



St Mary's
ANGLICAN CHURCH SUNBURY

2021-2022

ANNUAL REPORT

Prepared for the
St Mary's Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 21st November
7:30pm

Minutes of St Mary's Annual Parish Meeting

22nd November 2021, 7.30pm

Conducted in a hybrid setting via zoom and in person

Meeting declared open by Venerable Gavin Ward

Acknowledgment of the traditional owners of the land

Attendance

Emma West, Matthew Reeve, Jan Kokic, Samantha Dennett, Mike Lampard, Matthew Browne,

Marj Stacy, Phil Stacy, Kevin Swaffield, Noelene Jones, Alan Phillips, Elsa Phillips, Beryl Dunn
Michael Williams, Hilary Williams, Denise Foden, Michael Austin, Sharon Ward, Rob
Brennand, Michelle Dennis, Matt Ciappara, Don Cottell, Heather Watts, Peter Watts, Gill
Garth, Terri Carr, Lesley McInerney, Calum Hay, Carla Flood, Jenny Caddaye, Ian Caddaye,
Sue Allaz, Peter Schou, Esther Rule, Mark Rule, Noel Sprague, Max Langshaw, Edith
Langshaw, Nathanael Armstrong,

Mark Armstrong, Ros Armstrong, Gavin Ward, Narelle Riley, John Vanderstock, Susan
Vanderstock

Apologies

Gwen Hutcheson, Annette Swaffield, Steve Riley, Meg Riley, Spencer Flint, Jenay Flint,
Harry Appleton, Annette Appleton, Karen Chambers, Cath Robinson
Kim Burn, Clarissa Burn, Bev Cottell, Felicity Reeve, Venus Schou

Bible reading Psalm 29 read by Rev. Ros Armstrong

Prayer

Led by Matthew Reeve

Previous Minutes

Moved Michael Williams **Seconded** Alan Phillips **Carried**

Acceptance of Electoral Role:

Moved Noelene Jones **Seconded** Peter Schou **Carried**

Report by incumbent on entries in the registers of the Parish

163 public services

More than 2900 acts of communion (not including those administered in homes)

3 Baptisms, 2 funerals, 1 wedding

113 on electoral roll

Annual Reports

Vicars Report

Assistant Curate

Wardens Report

Building Committee Report

Prayer Ministry report

Community Store Report

Winter Night Shelter Report

CMS

St Mary's AMUA

Ministry to the Elderly report-

Assistant Priest

Manager of Operational Ministries

Parish Council Report

Synod Report

Home Group Report

Chibobo report

Kids Hope

Youth United report

Stitch & Sew report

Move that the reports be received.

Moved Terri Carr **Seconded** Gill Garth Carried

Financial Reports- presented by Samantha Dennett

Move that the audited accounts be received as presented

Moved- Noel Sprague **Seconded-** Phil Stacy Carried

Presentation of 2021/22 Budget by Noel Sprague

Election of Auditor

Move that Rob Brennan be appointed as auditor.

Moved- John Vanderstock **Seconded-** Mark Armstrong Carried

Elections

Churchwardens:

Noel Sprague

Esther Rule

Matthew Reeve (Vicar's Nomination)

Parish Council:

Nathanael Armstrong

Ian Caddaye

Samantha Dennett

Calum Hay

Peter Schou

Annette Swaffield

Incumbency committee:

Lesley McInerney

Calum Hay

All declared elected

General Business

Discussion re plans for our services, based around current Vic Government mandates.

2 Sunday morning services-

- 9.00am for fully vaccinated people (also live streamed),
- 11.00am- vaccination status not checked (max 35 in attendance)
- 5.00pm- vaccination status not checked (max 35 in attendance) also live streamed

Wednesday-

- 10.00am for fully vaccinated people

Presentation and thanks to Mark Armstrong for his service as a warden

Thanks also to Nathanael for his AV and tech work.

Meeting closed with the grace

Vicar's Report to Annual Parish Meeting

Introduction

Well, it has been another very interesting year in our world, in our community and in our church life.

As I write this, we have just witnessed the death, funeral and memorial services for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our own Service of Thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth on 12 September was very moving and comforting.

Her funeral service and the outpouring of comments about her life and her faith in Jesus (including the sermon by the Archbishop of Canterbury) remind us that our whole life is a witness to Jesus.

My report this year is in 3 parts:-

Part 1 – The Story of the past 12 months (for the record)

Part 2 – Struggles and Celebrations of the past 12 months

Part 3 – Heading towards 2023 and beyond

Part 1 - The Story of the Past 12 months

A – What happened

The on-going Covid pandemic saw us begin the church year on 1st October in lockdown with us "live streaming" 2 services at 9.30am and 5pm only.

To provide some worship time in lockdown Matt Browne and I had the pleasure of recording some "Hymn Sing-a-Longs" with Spencer, Gwen, Judy, Robin and Phill which we released on our Youtube page on successive Wednesdays. Some even went for a walk and sat outside the church and sang along to the hymns as they watched on Youtube.

The Victorian Government announced an easing of restrictions in late October, however there were some significant and divisive limitations to services. Church services could be offered with a density limit of 4sqm/person for "fully vaccinated" only attenders while those not vaccinated could only attend services outside. With the cold weather and not wanting to divide the congregation, we decided to continue to "live stream" until the situation changed.

Change came in late November when the Government announced a further easing of restrictions. The conditions enabled "fully vaccinated" services with no density limit but for "vaccination status unknown" there was 4sqm/person density limit.

We foreshadowed this change and conducted a survey (by phone) to every household gauging people's views in terms of attending "vaccinated only" or "vaccination status unknown" services.

Following the Government's announcement (and the survey results) we decided to re-open "in person" services on the 1st Sunday of Advent – Sunday 28 November.

We decided to suspend our normal 8.30am and 10.30am morning services and instead conduct 9am and 11am services which would be identical – one "fully vaccinated" and one "vaccination status unknown". This was to be temporary until the vaccine mandate disappeared.

The temporary services offered were

Sunday - Morning Services

9am - Fully Vaccinated - Live streamed - and Holy Communion (Masks are highly recommended)

11am - Vaccination Status not checked - Holy Communion* (Bookings required and Masks compulsory)

Sunday - Afternoon Service

5pm - Vaccination Status not checked - Live streamed - Monthly Communion* (Bookings required and Masks compulsory)

Wednesday Service

10am - Fully Vaccinated - Holy Communion (Masks highly recommended)

These services went for a few weeks and we weren't sure what Christmas Services would look like under these restrictions. We put 2 plans in place for Christmas and fortunately the restrictions changed and we were able to offer our full range of Christmas Services with no vaccination mandate and no density limits.

After Christmas we had 2 weeks of a 9am service only (with live streaming) and then on 9 January we resumed our weekly 8.30am, 10.30am, 5pm and Wednesday services with no restrictions at any service other than compulsory mask wearing and normal covid precautions.

During the year, the driveway was under construction and so access for many weeks was via flags and signs through the Village Green. This meant we were "getting our steps up" to and from church but sadly this also meant some of our more vulnerable members with mobility issues found it quite difficult to access the church. In particular this has had a dramatic impact on the Wednesday congregation.

For those who love statistics: -

Our average weekly attendance since we resumed "in person" services has been:-

2021

November - **122** (one week only – 28/11/21)

December - **102** (includes 3no. Christmas Services – 139)

2022

January - **77**

February – **121**

March – **121**

April – **211** (includes 7no. Easter Services – 362)

May – **133**

June – **132**

July – **118**

August - **124**

September - **138** (includes Queen Elizabeth's Service of Thanksgiving – 47)

Average for the year:- **139**

B - Technology

We have utilized technology in a variety of ways during Covid and 5 of these aspects of church life have now become part and parcel of how we worship God together.

