



St Mary's

Anglican Church

Reports for the Annual Meeting

10th November, 2014

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Minutes of St Mary's Annual General Meeting

11th November, 2013 at St Mary's Parish Hall

Meeting declared open at 7.30pm by meeting chair, Reverend Gavin Ward.

Attendance: Allan Inglis, Ros Klouth, Cath Fisher, Kim Beales, Rod Smyrk, Esther Rule Mark Armstrong, Peter Jones, Mike Lampard, Annette Swaffield, Kevin Swaffield, Emily Ward, Narelle Riley, Tracy Sellars. Jan Kokic, Gavin Ward, Max Langshaw, Edith Langshaw, Phil Stacy, Marj Stacy, Alan Phillips, Elsa Phillips, Irene Curtis, Don Sly, Alma Sly, Susan Vanderstock, John Vanderstock, Peter Watts, Heather Watts, Marg Flanigan, Ernest Horth Flora Whittington, Steven Whittington, Gill Garth, Ros Armstrong, Klara Hahne, Sue, Allaz, Jenay Flint, Katherine Burn, Kim Burn, Don Cottell, Geoff Klouth, Larry Green, Kristine Green, Rob Brennand, Harry Appleton

Apologies: Noel Sprague, Peg Jones, Lesley McInerney, Michael Williams, Cath Robinson, Ida Horth, Pam Allen, Ruth Philbrick, Robin Philbrick, Gwen Hutcheson, Jill Gray, Wendy Caramarco, Clarissa Burn, Bev Cottell, Karen Chambers, Nathalie Allaz, Annette Appleton

Bible reading: Psalm 46: God is our refuge and strength

Prayer: Rev Gavin Ward

Reading of official notice.

Apologies: (as above)

Previous Minutes: acceptance of previous AGM minutes
Moved by Elsa Phillips Seconded by Annette Swaffield Carried

Acceptance of Electoral Role:
Moved by Gill Garth Seconded by Harry Appleton Carried

Annual Reports:

Vicar's Report

Gavin spoke briefly to his report

Motion of thanks to Gavin. In the face of a hard year Gavin has inspired the staff team to carry on his ministry and vision.

Moved Mark Armstrong Seconded Allan Phillips

Staff: as per reports booklet.

Warden's Report: as per reports booklet.

Vestry Report: as per reports booklet.

Acceptance of these reports

Moved by Emily Ward Seconded by Don Cottell Carried

Guest Speakers & Presentations

- Klara Hahne gave a short talk on the progress of Music Playtime.
- Ros Armstrong gave a short talk on her new role as Discipleship & Ministry Training Coordinator
- Flowers were presented to Rev Cath Fisher to acknowledge her significant contribution over the previous two years as a Curate at St Mary's

Synod- as per reports booklet
Community Store: as per reports booklet
Service Leader's Meetings: as per reports booklet
Prayer Ministry: as per reports booklet
Home Groups: as per reports booklet
Youth Group: as per reports booklet
God's Gang: as per reports booklet
Stitch and Sew: as per reports booklet
Singles & Friends: as per reports booklet
Friday Friendship lunch: as per reports booklet
MU Australia (St Mary's): as per reports booklet
Chibobo Mission: as per reports booklet
Face Painting Team: as per reports booklet
CMS: as per reports booklet
Playgroup: as per reports booklet
Lay Ecumenical: as per reports booklet
Kids Hope AUS: as per reports booklet
Pastoral Care: as per reports booklet

Thanks to everyone who wrote and contributed to the reports, and all involved in the ministries.

It is moved that the reports be received.

Moved by Don Sly Seconded by Marg Flanigan Carried

Financial Reports

Move a motion of thanks to the Community Store for their contribution to the finances of the Parish, and the hardworking volunteers.

Moved by Rod Smyrk Seconded by Phil Stacy Carried

Move that 2013/14 Budget be accepted.

Moved by Rod Smyrk Seconded by Peter Jones Carried

Meeting records it's thanks to Flora Whittington for her work and attention to detail in preparing the financial reports.

Election of Auditor

Move that Rob Brennand be appointed as auditor.

Moved by Tracey Sellars Seconded by Larry Green Carried

Report by incumbent on entries in the registers of the Parish was presented.

Elections

Churchwardens:

Geoff Klouth (appointed as vicar's warden)
Noel Sprague Mark Armstrong

Vestry:

Katherine Burn	Donald Cottell	Maxwell Langshaw
Alan Phillips	Phillip Stacey	Steven Whittington
Michael Williams		

Incumbency committee:

Noel Sprague

Alan Phillips

All declared elected

Move a motion of thanks to the Lesley McInerney for her excellent efforts on Vestry and as a Warden- particularly in the areas of our Visioning and her assistance in the office.

Thanks to Rod Smyrk and Peter Rovers for their contributions and roles on Vestry.

Moved by Steven Whittington

Seconded by Don Cottell

Carried

General Business

Nil

Meeting closed at 8.14pm with the Grace



VICAR'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 2014

1 General Review of 2014

At one side of Kings Park in Perth, there is a stairway known as Jacob's Ladder. It contains 242 steps broken up by a series of landings, which enable those climbing it to take a breather.

When visiting Graeme in Perth I have taken on Jacob's Ladder as an early morning exercise, doing a number of consecutive repeat climbs. Many people similarly use it as early morning exercise. Of course everyone is at a different level of fitness. On one occasion I saw Nic Natanui (the West Coast Eagles ruckman) running up Jacob's Ladder two steps at a time over a number of repetitions, whilst at the same time others were stopping and taking a rest at the various landings and to admire the beautiful view of Perth and the Swan River. Others determinably strive to the top in one go and then collapse on the grass there for a breather.

Parish Life is similar to climbing Jacob's Ladder. God calls us to keep striving on in our service of Him, but for a variety of reasons we are all at different stages in our lives and faith to do this. Sometimes as a Parish we are collectively at one point or another.

These past few years at St Mary's has been a great example of this truth. Over 2012/2013 we were burdened down by the sadness and grief associated with the very serious illnesses of some key people including Vicki Ward, Rosemary Barling, Rev Ray Saggars, Narelle Riley, Ruth Phillbrick, Kristine Green, Lesley McInerney and Melanie Durdle. So we put aside our Visioning Activities and stood (on a landing of Jacobs Ladder if you like) and took a deep breath. Of course we continued to serve God and do things but didn't have the energy to take on anything new. This is perfectly natural and godly – both for us collectively and individually as circumstances dictate and as God leads. Psalm 46:10 reminds us to "Be still and know that I am God."

As we headed into 2013/2014, we (and I) were ready to step off the landing and head on up the steps again - taking on the challenges God had set before us.

We began with our 150th Celebrations, including a combined time of worship with St Andrew's on the Village Green and a Bush Dance in the Memorial Hall

Then we picked up from where we left off and began taking those next steps with a launch of our 5 and 10 year Vision in May with the subsequent Pathways Training by Ken Morgan and the establishment of various Mission Action Teams.

These have seen the development of:-

- regular meals with wedding couples;
- times of fellowship amongst young couples with children at various picnics;
- all age children's activities in the hall;
- the establishment of a film group;
- a vision to establish a new congregation with a regular Sunday evening service commencing in 2015; and
- "Sing and Soup" in the hall for those who are alone.

We will continue to explore ways to connect with people in the Sunbury Community for Jesus over the coming years.

Additionally, we have reconfigured the internal part of St Mary's to enable more people to comfortably attend our Sunday morning services and we are in the process of having new cushions made for each pew – to add to the comfort level. We are thankful to God for the generosity of Alma and Don Sly to cover the cost of the new cushions.

We have also commenced the long road towards a new building for St Mary's. A Building Fund has been established which already contains over \$780,000. Once again we give much thanks and praise to God for the outstanding generosity of Jack and Anne Telford for the bequest they left us for this purpose. This bequest (out of the blue) has clearly demonstrated to us that God is strongly encouraging us towards this vision. More work will be done in this area in 2015 as we head towards our short term goal of digging the first sod of the new building at our 150th celebrations for the original St Mary's building in October 2017.

2 Key Activities of 2014

Some of the key activities of 2014, apart from those related to our vision have been:-

- Involvement in Sunfest;
- Working Bee at Sunbury West Primary School (as part of Kids Hope);
- Visit by Ken and Alison Thompson (CMS Missionaries in Cambodia);
- Go Camp (sponsored by Light FM - thanks Shaun Caddaye);
- High Tea and various fund raising events in support of the Chibobo High School Project;
- 150th Celebrations of worship on the Village Green;
- Working Team visit to Chibobo to work on the High School construction and then a 4th Chibobo Mission Trip; and
- 7th visit to West Wimmera Parish to support them.

In addition to this brief snap shot, many people are involved in the on-going ministry of Home Groups, Youth United, God's Gang, other fellowship Groups (Friday Friendship Lunch, Stitch'n'Sew, Singles and Friends and Mother's Union), the Community Store, Inter-church Council, Music Playtime and Playgroup, Ridley Certificate Courses, Introducing God Courses, our ministry to Aged Care Facilities, Kids Hope, CRE, confirmation classes, catering for various functions as well as our regular gatherings for worship on Sundays and Wednesdays.

All of this (as detailed in the various reports) continues to remind us that we are very busy in serving God in so many ways and that his Spirit is working in and through us.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all those who lead or co-ordinate these activities and ministries. You are regularly in my prayers as we serve God together.

3 My additional Activities

In addition to my usual activities associated with public worship services on Sundays and Wednesdays, the oversight of the Parish with the Staff Team, Wardens and Parish Council, pastoral care and visits, visioning activities and involvement in Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, you may also be interested in the following activities I have been involved in:-

- I made a presentation at the EPIC (Equipping Priests in Charge) training day on 18 March on the topic of "The first 18 months in a new Parish";
- I made a presentation in May at the Archbishop's Year training session on "Supervising a Curate";

- I have been mentoring two younger clergy and have also begun mentoring the Goonawarra Primary School Chaplain on a monthly basis;
- I have been meeting with my own mentor on a regular basis;
- I attended the Annual Ridley College Preacher's Conference in Marysville from 26 – 28 August (inclusive);
- I co-ordinate the Sunbury Minister's Fellowship which attempts to meet monthly or bi-monthly;
- I have been meeting fortnightly with a group of men who are also widowers;
- I am a Kids Hope Mentor, meeting weekly with my child at Sunbury West Primary School;
- I co-led the Mission Trip to Chibobo in June/July;
- I have met up occasionally with our State MP for coffee and prayer;
- I have begun attending the Rotary Meals Kitchen on Monday evenings by way of assisting and ministering – and I am attempting to get there once a month; and
- I have attempted to have a monthly (or once every 6 weeks) Prayer Retreat Day in which I commit every member of St Mary's and their family to God in prayer and do some quiet reflection, praying and waiting upon God.

I would be happy to chat to anyone about any of these activities.

4 Staffing Changes

During the last year we have had 5 changes in staff and the adjustment of another's role.

We farewelled Rev Cath Fisher at the beginning of December as she concluded her curacy and headed off to Townsville to take up the role of an ADF Chaplain. Cath's ministry over her 2 years as a curate at St Mary's was outstanding and a great support for me and I was delighted to officiate at her wedding to Keil Maslen in early October 2014.

We welcomed Klara Hahne who worked with Kim in his young families work, and then farewelled her as she became a Mum again. Klara worked with much energy in her role and when able, we look forward to her returning to assist Kim again.

We farewelled Rev Ernest Horth in early September as he and Ida moved home to Boronia to be nearer to their family. Ernest was a fabulous encouragement for me during his 7 years at St Mary's. He had a significant ministry here and (together with Ida) an outstanding ministry in Kinglake. Ernest will be sadly missed.

We welcomed Jill Gray onto Staff Team as she took on the role of Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator. Jill has made a great start and will continue to develop her role over the coming year.

We also welcomed Tanya Cummings as a Ridley Student for 2014. Tanya was supposed to work 8 hours a week, but far exceeded that due to her enthusiasm and energy in serving God. Tanya was specifically involved on Sundays only at both morning services. She conducted an Introducing God Course over Sunday lunch which became a new group called Link In (with some delicious lunches and very meaningful conversations shared). In the 2nd half of the year Tanya led Confirmation Classes over Sunday lunch. Tanya was farewelled in late October after a very successful student placement with us and will be missed by many.

In addition to these changes, Ros Armstrong changed roles and the result has seen 3 Ridley Certificate Subjects delivered on-site. This is a significant step up for us in exposing people to theological study at a very cheap price and locally. I look forward to the next steps in people's lives as they continue to study and grow. It's also great to see Ros' health improving and we look forward to further developments in her role in the coming year.

