In May, the choir participated in the final Ecumenical Choral Festival at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church, singing two communion motets. This festival has been going for about 20 years, but it was decided that it had seen its day and would not continue. The choir acquitted themselves admirably and sang very well indeed.

At the beginning of the year I added four 4-drawer filing cabinets to the storeroom so that I can catalogue and sort through all the parish music. Most of the music was stored in a large cupboard, stacked one on top of the other. This is a long term project and will take several more months to be finished. Once complete, the music will be sorted by Sundays of the year and divided into East and Christmas anthems.

The choir numbers have gone down a bit from last year, with the departure of two or three people who left at the end of Keith's time as Director of Music. We have, however, been fortunate to have the return to the choir of Nathan Goode, who has been a worthy contributor to the bass line.

We continue to have volunteers from the choir who ably act as Cantor for the SE services. I'd like to thank Milton Biddle, Reis Flora, Joan Janka, Fran Ludgate and Nathan Goode for their cantoring throughout the year. I'd like to thank all members of the choir: Joan Janka, Paerata Johansson, Pam Knight, Ros Sahhar, Eleanor U'ren, Fran Ludgate, Zelda Williams, Milton Biddle, Chris Knight, Reis Flora, Nathan Goode and Kevin Phillips for their continued commitment to the choir and their enjoyment and friendship and patience with me as we go on our SE musical journey to the glory of God together.

The CE Service has been a first for me. St Stephen and St Mary's is blessed to have such good musicians for this service. Elizabeth Mounas was holding the reins when I arrived. She has kept the group together very well and done an excellent job, considering the pressures of her day job. As we have at least two transposing instruments in the group, I felt it was necessary to start writing out proper parts, so every week this year I have created a set of parts, which makes it easier for a group of diverse instruments to play together. I think the group has felt more confident being able to play to a written part, rather than having to make some of the lines up.

We are also fortunate to have some wonderful singers to lead the singing of this service. I would particularly like to thank Christine Newell for her wonderful voice and professionalism in leading the service for many of the Sundays. I would also like to thank Hannah Harvey and Nathan Goode for their contributions. And, of course, I would like to thank the musicians for their continued support and marvellous musicianship in this service: Sophie Clapperton, Elizabeth Mounas, Anne Richardson, Alex Burke, Peter Northwood, Sebastian Harvey and Fiona Sawyer. Also, I would like to thank Ruth Hastings for her contribution to this service on the first Sunday of the month.

As I continue to write out parts for the instruments for new hymns each week, we will build up a library of playable instrumental music for this service, which can be used for years to come.

The organ, like all good musical instruments, requires ongoing maintenance and, presently, is in need of some repair. Earlier in the year we spent \$5000 repairing some pipework, thanks to a donation from the Catering Group. However, there are still many vibrations that should not happen and some notes sounding when they are not switched on. The next big job will be the re-felting of the pedal-board, at an estimated cost of \$4000 - \$5000. As the organ is an integral part of the music ministry of the parish, it is imperative that we keep the maintenance up – with pipe organs it is definitely a case of "a stitch in time saves nine".

Finally, I'd like to thank Revd Dianne and the wardens for their support of my music ministry here and I look forward to many more years of enjoyment in music making at St Stephen's and St Mary's.

**DAVID CUNDY, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**



# **The Parish of St Stephen and St Mary Mt Waverley**

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting**

### **November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015**

**Chair** Revd Dianne Sharrock

Opening Prayer and welcome by Revd Dianne

**Attendance** (as per attendance book)

Marg and Geoff Crawford, Norma Schultz, Marg Taylor, Geoff Taylor, Bruce Chugg, Elaine Fasken, Rowena Ferguson, Des Sparrow, Margaret Sparrow, Chris and Pam Knight, Liz Monaghan, Jim Monaghan, Irene Donohue Clyne, Doug Hastings, Ruth Hastings, David Duncan, Judy Duncan, Helen Warren, Russell Payne, Gavin Bowers, Jenny Bowers, Judith Gibson, Ruth Chatwood, Fran Ludgate, Peter Northwood, Alex Burke, Leonie McLachlan, John Russell, Joan West, Keith Fullard, Shirley Betts, Jean Clark, Duncan McArthur, Frank Miller, Janice Miller, Elizabeth Woods, Tony Syfret, Margaret Syfret, Brett Gaffney, Ian Smith, Hillarie Griggs, Phoebe Wilkinson-North, Alf North, Ian Thompson, Kevin Phillips, Helene Durkin, Tom Swindon, Shirley Swindon, Kate Lord, Bill Harvey, David Molineux, Ros Sahhar, Anne Richardson, Bill Noblett, Margaret Noblett, Reis Flora, Nima Flora, Milton Biddle, Glenda Biddle, Sue Retschko, Garry Deverell, Shanti Lieversz, Darrell Lieversz, Yolanda Lancaster, Briony Mainwaring, Joanne Burns, Melissa Harvey, Shirley Betts, Paul Rowlands, Viv Rowlands, Elizabeth Mounas, Allan Washington, Alison Washington, Fiona Nicholson Stoker, Gloria Smith, Arunthy Blanchard, Sukan Blanchard, Gillian Leembugger

**Apologies**

Howard Brown, Jenny Brown, Ruth Sturgeon, Helen Harman, Jeff Harman, Val Dyke, Tony Sahhar, Geoff Tait, Nathan Goode, Brian de Lacy, Jill de Lacy, Trevor Bickerstaff, Jill Bond, David Sharrock

**Reception of Parish Electoral Roll**

The Roll was tabled and accepted.