(a) Live Streams

We have continued to live stream our 10.30am and 5pm services each week. We have done this because of feedback we've received from many that it helps them keep connected to the Parish (and God) as they are unable to attend to church services for a number of reasons including:-

- Their health makes it difficult;
- They have Covid, colds, flu etc and remain at home out of care for others;
- They are reticent to gather in crowds;
- They don't like wearing masks – (when masks were required);
- The lack of easily accessible toilets on site;
- Difficulty negotiating the driveway (under construction);
- No cushions on the pews (when there were no cushions on them); or
- They are away on holidays but wish to remain connected to St Mary's.

Some of the reasons have reduced over the year (no mask mandate and the return of cushions on pews) and so the number of people physically attending church has changed but remains lower than our pre-pandemic attendances.

Since resuming "in person" services we have had an average of **100** views per week of both our "live streams" (10.30am and 5pm). This only reduced marginally to **94** during August and September.

If we add those attending "in person" and those watching "on-line" our weekly numbers involved in worshipping God in our services is around the same number as our pre-pandemic weekly average of around **200**.

(b) Morning and Evening Prayer on our Facebook Page

During lockdown the Staff Team offered Morning and Evening Prayer each day of the week, except Sundays.

We received feedback that this was very helpful for many and we were asked to continue it following the return to services.

With Ros Armstrong leaving in February, Matt and I decided that a manageable way forward for us was to continue to offer Morning Prayer on Mondays – Thursdays each week. This has continued to be helpful to many.

(c) Parish News via email

We have not had a Pew Sheet (remember them???) since March 2020.

Instead, I began a weekly e-mail to keep everyone informed of what was happening in Parish life, including prayer points, news, encouragement and the occasional joke!

Together with regular updates by Narelle on St Mary's Facebook page, this has been the main form of regular communication and has replaced the pew sheet. This was the only way we could do this during lockdowns but now has the benefits of saving paper and resources and ensuring everyone receives the same news at the same time (whether they are able to attend church or not that week).

(d) Zoom Meetings

We have continued to use zoom for various meetings throughout the year including Parish Council, Wardens, Home Groups, Home Group Leaders and in keeping connection with Staivous Mulumba and his mission work in Zambia and our missionary partners Chris and Grace Adams in Timor Leste.

(e) Pre-recorded sermons and music

As Matt has been up at Lancefield and Romsey each Sunday we have still had the benefit of his preaching through pre-recorded sermons played at our services.

In addition, to ease the workload of our musicians we have been able to utilise pre-recorded songs (which we used during lockdown) to continue to have music at all our services as we worship God.

C - Construction of the New Facility

The construction of our new facility continued over the year with it taking shape and approaching completion.

This will be the subject of a separate report but some key events which took place associated with the building were:-

- Tours of the new building under construction with Archbishop Philip, Bishop Kate, Peter Munns (Chief Finance Officer of the Diocese), Matthew Wilson (Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese), Cr Jack Medcraft and Josh Bull MP;
- Open morning of tours of the new facility for all parishioners;
- Establishment of the Transition Team;
- Establishment of a Team to establish how we use both church buildings;
- Establishment of the Children's and Families Team;
- Establishment of the Facilities Management Team;
- Establishment of the Café Committee;

The building construction was hampered by Covid, poor weather and the lack of materials generally in the building industry. The original handover date drifted from June 2022 to the Friday before the Grand Opening – but it's looking great.

D - Ministries Continuing

Despite the lack of facilities various ministries were able to continue (either in homes or in the existing St Mary's building) including:-

- Stitch'n'Sew
- Home Groups and a Bible Study
- Youth Group
- Mother's Union
- Marriage Preparation courses;
- Games Nights and
- Alpha

E - Sermon Series for the year

We have covered a number of different books of the Bible this past year. With Matt at Lancefield and Romsey we have tried to combine our sermon series with that Parish so that Calum, Keil and myself have been able to visit Lancefield and Romsey and provide assistance for Matt there.

Our sermon series this past year have been:-

- Hebrews;
- Jonah;
- Matthew's Gospel – Jesus Travels to the Cross (Lent);
- Acts 18 and 19; and
- Galatians

F - Vicar's additional activities (outside the Parish)

My specific additional activities in the past year were:

- Mentoring a child at Sunbury West as part of the Kids Hope Programme;
- Archdeacon work involving oversight and assistance to 13 other parishes and regular meetings with Bishop Kate and other Senior Staff in the Diocese;
- Coaching 3 other clergy on a regular basis;
- Having a regular Prayer Retreat Day (in which I committed everyone in the Parish to God in prayer);
- Organising the monthly Sunbury Minister's Fellowship;
- Attending a Monthly Deanery Meeting of Anglican Clergy;
- Attending the Oodthenong Clergy Conference;
- Continuing as Chaplain for the National Servicemen's Association (including pastoral visits, hosting services at St Mary's and the Annual Memorial Day service on Mt Macedon);
- Involvement in Anzac Day and Remembrance Day public memorial services;
- Coffee meetings with various community members (pastoral and evangelistic – including co-ordinating a monthly coffee catchup of widowers);

Part 2 – Struggles and Celebrations of the past 12 months

Despite our lack of physical facilities, God has been amazingly at work at St Mary's over the past year, in the struggles and in the celebrations.

A - Struggles

Some of the struggles have been:-

- Having just one building on site to do everything in (the St Mary's Church Building). This has meant we haven't been able to have fellowship after services (morning tea and 5pm dinners) as well as such activities as Music Playtime, evangelistic dinners, women's ministry functions, men's breakfasts, various courses, staff offices etc have had to be put on hold – waiting for our new facilities;
- Ministry to children and families has also been challenging during services without a Parish House, hall or play equipment etc for children to be ministered to and to have fun in;
- Difficulty of living in a construction site (struggle to get to toilets, lack of a driveway or unstable driveway etc);
- Constraints on the Community Store (fencing and construction all around),
- The inability to host the Winter Shelter on our site;
- The cancellation of the Katherine Christian Convention (again);
- The departure of Ros and Mark Armstrong (notwithstanding the joy we shared with them as they headed into the next stage of ministry in God's church); and
- The funerals for Glenda Free and Beth Wilmot

In all of these struggles, God's hand has been at work. We have had:-

- a coffee cart for a few weeks (thanks Kim Burn);
- people inviting others out for coffee/dinner after services;
- utilisation of the back of the church for children's activities and ministry during services (my thanks to all who have facilitated this);
- much activity and ministry in and through the Community Store. My thanks to Kristine and the great team of volunteers for the way in which they have continued to provide a wonderful service to the community of Sunbury; and
- the Staff Team have been able to meet weekly in various cafes and in the church building (along with Parish Council, Wardens, Parish Prayer Meetings and various groups), and
- we were still able to have a presence and serve at the Winter Shelter at St Andrews (my thanks to Alan Stafford for your continued co-ordination of this).

My thanks to everyone who have demonstrated God's grace in this challenging year. We have learnt to serve with more humility and be thankful to God for what we have.

B - Celebrations

Some of the Celebrations have been:-

- The appointment of Rev Kathleen Alleaume-Ross as a Sunday Curate;
- Watching the building take shape (with all the possibilities contained there-in)
- Baptism of the Keily family (following a wonderful Alpha Course);
- Parish Prayer Retreat Day (thankyou to Lesley McInerney for your organisation of this);
- A new Home Group meeting on Wednesday evenings in the church building;
- A New Friends gathering with over 20 new friends in attendance;
- Jamie and Leah Koo's wedding;
- The joys of new life with the births of Evelyn Reeve, Grace Caddaye, Katie Robinson and Neriah Maggio;
- The faithfulness of God and His people as our offertory income has grown (even in difficult times) and many have been generous with contributions towards chairs and items for our new facility;
- a service of thanksgiving and sharing of memories for the life of Queen Elizabeth II;
- Visits by various guest preachers including Glenn Fairweather (Prison Fellowship) and Julie-Anne Laird (Diocese) – both recorded, Zeke Murley (Open Doors), Adrian Lane (Bush Church Aid Society) and Chris Adams (Church Missionary Society - via zoom); and
- The growth I've observed in people's faith and trust in Jesus through the joys, struggles and mundane of life in these turbulent times.

