



# Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay

## *Snippets from Parish Council*

November 2022

### **Rector**

**Rev. Scott Gunthorpe**



### **2022 Parish Council**

#### **Rector's Warden:**

Laura Farrow

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#### **Treasurer:**

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### **Rector's Report**

Over the past couple of months, I have learnt so much that it has felt like I have been drinking from a fire hydrant. I attended a self-funded one-day conference on intergenerational ministry (Ingenerate), Northern Region Clergy Conference and Arrow Leadership Residential. I have been spending time unpacking what could be useful for our parish.

It has been helpful to spend time outside the parish with other clergy and other church leaders. It quickly became clear to me that we have so many things to be thankful for in our parish. I am starting to hear the question asked around many different churches and denominations - Who are we passing our traditions and faith on to? I think we have some exciting opportunities ahead of us as we explore together.

Having reached out to clergy in the Northern and Southern Regions of our Diocese I have learnt that there are some parishes experimenting with different intergenerational worship activities. Jordan and I will be exploring some of the parishes in Brisbane to find out what might work well for us at Waterloo Bay. Would it be worth looking at another service in the afternoon/evening? Ideas like this are great but ideas need to be followed through with a team that is focussed.

One of the ways we can focus our mission and ministry is to hold a visioning day. This will be an opportunity to hear where the Spirit is calling us to go. I have had many positive responses from people who enjoyed the 'taste' of the visioning day they received in church a couple of weeks ago. My hope and prayer is that as many people can attend so we can all contribute to our future together. I have met with The Rev'd Tim Booth (PMC) to discuss what we will need to do. Tim will facilitate the visioning day once we choose a date.

I feel it is a good time for us to work on a new strategic plan. We are starting to get used to living in a post-covid world. We are learning that some things are very easy to return to and others are not a priority anymore. At our deanery meetings we share our stories of declining numbers and the fatigue that is present throughout society (especially for those on the front line). We also discussed the exciting opportunities we have to try new and different things.

The one thing I know is that God is with us. We have not been left alone to face the future in uncertainty. In unity, as the Body of Christ, we will continue to proclaim the Good News. We will do it in the ways that have always worked and try some new ways too. Who knows, maybe the future is VR (virtual reality)? Of course, I jest but I invite you to look up Holy Hermits – I believe they are connecting with countries around the world in a trial online church???

As I look back over the last two turbulent years, I reflect on the fact that we have so much to celebrate. We provide ministries to many generations, especially children, and are increasingly engaged with those around us. I look forward to seeing where God is leading us in our life together and give thanks for all that we do.

God's peace, Scott

## Wardens Report

December Parish Council meeting for a dinner at Redlands Sporting Club - Dates being looked at 6th or 13th December.

Parish Council Leadership retreat – Feb 2023  
Suggested venue options - Held at either Santa Teresa – Ormiston or St Francis  
Friday late afternoon till Sunday afternoon. To be a team building, vision/plan, roles and responsibility.

Vision and Strategic planning day in February 2023 or sooner.

Things to be looked at project/ministry ideas for the next 2 years.

The vision day will help us see where the energy is within the parish and to complete mission/ministry objectives.

Looking at the Parish Calendar for 2023 and adding events to it.

Such as - Parish Camp in either September/October 2023

- Market Day / Fundraising events

Worship/prayer space at St Georges - making at the back of the church a space for prayer and an area for younger children during the service. Turn the last pew around to make a table for younger children to work at.

Intergenerational Service - Options were discussed, look at developing a 5 –6 pm service on Sunday. Doing activities for about 20 minutes then coming together for a service. Also meeting down at Wellington Point with Family groups on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

*Laura, Jide, Helen*

## Some discussions at Parish Council

- *Fr Scott's annual leave*  
Annual leave for 2 weeks, from Tuesday 1/11.
- *Sails at Bayside*  
After much deliberation and subsequently Parish Council voted not to have the Sails shed relocated to St George's site and to not sign the new inter-Parish Covenant.  
The Parish will continue to support Sails in the same financial and volunteer support capacity as in previous years.

- *Parish Camp*  
Discussed for later in 2023.
- *Lighter Tables in St George hall*  
Heavier tables will be replaced with lighter tables in due course. The heavier tables will then be sold to ease storage issues.

## Treasurer Report – September 2022

### **Income – year to date**

### **Pledges and Offerings**

Pledges and Offerings year to date:

Under budget by 9.3% (\$9,137):

Pledges & Offerings year to date: \$89,143

Budget amount year to date: \$98,280

### **Bunnings BBQs (Youth Ministry)**

Under budget for September YTD. 1 Bunnings BBQ held on 26/03/22, with subsequent BBQs cancelled by APWB.

### **Olde English Fair**

- Final profit realised is \$23,008.
- Based on the profit figure, 10% of the profit (\$2,289.70) has been evenly disbursed between Tear Fund and Sails at Bayside (\$1,144.85 to each), as supported by the Parish Mission & Outreach Committee and approved by Parish Council at the March Parish Council meeting.

### **Income – year to date**

YTD income is over budget mainly due to the Sickness Insurance from 2021 being paid in 2022, and OEF profit being higher than the budgeted amount. This is countered by the negative impact of Pledges and Offerings being significantly under budget.

Pledges and Offerings are 9.3% under budget YTD, and have been under budget for each month so far this year. Comparing year on year for 2021 and 2022, the current year to date Pledges and Offerings for September is 7.9% down on September 2021 year to date.