Kate Beales has done a great job in overseeing and co-ordinating the Baptism visitation work that Ros had been doing.

My thanks to the great staff team at St Mary's (Kim, Narelle, Ernest, Ros, Tanya, Jill, Klara and Flora) for the work you have done this year and for the support we have provided each other through a variety of circumstances.

5 Some Fond Farewells

Following on from the sadness of some farewells in 2012/13, this past year we have also farewelled Rosemary Barling, Audrey Batemen, Bill Baxter-Smith, Mary Hurley and Lloyd Wood. Each made their contribution to St Mary's Parish life in their own unique way and they will be sadly missed.

6 Parish Council

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have served on Parish Council during this exciting year of change and also those who have assisted Parish Council by serving as Wardens, on the Building Committee, the Finance Committee and the Church Re-Configuration Committee.

I acknowledge each of you as godly men and women. I have prayed for each of you regularly and I look forward to working with the new Parish Council as we step into 2015 in our service of God.

7 Looking Ahead into 2015

As we continue to take the next steps with increased energy into 2015, the work associated with the new building will continue.

However, we never want to become focussed or fixated on buildings. So we will continue to focus on people; specifically over this coming year to become better equipped to serve God in the places where we live and work. We hope to do this through conducting some evangelism and leadership training and coaching and in providing opportunities where our family, neighbours and friends can hear of the love of Jesus and respond to it.

I also look forward to the new congregation which will meet under Kim's leadership on a Sunday afternoon/evening.

I look forward to serving God amongst you again in 2015 with new challenges.

May the God who equips, inspires and saves us, strengthen each of us for the work he has prepared for us into the coming year.

"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long." Psalm 146:1-2

Rev Gavin Ward

KIM BEALES, CONGREGATION PLANTER- AGM REPORT, 2014

My ministry at St Mary's comes under three major areas; Youth and Young Adults; Families with young children; and general ministry. In February, I will complete my curacy, and we are working towards a further three-year placement as I seek to build on the ministry of recent years. As I write, my grandmother this week has moved across from Perth, to Goonawarra Gardens nursing home. For me, I feel this is another stake in the ground for the life of my family here in Sunbury. We feel at home here, that this is where God wants us to be, and I look forward to continuing to live and work in this community.

I would like to thank the staff team at St Mary's for a good year together. Each of us have faced different challenges over recent years, yet God's grace, strength and peace sustains us, and God continues to bless us as we lean on Him.

Ministry with Youth and Young Adults

Mission Action Team

In 2014, we formed a Mission Action Team to work with youth and young adults, connected to the 7:30 service. This team consists of Narelle Riley, Tom Riley, Benjamin and Emily Clements, Kim and Kate Beales, Jess Borg, Nathanael Armstrong, Zac Hodgkinson, and Erran Caddaye. This is a highly capable team and they are a great answer to my prayers. The team attended the Pathways training workshop with Ken Morgan in March, and is responsible for developing a full mission pathway for youth and young adults, so as to help people discover the gospel and grow as disciples. New initiatives that have emerged in 2014 include a film making group, a monthly meal for newly married couples, and a camp at Philip Island, as well as our ongoing Youth United, Young Adults Bible Study and a Monthly Service at 7:30pm.

Film Group

In 2014, Zac Hodgkinson moved from the east of Melbourne specifically to assist me with my ministry with youth and young adults. Zac is a filmmaker, and he sensed God guiding him to develop community through making movies. He is a vibrant young man with a great heart for God, and his enthusiasm, energy, sincerity and joy is infectious! Throughout 2014, he has developed a new missional community, called "Film Group". The film group meets each Thursday at Just Planet Café between 4:30-6:30pm. Zac has been assisted by Christine Brown, and throughout 2014 the film group has grown into its own unique community. The purpose of the film group (as well as making films and encouraging creativity) is to create a context in which we at St Mary's can build friendships with others in Sunbury. Zac's ministry and personal growth has been a highlight for me this year. He has taken some bold risks in his life, actively following God's leading, and shaping his life around serving others with his gifts and investing in new friendships here in Sunbury.

Youth United

We have a brilliant and committed leadership team who are doing a fantastic job leading Youth United. In 2014, Jess Borg stepped into a new leadership role acting as a facilitator for the group as a whole. As well as her leadership with Youth United, she has joined our Mission Action team, and I meet regularly with Jess to discuss plans both for Youth United and our wider Youth & Young Adults community. She has organized several training sessions for the leaders, in which she has begun to initiate a culture of mentoring.

The Youth United team also attended Ken Morgan's Pathways workshop, and have been actively implementing their learning. I've been very impressed with their heart and commitment. The senior youth recently explored apologetics, and I have received great feedback from the youth about the quality of the sessions that are being led. There is a weekly buzz in the parish house, and the strengths of Youth United include the quality of relationships, the fun, the shared meal, and the commitment to living as disciples of Jesus.

"Go Camp" and "Choose Your Own Adventure Camp"

This year we ran two camps. In February we had scheduled a return to Rowallan Adventure Camp, but once again our plans were interrupted by bushfires, as the Riddells Creek bushfires happened the week prior to the camp. We changed our plans at short notice and held a day camp. Kirk Mackenzie from Diamond Creek Anglican Church was our visiting speaker, and he spoke on the theme of evangelism. Despite the change of plans, we had a brilliant time together. Later, of his own initiative, Shaun Caddaye applied to a Light FM radio competition in which he had to in 25 words or less, say why his church community would benefit from winning a camp at Philip Island Adventure Resort. He explained how we had been impacted by bushfires in consecutive years. We won the competition, and were given a free camp for our community, up to the value of \$12,000. The camp was a wonderful gift from God, for which we are extremely thankful. We had 63 people attend across the weekend, and it was really encouraging seeing a number of new faces join with us. Since camp, a number of these people have connected both with Youth United and Film Group. Shaun directed the camp, and did a terrific job. Many others contributed and helped make the camp a great success, including Kevin Swaffield, who kindly drove the bus to and from the camp. There was a great sense of community, participation and joy in the whole thing, and we look forward to how God continues to use camps for his purposes in 2015.

Weddings and Hospitality Meals

A significant part of my ministry in 2013/14 has involved doing marriage preparation. I meet four times with each couple, as well as a rehearsal and the wedding itself. These sessions have been a highlight for me throughout the year. One of the initiatives that emerged from our Mission Action Team has been a monthly meal with couples. Ben and Emily Clements have assisted Kate and I in hosting this meal. We have had a range of different couples attend, and have formed some really good friendships as a result. We look forward to continuing this ministry in the coming year.

Young Adults Bible Study

We continue to run a Tuesday night bible study for young adults. Over the course of the year our studies have included discussions around the proverbs, 2 Timothy, the life of Jesus, and a series on vocation and spiritual gifts. It is wonderful to see Peta Tickle getting baptized this week. Our Young Adults bring great energy to all they put their hands to, and it is a great pleasure to meet with them each week.

7:30pm Service

We continued to run a monthly service at 7:30pm, which meets at St Andrew's Uniting Church. This has now run for three years. We have many young people joining in with music, and leading various aspects of the service. There is a sense of fun and vibrancy in worship, and those who come regularly learn to expect the unexpected! For example, Darth Vader made an appearance and led a service (via the live screen), and on a hot day Narelle Riley brought ice-creams for the greeting of the peace. Amidst the fun, there is a genuine devotion to God, a commitment to being disciples of Jesus, and a hunger for God's word. We had several guest speakers including Jahleel Shelling, a messianic Jew and youth worker from Celebrate Messiah. More recently, the new Sunbury Downs chaplain, David Edgren visited. He preached on the parables of the kingdom of heaven. I have formed a good connection with David and I look forward to collaborating with him over the coming years.

2015 and the planting of a weekly congregation

In recent months, members of our Youth and Young Adults Mission Action Team have proposed moving from a monthly to a weekly service. We initially had conversations as a team and discussions with the Youth United leadership team. Since then we have gone about a process that has including surveying the wider community, recruiting a team, and holding an information and prayer night. The good news is that the plans are looking viable to begin a weekly service in February 2015. The service will be open for all ages, but will have a special focus on youth and young adults. We currently have a team of 20 people ready to make a weekly commitment, with another 20 people exploring being involved in some capacity. The service will be a central gathering for people involved in our various mission activities. Logistics, including the time of the service are yet to have been finalized, as we continue to discuss and pray through what will be the best possible option for all. Over the summer we will be holding prayer gatherings, meeting together on the grass of the village green, as we seek God's guidance for these new ventures.

Ministry with Families with young children

Mission Action Team

This team has now been running for two and a half years. In 2014, the team consisted of myself, Kate Beales, Samantha Dennett, Vinci Haworth, Matt Robinson, Debbie Last and Klara Hahne. Alison Rae also attended the Pathways training in August and may get involved as we meet in the coming year. There is opportunity to once again recruit some new members for 2015, as Debbie Last recently moved, and Klara Hahne has stepped back from formal roles as she adjusts to being a mother of two. I would like to thank everyone in the team for their commitment to serving others and reaching people with the gospel. Robin and Ruth Philbrick also transitioned from the families' team to our retirees focused team. Recently we had a Thursday where families with children gathered in the morning for Music Playtime, and then a group of retirees gathered for a Sing and Soup at lunch-time. It was great to see two similar initiatives on the same day, emerging from our mission teams, with many people connecting with our church as a result. I would like to thank Robin and Ruth for their involvement in the families' team.

In 2014 our families pathway consisted of our two playgroups (Tuesday Playgroup and Music Playtime); a quarterly barbecue at Galaxy Land; a regular children's outreach event in the hall; and our Sunday school (God's Gang and Blast). We also ran a course called Introducing God on a Tuesday morning and provided childcare so that parents could attend. This transitioned into a weekly Tuesday morning bible study for parents (with help with childcare from Sue Allaz, Debbie Last, Janet Minge and recently John Vanderstock).

Klara Hahne

In 2013/2014 Klara Hahne joined our staff team as a voluntary families worker. She recently finished in this role, in order to adjust to life with her and Andrew's newborn, Samuel. I would like to thank Klara for her ministry. We have worked closely together, and she has been a great helper in mission. Klara helped start Music Playtime, and in 2014 she led Tuesday playgroup when Ros Armstrong transitioned into a new role. Klara also helped lead a Tuesday morning bible study, a women's group and this year she has coordinated a junior group at God's Gang, as we expanded to run two age groups on a Sunday morning.

A transition for the 4pm service

Having run the 4pm service for three years, (which began approximately two years before I began at St Mary's), it became clear that the service would not grow without taking a big step forward, as a monthly gathering was too sporadic. While numbers would spike at Easter, Christmas and at special events, we would often only see families a few times each year. We did not have a team ready to commit to moving to a weekly gathering, so we made a decision to transition from running a 4pm families event, to running a 10:30am event in the hall. The purpose of this was so that in our pathway, families who came along could connect with a community that meets weekly. Parents could attend the 10:30 service, and children could attend God's Gang and Blast. So far this change has worked well. We have run four Sunday morning events this year, which have been well attended. I have a fine team of helpers, including Pam Allan, who has coordinated the hospitality for these events.

Tuesday Playgroup and Music Playtime

For the greater part of 2014, Klara led Tuesday playgroup, and recently, Marj and Mardi Stacy have begun leading the playgroup for term 4. There is a core group of parents, and we have welcomed several new families this year. A number of mother's have transitioned back to work, (or have children who are now at school), so there is currently a need to form some new connections with families. Music Playtime continues at 10am on a Thursday morning. Vinci Haworth makes a remarkable craft every week, tied into the theme. Emma West leads music on the cello, and I join in on the guitar. We have a time for stories, with a number of mothers joining in to read. We have been assisted by a fine group of helpers from St Mary's who welcome people, build friendships and serve tea and coffee.

Baptisms

Kate Beales has coordinated baptisms, organizing appointments, and connecting members of St Mary's, (who we call baptism buddies) with baptism families. I regularly meet with families who are baptizing their infants. It is always a wonderful opportunity to connect with people and to have some intentional conversations about the gospel. We invite families to link in with our playgroups, bible study and outreach events, as well as joining with us at church.

General Ministry

My general ministry has much diversity. It includes funerals, weddings, leading and presiding in various services, regular preaching and pastoral care. I attended the various required diocesan gatherings including, deanery, synod, and the diocesan conference. In the midst of much activity, I have made it my practice to sit in a café on a Monday mornings, (with a rule of "no emails" until midday!), so as to have time to journal, read, write, pray and do the reflection that is so crucial for ministry. I enjoy preparing sermons in a café and often find that the incidental conversations that happen are some of the most significant pastoral conversations that I might have in any given week.