Part 3 – Heading towards 2023 and beyond

The future is full of so many possibilities and opportunities to serve Jesus and be a witness in our Community.

The new building will provide great opportunities to connect with people as they use it – but there are a few things of which we need to be very mindful:-

A - Steadily and Surely move Forward

Many of us will be feeling as if we need to start doing everything at once with our buildings (as there are so many possibilities).

Many others will be feeling the exhaustion of getting us to this point.

The best way forward is for us to move steadily and surely in our efforts as we consider the best use of our expanded site for God's purposes.

How can we best use St Mary's Church Chapel for outreach and mission?

How can we use the new buildings for outreach and mission?

What is the best first step?

What is the next best step?

Wardens, Parish Council, along with some teams that have already been at work, will be thinking through these issues and setting priorities for us into 2023 and beyond.

Obviously a priority will be to settle our own activities and groups into the new space and develop a regular routine of using St Mary's Chapel for worship and other occasions.

Our ministry to families and children will be a priority and work will commence in that space before Christmas and we are already looking forward to a return of Music Playtime and looking ahead to running a school holiday programme (amongst other possibilities).

In all areas we will be trialling activities, programmes and services and be flexible in adjusting things along the way.

There will also be hiccups and things that need to be attended to as we go.

I encourage us all to demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control" as we steadily and surely serve God together in this new way and in this new environment.

B – The New Building is just a Building

People will come to see the new building and to hire it and use it.

Some of these people may be those who've drifted from God and regular worship of him.

Others will be those who've never even thought much about God but are inquisitive of the building and what's going on.

Others will be consumers who just want to run their own function or occasion using our facilities.

That's all great...but it's just a building. The real mission begins as we engage with those who step through our front doors (either the new facility or St Mary's Chapel)

How do we engage with them?

How do we welcome them?

How do we encourage them in their own faith journey and to consider a relationship with God through Jesus?

How do we tailor the activities, courses, programmes we offer to introduce people to Jesus?

How do we connect the Community Store and the Café in our mission?

Basically – how do we use the gifts God has given us (and the resources he has blessed us with – finances, buildings etc) for his mission in this community and for His glory?

C – Our Buildings don't move – We Do

Many will come to our building as we provide this community resource and offer programmes and worship services. However we still need to be in the community. We need to be "out and about" and a visible presence.

This will mean being creative as we engage with our community as we have done in the past – involvement in Sunbury Street Life, Sunfest, Prayer Walks, Aged Care facilities and perhaps new ways of engaging with people around the fountain, in Sunbury Square, in walking groups etc, etc, etc.

Finally - Conclusion and Thanks

My thanks to everyone for your grace and support as we've travelled quite a journey together over this past year – especially as we've worshipped and served basically in a construction site. You are all legends!!!!!!!

In particular my thanks to the great Staff Team of Matt, Narelle and Kathleen (and Ros for the first few months). You have all served way beyond what was expected of you – all out of a love for Jesus and to serve Him. We've laughed and cried together.

Thank you.

My thanks also to the Wardens (Noel, Esther and Matt) for your tremendous faith and trust in Jesus and support for us as a Staff Team throughout the year.

I also extend my thanks to Parish Council (Annette, Nathanael, Ian, Calum, Peter and Samantha) for your hard work, spirited debate (in love) and leadership you've provided

My thanks to the Building Committee (originally Noel, Alan, Benjamin and Phill) and then also Narelle who have met fortnightly and worked so hard in getting this work done, including working on the Café Committee with the variety of challenges associated with it.

Additionally my thanks to Nathanael, (along with his dad Mark) and the growing team of Kyle, Calum, Bella, Nick and Alex, for your dedication and commitment to enabling our live streams to develop and continue and for overseeing and setting up the technology for our new facility.

My thanks and deep appreciation to Noel, specifically for project leading this Building project – right from the early plans, thoughts and dreams, through Parish Consultations, presentations to a variety of Diocesan Committees to being on site multiple times during the week, liaising between Builders and Architects and various authorities, conducting tours of the new facility, making the new Communion Table and practically assisting in so many ways (including crawling through the ceiling to run wires).

Thanks Noel for your leadership and godly grace throughout.

Finally my thanks to God, who continues to inspire, sustain and strengthen me in all I do and whom I will serve for the rest of days.

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Psalms 103:1

Venerable Gavin Ward
Minister

Annual Report: Matthew Browne – Assistant Priest

5pm Congregation

With the winding back of pandemic restrictions at the end of 2021 5pm was able to resume its normal format for the remainder of the church year.

Although the vast majority of people remained well connected our weekly attendance was significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels. This was probably an effect of people being careful to resume normal patterns and illness, particularly amongst family groups.

The bluestone building and the loss of the Parish House and Hall were significant limiting factors for the 5pm congregation. We were unable to host a children's program which meant a large number of young children and parents being squashed into the back corner of the church. We were also unable to hold our weekly meals after the service meaning the loss of valuable fellowship time.

After some feedback received early in the year we have been trialling fortnightly communion. Some feedback will be gathered on this in early 2023 and adjustments made if necessary.

5pm has continued to be livestreamed each week.

I have been particularly appreciative of all those who have taken on new or renewed service roles this past year. Although finding numbers of volunteers remains difficult, the dedication and faithfulness of some has meant we can continue to effectively hold services.

We are looking forward to the opening of the new building as it presents a number of possibilities for us that haven't been available the past 3 years. These include a weekly children's program, meals and tea/coffee before church.

Discipleship

I have continued to meet with a few parishioners on a weekly/fortnightly basis to encourage them in their personal discipleship and the possibility of vocational ministry in the future.

Homegroups

I have taken a step back from direct involvement in any homegroups in Sunbury as I have begun two new ones in Romsey/Lancefield in the past year. I have instead been working with Alison Rae in her role as coordinator to encourage and equip leaders of homegroups.

Romsey/Lancefield

I have continued in my role at the Parish of Lancefield with Romsey, usually spending 1.5-2 days. We have undertaken a number of new programs and are seeing some positive signs of financial, spiritual and numerical growth. The Parish continues to be incredibly appreciative of St Mary's support.

Preaching

The preaching schedule at 5pm has largely followed that of the morning service as well as Romsey/Lancefield. This has made the preaching workload manageable for me.

Towards the second half of 2022 I have deliberately made the move away from using full written texts for my sermons. This has required a lot of deliberate work and I appreciate your constructive feedback as I continue to practice this.

Professional Development

I continue to take part in a preaching workshop/group with Peter Adam meeting every 5-6 weeks. His critique and encouragement are particularly helpful and I plan on continuing this into next year.

I joined EPIC (The Diocese's training for Priest's in Charge) to help equip me for my role in Romsey/Lancefield. This has also been of benefit for my role here in Sunbury. Part of this program requires the engagement of a coach. The sessions I've had with my coach and the relationship we're building has already proved helpful.

Personal

We moved to Gisborne in November 2021 to a larger house that better accommodates our growing family. Erin is expecting our 5th child in December 2022. I have found it difficult not having an office space over the past few years and am looking forward to settling into the new building and having some predictability around my working arrangements.

Rev Matthew Browne
Associate Minister

MANAGER OF OPERATIONAL MINISTRIES- Narelle Riley

Administration

It's been another year entirely based from my home office! Our move towards a more environmentally sustainable paperless office has continued with files being saved to a parish cloud system, and me continuing to say on an almost weekly basis that "I'll set up a google sheet for that"!