The Stewardship Campaign for July didn't progress therefore an expected increase to income hasn't been experienced.

### **Expenses – year to date**

#### **Support Clergy**

- Over budget by 24% due to service cover requirements.

#### **Motor Vehicle Fuel cost**

- Over budget YTD, attributable to high fuel costs.

#### **Insurance**

- Insurance costs have risen in 2022.

### **Expenses – year to date**

YTD expenses were under budget until 31 August, however in September YTD expenses were over budget.

#### **Net Profit/Loss – year to date**

As at 31 August, YTD Net Profit was over budget by some \$12,000 due to Sickness & Accident insurance claim for 2021 being received in 2022, OEF higher than expected profit, and Property expenses being under budget.

September YTD has returned a Net Loss, and is now \$1,718 under the budgeted Net Loss. Moving forward, the Parish is tracking towards the projected Net Loss for 2022 of \$16,000.

If this trend continues and with no foreseeable increase in income, no income to replace OEF income and no decrease to actual expenses, the Parish should expect to run a projected negative budget for 2023 in the amount of more than \$40,000. If actual income doesn't increase in 2023 and actual expenses don't decrease in 2023, the projected end result for the 2023 financial year will be a loss in excess of \$40,000.

*Ann Martin-Victor (Parish Treasurer)*

### **Youth**

Term 4 this year has been off to a great start.

I have introduced intentional, youth-led small groups each Friday night with the older group. This involves designing and printing a short booklet that explores a part of the Bible, then electing someone other than myself to lead each group.

This has been very effective in comparison to previous attempts. We went bowling in October in collaboration with the youth group at St Barts Mt Gravatt. St Barts has a similar number of Youth to us and both groups found it rewarding and exciting.

Every volunteer and parent will be invited to a celebratory dinner hosted by the Youth at the end of the term. Information will be sent out to those invited in early November.

*Jordan*

### **Mainly Music**

Our last term of mainly music has started well. The Monday group has been able to offer a place to a new family this term and both groups have families on their waiting lists. We'll be able to offer more places in the new year as some families leave with their children going to school.

The Monday and Tuesday groups are different but both vibrant. Monday has 17 families with 21 children and Tuesday has 13 families with 24 children.

The parents are so appreciative of the care they receive by the teams and this is shown in their sharing in person and on our closed Facebook pages. They were also very generous donating to the shoe box appeal.

Currently we are planning our 10th birthday celebrations and Christmas activities and looking forward to Santa's visit.

If you are interested in joining either team, please see Gay or Tina. We look forward to having Scott help out after his leave when he is available.

*Gay and Tina*

### **Messy Church**

Messy Church has continued on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month during the school term.

This is a relaxed time of sharing activities around a theme, a short time of worship and a shared meal. In August our theme was Living in God's Creation where the aim was to nurture a sense of wonder and love for the world we live in.

In October we had a great time exploring the theme of Thankfulness and Gratitude. On each occasion we had an awesome and willing team leading the activities and serving dinner. While numbers have been a bit lower than usual, the families and those who attend enjoy a happy and meaningful time and leave with big smiles along with their creations!!

The last Messy Church for the year will have an Advent / Christmas theme on Nov 26. Why not come along and join in – Messy Church is for everybody!!

*Merilyn*

### **Property & Placemaking Committee**

#### **St George**

##### *Church*

The site and buildings are now heritage listed locally. The rotting barge boards and rusting gutters on the church need to be addressed. The Diocese has provided the name of a Commercial Builder who recently undertook renovation work at other Diocese heritage listed buildings, and this is being followed up. We are on a wait list with the building company.

##### *Hall kitchen*

A temperature limiting valve is now installed on the hot water system for the hall. The very high temperature of the hot water at the kitchen sink is now lowered. It is still hot, just less hot!

#### **St James**

##### *Accessible Toilet*

Seeking to re-initiate the PWD toilet. Redland City Council grants are back.

##### *Path from Church to the Hall*

Investigating a slip reducing treatment for the path.

##### *Rev John Bretz*

*Chair - Property & Placemaking Committee*

### **Tech Group**

#### **Worship Services**

We are continuing streaming the Family service on ZOOM and Facebook live.

#### **Website**

Updates to events / news are always ongoing. All parishioners are encouraged to review the site and leave feedback on the log here : [Feedback Log](#)

Tech Working Group are looking for more members to join. The group is meeting bi-monthly.

*Peter Victor - Chairperson of Tech Group*

### **Mission & Outreach Committee**

Thanks to the many Parishioners and Mainly Music Parents and Grandparents who have supported the Parish Shoebox Appeal with generous donations of items, money and making draw-string bags to put in each shoebox.

The Shoebox project has been a collaboration between the Parish Mission & Outreach Committee and Youth Groups.

The items were checked and organised in the Hall by some of the M&O Committee for our Youth Groups to pack. 33 shoeboxes were lovingly packed. Tracking labels were purchased online and put on each shoebox and the shoeboxes were then delivered to a drop off point.

The timeline was very tight this year, with the boxes needing to be delivered to the drop off point by 9am on Saturday 29 October.

A big thank you to the Parish Mission & Outreach Committee, Jordan, Gissy and the Youth Groups.

We should be proud that while across Australia the number of boxes donated has reduced significantly, our Parish has produced the same number of boxes as in 2021, We will also donate at least as much as 2021 in remaining funds to assist in this Project.

*Peter Mathams*

*Chair - Mission & Outreach Committee*