Training and Personal Development

In November I will complete the Arrow Leadership Program. This has involved four retreats over two years, some intentional reading, a monthly coaching appointment with Ken Morgan, and occasional mentoring from Peter Corney. This program has been very helpful for me. In the coming month I also hope to complete an MA project on Genesis 4. Over the last year, my music has taken a back seat, and this project has been my major creative focus.

I also participated in ministry beyond St Mary's. I led the Sunbury Carols on the green band; visited to speak and perform at the local PubChurch; preached a 5 part series on Genesis at a CMS camp; spoke at a Red Rock assembly; and spent several days supporting my good friend, a Vietnamese refugee named Tri Nguyen, on his pilgrimage to Canberra to thank Australia for giving him the gift of refuge.

I look forward to the coming year of mission and ministry here in Sunbury, and I sense that having laid the foundation not only for a congregation plant, but for some ongoing local mission, that we will take some big steps forward over the coming years. May God fill us with wisdom, grace, faith, and love, and all the good things that come from His Spirit, that we may walk with God, and be a great blessing to many, enabling people to know and respond to the gospel of God.

Amen

Kim Beales

DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY TRAINING COORDINATOR

It has been an exciting and challenging year for me as I have begun my new job (with a very fancy title), and faced personal health issues.

I begin with two bible verses.

2 Timothy 3:16–17: *All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.*

This has become my "motto" for my new role. My hope has been to help people learn more about God's word so that they can live their lives wherever God has placed them ready for the tasks God has chosen for them.

2 Corinthians 12:9 : *but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

This has been one of the verses that has kept me going during my illness, knowing that God is with me, and all I am able to do, I do only with his power and strength. I had been enrolled in an MA unit for Ridley to take place in the Yarra Valley in June. On the first day I became ill, went to the hospital and was subsequently diagnosed with Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, which has some symptoms in common with Bell's Palsy, but also affects the nerve controlling hearing and balance. Things have slowly improved and I am significantly better than I was initially. Thank you to everyone for your support, especially to Gavin, Narelle and Kim.

The highlight of my work this year has been the Ridley Certificate. The Certificate is designed so it can be fully done online in a person's own time, with video lectures, reflection questions, extra reading and weekly quizzes finishing off with a final quiz. It can also be done as a group, using the questions for discussion, and we were keen to run it this way at St Mary's as well as supporting anyone wishing to do it on their own. I had initially hoped that there might be four people interested, and would have been over the moon with six. As the numbers grew, I found myself saying "Yes, Lord, I believe, help my unbelief". In February there were *thirteen* people began the first unit, *Bible Overview* and a further two did it on their own time. A couple of these pulled out due for various reasons, but it was incredibly encouraging for me to have such a good number of people take part. The standard of the courses is good, and the material has been challenging. Those who have taken part have learnt a lot and enjoyed this study.

Some people were very keen to continue, and not wanting to let the grass grow under their feet, requested we do a second unit in Term 2 (*Understanding Your Bible*), and then a third in Term 3 (*Gospel and Life*). In the end seven people completed all three units, and eight completed two, which has been very pleasing and encouraging for me.

With such good involvement, we have established a great relationship with Kara Martin and Ridley, resulting in us getting a discount on the fees for each unit, now \$50 for the *Bible Overview* unit and \$80 each for the rest (the regular cost was \$95 per unit). I hope this might prove an incentive for others to be involved in 2015. (If anyone is interested please contact me.)

The certificate has taken more of my work time than I had originally intended, and Gavin agreed I should focus on it, meaning some tasks that were to be part of my job have been set aside for the time being.

I have preached several times this year, as part of several series, including the Leviticus series during Lent, for which I also wrote a bible study. I preached an initial sermon on "Who is the Holy Spirit?" before becoming ill, and then have completed the series in October.

I look forward to next year, when hopefully in full, or near-full, health I will be able to develop the role more.

Ros Armstrong

HOME GROUP COORDINATOR

It has been a pleasure to take on the role of Home Group Coordinator for this year.

There are currently nine home groups with approximately ninety parishioners in them. This is very encouraging that so many people see the importance of gathering in small groups to study God's word and care for each other.

The Home Group Leaders will have met four times during the year for encouragement and support, and to share ideas.

Many of the groups took part in the Leviticus series during Lent, and some also did the Daniel series during Gavin's sermon series. Many groups find this a helpful way of learning, helping both the studies and their listening to the sermons.

During August, we had a month of prayer for Home Groups, which included the August Parish Prayer meeting to lay this important ministry before God. I appreciated all those who prayed during this time.

It was always intended that I would take on this role for 2014 only, and I am currently praying through who might be a suitable person or persons to take on this role. I look forward to continuing input to Home Groups through my training role.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Ros Armstrong

Discipleship and Ministry Training Coordinator / Home Group Coordinator

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Aside from the fact that its yet again time to write my annual report, I know that another year has passed in the life of St Mary's, because the family of Masked Lapwings (Plovers) have returned to the Village Green, made their nest in the grass and lovingly raised their chick. For several years now I have watched for their return, and each year I am reminded of the passage from Matthew 6, where Jesus tells the disciples that the birds don't sow or reap or gather, but that God feeds them, and the passage ends with a phrase which I repeat in my head on a very regular basis..... "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" *Matthew 6:24*

In December I attended a "Basic Bananas" marketing seminar with Robin Philbrick (thanks for the free ticket Robin!) and I picked up some great tips to implement on our Facebook page and Website. Our online presence will continue to be a focus for the coming year, in line with St Mary's vision. I encourage everyone to "like" our St Mary's Facebook page and continue to "like" posts and photos as these then get seen by other people in your news feeds and is a really simple form of evangelism!

The general administrative requirements of the Parish have continued as usual- wedding, baptism and funeral paperwork, booklets and certificates for ceremonies and events, Pew Sheets, Grapevines, flyers and posters, minutes of meetings, databases and attendance records, phone calls and emails have been received and answered, publicising of events, Parish property bookings, service rosters etc. Providing ongoing administrative support to the Staff team, and the many groups that exist within St Mary's is a great joy for me and I thoroughly enjoy the daily interactions that I am able to have with all of you through my role here at St Mary's. I am especially thankful for the friendship, laughter, prayer support, and advice that I receive from the Staff team- the bond that we share is quite special and God given, and I treasure it deeply!

Preparations for the Parish's 150th Celebrations were a highlight of late 2013, and my special thanks to Max Langshaw for taking all the photos for the 150th photo board. Of course everyone (except Cath herself) was in on the secret that the photos were really for Cath Fisher's farewell book, and I think you all for helping to keep the secret of the book! There were many long hours spent putting Cath's book together, and lots of secret conversing between Gavin and I to work out Cath's diary so I could sneak in after hours and on weekends when we knew Cath wouldn't be around to get the book finished, but the finished product was a beautiful collection of messages and photos from you all to her.

I'm very excited about where God is leading St Mary's, and what support I can offer to the Mission Action Teams as they develop pathways and next steps. I look forward to the challenges that the St Mary's 5 and 10 year Visions are going to be present, and to being part of the Staff team and Community that moves forward to share God's love with all in Sunbury and beyond.

Narelle Riley
Parish Administrator

PASTORAL CARE ANNUAL REPORT 2014

John 13:35 – By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. God's people are like family who are linked to one another through our common identity as children of God. We are also linked because we make promises to join in relationships of mutual care and support. Pastoral care is an embodiment of our being linked in common life as we reach out in the love of God to one another.

I would be remiss if I did not begin this report by expressing my gratitude to Rosemary and Paul Barling and Cath Fisher for their commitment and contribution to the pastoral care needs of the congregation over the last few years. Thank you!

As I have stepped into Pastoral Care Coordinator (PCC) role I have been blessed to observe the multitude of ways we care for each other in our multitudinous communities – all assisting us to fulfill our mission as a "Community: Loving God, Following Jesus, Sharing God's love with all."

In 2014 we transitioned from a centralised approach to an allocated small group, grass-roots model of Pastoral Care. Home and small groups are the predominant pastoral carers for their members. Pastoral oversight for those members of our community who do not participate in small groups is shared between the church leadership team and individuals own networks as appropriate.

This adjustment reflected the changing nature of our congregations and the variety of pastoral needs. In addition, adopting the small group centric model enabled us to acknowledge existing relationships, to foster those relationships and to more fully serve God as we reach out in service to one another.

As members of Gods family we each continue to offer our gift of care in our own unique ways: Home and hospital visiting, aged care weekly visits, friendship lunches and dinners, the provision of food and hospitality, mowing lawns, transport, care telephone networks, emails and cards, messages of condolence and celebration, prayer networks, caring conversations at weekly church services, beginning conversations with those we don't know well at morning coffees.... and the list goes on.....

I would ask that all members of St Mary's consider prayerfully how they can best show their love for one-another and their gift of care throughout the coming year. Please let myself or their small group leaders know if you would like to become more involved.

Thank you to all those that have contributed to meeting the pastoral needs of this growing, evolving and diverse body of Christ that is St Mary's

I look forward excitedly to 2015 as we explore together how we can continue to grow in service to God and each other.

Jill Gray

Pastoral Care Coordinator

WARDEN'S REPORT 2014

The Church wardens have responsibility for the oversight of the buildings and finances of the parish. The responsibilities and duties of the Wardens have been revised by the Parish Governance Act 2013 which came into effect on 1 July 2014. The Act replaces several pieces of church legislation and amending other canons going as far back as 1870. We would like to acknowledge the work that was done by Lesley McNerney in ensuring that the parish was compliant with this document

As a result of the Act, extra corporate activities such as OH&S and risk assessments of the buildings and professional standards have been required with the documentation of those assessments forwarded to the Diocese. This will be an ongoing process with the hazards and risks that are identified, being fixed.

Another change introduced by the Act is the requirement for a person who has held a position within the parish for 6 years to be given a period of 12 months free from all positions within the parish before they can be eligible for election. To facilitate this requirement Noel will be taking a break for the next parish year from all duties associated with the running of the parish. Noel was the longest serving Warden and by "rotating the strike" it will avoid the Church having several Wardens ineligible for election in the same year. Noel's commitment to the position of Warden and his willingness to take on the difficult task of preparing the budget and ensuring church business runs smoothly will be difficult to replace so we thank Noel for his service as a Churchwarden.

This year saw progress towards the St Mary's Vision of a new church building by 2024. Plans have been presented to the congregation with the major decision made, that the new building will be built on the land currently owned by St Marys. The projected budget is \$3 million. Any project of this magnitude is a step out in faith by the congregation. In answer to the individual and congregational prayers God answered those prayers with the bequest from the late Jack and Anne Telford. As a result of this request approval was sought from the Diocese to set up a Building Fund specifically for the construction of the new building. This was approved and St Mary's was commended for the detail of its proposal and the thorough completion of the required paperwork. The request and all interest generated by it will be placed into the approved Fund. To free up funding for the new building the remaining loan amount on the Vicarage was paid out from the Telford bequest. Further detail regarding the Telford bequest and donations to the approved fund will be provided in the Financial statements and Treasurers report.

Another milestone of the Vision was completed this year when the church was reconfigured. The Vision for 2019 is for the church to seat 150 comfortably. The current reconfiguration will allow for 130 to be seated comfortably which has been decided will be sufficient for the moment. The Reconfiguration group did provide plans for a seating arrangement that will accommodate 150 for when the congregation grows. The reconfiguration process provided for extensive consultation with all the St Mary's congregations and has been received positively. An order has been placed for 16 chairs to be placed in the side chapel and work is in progress to provide cushions for all the pews.

This year's budget has, as always, presented challenges to the Wardens and has resulted in a deficit budget for 2014. There has been a shortfall in the actual amount provided through collections to that budgeted. The Wardens can only encourage every parishioner to prayerfully consider their giving while acknowledging the significant amount that was received. The Wardens also acknowledge that the amount given was provided during a time of increasing cost of living expenses.

The Wardens would also like to acknowledge the significant work and assistance to the budget provided by the Community Store and all its volunteers. To assist the volunteers, additional workspace has been provided in the Church Hall on Mondays for the volunteers to sort donations that were provided over the weekend.

This year has been one of significant change with the introduction of the Parish Governance Act and the provision of the Telford request. The Wardens would like to acknowledge the work done by the office staff and volunteers who assist them in fulfilling their roles and duties as Wardens. The Wardens also would like to thank Gavin for his prayers and fellowship when we meet with him to discuss church matters.

We pray for God's continual blessing upon the Sunbury community and for the Vision and challenges that He has encouraged St Marys to meet.

In His Service

St Mary's Wardens

Noel Sprague, Mark Armstrong, Geoff Klouth, Max Langshaw (emeritus)

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Vestry adopted the new name of "Parish Council" in 2014, and met for 7 business meetings during the year.