Committees

I have been involved in quite a few committees & teams this year. In a year where most of my time was spent working from home, I have enjoyed the sense of community and social interaction that comes from these meetings, which have included

Staff team	Wardens
Parish Council	Building Committee
Café Committee	Transition Team
Community Store Committee	Winter Shelter Committee

Governance

2021/2022 saw more changes introduced by the Diocese for our Governance and Safe ministry procedures. Thank you to everyone who responded quickly to these changes, completed "Clearance for service" paperwork and took part in multiple online training courses to ensure our compliance.

Social Media

Our Facebook groups and website have continued to be a valuable tool for interaction and information exchange. Our St Mary's facebook group has been a place for sharing fortnightly building updates and photos following each site meeting. Morning prayer has continued live in our Facebook group led by Gavin and Matt at 9am Mondays- Thursdays. We've been working towards reading the bible in a year, and each morning at 8am the days readings are posted. By the end of September we had almost got to the end of Isaiah in the Old Testament, had begun Philippians in the New Testament and were on our second lap of Psalms, and halfway through Proverbs. The Women's Facebook page have been following along with the "Bible in a year" with a daily verse and prayer from one of the correlating readings posted at 7am. The women's facebook group also has birthday messages article of encouragement, as continues with our fun posts such as "mingle Monday", "Thankful Thursday" and "Friday fun"

Women's Ministry

Like many of the ministries and social activities linked with St Mary's, our Women's event have been on hold due to the lack of space we have experienced during the building project. However we have still been able to continue some activities including online attendance of the Belgrave Heights Women's convention in October 2021 and a women's Advent study. I'm very excited about relaunching our in-person events!

Wardens Report to APM 2022

The wardens wish to express their gratitude to all parishioners who have donated, served, or volunteered over the past 12 months. We are greatly blessed to have such committed Christians at St Mary's. This year has been a real struggle as we managed COVID restrictions and building works and our staff being off site, but we are finishing on a note of joy and thankfulness with the opening of the new Worship Centre and the gradual resumption of ministries that have been affected by lockdowns or the building works. The Diocese will undertake our compliance check for all facilities in early November, and we will then resolve any highlighted issues.

The new facilities are still being completed as we write and as we trial our services and activities, we will continue to discover issues that require some flexibility and different ways to manage. The builder is dealing with a small number of highlighted building defects in the new Worship Centre, and we have a 12-month period to identify any issues before handing back a final bank guarantee. There are also some additional equipment and features in the Worship Centre (for example, installation of blinds for some windows, shade sails for play areas) which might become necessary to raise funds for as we use the building and work out how to make it function well. We continue to thank God for the work of the staff and the transition team as they work through the best ways to use all our facilities.

The St Mary's Chapel will be restored to its original layout with the side chapel altar being reinstated and pews that were removed to provide family areas reinstated. Some minor cracks have redeveloped in the Chapel walls and will continue to be monitored now that the carpark has been compacted and completed. The cessation of surrounding works may also assist with stabilisation of soils. The slate roof will still require attention, we attempted to obtain some repair quotations in 2022, but were not successful from limited contractors.

The Vicarage will require painting and replacement of carpet as well as repairs to plaster and exterior cracking. Cracking to existing office buildings (exterior) were repaired and will be monitored to see if the soil stabilises now building has been completed.

In the area of governance, we give thanks for Narelle's hard work, and the cooperation of so many church volunteers, in ensuring that most volunteers have completed their childsafe training requirements. With new facilities and the resumption of many child and youth ministries in person we'll be focusing on ensuring good safeguarding practice and completing the outstanding training requirements.

The wardens have forecast a small surplus budget for the 2022/23 financial year, this will be dependent upon parishioner support through giving and proposed rental of some parish facilities. We have been greatly encouraged by the sustained and substantial increase in giving by church members month by month, in addition to giving to the building fund, for equipment purchase, for missions and our various ministries. We continue to ask God to make us all generous and willing to serve, and to give us wisdom as we seek to steward both new and old facilities wisely.

Philippians 4:19-20 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever Amen."

Churchwardens: Noel Sprague, Esther Rule, Matthew Reeve

Note: This year ends with Noel Sprague stepping down for a regulation break from Warden duties after many years' faithful service. Esther and Matthew would like to acknowledge his service of us all, particularly in managing the parish budget and the building project, and in helping us to keep our eyes fixed on God our provider and sustainer

Parish Council Report (Calum Hay, Secretary)

This year of Parish Council was a busy one from start to finish! Riding the coattails of the Covid pandemic restrictions, organising key strategic planning groups, and of course making key decisions during construction of the new Worship Centre meant that there was always something important to discuss as a Council. Reflecting on the year, I'm reminded of Proverbs 15:22 and how it was the individual input of each Council member (including our new member Nathanael Armstrong) and their unique perspectives and wisdom which guided us as a Parish to succeed in our various pursuits for the Kingdom. Of course, our greatest advisor throughout the year was God himself!

Notable actions by Parish Council this year included:

February 2022

- Planned to organise tour of building during late construction for Council members, then to parishioners
- Turned down an offer for a full size grand piano for the new building for various logistical reasons

April 2022

- Approved to fund costs up to \$5000 from our general account to enable the registration and legal Not-For-Profit (NFP) entity to be set up and registered
- Authorised payment of up to \$35,000 from general funds for chairs + related accessories for new building
- Parish council giving allocations be authorised in the following amounts to the respective ministries:
 - a. CMS \$4000
 - b. BCA \$1000
 - c. Open Doors \$500
 - d. Ridley College \$500
 - e. Careworks \$500
 - f. Chaplaincy \$500

May 2022

- Approved Constitution for NFP
- Approved purchase of 7ft Concert Grand Piano for \$18,000 for new building

July 2022

- Advised the Café Committee that the Council do not approve a liquor license application for the café

August 2022

- Parish council giving allocations be authorised in the following amounts to the respective ministries:
 - a) CMS \$4000
 - b) Ridley \$500
 - c) Careworks \$1000
 - d) Chaplaincy \$500
 - e) Prison Fellowship \$500
 - f) Mission Aviation Fellowship \$500
 - g) Anglican Overseas Aid \$1000

September 2022

- Accepted Bernie from Music Land's offer of \$5000 to purchase and remove the old piano

October 2022

- Approved purchase the Roland Atelier AT 300 organ for \$6190 ex GST
- Approved catering for grand opening of \$3150

Building Committee Report to the APM 2022

In 1 Corinthians 3:16 we read "Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God, and that Spirit of God lives in you"

It was an absolute delight to make our planned opening on Sunday 23 October 2022. There were many times when it did appear we might have to delay opening, but David Wagner our architect issued a certificate of practical completion on Friday 21st to enable us to accept keys and open our new building.

The building surveyor has highlighted 19 items that will require attention for a final completion notice to be issued. Despite all of this WE are the church, this building will only allow us to have modern facilities to further worship and share God's love with all.

There are so many people who have worked so hard to enable completion and the last few weeks leading up to opening were extremely busy with some items only finished late on Saturday night. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved.

The final build cost from Ayjay our builder is \$3,950,778.57. In addition, there has been almost \$700,000 in other commitments, architect, engineering, and authority fees, as well as work undertaken directly by the parish to reduce costs, such as artificial turf, the commercial kitchen fit out, stage lighting bars and controls, operable walls and AV equipment not provided by the builder.

It has been really disruptive time for our staff team over the past few years as the ministered to us through COVID and for them to be able to move back into the offices and to hear the laughter and interactions between them was wonderful. I thank them for their patience and assistance over the past 2 years of disruption. It has also been a difficult time of building with cost increases in many areas and to almost make our estimated final cost has been extremely difficult, without the parish working together to undertake so many tasks this would not have occurred. We still have items to complete such as the carpark lighting and landscaping with grass and trees to the rear of our building, so I am hoping that by the time we meet at our Annual Parish meeting all of these items will have been completed.

