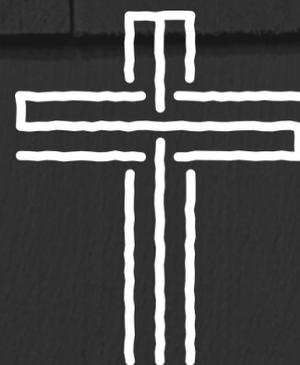


ST MARY'S NEW WORSHIP CENTRE

# BUILDING NEWS

MARCH 2021



After much work and lots of meetings and discussions with the Diocese over the past 15 months and with the support of Bishop Kate and Archbishop Philip we were pleased to be able to exchange contracts with our preferred builder Russell van Schellen (Ayjay Constructions) on Wednesday 3rd March.

Psalm 47 provides us all with a fitting response:

*Come everyone! Clap your hands!*

*Shout to God with joyful praise!*

*For the Lord Most High is awesome.*

*He is the great King of all the earth.*

*He subdues the nations before us,*

*Putting our enemies beneath our feet.*

*God has ascended with a mighty shout.*

*The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.*

*Sing praises to God, sing praises;*

*For God is King over all the earth.*

The next day a small team of volunteers commenced the huge process of clearing out the Parish house and getting rid of accumulated furniture with several loads of unwanted items taken for disposal. A 40-foot shipping container which we are hiring was delivered to site on Tuesday 9th March. This will be used for secure storage of items of value and historical significance until our new facilities are ready for occupation.

## WORKING BEE

**Saturday 13th March**

**9am-12noon**

## FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday 14th March**

**following worship**

## PARISH PRAYER MEETING

**Monday 15th March**

**7.30pm in the church**

**Building project focus**

## GIVING TO THE BUILDING

### PROJECT

**Account name-**

**St Marys Anglican  
Church Sunbury**

**BSB number-**

**703122**

**Account Number**

**05004990**



Moving forward we have a working bee on Saturday 13th march to stack this container. This involves moving items from the hall and house to the container at the rear of the property. It is planned to open the house on Sunday 14th for any parishioner to have one last visit before we hand over to the builder later next week.

The utilities are in the process of being disconnected and removed. Once the house has been handed to the builder internal testing is required to determine if there is any asbestos present apart from what has already been identified.

Demolition will then follow this process with the site being cleared and the house removed. This will include all buildings on site, the garage and sheds as well as the garden and trees. Parts of the Parish centre will also be demolished with the exterior brick wall of Gavin's office the rear porch and the entire office currently used by Matt and Ros and other staff. The disabled toilet and rear porch behind the kitchen will also be demolished. The roof will remain intact but internal walls exposed. This demolition is currently being planned to occur when the house is demolished, so much work is required to vacate these areas.

The hall is planned to be used for some storage of office and other equipment, so external hiring of our facilities, and use by our own groups will not be available, and access will be limited. The staff team will continue to work off-site during the build and will be contactable by mobile and email.

The gas supply to the Parish Centre also needs to be disconnected to allow new supply lines to be installed to our facilities. There will be no heating available in the hall and so arrangements for groups that currently use these spaces will need to be made to utilise other facilities for the duration of the build. (expected to be at least 12 months)

Any disruptions to services will be kept to an absolute minimum for the Community Store which is planned to remain operational for the duration of the build. There may be a need to reroute power supplies, but notice will be given by the builder where this is required.

We are expecting builders site sheds to be on site either just before or after Easter and temporary builders fencing installed around the entire site. The rear shed is one of the first buildings to be built and will enable much needed storage facilities for the Community Store.

We are still waiting on one document from Hume Council to enable our building surveyor to issue our building permit. This will hopefully be issued this week. I plan to meet with the architect and builder on a fortnightly basis moving forward, so will update the parish as to future activities planned for site. Please continue to uphold all these things in your daily prayer and it would be great if you are able to attend our Monthly Prayer meeting next week.

As for me I will continue to Praise God for his Almighty Grace, *Noel Sprague.*