Katherine Burn, Don Cottell & Steven Whittington, joined Parish Council following the AGM in November, and Annette Swaffield joined Parish Council, at the Vicar's invitation, in January.

Rod Smyrk and Peter Rovers did not restand for a position on Parish Council at the AGM.

At each business meeting, Parish Council received a report from the Vicar, Congregation planter, Wardens and Treasurer as well as the Discipleship and Ministry Training Coordinator. Parish Council also received minutes from Community Store meetings.

Major motions passed at Parish Council this year include:

November-

- Move that Geoffrey Klouth and Alan Phillips be added to those authorised to sign cheques and operate St Mary's accounts, as one of two signatories.
- Move that Lesley McInerney and Rod Smyrk's authority to sign cheques and operate St Mary's NAB and ADF accounts be revoked
- Move that Max Langshaw be appointed as Vestry secretary

February

- Move that \$4080.00 be allocated to pay for sponsorship of Tanya Cummings as a Ridley student at St Mary's for 2014.

April

- Move that Parish Council allocate its half yearly giving as follows:
Church Missionary Society for Thompson Support- \$4700.00
Ridley College \$1000.00
Bush Church Australia \$1000.00
Goonawarra Primary School (to support Ben Smith as Chaplain) \$200.00
Access Ministries \$500.00
- Move that the Community Store Funds of \$16000.00 be allocated as follows:-
\$10000.00 be paid off the Vicarage Loan
\$4080.00 be used to pay for Tanya Cummings Student Sponsorship for 2014 as approved by Parish Council at its meeting on 18/2/14.
\$690.00 be allocated for the purchase of 15 new "Together in Song" hymn Books for the church.

June

- Move that Parish Council proceed with presenting Option 2 of the Reconfiguration Report for Discussion with the Parish

August

- Move that 16 slim-line alloyfold chairs be purchased for the side chapel using excess community store funds
- Move that the half yearly giving be allocated as follows:-
Church Missionary Society for Thompson Support- \$2300.00
Ridley College \$1100.00
Bush Church Australia \$1000.00
Access Ministries \$1000.00
Prison Fellowship \$1000.00
Anglican Relief and Development Fund (for Iraq) \$1000.00
- Move that the furniture storage area in the car-port be Cat-proofed.
- Move a motion of Thanks to Kevin Swaffield for driving the bus to Go Camp and move that he is reimbursed for any expenses that he incurred.

September

- Move that Parish Council approves recommendation #1 in the Reconfiguration report presented to Parish council on 18/8/14, with a review to be conducted after Easter 2015.
- Move that nominations for election are received at least 5 days before the time fixed for the start of the Annual meeting, and before the time of the first service held on the Sunday immediately preceding the meeting.
- Move that the 2014/15 budget be recommended to the Annual Meeting

Max Langshaw- Parish Council Secretary

DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE 51ST SYNOD 2013 - REPORT

The President's Address.

The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Freier opened Synod by welcoming all in attendance and to "acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations, the traditional owners of this land, and respect their custodianship of this land upon which we meet....." Most of us accept that indigenous Australians see the land as culturally and spiritually significant. For the pervasive non-indigenous Australian culture, land is more often a commodity to be bought and sold or the source of mineral and agricultural prosperity. Christianity speaks of a very different understanding about land, one that we do well as Christians within our non-indigenous Australian culture to hear afresh." "Salvation history shows us how, at the salient points of creation, fall, incarnation and redemption, God affirms the significance of the created world and our place in it. Christian theology is relentless in its affirmation of God as the creator of all things."

"Land matters to us and to God, it is given as a primary source of blessing. We are called to live in it, to care for it and to share it with reconciled relationships."

Dr Freier also said that Christians "are called to be people of hope" and that "fostering a culture of hope" would be a key direction for the Diocese in the coming years.

This was the introduction to a three day meeting, which embraced differences, working systematically and optimistically for many challenging hours to execute the most precise wording for new Parish legislation.

Parish Governance Act 2013

This legislation replaces the 1987 Parishes Act and the 1950's Representation of the Laity Act and amends other canons dating back as far as 1878. This legislation came into operation July 1st 2014.

The final vote occurred Saturday afternoon, about 45 minutes before Synod adjourned for the year. Some of the most relevant issues for St Mary's:-

Parish vestry is now known as Parish Council

Retiring age of 72 for church wardens and parish council members is no longer applicable

Compulsory one year "sabbatical" after six years' membership of parish council

Eligibility for parish electoral roll includes attendance at public worship 12 times in the preceding 12 months and three times in the preceding three months

Opportunity for periodic parish reviews by external person appointed by Diocesan Registrar in consultation with archdeacon to assess "the health and potential for the church in the diocese," with report presented to special meeting of parish held within three months of completion

Clearer definitions of roles of vicar, parish council and churchwardens

Vicar, parish officer, treasurer or diocesan officer not liable for financial losses if acting "in good faith" unless shown there has been a wilful failure of obligation or duty to comply with legislation

Social Responsibilities Committee

Motions put forward carried include:-

Refugees:- That this Synod urge all members of the Federal Government to promote policies which ensure refugees are fully welcomed into Australian society

Prevention of Violence against Women:- to bring to the next Synod a proposal for the Prevention of Violence Against Women Project to be a diocesan programme for the next five years, 2015-2019.

Liquor Laws:- urges the State Government to review liquor laws, especially urges a review of 3.00am closing time.

Socialising children for gambling:- urges the Australian Government to ban advertising of gambling odds during sports broadcasts (this is but one of the four points included in the motion

Equal educational opportunities in Australia:- That this synod affirm the value of providing educational opportunities for all Australian children and asks the (SRC) to bring an interim report to 2014 Synod and a final report in 2015, on ways the Diocese can help support the promotion of this objective.

This short overview might sound very legalistic. Be assured that there had been a minimum of two years planning to prepare the Parish Governance Bill. Synod finished at 10.30pm each evening. Yet a number of lawyers spent many further hours before the next day session, ensuring the best outcome for the future of this Bill. God was very active in the lives of so many who were prepared to "stick their neck on the line" to produce such a comprehensive piece of legislation. We should be thankful that there are so many gifted people working on our behalf in the Diocese of Melbourne. Yes. God gives us a future, daring us to go into dreams and danger on a path unknown.....

By Bev Cottell & Gwen Hutcheson



COMMUNITY STORE ANNUAL REPORT

The shop has again been a busy place. We have had a number of new volunteers start this year, and seen four long serving staff members retire.

I would like to thank each and every person for their involvement in the smooth running of the shop, and for those who have volunteered their time to take additional shifts as occasions arise.

Free school uniforms are still being issued out at the beginning of January. A welcome relief for families in need.

Plenty of furniture has been donated throughout the year, and I would like to thank Max Langshaw for making our storage area in the vicarage "possum" and "pussy" proof.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Mark for his help in pick-ups and delivery of the furniture.

Our birthday lunch was held at the Olive Tree Hotel on the 28th July. Max Langshaw took a group photo of those present, we even managed to capture a snap of 2 clowns amongst our midst.

Christmas lunch will be on Monday 15th December, venue yet to be confirmed.

This year the shop will only close on the main days between Christmas and New year, these being Thursday 25th, Friday 26th, Saturday 27th of December 2014, and Thursday 1st January 2015.

The purchase of a new cash register this year put additional pressure on some staff and I would like to thank them for their patience and perseverance.

We now also have use of the hall on Mondays when the donations are such that the workroom in the shop is not adequate enough, thanks to Gavin for offering this suggestion.

Thank you all once again to all the volunteers who keep the Community Store looking great and running smoothly.

*J. Belcher, Coordinator,
St. Mary's Community
Store.*



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SERVICE LEADER'S MEETINGS – 8.30AM/WED AND 10.30AM

I continue to meet quarterly with the service and music leaders of our regular services. Both teams keep a watching brief with me over the shape and general feel of our worship services.

During this year we looked at the shape of our services. Ros Armstrong led a session specifically with the 10.30am service team as we explored together the shape of a service – using the prayer book services as a guide. We reminded ourselves at the 8.30am meeting of the specific elements and shape of the Prayer Book Services we use.

Feedback has been positive about the sermons (with a wide range of material covered including a look at Halloween, a series on God's character, What is the Church?, Leviticus during Lent, the Jerusalem Showdown (from Mark's Gospel), 2 Timothy, Apocalyptic Daniel and the Holy Spirit). One Question Sunday and some guests including Ken and Alison Thompson, Ben Smith and Kara Martin have also provided variety from the pulpit. The practical application from all sermons has been strongly endorsed and encouraged. We will continue to provide challenging and encouraging topics together with in-depth looks at various books of the Bible and will continue to provide studies to accompany at least two sermon series a year. If you have a suggestion for topics or a Book of the Bible to explore, please make your suggestion known to Kim, Ros or I.

Music continues to play a major role in our services and I thank those who use their gifts to enable us to sing God's praises when we meet.

A major issue discussed at both meetings was a contingency plan should someone become very seriously ill during a church service. The agreed protocol is:-

- Someone with a current endorsed First Aid Training to attend to the person and be in control of the situation;
- Service Leader to remain at the front of the church;
- Gavin or Kim (as clergy) to attend to the person also and seek advice from First Aider regarding ambulance attendance, evacuation of church etc;
- If evacuation – then clergy to advise Service Leader who then leads people to the hall for a cuppa, prayer, continuation of service there (as applicable)..

At the 10.30am Service Leader's meeting, the contingency for a disruptive person in the church was also discussed with the following agreed:-

- Warden or Parish Council member to sit with the person;
- If disruption continues then police are called and clergy advised;
- Evacuate church under Service Leader's lead (as per illness above).

The 10.30am meeting also discussed contingencies for a technical/power failure.

It was helpful to discuss what we would do in these circumstances.

Another common item discussed has been the comfort (or should I say increasing discomfort) of the pews and as I mentioned in my Vicar's report this is now been actioned.

We are always looking for people to lead our services, especially at 10.30am as some of our service leaders will be moving to the new evening congregation. Musicians and singers are also most welcome to join the existing teams. Please speak to me if you are interested.

I thank everyone who participates in our services or who prepares the church for our services. As we each serve we encourage one another and we honour God who has gifted us for his service. It's wonderful to serve with each of you.

Gavin Ward
Vicar

PRAYER

Greetings from the Intercessors Team! Our time together to pray - for your communicated needs, and those which the Holy Spirit lays on our hearts- is often a highlight in our week! There is something very special about being in the Presence of The Lord, united in Prayer and Purpose. It is very special, also, to receive fresh insights and inspiration from The Lord as we listen and pray.

Overall, frequent prayer takes place in the community of St Mary's: prayers of individuals~prayer in homegroups ~ prayer partners for Kid's Hope children and their mentors~prayer partners who organise between themselves times of prayer~a prayer chain~prayer available for those who seek it during Communion, or in the side chapel after the 10:30 service on non-communion days.

*The Intercessors group and Staff receive your prayer requests from the green communication cards early in the week for personal prayer. The Intercessors gather as a group to continue prayers for these requests later in the week.

*Everyone is welcome to come along to the weekly Wednesday 7:30 AM prayer meeting in Gavin's office. Please consider joining in this prayer time for St Mary's and our Community. Come when you are able and leave when you need to - it finishes at 8:30 AM. New people would be most welcome!

*Our monthly Parish Prayer meeting meets on the second Tuesday evening of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Watch the Sunday bulletin for reminders that it is coming up.

May The Lord bless and guide you in your prayers and praise for Him, day by day!

By Jenay Flint

DISCIPLESHIP

YOUTH UNITED

During the past year, Youth United met weekly during school terms. Attendance has generally been between fifteen and twenty five people including youth and leaders. Regular nights included games, activities, tea, discussions linked directly to the Bible or biblical concepts and prayer time. Discussion groups were divided into lower and upper secondary school so discussions could be tailored according to age and interests. Topics for discussion included the parables, the Beatitudes, life choices, tough questions, 'random and not so random acts of kindness', history of the Bible and object lessons linking Science and the Bible.

Many from Youth United continued to attend the monthly Youth and Young Adults service. After February's Youth and Young Adults 'Go' camp was again impacted by fires, we were very blessed when Shaun won the 'Choose your own adventure' camp provided by Light FM and CYC. As a result, in August, we headed off to Phillip Island for a fantastic weekend with great accommodation, wonderful food, fantastic activities and an inspiring worship service. Many thanks to Kevin for driving us to Phillip Island.

Other highlights during the year included our ever popular 'Girls and Guys' nights with 'the Big Bad wolf' making his first appearance, bowling, laser tag, dress up nights and our Dutch Auction for Chibobo. As always, many thanks to our leadership team and to St Marys and St Andrews for continuing to support this ministry.