It has been a real privilege to serve in building these facilities to glorify God. Without your prayer and support it would not have occurred. Please continue to pray as we move forward into 2023, we the people of St Mary's are the church, what we have are just new buildings.

To God be the Glory.

Building Committee

Noel Sprague, Phil Stacy, Narelle Riley

St Mary's Synod Representatives' Report

Proceedings – Second Session of the 53rd Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne, October 13th – 16th, 2021.

Synod Representatives: Kim Burn
 Clarissa Burn
 Gwen Hutcheson

For clarification, all reports for this 2022 Annual Parish Meeting (APM) relate to the year ending September 2022, hence this report relates to the second session of the 53rd Synod meetings held in October 2021.

A report of the third ordinary session of the 53rd Synod (October 2022) will be provided at next year's APM.

Following the enactment of the Diocesan Meetings (Temporary Amendments) Bill in April 2021, all four meetings of this Second Session of the 53rd Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne were conducted online; the first time this had ever occurred for an Ordinary Session of Synod. This became necessary due to the uncertainty of whether any Diocese meetings could be held in person due to Covid restrictions.

The Wednesday, Thursday & Friday meetings were held from 7:00pm to 10:15pm and the Saturday meeting was held from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

For these online meetings, participants were required to register, then log in each evening to the Synod website where the meetings were conducted using software specifically created for the purpose. There were some early teething problems relating to the range of electronic devices being used by participants and their expertise in using them, but for the most part the new format was accepted with grace, patience and often humour, allowing the meetings to proceed well.

Following an Opening Service & Prayers, the Most Reverend Dr. Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne welcomed all and acknowledged the traditional owners of all the lands on & from which the members of Synod were attending. This was followed by:

- The Archbishop's Charge to Synod,
- Procedural matters including Orders of the Day, Receiving of Diocesan Accounts for the previous year and Budget for the next, etc.,
- Receiving of Reports from various working groups,
- Presentation of all Bills, Amendments, Reports, Acknowledgements, Affirmations, etc., to be considered during this session of Synod.

Over the course of this four day session of Synod, the motions and matters considered, discussed (and where necessary voted on), and also those rejected, withdrawn, or held over, consisted of:

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| • Diocesan Tribunal Bill 2021 | • Clergy Legislation Review Report |
| • Diocesan Acts (Revisions and Repeals) Bill 2021 | • Archbishop Election Act Review Report |
| • Professional Standards Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 | • Receiving of Other Reports |
| • Cathedral Amendment Bill 2021 | • Anglican Kindergartens within the Diocese |
| • Diocesan Information Bill 2021 | |

- Records Management by Parishes and Authorised Anglican Congregations
- Unity and Differences
- Afghan Refugees
- Funding for Children's & Youth Ministry Diocesan Support
- Medevac Refugees
- Preventing Violence Against Women
- Persecution of Uighur Muslims in China
- Synod Honours List
- Condolences – Synod members who have died since the previous Synod.
- Synod Honours List - Recognition of contributions made by retiring Synod members.
- Climate Emergency: Reaching Net Zero Emissions
- Disability Access Two
- Joint Standing Committee on Safe Ministry and Professional Standards
- Gender quotas
- Thanks to those responsible for the careful organization and smooth running of Synod

If you would like further information regarding these items, Acts of Synod, or are considering becoming a Synod representative, there is a great deal of information available on www.melbourneanglican.org.au or please feel free to speak to any of the Synod Representatives listed at the top of this report.

We would like to thank everyone who has prayed for us and supported us as we participated in Synod as your representatives again this year.

Community Store Report

In October 2021, the shop was closed because of COVID.

When we started back there had to be lots of changes.

We worked for half days, with only four volunteers working, so if any of the four got infected, we wouldn't pass it on to the next shift.

Adapting to COVID RULES, such as QR CODING, wearing masks, sanitising and isolating was quite difficult at times.

Customers and volunteers have taken awhile to adapt to these changes.

But everyone was pleased when the shop was open again.

March brought another change, QR CODE stopped.

April, May & June seemed to get back to normal, donations started to pick up and the shop is running smoothly.

July 20th was our 25th Birthday Celebration of the Community Store, celebrated with lunch at the Sunbury Bowling Club with 40 people.

Lil Kelly was made a lifelong member of the store. A cake was cut by the Coordinators, past & present and everyone had an enjoyable day.

Thanks for all the help from all my volunteers through the year, it makes the job so much easier when we work together.

Community Store Coordinator
Kristine. Green

C M S REPORT - 2022.

Timor Leste, where Chris and Grace Adams serve, is amongst the poorest nations on earth. With a population of 1.2 million, Roman Catholic is the main religion with Tetun and Portuguese the official languages, along with 32 indigenous languages. English and Indonesian are the working languages.

Chris and Grace partner with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, helping equip local church leaders with gospel ministry. This involves preaching in churches, teaching pastors and evangelists and training youth through Bible Studies.

Grace focuses on developing resources for Bible translation in the local language, particularly through partnering with Scripture Union, Timor Leste.

Please pray that oppressed Timorese people, burdened by religious and social obligations, will find true hope, life and rest in Jesus Christ also for good health and safety for Chris, Grace, Micah and Emily Adams

Almost \$1000 has been donated through the CMS tins this year.

Pamela Allan

Chibobo Report 2022

Links with our friends in Chibobo, Zambia have continued again over the last 12 months, to be via emails, zoom meetings and social media reports as once again no visits have been able to happen. We hope and pray that teams will be able to begin again in the near future. At present, Overnewton College are exploring the possibility of sending a team in 2023, so if you have ever thought that you too would like to be a part of a St. Mary's team, please start praying that this might be a calling for you.

Prayers continue to be our main strength in supporting Staivous and his family, the staff at HMP, the orphans, the school, the Medical Centre and the farm as well as the wider community and I wish to thank all our prayer intercessors who continually pray for them at our services, at prayer meetings and within home groups.

Financially, we have continued with our support as well. The Lenten tins this year raised \$717.50. \$453.10 was also raised at a plant stall held on the day of tours through the new building facilities. And a few more masks were sold raising a further \$90. Investigations are being made into the possibility of sending another shipping container to Chibobo in conjunction with Overnewton College as there are many donations of items that we have to ship over – fire fighting equipment, school supplies and furniture, bicycles and much much more. This will require more fundraising so watch for further information of events to do this.

The Medical Centre and the Maternity Ward continue to be busy and heavily supported by the local community. The secondary school will open again in January, now that a full review of the Education system in the Serenje District has been conducted. A Head Teacher is currently being sought after and many new teachers have been appointed for staffing. The farm continues to be a good revenue of support and sustenance for Chibobo. 10 new mineral mines with smelting plants have been developed in the nearby area (with another 14 approved) which promises to provide employment for local people in the area – 350 people per plant. Staivous is very confident that Chibobo will see many benefits as a result of these new developments. The bicycle business is one that will benefit greatly with workers needing transport to get to the area. Plans to connect electrical power to Chibobo are well under way with meetings for final approval being held recently.

One of the sponsored students from Chibobo, Reagan Tayali has now been employed as a teacher, not in the Chibobo area but in a very similar environment; Naabo, (Abeauty's daughter) is now employed as a nurse and Sylvia should be employed as a teacher in the coming year. It is so fulfilling to see these people completing their education and being able to give back to their people.

I thank each and every one of you who continue supporting Chibobo through prayers, asking for progress and financially. Lesa Amipale. God Bless You.