Moved: John Russell

Seconded: Bruce Chugg

Carried

- Due to new Governance requirements, the Vicar and Wardens are required to go through the Parish Roll 2 weeks before the Annual Meeting to check that all Parishioners are eligible to be on the roll.

**Minutes of previous AGM held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014**

Tabled and accepted as read.

Moved: Rowena Ferguson

Seconded: Sue Retschko

Carried

**Vicar's Report**

My report for this year will comprise of my sermon from Christ the King Service to be delivered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Copies of the sermon will be available on the day.

Moved: Rev Dianne

Seconded: Ian Smith

Carried

**\* Copy of Sermon attached**

## Wardens Report

As presented in the Annual Report (pages 3-5)

- Footnote: Bruce added a few comments re the Warden's Report. Firstly, an error was made in that of Joan West's name on the Wardens report. Joan had retired during the year due to ill health. Sue Retschko was asked to fill the position.
- The Parish has had another busy year. We celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Old Church in July. Maintenance and O H & S is an on-going commitment for the Parish.
- We thank Andrew McCoy for all our audio/visual and IT work.
- Bruce highlighted that it costs the Parish \$1026.00 a day to run the Parish.
- During the last 12 months the Parish received two bequests from the estates of the late Eileen Dillon and Audrey Joachim.
- Bruce thanked David Duncan for taking over the running of the Men's Forum and acknowledged the work of Des Sparrow and John Bisset.
- Finally, Bruce thanked Rev Dianne for her leadership, pastoral/spiritual care, teaching, encouragement and enthusiasm over the last 12 months. To Kate, thank you for your energy fresh ideas, and contribution to our Parish life and the youth group.

Moved: Bruce Chugg  
Seconded: David Duncan  
Carried

## Parish Council Report

As presented in the Annual Report (pages 5-6)

Moved: Joan West  
Seconded: Liz Monaghan  
Carried

## Adoption of Tabled Reports (as printed in Annual Report 2015)

All reports were adopted.

Moved: Geoff Crawford  
Seconded: Joan West  
Carried

## Treasurer's Report including audited accounts for the Parish Year 2015/16 and Budget for 2015/16

Financial report as tabled.

Moved: Helen Warren  
Seconded: Judith Gibson  
Carried

## Business

Nil business arising.

## Appointment of Wardens and Parish Council

Brian de Lacy has accepted the Vicar's invitation as her Warden. There were only 2 nominations received for the People's Warden, Bruce Chugg and Sue Retschko and they were duly appointed. There were 8 nominations for Parish Council: Geoff Crawford, Elaine Fasken, Peter Northwood, Elizabeth Taplin, Helen Warren, Joan West Bev Anderson and Fiona Nicholson Stoker. All were duly appointed

Moved: John Russell  
Seconded: Rowena Ferguson  
Carried

## **Appointment of Lay Members of the Incumbency Committee**

There were 2 nominations: Rowena Ferguson and John Russell. They were duly elected. The Wardens will elect their member for this committee during their first meeting.

## **Appointment of Auditor Ryecrofts Pty Ltd**

Moved: Geoff Crawford  
Seconded: Frank Miller

Carried

## **Formal Questions**

Nil.

## **Presentation of list of Lay Assistants at Holy Communion**

41 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 sheet. Any concerns regarding the people on this list are to go direct to the Vicar.

## **Soapbox**

1. Andrew McCoy - Social Justice. Using the overhead screen, Andrew showed a series of Social Justice images as examples of what we might use on our electronic sign.
2. Norma Schultz - "Acknowledgement of Country". On important occasions Norma suggested that the Parish should use the Acknowledgement of Country for the traditional owners the Wurundjeri People.
3. Chris Knight - Statue of St Stephen. Chris informed the Parish that the lighting of the statue would soon be working. Chris thanked the Scout Association for helping to locate the underground electrical cables.

## **Foot notes**

- Youth Group: Kate showed a series of images on the overhead screen highlighting their activities.
- Rev Dianne announced that David Cundy has been appointed Music Director commencing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016.
- Rev Dianne welcomed Rev Garry Deverell our student placement for 2016.
- Rev Dianne acknowledged the work done by Leonie Mc Lachlan as Sacristan.

## **Closing Reflection by Rev Dianne.**

Helen Warren

**Parish Council Secretary**