Jenny Caddaye.



GOD'S GANG 2014

"Let the children come to Me and do not stop them because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

This year we said farewell to Clarissa from God's Gang after almost 20 years as a God's Gang teacher at St Mary's. Thanks again Clarissa for your enthusiasm and dedication to teaching the bible to the kids of our church.

In term 1 plans were made to have 3 groups for the children at the 10.30 service:

- Crèche for children aged 0-3 years, co-ordinated by Kate Beales
- God's Gang for children aged 4 years to the end of Grade 2, co-ordinated by Klara Hahne
- God's Gang for children in Grades 3-6, co-ordinated by Ros Klouth

A big thank you to all the teachers, parents, adult helpers and high school helpers who have been part of Kids' ministry during this year. We value your time and contribution and we trust you have found your time with the kids to be rewarding and a real blessing.

Crèche

Due to an increasing number of toddlers at church this year we have trialled a crèche to allow mums (and others) to concentrate better during the quieter parts of the service. This initially started off well with big numbers but a few have dropped off for various reasons over recent months so we are looking at alternatives such as keeping kids in the side chapel instead of in the parish house and / or having 3 year olds join back in with the younger Gods gang group. Please pray for wisdom on this matter.

Kate Beales

God's Gang

In Term 2 of this school year, St Mary's Anglican Sunday School began a teaching session specifically structured for children ages 4 to 8. The session is offered as part of the 10:30am congregation service, is run during school terms and is held in the parish house. This session is called 'God's Gang'.

The session has a teacher and helper present. There are currently three teachers rostered for the remainder of the year (Term 4) and a variety of helpers. Parents often stay and/or participate in the session.

The Sunday School sessions begin with a welcoming song and prayer before splitting into age groups. The 'God's Gang' lesson will then begin. Each lesson is based on a bible reference with a main message. For example:

- Bible reference.. Matthew 1:18-23 and Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-7
- Main Message.. Jesus, God's son is born.
- Lesson aim.. To tell the children about Jesus' birth and that he was a special baby-God's son.

We teach the lesson by explaining the bible reference telling a story or by using puppets or various articles as per lesson instruction.

We also refer to the Beginners Bible and choose a relevant story to read to the children.

We conclude the lesson with a prayer and then proceed with a relevant craft activity. Spare time in the lesson is often filled with an extra song, games or additional Beginners Bible reading.

On average the number of children present at each session is between 8-10.

Feedback from the children in the majority is positive. They are keen participants in all areas of the lesson.

Sam Dennett

BLAST

Our senior group has 9 kids who attend regularly. This group has had a name change, decided by the kids – BLAST – which stands for Bible Learning And Sharing Together. And we have a new teacher, Liane, who has joined with Esther and Ros. Thanks Liane.

Thanks also to our parent helpers : Emma, Joan, Tania, Laura and Tonia; our other adult helpers : Linden, Don and Lawrie and also to our high school helpers : Nathanael, Meg and Elma.

We have a band which has joined with the 10.30 music team on a couple of occasions. Our band name is COOL Kids – Christ Our Only Lord – once again, selected by the kids in this group.

At the beginning of term 2 we asked the children why they came to God's Gang and what they wanted to do. Here are some of their answers:

- To learn about God each and every week
- To hear stories about Jesus, why He is amazing in all His different ways
- To read the bible every week
- To catch up with our BLAST friends
- No more work sheets
- Decorations for our room in the Parish House
- Prayer and games
- Puppet theatre

We have a Question Box where the kids can ask any faith question and, once a term, we search the bible for the answers. We have made a video recording with a news reporter interviewing eye witnesses to the resurrected Jesus, we have grown broad beans as we learnt about the Parable of the Sower and we've sailed paper boats in the Village Green fountain.

Esther, Liane and I would like to thank the BLAST kids for being such a great group to spend Sunday morning with and we love learning about our awesome, amazing, loving God with you.

Ros Klouth

MU AUSTRALIA

I would like to present the Annual Report of St Mary's Mothers' Union for the year 2013-14. At our AGM in October, 2013 the following members were elected Office Bearers for the following year:

President: Susanne Baxter-Smith
Vice Pres Bev Cottell
Secretary Lil Kelly
Treasurer Jan Kotic

We have 17 Financial Members, averaging 8 per meeting.

Some of the highlights from our year are as follows:

5 members attended Lady Day at St Paul's Cathedral, a beautiful service with dozens of banners on parade, it is wonderful to see the Cathedral full with MU members.

During the year we had three guest speakers, Robyn Langford, a missionary school teacher, June Robertson the Curate at St Lukes, Taylors Lakes and Gill Garth speaking on her recent trip to Chibobo. All were most interesting.

This year MU has had a change in organization, we now have 3 regions in place of the many Deaneries. Our region stretches to Coburg, Rosanna, Geelong, Altona and all points in between- a very large area.

A wonderful day of reflection was held at ST Luke's Taylors Lakes, with the Rev. Jeanie Woollard leading us again. We were joined by members of the Northern/Western Region and the day ended with a beautiful Eucharist service.

Once again we shared our Wave of Prayer service with the 10am Wednesday service. It is wonderful to have others praying with us.

MU has continued to play a role in the baptisms performed at St Mary's and I would like to thank Peggy Jones for her help to me in attending and presenting candle. Thanks also to Merle Jenner for the upkeep of the Baptismal and Marriage Rolls and sending out Anniversary cards.

I would like to thank the members from St Mary's who donated craft goods for us to sell on our trading table, it has made a great difference to our profits. This year we have raised a total of \$1380.85 which will be used for Australian Northern Outreach and many overseas projects.

I would like to thank the Rev Gavin Ward for this enthusiastic support of MU at St Mary's. Special thanks go to Lil Kelly who has been a wonderful secretary for many years. I will certainly miss your guiding hand. Thank You to Jan as treasurer and Bev as Vice President and thank you to all who had special roles. I would like to especially thank all members for their support during my difficult year.

Susanne Baxter-Smith
President

OUTREACH

2014 AGM REPORT ~ CHIBOBO

St. Mary's continues to be a wonderful support to our work in Chibobo, both through many individuals and as a whole. A major fund raising event was the High Tea held in May. We are all looking forward to the next one! Thank you to everyone who 'does their bit', whether it be through the sales of plants, jams, fruit cakes, helping at Sunbury Festival or through a myriad of other ways. God's great provision never fails to amaze. Over the past few years we have sold over 1500 bars of Mrs Brown's Stain Removing Soap, and this continues to fund support for orphans in the community.

This year a major focus of our work at Chibobo has been the construction of the High School. Phil Stacy & Kevin Swaffield were part of a team of 10 guys who travelled to Chibobo in March to help construct the framework for the buildings, although their contributions to the community went far beyond the construction work. The High School continues to progress, and I'd love to say that it will be open in 2015. However, this will depend on the availability of funds and God's timing.

In June & July our St. Mary's & Friends Mission team also travelled to Chibobo. A major focus was the 4 day Koala Club retreat, led by Gill, Annette & Alison. Over 80 women from Chibobo and the surrounding communities learnt, laughed and prayed together, and I suspect that this will be the 1st of many such ventures. One outcome of the retreat and our visit was the establishment of a training centre so that the Koala Club has a base, but also as a focus for training the youth of the community. The mission trip also saw Ken Garth & Kevin Swaffield replumbing the orphanage compound, whilst many meetings were held to review our current work, to meet with local leaders and to look to the future.

Once again, thank you for all that you do to support Chibobo. Please never underestimate the impact that our work is having on the lives of the Chibobo community, and also on our own faith journeys. Lesa Amipale (God bless)

Mike Lampard

*(Right)-
The team that
travelled to
Chibobo in
March to build
the High School*



CHIBOBO 2014 MISSION TRIP REPORT

1 Introduction

This Mission Trip was the fourth conducted by a St Mary's team, following successful trips in 2008, 2010 and 2012.

The team members this time were:- Mike Lampard, Annette and Kevin Swaffield, Ken and Gill Garth, Tom Riley, Steve Walkington (Eaglehawk Uniting Church), Dan and Alison Watson (Melton Catholic Parish) and Gavin Ward.

We left Australia on Tuesday 24 June and we travelled directly to Chibobo, with the usual 2 nights in Lusaka obtaining supplies. Our time in Chibobo itself was Friday 27 June to Monday 7 July. We then hosted Staivous for our safari trip to Sth Luangwa National Park and then to Livingstone. Half the team then returned to Australia arriving home on Sunday 13 July while others took some leave and travelled around southern Africa.

2 Key Activities

The team was involved in:-

- Leading a four day retreat for over 85 local women in sewing and tailoring skills;
- Extended a further 4 days for individual training for Chibobo Koala Club members extending their skills and helping them make items for sale;
- Connecting water from the well to the Guest House and to the Orphanage;
- Improving a number of electrical points and circuits;
- Improving security around the orphanage by installing doors and reinforcing window frames;
- Conducting a Leadership Review of Staivous Mulumba (Director);
- Conducting a 5 Year Planning exercise for Help Ministries Projects, including building needs;
- Reviewing the High School Construction Project;
- Discussing and reviewing the Secondary School Student Sponsorship Program (including addressing an immediate issue with a current student) and beginning discussions about possible tertiary sponsorship;
- Discussing the "Opportunity 2 Do" orphan sponsorship Program;
- Reviewing the accounts and accounting systems for the High Scholl Project and Adra Khafi aid programme and make suggestion regarding the Chibobo Accounting system;
- Photographing all current orphans for our records and updating computer records with names of the orphans for a poster for sponsors;
- Cleaning out the library to enable the opening of a Community Training Centre;
- Purchasing and presenting balls and whistles to the newly formed Chibobo Sports Association. We were also guests at 2 games;
- Participating as spectators for the annual Chibobo Orphanage vs Serenje Orphanage Sports day;
- Visits to the Chibobo Primary School and Health Clinic to speak with key people, observe how the facilities were operating and to discern current & future needs;
- Team attended a presentation by the HMP Director about the current activities of HMP, giving us a better understanding of the scope of the work, aims & objectives and the challenges;
- Assisting Serenje Orphanage and "Children's First" by accompanying Dorcas back to Melbourne;
- Attending various church services and encouraging those who attended by giving testimonies and preaching and praying there;

- Playing with the orphans;
- Chatting, praying with and encouraging the carers and other key people at Help Ministries Projects;
- Meeting with the Director of World Vision in Zambia to discuss potential collaborative work with World Vision and Help Ministries Projects and
- Attending a Memorial Service for Vicki Ward.

3 Outcomes

In addition to completing the activities listed above, the following were key outcomes:-

- Continued building and deepening of relationships with key leaders of Help Ministries Projects;
- Continued building of relationships with the orphans, carers, key people in the local community, including local churches;
- Exposure to Chibobo for others (including another church);
- Encouragement for members of St Mary's as they see God's hand at work through their generosity;
- Value of taking Staivous on safari with the team and exposing him to our team review and having him available to answer specific questions;
- Maintaining St Mary's active involvement in mission (in this case overseas mission);

4 Finances

Kevin Swaffield was the trip Treasurer and he has provided Flora Whittington with a summary of expenditure, including Mission Trip Funds and Project Funds we took with us. Remaining monies have been returned to the Parish for use in future Mission Trip and Chibobo Activities. (A copy of the Trip Finances Summary is attached)

5 Personal Reflections

The 10 days in Chibobo were personally very emotionally draining for me as I dealt with returning to a place where Vicki and I had ministered, as well as speaking some hard (but necessary) words into the life of Staivous and my sponsored child. There was also some tension between Staivous and the team which I played a role in mediating.

I was very pleased to be able to take some leave following the Mission Trip to unwind and I think this will be a necessary part of any future visits to Chibobo I make.

It was great to see the team work so well together and bring a variety of skills to Chibobo. The team supported one another in very powerful ways.

I have committed to returning to Chibobo in August 2015 to conduct a week of Bible Teaching and Leadership Training. I may stay on to undertake some other tasks and then take some more annual leave following my visit next year.

I thank Parish Council for allowing me the privilege of being part of this Mission Team this year.

Rev Gavin Ward
Vicar



2014 Chibobo Mission Team

MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY – AGED CARE VISITS

“Brother, Sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you . . .”

A small, faithful team from St Mary’s visits, on a regular basis, three of the local Sunbury Aged Care facilities. We seek to share something of God’s great love and forgiveness with numbers of the elderly members of our community. Our visits include Riddell Gardens Hostel, Lions Hostel and, together with the wider congregation, Goonawarra Nursing Home.

Many of the folks we see have been servants of God for many years, have been faithful throughout their lives, and are now nearing “meeting their maker” as their time approaches.