Annette Swaffield

Prayer Ministry Report

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Connecting with God through prayer is a joy and a privilege, and we acknowledge the importance of setting aside time for prayer. In the last year our prayers as a church have had a particular focus on the building of our new worship centre. Through Lent, church members were encouraged to pray for various parts of the building and for the building project as a whole, praying through prayer points provided.

In August we had a Day of Prayer for a Time of Change and Transition held at St John's in Riddells Creek, which was well attended. It gave us the opportunity to hear God's Word, to lay our troubles and concerns before Him, to pray for the physical transition, and for God's leadership in the conduct of our worship services and ministry in the new worship centre. The day was also a welcome opportunity for people to come together over coffee and lunch (thanks Janet, Danielle and Belinda), an opportunity we had not had since COVID and the start of building works. Thanks also to Narelle for looking after registrations and doing the layout and printing of the booklets.

Whilst technically part of the 2021-22 reporting year, I will mention here the 24 hour Prayer Vigil which was conducted to sanctify the new worship space and pray for future worship and ministry prior to the grand opening. A continuous roster of vigil keepers prayed throughout the 24 hour period, from 7am on Sunday 16th October to 7am Monday 17th October. Over 50 people took part in the Vigil. Thanks to Matt Reeve and Danielle Johanesen who helped me in organising this.

Intercessors

Sue Allaz, Janet Minge, Jenay Flint, Elsa Phillips, Heather Watts and Hilary Williams are our intercessors who meet weekly to pray over church matters and for personal prayer requests. Our Prayer Chain, coordinated by Edith Langshaw, responds to urgent prayer requests.

Parish Prayer Meeting

On the third Monday of each month we meet in the church (now the Chapel) for a Parish Prayer meeting. The meeting usually includes a Bible reading and a psalm, and the pattern is to break into small groups to offer prayers and praise on church matters, major concerns around the world, local community concerns, and for individuals in need of our prayers. Since COVID, however, other than on Anzac Day attendances have been very poor, and those present have prayed together. At St Mary's we surround all we do in prayer, knowing that our heavenly Father listens and hears our prayers. As individuals we pray in private. We pray in our home groups and other group settings such as prayer partners and triplets. We join together in worship services to offer prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession. I encourage everyone to make every effort to seek to come close to God in prayer, in private, in families, in small groups and in worship services.

Lesley McInerney, Parish Prayer Meeting Coordinator

Home Groups- Alison Rae

May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light. Colossians 1:11-12

This year has been adjusting to the new normal of homegroups, some in person and others continuing on Zoom. For each of these comes with its challenges. God has provided the leaders with the strength to continue. And continued to deepen the relationships between members.

Amazingly the groups have remained stable in size, and we will find that the continuing commitment by all involved. Even for the breaks and time off the members have continued connections and willingness to resume meeting.

Unfortunately, we have lost some groups this year but have also gained new groups with new people. These have been supplying connections to those who have not been in a group.

Building on the different types of groups that meet people within the community, young mums' group prayerfully guided by Erin and Rachel.

The groups diversity comes in as groups combine their "hobbies" with their fellowship and studies. The way each study varies on whether they follow a book or read from the Bible to delve into the verses. Mostly what has shown is the increased relationships.

Alpha have been run by Gavin and Kathleen and have brought much enthusiasm in new members. Each gained a fresh understanding to the love of God.

Thanks to Matt, Gavin, Kathleen and Narelle for all the support and encouragement.

The time ahead will be involved in developing and building new homegroups and leaders. For just as Ernest said let the work begin. If you want to be a part of a homegroup for Advent, let myself, Gavin or Narelle know, and we'll organise a group.

KIDS HOPE

After being limited to Pen Pal mentoring for majority of the previous 2 years 2020 and 2021 due to Covid, mentors were finally able to meet with their children face to face in Term 4 last year, and even managed to hold a Christmas party (thanks to the efforts of Denise Foden and Annette Swaffield). I'd like to thank Denise and Annette, not only for organising the Christmas party, but also for stepping in while I was in the Netherlands for the last couple of months of last year – especially to Annette for looking after my little boy and helping Denise in the “running” of the party. I heard that the party was a huge success.

At the party, 4 children were farewelled – 3 who finished Primary school and 1 who transferred to another school. So this year, we welcomed 4 new children to the Program -3 in Grade 4 and 1 in Prep.

Sunbury West is undergoing a Building Upgrade since the start of Term 2 this year. As a result we couldn't use The Hub for mentoring; we have been meeting with our children in the Staff room. This proved to be a minor problem for some of the mentors particularly when there is more than one mentoring session happening on the same day- same time. As we all know, children are easily distracted when there are other people in the room. Anyway, we persevered, and we coped. We now look forward to a more “normal” 2023 when we have a brand new Hub back.

Finally, to Hilary Williams, a BIG Thank You for stepping in for Larry Green, who has been recuperating from a shoulder operation in the middle of this year.

Clarissa Burn- Kids Hope Coordinator

St Mary's Ministry to the Elderly – 2022

While much of community life has gradually returned to some sort of “normality” during 2022, in our Sunbury nursing homes – not so much!

The St Mary's Nursing Home Team has found, time and time again throughout 2022, that our scheduled Services at Goonawarra Nursing Home and Riddell Gardens Aged Care were unable to proceed, usually due to rapidly-instituted lockdowns for one reason or another.

On the few occasions on which we could attend, we were welcomed with open arms and great enthusiasm, and the Christian fellowship was appreciated by all – Residents AND staff!

It's our hope and prayer that regular Services will become possible in the coming months and years.

Special thanks to the Team members – Valda Di Scipio, Noelene Jones, Denise Foden, Debbie Last, Sharon Ward, Elsa & Alan Phillips and Ruth Philbrick for their unwavering support during what has been a difficult year.

Oh, and as Ruth and I head off to the Macleod area, we give thanks to God for the privilege of being part of this Ministry to the Elderly. Please be assured of our thoughts and prayers for the Team as together they continue to serve God through this valuable Ministry.

To God be the Glory.

Robin Philbrick

Youth United 2022 – Annual Report

Youth United met on a weekly basis during school terms throughout the year, beginning in Term 1, where we made use of Daylight Savings and the Village Green for games and St Mary's chapel for study. In Term 2, we moved to the Sunbury Girl Guides Hall until construction of the new St Mary's Worship complex was completed in October, when we began meeting in the Youth United room. The leadership team wish to thank the Girl Guides for the use of their hall throughout 2022, without which it would have been extremely difficult to operate the youth program.

A regular number of approximately 6 – 8 youth were present for each session which included a chance for general chatting and catch up for the youth, some games – it seems ping pong indoor cricket and skunk are popular, and a study. Throughout the year the studies focussed on the Book of Mark. The selected passages were read using the 'Reading the bible with a friend' model, and "Bible jamming" to facilitate the multiple readings of passages with the youth, before asking questions to further the discussion and their understanding. External activities for the year included catching the train to Riddells Creek for chips, Laser tag and a movie night held in St Mary's Chapel.

The youth have been well served by the leaders Calum Hay, Kyle Cozens, Erran Caddaye and Bec Klouth who joined as a leader in 2022. The leaders have provided living examples of what it means to be a follower of Jesus and worked enthusiastically with the youth to be a source of encouragement at all times.

Ian and Jenny Caddaye

St. Mary's Steppers.

This group meets every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year, averaging 7-8 steppers each time. Every walk begins with prayer and most walks end with a coffee and fellowship afterwards.

Tuesdays are known as Travelling Tuesdays and the meeting point is always somewhere different and as a result many wonderful walking paths within Sunbury have been discovered. Thursday's meeting point is always at the Rotunda next to the Aquatic centre in Ligar Street and different walks branch out from there.

During school holidays, Playground Crawls are organized and it is always a delight to be joined by families to take part in these walks too.

We take great delight in spending time within God's creations and are always thrilled when we see his work around us throughout all seasons.