By leading a short service, singing together, praying together and sharing a brief chat about something of common interest, always proffering a word of encouragement and hope, the team makes the time we visit each Centre monthly a very positive one: hopefully a memorable and meaningful time for the folks we see. Whenever one of our clergy/ministers (usually our Vicar, much loved by all) is able to come and offer Communion in a very personal way, it is a very special time.

A recent expansion to this ministry has been to add to our visits the High Care unit at Riddell Gardens Hostel. This was largely due to our talented Vicar visiting that unit one month, and apparently offering a couple of songs, which have never been forgotten (probably for various reasons!!). ANYWAY . . . each month, following our usual service together, we head off to the Mezzanine Floor and have a sing-along with the oldies there in High Care. They usually have to stop their Snakes and Ladders game while we regale them with various well-known musical (sort of) numbers: Jesus Loves Me, Wide Wide as the Ocean, etc. that many can sing from memory. A nice time!

At times this ministry can be a little confronting, but it’s our privilege to be given opportunity to serve our Lord in a way that we believe is pleasing to Him.

Special thanks to all members of the team. We will always welcome additions to our team, by people drawn to this area of ministry, and committed to sharing reminders of God’s love to the elderly.

And we thank God for the opportunity we have to openly minister to these wonderful people. Oh, and we thank Him for the fun we have doing so. Yes, there is usually much to smile about, to ponder, and for which to thank our wonderful God.

*Robin Philbrick
Co-ordinator (sort of!)*

KIDS HOPE

Kids Hope is now in its fifth year of partnership with Sunbury West Primary School, and the partnership continues to grow. When we began the Kids Hope program we hoped to be able to build a strong relationship with the school, not just through the mentoring of students, but in other ways too, and we are now starting to see this relationship bear fruit. This year we had the opportunity to take part in a working bee- mowing grass, cleaning up rubbish, gardening, spreading mulch etc at the school, and several of our men painted the school gym. I extend my thanks to the men of St Mary's who were willing to undertake these tasks! Our Community Store also fund the CRE program at Sunbury West which is another extension of our relationship with the school.

We finished 2013 with a great celebration with the students where we made tiny teddy candy cane sleighs. Everyone had loads of fun making these- even our mentors who protest their inability to complete even the simplest of craft projects (mostly those with a "Y" chromosome!) We presented each of the students with a Certificate and a Vege Tales DVD, and enjoyed some games and party food!

In 2014 all of the students returned, and we had two new children commence in the Kids Hope program, This gave Marj Stacy the opportunity to commence mentoring, after having spent time as a fill-in mentor. Peter Jones made the difficult decision not to continue as a mentor this year and I thank him for being one of our foundation mentors. (I'll never forget introducing Peter to his mentor student at their very first session and asking his student if he would be able to draw a picture of Peter for me. His student giggled hysterically and said "no.... I don't have a white pencil to draw his beard!). Alan Phillips has been able to take over the mentoring of Peter's student.

Given that most of our mentors and students are well established in the mentoring system, its been a very settled year, and there has been a real sense of peace and calm around the program. I do not currently have a student assigned to me, and I miss the regular contact with the school. I have had the opportunity to fill in on an occasion and loved being back in the fold and spending time back at Sunbury West. I keep in regular contact via email with the principal at Sunbury West and have had a coffee meeting with her.

Elsa, Alan, Annette and I attended the Kids Hope 10 year Anniversary celebration service in August, which was an uplifting evening to attend, with Tim Costello as the guest speaker.

The February TMA featured an article on "Kids Hope", with a photo and interview with Sunbury mentors- a copy of the article is on the board in the hall.



Kids Hope Australia have undergone a major change this year, becoming their own independent not-for-profit organization. From October 1st the KIDS HOPE AUS company are managing all their own operations, but will continue to have a partnership with World Vision Australia. This makes very little difference to us or our program, but is an exciting step forward for Kids Hope.

Narelle Riley- Kids Hope Coordinator

ST MARY'S FACE PAINTING TEAM REPORT

St Mary's face painting team developed nine years ago, this unique and creative way of reaching out to the local Sunbury community continues to be a real blessing.

St Mary's face painting team and Playgroup together, had a presence at the Sunbury Community Festival in March this year. St. Mary's face painters also had a presence at the 2013 Christmas on the Green activities, which is a lead up to the Sunbury Community Carols by Candlelight, it is hopeful to have a presence at the 2014 Christmas on the Green activities. I pray the Lord will continue to uphold the team, guide and provide opportunities of witness in 2015.

Tonia Langdon

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY (CMS) REPORT

This year the donations from CMS tins have totalled \$976.85. It would be a great help if more people would take a tin, It doesn't matter whether it is a small or large amount. Every small contribution helps. If you would like to have a tin please see Peter Jones.

I will be stepping down from this role in 2015 but would be happy to support the new person who takes over as they learn the role, which involves collecting the tins several times a year, counting the money, passing it on to the office for banking, and returning the tins to parishioners. If you are able to take on this role please speak to myself or Narelle.

Thank you for your help.

Peter Jones



STITCH AND SEW REPORT - 2014.

Once again Stitch and Sew has met regularly on a Tuesday afternoon with a regular attendance of between 10 and 15 people. We have enjoyed one another company over a cup of tea and cake and worked on various projects.

One of our main achievements this year was finishing "The Women of the Bible" quilt which now hangs in the hall. Each block depicts a different woman in the Bible and we found it most interesting to learn about these characters. We hope you all enjoy the quilt.

We have had our usual social outings and visited Bendigo Art Centre to view "Undressed" - a history of underwear throughout the ages. It was very interesting but a little confronting when we viewed what we used to wear as young ladies! Another outing was to Morning Melodies at The Clock Tower in Moonie Ponds and another Christmas outing has been planned for 16th December, which we are all looking forward to.

All crafters in Sunbury have been requested to knit or crochet poppies for the WW 1 centenary next year. The aim is to pin a poppy on the photo of past soldiers and to decorate the war memorial in Sunbury on Anzac Day with 100s of poppies. Next year will be the first year that a dawn service will be held at the memorial. So far we have over 50 poppies knitted and crocheted but many more are required so if you would like to help please see me for a pattern.

We always welcome anyone to join us on a Tuesday between 1.30pm and 3pm, whether you can sew or not there is a friendly face and a cuppa waiting for you. Please feel free to come along.

Gill Garth.

SINGLES AND FRIENDS

This year we started the year with a BBQ at the Parish House in February. The rain came and tried to interrupt us to no avail. We still had a load of fun. Again we have had lovely dinners in people's homes and also in the parish house.

We also went out to dinner a few times and once again supported The Mount Players at Macedon. Our Christmas meeting will be this month and we will be going out to dinner. Attendances have been down sometimes because of illness and busy lives.

I would like to thank Peter Wolfenden and Jenny Wardrop for having us at their place. Thanks also to the people who have provided beautiful food. We have welcomed some new people and hope they continue to join us. If anyone has some ideas on what to do next year, please talk to me over the break.

Thank You once again.

Marg Flanigan

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP LUNCH REPORT

Lunches are usually held the 4th Friday most months, commencing at the new time of 12.30pm. Dates are in the pew sheets and in fliers in the Community Store.

Money raised by donations are used for the next lunch and the running of the hall. Friday Friendship lunches are still proving to be very popular.

Come along and have a great meal, great time and meet people not just from St. Mary's but friends.

Thanks to all the people who have helped out, as it can't be done by just one person. It is very much appreciated.

Kristine Green

SUNBURY LAY ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE INC

Firstly let me express our appreciation to Irene Curtis for her dedicated and exemplary work as Secretary of the LEC for many years. I also wish to thank her for her continued support as I endeavour to take on that role.

In November 2013 most of the executive of the LEC retired leaving very large gaps to be filled if the LEC were to continue. Fortunately for the work of the combined Christian churches in Sunbury we were able to find people willing to take on this task. The new Office bearers are:

- President – Rev Rocky Quinliven
- Vice President- Wendy Caramaco
- Treasurer- Mary Kloss
- Secretary- Gwen Hutcheson

The LEC has been pleased to be involved in the following combined activities so far in 2014.

- World Day of Prayer held in March and hosted by the Salvation Army
- Good Friday Combined service held at the Memorial Hall
- Service for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity hosted by St Mary's and held in June.

Plans are well under way for the 2014 Christmas on The Green festival to be held on Saturday December 13. This traditional Family event which brings the people of Sunbury together to celebrate the Christian message of Christmas is our major task in terms of manpower and finances. In fact some of the logistics can be quite daunting and we are always pleased to receive support for this event in whatever form people are able to provide.

Gwen Hutcheson
Administrative Officer- Sunbury LEC Inc

FINANCIAL REPORTS

NOTES TO ACCOMPANY ACCOUNTS

(as per required at Schedule 3 in Parish Governance Act 2013)

- (a) The Churchwardens have adopted cash accounting as the basis for financial reporting. There were no estimation techniques adopted which are material to the presentation of the accounts
- (b) There has been no material change of accounting policies from the last financial year.
- (c) The Parish generates its income primarily from collections, offerings, donations and the operations of St Mary's Community Store. In 2013-14, the Parish received a bequest of \$830,000. This bequest explains the material increase in income received for this financial year. The Parish immediately used this fund to pay off the vicarage loan and invested the remaining balance of \$783,621 in an ADF Term Deposit with 3.5% interest and a 12 month period of maturity. This Term Deposit had been set aside to be used for the future re-development of the Church Building and it was filed as part of the Archbishop Council approved Building fund.
- (d) In addition to salaries and stipends, no any payments to related parties were reimbursements for expenses incurred on the Parish's behalf.
- (e) All incoming receipts are of an operating nature and do not represent capital.
- (f) The Parish hold two restricted funds :
 - a. ADF Maintenance Reserve Fund – the reserve fund for the Parish relating to maintenance and repair to the Church. No fund can be drawn out without the approval of the Diocese upon the receipt of our application. The Parish Council will set an amount each year to be put into this account. No funds have been withdrawn from this account since it was set up.
 - b. ADF Approved Building Term Deposit a/c - This is a 12 month term deposit account which had been used as a reserve account for St Mary's future development of the Church building. No funds are allowed to be withdrawn before the maturity date and without the approval of the Diocese upon the receipt of our application. No funds have been withdrawn from this account since it was set up in July 2014. The Parish operates the St Mary's Community Store. In addition the Parish's Planter operates a combined youth service with At Andrews Uniting Church, where it was agreed that the Uniting Church provide a grant to St Mary's in return for the services contributed on their behalf.
- (g) The Parish does not have any contingent liabilities.
- (h) No loans were outstanding at the date of the financial statements.
- (i) No funds of the Parish were materially in deficit at the date of the financial statements.
- (j) No ex gratia payments were made by the Parish during the financial year.
- (k) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles through Australian accounting standards

Flora Whittington
Accounts Officer

St Mary's Anglican Church - 2014/15 Budget

		Budget 2013/14	Actual 2013/14	Budget 2014/15
Income				
Collections	Open&Envelope	\$ 194,600	\$ 173,712	\$ 195,000
Collections	Youth and Young Adults Service	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,367	\$ 2,500
Donations - General		\$ 2,000	\$ 1,495	\$ 2,000
Weddings& Funerals		\$ 8,000	\$ 8,685	\$ 8,000
Community Store		\$ 118,000	\$ 134,947	\$ 130,000
Fundraising		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,669	\$ 2,000
Interest		\$ 1,500	\$ 2,817	\$ 1,500
Hall hire		\$ 10,000	\$ 21,165	\$ 18,000
Kids Hope		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Diocesan grant		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Uniting Church grant	General	\$ 12,600	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,600
Bequest		\$ -	\$ 830,000	\$ -
Total Income (A)		\$ 356,200	\$ 1,195,357	\$ 371,600
Expenditure				
Staffing Cost				
Vicar (Gavin)	Stipend/super	\$ 70,757	\$ 71,844	\$ 72,880
	Vehicle	\$ 9,927	\$ 9,963	\$ 10,225
Congregation planter	Stipend/super	\$ 44,731	\$ 45,579	\$ 46,073
	Vehicle	\$ 7,659	\$ 7,509	\$ 7,889
	Housing Allowance	\$ 13,481	\$ 13,788	\$ 13,885
Assistant minister (Ernest)		\$ 1,968	\$ 1,440	\$ -
Locum		\$ 2,830	\$ -	\$ 2,915
Training Coordinator	Salary/allowances	\$ 7,547	\$ 7,762	\$ 7,773
	Superannuation	\$ 698	\$ 479	\$ 719
Administrator	Salary	\$ 26,532	\$ 26,556	\$ 29,981
	Superannuation	\$ 2,454	\$ 1,639	\$ 2,848
Accounts Officer	Salary	\$ 8,894	\$ 8,196	\$ 10,050
	Superannuation	\$ 823	\$ 506	\$ 955
Relief Staff		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Workcover		\$ 142	\$ 895	\$ 147
Total staffing costs		\$ 198,444	\$ 196,156	\$ 207,340
Ministry Costs				
Staff/Vestry/Leadership	Vicar's hospitality/assistance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,007	\$ 1,500
	Furniture/equipment	\$ 841	\$ 19	\$ 866
	Conferences/PD/	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,201	\$ 2,000
	NCLS survey	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
	Leadership training	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 500
	Office running costs/ software upgrade	\$ 3,775	\$ 5,020	\$ 5,000
	Telephone	\$ 4,053	\$ 3,137	\$ 4,174
	Music licence	\$ 800	\$ 525	\$ 800
	Wine/wafers/envelopes/nametags/magnets	\$ 1,225	\$ 225	\$ 1,400
	Baptisms/confirmations	\$ 423	\$ -	\$ 435
Discipleship	Ministry resources & Books + Training	\$ 306	\$ 726	\$ 750
	God's Gang	\$ 600	\$ 401	\$ 618
	Youth ministry	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 515
	Police checks	\$ 100	\$ 144	\$ 125
Fellowship	Hospitality after services	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,484	\$ 2,575
Outreach	Youth & Young Adults Community	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,037	\$ 1,030
	Families and Childrens Ministry	\$ 2,200	\$ 821	\$ 2,266
Children Ministry	Playgroup	\$ -	\$ 246	\$ 500
	Kid's Hope costs	\$ 1,200	\$ 735	\$ 1,236
Ecumenical	Good Friday service	\$ 750	\$ 725	\$ 750
	Christmas carols	\$ 750	\$ 725	\$ 750
	Other ecumenical events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pastoral Care Team	Special hospitality	\$ 750	\$ 284	\$ 773
Weddings & funerals	Catering costs & organists	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,575	\$ 2,060
Parish Anniversary	Parish anniversary	\$ 600	\$ 1,155	\$ 600
Total ministry costs		\$ 27,772	\$ 22,192	\$ 31,723

St Mary's Anglican Church - 2014/15 Budget

		Budget 2013/14	Actual 2013/14	Budget 2014/15
Property related costs				
Insurance	Buildings	\$ 5,953	\$ 5,910	\$ 6,132
Church building	Maintenance/repairs	\$ 1,359	\$ 240	\$ 1,399
	Utilities	\$ 1,998	\$ 2,866	\$ 2,098
Vicarage	Maintenance/repairs	\$ 2,835	\$ 280	\$ 2,917
	Utilities	\$ 3,787	\$ 3,024	\$ 3,897
Congregation Planter	Utilities	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,671	\$ 2,032
Parish house	Maintenance/repairs	\$ 838	\$ 580	\$ 863
	Utilities	\$ 1,142	\$ 1,319	\$ 1,199
Parish Centre	Maintenance/repairs	\$ 271	\$ 1,533	\$ 500
	Utilities & other costs	\$ 5,136	\$ 5,035	\$ 5,393
Contract cleaner		\$ 4,160	\$ 4,895	\$ 4,245
Total property related costs		\$ 29,415	\$ 27,353	\$ 30,674
Mission/welfare				
Mission giving - vestry(8%)	CMS, Ridley, Access etc	\$ 14,800	\$ 14,800	\$ 15,000
Community Store Mission giving		\$ 35,700	\$ 34,256	\$ 38,000
Total mission/welfare		\$ 50,500	\$ 49,056	\$ 53,000
Other costs				
Community Store	Running costs & staff welfare	\$ 14,410	\$ 13,060	\$ 16,000
Insurance-other		\$ 480	\$ -	\$ 480
Parochial Assessment		\$ 28,500	\$ 29,238	\$ 30,000
Media costs		\$ 1,000	\$ 957	\$ 1,000
Fundraising costs		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other costs	Auditing + other payments+ insurance claim, Misc. repairs	\$ 1,200	\$ 300	\$ 1,236
Ridley Student sponsorship		\$ -	\$ 3,397	\$ 4,800
Total other costs		\$ 45,590	\$ 46,952	\$ 53,516
Asset Purchases				
PA upgarde Radio Mics			\$ -	\$ 2,400
Projector / screen			\$ -	\$ 2,300
Total Asset purchases		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,700
Total Expenditure (B)		\$ 351,721	\$ 341,709	\$ 380,954
Income minus Expenditure (A) - (B)				
		\$ 4,479	\$ 853,648	-\$ 9,354
Planned Reserve Funds				
Leave fund non clergy		\$ 2,979	\$ 2,979	\$ 3,068
Maintenance Reserve		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,030
Asset Replacement Fund		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,575
Community Store Investment Account		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Total Planned Reserve Funds		\$ 16,479	\$ 16,479	\$ 16,673
Surplus/Deficit		-\$ 12,001	\$ 837,169	-\$ 26,027
Building Funds:				
<u>Vicarage Loan - 8 Jardine Cres (Fully repaid on 17/7/14)</u>				
Income				
Community Store		\$ 12,000	\$ 18,000	\$ -
Donations - Buildings		\$ 30,000	\$ 22,998	\$ -
Expenditure				
Vicarage Mortgage Loan	Repayments	\$ 27,200	\$ 85,610	\$ -
	Interest	\$ 4,800	\$ 2,892	\$ -
2015 Mission Building Fund				
Income				
Bequest		\$ -	\$ 783,621	\$ -
Community Store		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
Donations - Buildings		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000
Interest	Interest received	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Expenditure				
Building Progress		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Profit & Loss Statement**October 2013 through September 2014**

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4-0000	Income		
4-1000	Collections		
4-1004	Youth & Young Adults Offetory	\$2,367	
4-1005	Open Plate Collections/Baptism	\$171,312	
4-1006	Donations Non-specific	\$1,495	
4-1010	Envelope Giving for Parish	\$2,400	
	Total Collections		\$177,574
4-1020	Weddings/Funerals		
4-1021	Weddings	\$2,795	
4-1022	Wedding and Funeral Teas	\$1,685	
4-1023	Funerals	\$925	
4-1024	Wed/Funeral ADF24859 BuilFund	\$2,930	
4-1025	Weddings/Funerals Asst. Clergy	\$350	
	Total Weddings/Funerals		\$8,685
4-2000	General Donations		
4-2003	Donations to Careworks	\$795	
4-2007	Chaplaincy Offerings	\$828	
4-2009	Chibobo Orphanage	\$11,394	
4-2011	Chibobo Special Purpose	\$429	
4-2013	Chibobo Buildings	\$15,647	
4-2015	Specific Fundraised	\$2,738	
4-2016	Donation for Playgroup	\$743	
4-3002	Donations - Building Envelopes	\$17,083	
	Total General Donations		\$49,657
4-5000	Trading/Fundraising Activities		
4-5001	Community Store	\$134,947	
4-5002	Book sales	\$475	
4-5003	Event Tickets	\$1,000	
4-5010	Other Fund Raisers	\$200	
4-5011	CMS Tins	\$977	
4-5012	Funds raised for Vicarage	\$5,915	
4-5013	Card Sales/Name Tags	\$17	
	Total Trading/Fundraising Activities		\$143,531
4-7000	Income B/Interest endowments		\$2,817
4-9000	Income Parish Property-Nett		\$21,165
4-9100	Grants		
4-9101	Grants - Ministry	\$5,000	
4-9202	Grants - Uniting Church	\$12,500	
	Total Grants		\$17,500
4-9300	Bequest		\$830,000
	Total Income		\$1,250,929
6-0000	Expenses		
6-1100	Assistant Ministers		
6-1101	Salary Ernest Horth	\$1,440	
	Total Assistant Ministers		\$1,440
6-1700	Vicar's Stipend & Allowances		
6-1710	Vehicle Replacement Fund Vicar	\$4,560	
6-1716	Vicar's Long Service Leave	\$1,253	
6-1720	Superannuation-Vicar	\$9,166	
6-1724	Benefit Account GW	\$24,807	
6-1725	Salary SacrificeSuperannuVicar	\$4,976	
6-1726	Stipend Insurance Sal.Sac.GW	\$788	
6-1730	Wages, Salaries & Stipends GW	\$30,316	
6-1733	Hospitality Allowance	\$1,007	
6-1734	Sickness & Accident Vicar	\$540	
6-1735	MV Running Cost Vicar	\$3,855	

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6-1736	MV Standing Cost - GW	\$1,548	
	Total Vicar's Stipend & Allowances		\$82,814
6-1740	Curate's Stipend & Allowance		
6-1770	Curate Vehicle Replacement Fund	\$3,840	
6-1771	Curate's Long Service Leave	\$1,253	
6-1772	Superannuation Curate	\$2,052	
6-1773	Sal. Sac. Superannuation Curate	\$4,105	
6-1774	Curate Stipend Ins Salary Sac	\$560	
6-1775	Curate Sickness & Accident	\$540	
6-1776	Wages, Salaries & Stipend Curate	\$18,749	
6-1777	Curate's Benefit Account	\$18,320	
6-1778	Housing Allowance - Curate	\$13,788	
6-1779	Motor Veh Running Costs Curate	\$2,499	
6-1780	MV Standing Cost - Curate	\$1,170	
	Total Curate's Stipend & Allowance		\$66,876
6-1800	Administrator's Salary		
6-1801	Superannuation-Administrator	\$1,639	
6-1802	Administrator Salaries	\$26,556	
	Total Administrator's Salary		\$28,195
6-1940	Work Cover		\$895
6-2000	Lay Family Minister		
6-2001	Wages Lay Minister	\$617	
6-2002	Superannuation Lay Minister	\$57	
	Total Lay Family Minister		\$674
6-2100	Accounts Officer		
6-2101	Salary - A/Cs Officer	\$8,196	
6-2102	Superannuation - A/Cs Officer	\$506	
	Total Accounts Officer		\$8,702
6-2200	Training Coordinator		
6-2201	Salary - Training Coordinator	\$7,145	
6-2202	Super. - Training Coordinator	\$422	
	Total Training Coordinator		\$7,567
6-2300	Insurance		
6-2301	Insurance - Property	\$5,910	
	Total Insurance		\$5,910
6-2400	Church Expenses		
6-2401	Wine, Wafers, Envelopes, Badges	\$225	
6-2403	Conferences	\$1,201	
6-2404	Books & Training	\$726	
6-2405	Media Costs	\$957	
6-2406	Piano/Organ/Music/CCLI	\$525	
6-2407	Office Expenses-Stationery	\$5,020	
6-2408	Sunday School Expenses	\$401	
6-2411	Playgroup Expenses	\$246	
6-2415	Ecumenical Services	\$1,450	
6-2416	Hospitality	\$2,484	
6-2421	Cleaner's Fees	\$4,895	
6-2422	Spec. Hosp/Past. Care/Flowers	\$284	
6-2423	Funeral & Wedding Costs/Organ	\$1,575	
6-2424	Kids Hope	\$735	
6-2426	Telephone -Church Office	\$3,137	
6-2472	Comm. Store- Expenses	\$13,060	
6-2476	Equipment	\$19	
6-2480	Police Checks	\$144	
6-2481	Anniversary celebrations	\$1,155	
6-2484	Youth and Young Adults	\$1,037	
6-2485	Family Outreach	\$821	
6-2486	Excess Community Store Funds	\$3,878	
	Total Church Expenses		\$43,975

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6-2500	Property Related Expense		
6-2501	Repair/Maint - Misc.	\$300	
6-2510	Church Building		
6-2511	Utilities- Church	\$2,866	
6-2512	Repairs to Church	\$240	
6-2514	Incumbent/P.I.C Residence		
6-2515	Utilities- Vicarage	\$3,024	
6-2516	Repairs to Vicarage	\$280	
6-2517	Utilities Curate	\$1,671	
6-2520	Parish Centre		
6-2521	Repairs -Other Properties	\$1,533	
6-2522	Hume Rates	\$681	
6-2523	Utilities & Other Expenses	\$4,354	
6-2530	Parish House		
6-2531	Maintenance \$ Repairs	\$580	
6-2532	Utilities - Parish House	\$1,319	
	Total Property Related Expense		\$16,847
6-3101	Parochial Assessment		\$29,238
6-3201	Community Store Giving		\$34,256
6-3203	Donations - specific purpose		\$2,601
6-3204	Parish Coucil Giving		\$14,800
6-3207	CMS Tins		\$977
6-3208	Chibobo Mission		\$27,155
6-3209	Fundraising		\$1,084
6-3302	Interest Expense		\$2,892
	Total Expenses		<u>\$376,897</u>
	Operating Profit		<u>\$874,032</u>
8-0000	Other Income		
8-1022	Solar Power Income	\$406	
	Total Other Income		<u>\$406</u>
9-0000	Other Expenses		
	Net Profit / (Loss)		<u>\$874,438</u>