An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join us anytime. We are not power walkers and enjoy taking our time and stopping often to delight in and give thanks for everything around us.

Annette Swaffield

ST. MARYS' A.M.U.A. SUNBURY ANNUAL REPORT 2022

At our AGM in October 2021, which was held on Zoom, the following members were elected Office Bearers for the following year:

President: Susanne Baxter-Smith
Treasurer: Jan Kokic

Secretary: Bev Cottell
Vice President: Gill Garth

We have 12 financial members, averaging 7 per meeting.

Our projects for this year have been to knit or crochet baby blankets for premie babies at the Royal Womens' Hospital, and beanies and fingerless mittens for the Mission to Seafarers.

We have been collecting for a charity called Share the Dignity, which helps homeless women with a handbag or backpack filled with personal items for women. Last year we packed 17 bags which was an excellent effort by a few. We collect stamps to be forwarded to ABM, and also collect new Christmas Cards to be packed in lots of 5 cards, to be given to the Rev June Robertson, Chaplain of Dame Phyllis Frost and Tarangower Womens' prisons, to be distributed to the women. Last year 2,000 cards were packed by Altona branch, Sunbury could not attend to help due to COVID.

There have been nine baptisms this year, seven children, and two adults which MU attended and presented a candle.

It was lovely to admit Alison Rae to Mothers' Union in April, also Helen Gifford received her 50 year badge in October.

Our most important MU day for the year is the Lady Day service, at St.Paul's Cathedral, held in March, we had 4 members plus Don Cottell attend a lovely service. As usual some members will attend the Holding the Light service on Advent Sunday, at St. Peter's Eastern Hill, a service to acknowledge domestic violence against women and men.

We were unable to have a fundraiser this year but members have donated \$280.55.

I would like to give my thanks to Bev for her secretarial skills and helping me, also helping Jan this year as treasurer. Also for the wonderful work she does as Co-ordinator of the North/West Region, keeping in touch with all branches, of which there are many, including driving many kilometers to visit different groups. A big thank you to John Kokic who audits our finances every year.

My thanks also to thank Jan, as Treasurer and other members who have had various roles during the year.

I would also like to thank Gavin and Narelle for their help and support this year.

We are all looking forward to have a meeting room for our meetings in the future, it will be lovely to have a place to call home again.

Susanne Baxter-Smith- President

STITCH AND SEW ANNUAL REPORT 2022.

An average of 10-12 people gathered this year at the back of the church on a Tuesday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm. Over the past 12 months we have stitched, sewed, chatted, drank numerous cups and tea and thoroughly enjoyed our time spent together again after 2 years of lockdown. Our fellowship supports one another through good and bad times and we welcome any new people who would like to join us. You really don't have to be a "crafty" person, just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

This year many of us have been knitting blankets for the Women's Hospital Premature Baby Unit. Some have been knitting beanies for the Mission to Seafarers in Port Melbourne. These items have been passed on to St Mary's Mothers Union who distribute them.

Other members made Ros Armstrong her purple and green stoles, presented to her at her Ordination. We will soon be busy sewing Kathleen Ross her stoles for her Ordination in November.

Throughout the year, on special occasions, we have celebrated with a lunch at a local restaurant and recently, to commemorate the life of Queen Elizabeth II we held a High Tea, complete with jam, cream and scones, cucumber sandwiches and just for Paddington Bear a few marmalade sandwiches! It was a fun afternoon remembering a remarkable lady who dedicated her life to duty and service of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

We welcomed Lorraine Blakely to our group who has now downsized and moved to Port Arlington. Stitch and Sew has benefited from her move, with Lorraine donating boxes of fabric. She will always remain in our thoughts as we sew with her material. Thankyou Lorraine.

We have supported Careworks through our weekly contributions and most recently bought "two and a bit" chairs for the new worship centre.

New members are always welcome and we look forward to meeting soon in the new Worship Centre.

For further information please contact Gill.

Gill Garth (0429946389).



St Mary's
ANGLICAN CHURCH SUNBURY

2021-2022

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Prepared for the
St Mary's Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 21st November
7:30pm

Balance Sheet

St Mary's Anglican Church As at 30 September 2022 Cash Basis

30 SEP 2022

Assets

Bank

11110 - General Cheque Acc 516062042	83,860.13
11112 - Rest & Maint Acc. 651925242	676.70
11118 - Community Store Cheque 5020	495.52
12100 - ADF SAV.05004120	39,476.79
12201 - ADF 4990 Future Building Fund	15,566.03
12210 - ADF 05004905 ApprBldgFund	123,501.55
12215 - ADF SAV.05005010 Maint.Reserve	12,717.13
12220 - ADF Parish Giving 05004616	1,082.88
12223 - Staff Leave Liability	12,031.58
12230 - ADF SAV 05009176 Comm Store	5,636.17
12231 - Com Store - Access Account 9752	927.62
12235 - ADF Mission Giving - 05009609	9,172.98
12302 - ADF Inv 443009475	10,451.45
Total Bank	315,596.53

Current Assets

11125 - Deposits on Mission Trip	50.00
11127 - Petty Cash-Community Store	350.00
11141 - Petty Cash - Parish Office	200.00
11142 - Petty Cash Office - F.Currency	35.00
11145 - Float Cash Comm Store	150.00
11147 - Youth and Young Adults Camp	(265.12)
11148 - Petty Cash - Catering Float	200.00
11150 - Parish Camp 2009	(68.09)
Total Current Assets	651.79

Fixed Assets

12410 - Church Organ	60,747.91
12412 - Computer	990.91
12414 - Store Equipment	908.18
12415 - Television/Projector	2,981.82
12416 - Furniture	1,245.00
13000 - Vicarage 8 Jardine Cres	750,000.00
14001 - New Worship Centre - Phase 1	4,290,000.60
Total Fixed Assets	5,106,874.42

Non-current Assets

12413 - Software	227.27
Total Non-current Assets	227.27

Total Assets	5,423,350.01
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30 SEP 2022

Liabilities**Current Liabilities**

29991 - Historical Balancing	292.44
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GST

21350 - GST	(85,258.02)
21355 - GST Rounding & Adjustments	(1,190.23)
Total GST	(86,448.25)

Total Current Liabilities**(86,155.81)****Super Clearing**

21406 - Superannuation Payable- Parish	1,606.68
21407 - Superannuation payable-Sal Sac	3,077.64
Total Super Clearing	4,684.32

Non-current Liabilities

21125 - Temp Rec- Deposit on Mission	575.25
21147 - Temp Rec'd - YYAC	2,016.09
21405 - PAYG Withholdings	88.00

ADF Loan

22211 - ADF Loan - 444001059	1,154,159.15
Total ADF Loan	1,154,159.15

Total Non-current Liabilities**1,156,838.49****Total Liabilities****1,075,367.00****Net Assets****4,347,983.01****Equity**

38000 - Retained Earnings	3,918,348.44
38001 - Vicarage Appreciation	380,480.46
Current Year Earnings	49,154.11
Total Equity	4,347,983.01

Profit and Loss

St Mary's Anglican Church

For the year ended 30 September 2022

Cash Basis

2022

Trading Income

Collection

41005 - Open Plate & Envelope Offertory	39,713.60
41010 - Electronic Giving	228,144.10
Total Collection	267,857.70

General Income

41023 - Funerals	200.00
42001 - Donation Winter Night Shelter	247.50
42005 - Donations to Mission	240.00
42009 - Chibobo Orphanage	962.10
42010 - Chibobo Famine Appeal	90.00
42013 - Chibobo Buildings	383.50
42015 - Specific Fundraised/Donated	43,348.00
Total General Income	45,471.10

Buildings

46003 - Future Building Funds	51,208.78
47001 - Interest - Other ADF	2,709.43
Total Buildings	53,918.21