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Balance Sheet

As of September 2014

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1-0000	Assets			
1-1000	Current Assets			
1-1100	Cash On Hand			
1-1110	General Cheque Account	\$10,926		
1-1116	Parish Centre Cheque Account	\$1,420		
1-1118	Community Store Cheque Account	\$15,771		
1-1122	Rest & Maint Cheque Account	\$4,319		
1-1127	Petty Cash-Community Store	\$350		
1-1141	Petty Cash - Parish Office	\$200		
1-1142	Petty Cash Office - F.Currency	\$35		
1-1145	Float Cash Comm Store	\$150		
1-1148	Petty Cash - Catering Float	\$200		
1-1149	Refundable Deposit/Bond	\$382		
	Total Cash On Hand		\$33,753	
	Total Current Assets			\$33,753
1-2000	Cash On Hand - ADF			
1-2100	ADF SAV.05004120	\$15,602		
1-2201	ADF SAV.05004990	\$1,662		
1-2210	ADF SAV.05004905	\$6,531		
1-2215	ADF SAV.05005010 Maint.Reserve	\$17,460		
1-2220	ADF Parish Giving 05004616	\$1,147		
1-2230	ADF SAV 05009176 Comm Store	\$22,001		
1-2280	ADF Appr Bldg T/D 443009118	\$783,621		
1-2301	Anglicanfunds CF7949	\$23,370		
	Total Cash On Hand - ADF		\$871,393	
1-2400	Non-Current Assets			
1-2410	Church Organ	\$60,748		
1-2411	Photocopier	\$7,449		
1-2412	Computer	\$991		
1-2413	Software	\$227		
1-2414	Store Equipment	\$908		
1-2415	Television	\$682		
1-3000	Vicarage 8 Jardine Cres	\$369,520		
	Total Non-Current Assets		\$440,525	
	Total Assets			\$1,345,671
2-0000	Liabilities			
2-1000	Current Liabilities			
2-1125	Temp Rec- Deposit on Mission	\$575		
2-1147	Temp Rec'd - YYAC	\$2,363		
2-1250	After Tax Super. Clearing	\$169		
2-1300	GST Liabilities			
2-1340	GST Tax Collected	\$19		
2-1350	GST Tax Paid	(\$1,762)		
	Total GST Liabilities		(\$1,743)	
2-1400	Payroll Liabilities			
2-1405	PAYG Withholdings	\$2,268		
2-1412	Vicar's Fringe Benefit Account	\$2,218		
2-1414	Curate's Fringe Benefits Acc.	\$1,968		
	Total Payroll Liabilities		\$6,454	
	Total Current Liabilities		\$7,818	
	Total Liabilities			\$7,818
	Net Assets			\$1,337,853
3-0000	Equity			
3-8000	Retained Earnings	\$463,414		
3-9000	Current Year Earnings	\$874,438		
	Total Equity			\$1,337,853

Community Store Budget

<u>Community Store – Budget</u>		<u>2014 - 2015</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>\$135,500</u>
<u>OP/Run 12.55%</u>		
Petty Cash	1,440	
Cleanaway	3,260	
Coordinator's Allowance	3,300	
Miscellaneous	1,000	
Staff Appreciation/Welfare	3,000	
Store Maintenance	2,000	
Gas, Electric, Telephone	3,000	<u>\$17,000</u>
<u>Transferred Funds 21.40%</u>		
Diocese Assessment	9,000	
Diocese Insurance	500	
Repairs to Church Buildings	1,500	
Approved Building Fund	18,000	<u>\$29,000</u>
<u>Salaries 35.42%</u>		
Assistant Minister, Locum, Lay Family Minister, Parish Administration		<u>\$48,000</u>
<u>Missions/Charities 26.20%</u>		
Anglicare – Victoria	4,000	
Bible Society	1,000	
Careworks	8,000	
Chibobo Orphanage	2,000	
Children First Foundation	1,000	
C. Store Grants	2,000	
CRE – SW Primary School	1,000	
Mission to Seafarers	2,000	
Peter Mac (Cancer)	2,000	
RC Sunbury Family Community Kitchen	4,000	
State Emergency Service	2,000	
Sunbury Chaplaincy	5,000	
World Vision	1,500	<u>\$35,500</u>
<u>Parish Centre 4.43%</u>		
Photo Copier	5,000	
Kitchen Upgrade	1,000	<u>\$ 6,000</u>

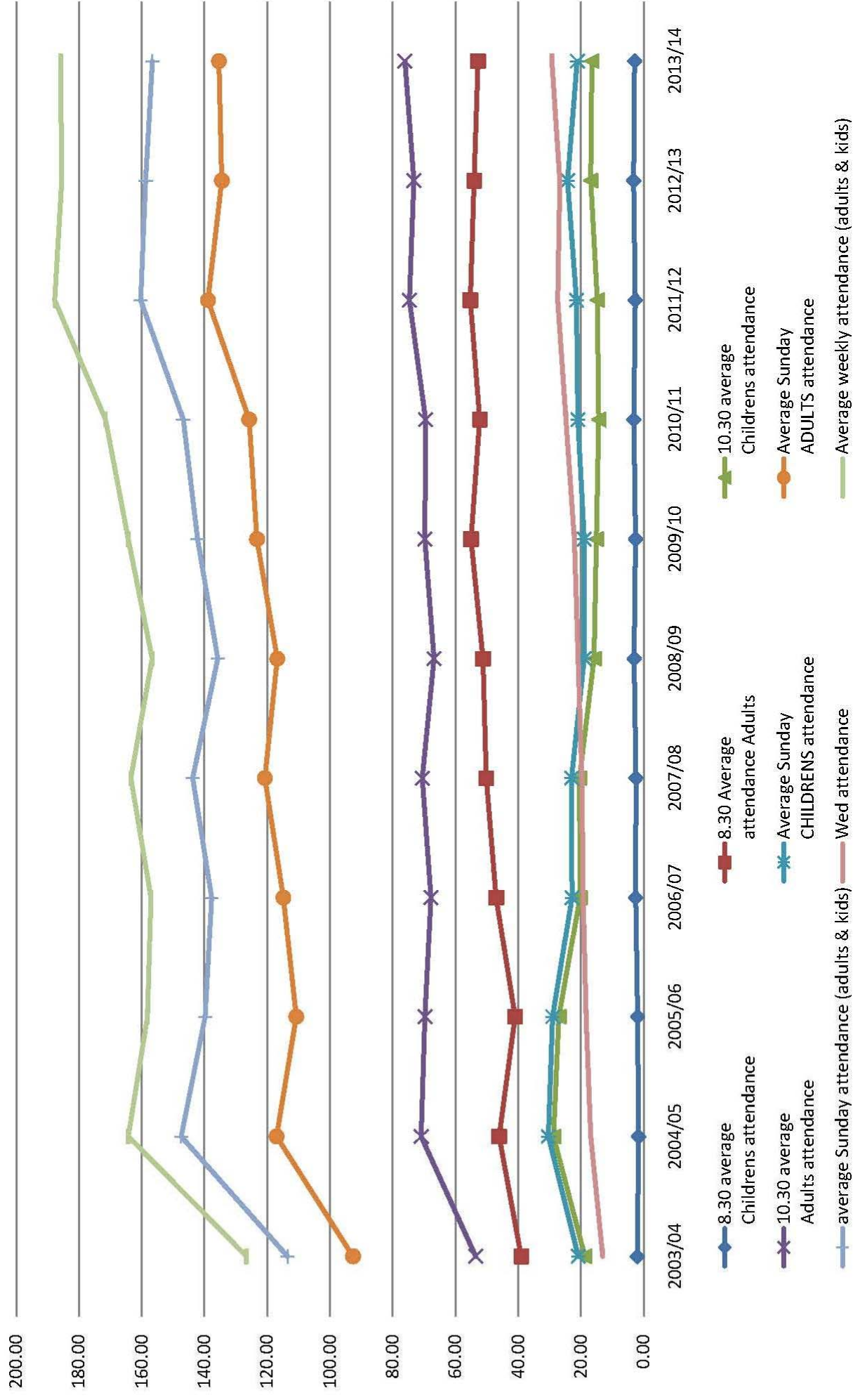
TOTAL EXPENDITURE **\$135,500**

Excess funds at the 30th September 2015 to be distributed as follows:- \$5,000 Management Committee Balance to St. Mary's General Account – Management Committee to be advised of the dispersal.

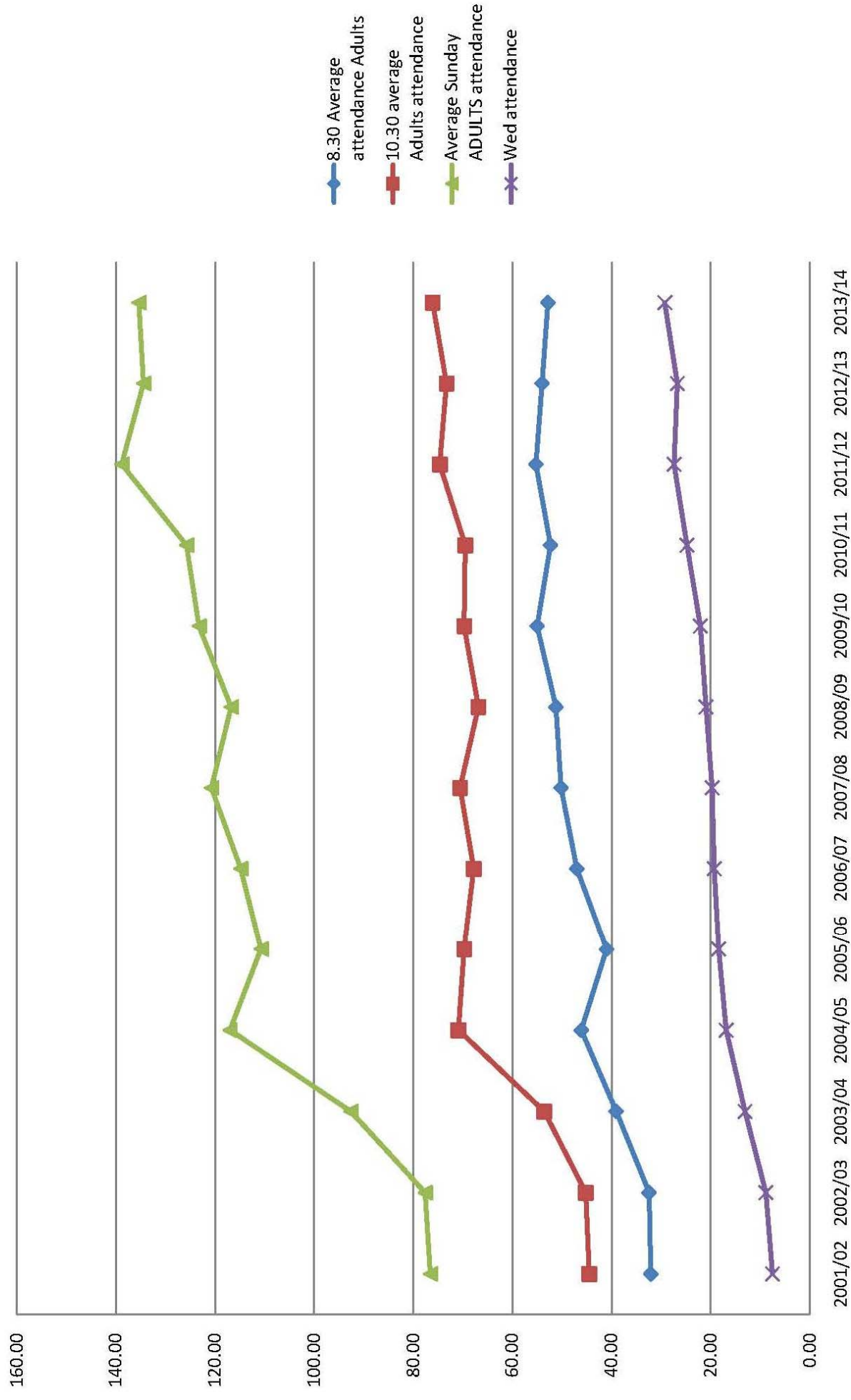
Passed by the Management Committee on 16th September 2014. Parish Council Approved on

Signed.....

Average attendance of adults and Kids



Average weekly adult attendances



150 years



Dance