Community Store

45001 - Community Store	52,222.68
Total Community Store	52,222.68

Missions

45011 - CMS	974.60
Total Missions	974.60

Grants

49001 - Reimbursement - Clergy Stipend	27,395.44
49102 - Archdeacon Allowance - ADOM	8,520.00
Total Grants	35,915.44

Total Trading Income	456,359.73
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Gross Profit	456,359.73
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Operating Expenses

Staff Expenses

61950 - Staff Travel & Ministry Costs	542.16
61710 - Vehicle Replacement Fund Vicar	4,180.00
61716 - Vicar's Long Service Leave	1,197.00
61717 - Archdeacon Allowance	4,020.00
61720 - Superannuation-Vicar	9,360.48

2022

61724 - Benefit Account GW	28,549.08
61725 - Salary SacrificeSuperannuVicar	15,600.72
61730 - Wages, Salaries & Stipends GW	18,253.21
61732 - Provision LSL	399.00
61735 - MV Running Cost Vicar	380.00
61791 - Browne's Stipend/Wages	24,150.26
61792 - Browne's Superannuation	8,424.36
61793 - Browne's Sal. Sac. Super	5,616.24
61794 - Browne's Benefit allowance	26,396.16
61795 - Browne's Vehicle Replacement Fund	4,560.00
61796 - Browne's LSL	1,596.00
61802 - Administrator Salaries	38,045.24
61801 - Superannuation-Administrator	3,853.46
62103 - Salary - Cleaner	4,777.85
62104 - Superannuation/ Super Sac - Cleaner	596.17
61940 - Work Cover	1,326.14
Total Staff Expenses	201,823.53

Insurance

62301 - Insurance - Property	9,567.42
Total Insurance	9,567.42

Operating Expenses - Other

62303 - Bookkeeping Exp.	6,000.00
62401 - Wine,Wafers,Envelopes,Badges	892.32
62403 - Conferences	508.00
62404 - Books & Training	1,082.32
62405 - Media Costs	1,931.56
62406 - Piano/Organ/Music/CCLI	816.36
62407 - Office Expenses-Stationery	782.39
62416 - Hospitality	546.89
62422 - Parishioners Hospitality & Wel	47.27
62424 - Kids Hope Expenses	1,122.38
62426 - Telephones & Internet	4,022.21
62471 - Print & Copy	4,789.30
62472 - Comm. Store- Expenses	11,291.93
62480 - Police Checks	72.73
Total Operating Expenses - Other	33,905.66

Property

62511 - Utilities- Church	2,260.66
62515 - Utilities- Vicarage	4,134.77
62516 - Repairs to Vicarage	3,227.28
62517 - Utilities Curate	4,069.74
62518 - Curate Housing Allowance	24,425.00
62522 - Hume Rates	692.89
62523 - Utilities - Hall & Expenses	4,053.82

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62531 - Maintenance & Repairs	101.00
62617 - Seeds on the Green	3,876.42
63000 - New Buildings, Furn, Equip	49,850.66
Total Property	96,692.24

Assessment

63101 - Parochial Assessment	39,429.00
Total Assessment	39,429.00

Mission Giving

63201 - Community Store Giving	73.59
63202 - Other Mission Agencies	240.00
63204 - Parish Council Giving	15,100.00
63207 - CMS Tins	984.10
63212 - Winter Night Shelter	47.50
Total Mission Giving	16,445.19

Miscellaneous

63301 - Bank Fees	48.75
63302 - Interest - ADF Loan	9,293.82
91020 - Rounding Exp	0.01
Total Miscellaneous	9,342.58

Total Operating Expenses	407,205.62
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Net Profit	49,154.11
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2021/22 St Mary's Budget

	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Draft Budget
INCOME			
Offertory Collections	\$ 255,000	\$ 267,858	\$ 285,600
Weddings & Funerals	\$ 1,360	\$ 200	\$ 4,820
Donations & Mission Giving	\$ 5,040	\$ 2,898	\$ 6,140
Community Store	\$ 51,270	\$ 52,223	\$ 99,500
Grants- Archdeacon, Locum clergy	\$ 22,500	\$ 35,915	\$ 19,965
Parish Property Hire	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Funds raised for New buildings	\$ 50,000	\$ 51,209	\$ 40,000
Interest	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,709	
Specific fundraising/donations- chairs, equipment etc		\$ 43,348	
Total Income	\$ 386,870	\$ 456,360	\$ 531,025
EXPENSES			
STAFFING COSTS			
Vicar's Stipend, Super & vehicle allowance	\$ 88,770	\$ 82,482	\$ 84,115
Assistant Minister Stipend, Super & vehicle allowance	\$ 72,605	\$ 70,743	\$ 75,332
Manager of Op. Ministries- Salary & Super	\$ 41,859	\$ 41,899	\$ 43,408
Cleaning Staff- Salary & Super	\$ 8,500	\$ 5,374	\$ 18,118
Work Cover	\$ 4,800	\$ 1,326	\$ 5,200
Total STAFFING COSTS	\$ 216,534	\$ 201,824	\$ 226,173
Mission Giving			
Mission Giving- Chibobo, CMS & Others	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,272	\$ 3,215
Community Store Giving		\$ 74	\$ 12,000
Parish Council Giving	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,100	\$ 15,000
Total Giving to MISSION	\$ 17,800	\$ 16,445	\$ 30,215
Property Related Expense			
Chapel Utilities & repairs	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,261	\$ 13,000
Vicarage and Curate Housing- Utilities & repairs + rent	\$ 32,300	\$ 35,857	\$ 37,960
Parish Centre Utilities & repairs	\$ 1,580	\$ 4,848	\$ 6,500
Insurance- all properties	\$ 13,000	\$ 9,567	\$ 35,000
Café setup (not for profit establishment costs)		\$ 3,876	
New building equipment		\$ 49,851	
Total PROPERTY Related Expense	\$ 49,480	\$ 106,260	\$ 92,460

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Ministry and operational Expenses			
Bookkeeping Fees	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000
Wine/Wafers/Envelopes	\$ 700	\$ 892	\$ 1,500
Conferences	\$ 750	\$ 508	\$ 1,500
Books & Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,082	\$ 1,500
Media Costs, CCLI, Subscriptions	\$ 3,900	\$ 1,932	\$ 3,900
Office Expenses-Stationery	\$ 1,000	\$ 816	\$ 2,000
Children's & Youth Ministries	\$ 1,000	\$ 782	\$ 1,000
Playgroup Expenses	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 500
Hospitality	\$ 1,000	\$ 547	\$ 2,000
Parishioners Hospitality & Wellbeing	\$ 400	\$ 47	\$ 1,000
Funeral & Wedding Costs	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 700
Kids Hope	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,450
Telephones & Internet	\$ 4,750	\$ 4,022	\$ 4,750
Printing & Copier lease	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,789	\$ 5,040
Community Store- Expenses	\$ 18,931	\$ 11,292	\$ 34,420
Police Checks	\$ 200	\$ 73	\$ 500
Social Events- (Building launch/Women's Ministry)	\$ 2,600	\$ -	\$ 2,600
Total Ministry & Operational Expenses	\$ 50,181	\$ 33,906	\$ 71,360
Other Expenses			
Parochial Assessment	\$ 36,000	\$ 39,429	\$ 45,000
Bank Fees		\$ 49	\$ 540
Loan repayments		\$ 9,294	\$ 55,200
Total Other expenses	\$ 36,000	\$ 48,772	\$ 100,740
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 369,995	\$ 407,206	\$ 520,948
Funds Transfers & Additional account transactions			
Building Project Includes Interest (Building pledge funds transferred to ADF approved building accounts)	\$ 51,200	\$ 53,918	\$ 40,000
Profit/Loss	\$ (34,325)	\$ (4,764)	\$ 10,077