



Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay

Snippets from Parish Council

April 2022

Rector

Rev. Scott Gunthorpe



2022 Parish Council

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Rector's Report

Earlier this month I was having a coffee, with some parishioners, after the 715am service at St George's. The conversation came around to time, age and busyness. We spoke about how quickly time was going these days. It was posited that it might have something to do with Global Warming. I thought it might have something to getting older. Whatever the reason the fact is that time seems to be going by very quickly. How many days to Christmas?

I was very frustrated to be in isolation for Easter this year. I want to say a big thank you to Gordon Hooker, Laura Farrow and Rev David Cox for leading the services in my absence. Our parish office has also been affected by covid. Glenda Blanch has been off with covid and further isolation. She has only just returned to the office when she can. We are very blessed that Glenda is prepared to work from home. I try to stay positive in these situations. A positive for me is that I have been able to learn and fill in for Glenda and carry out printing and other tasks. It has certainly given me further appreciation for what she does.

This last month I have been reflecting on the wide and varied experiences clergy have in the fulfilling of their vocation. I have found myself attending Jeanette Paulsen's funeral one day, celebrating weddings and performing a baptism all in one week. In the morning I might be leading a Holy Communion service for one of our aged care facilities and mixing with youth in the afternoon. Jordan did an amazing job with the recent youth camp.

It is wonderful to see our children and youth ministries starting to make a comeback after the covid restrictions. A big thank you to Marilyn Hockaday for organizing our recent Messy Church. The team did a great job and all those who attended went away spiritually and physically fed. I am looking forward to Sunday School recommencing, along with Children's Talks and more.

Another thing that I am looking forward to is the re-introduction of the Common Cup. We are now permitted to share Holy Communion in both kinds. This is due to the relaxing of the covid restrictions. Another benefit of the change in covid regulations is that we no longer are required to record if people, in ministry/volunteers, are double vaccinated.

As some of our practices return my hope and prayer is that we can receive comfort and look to the future with hope. After all, this is the season of Easter. We celebrate new life. Christ is Risen, Alleluia! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

God's peace, Scott

Some dot points from discussions at Parish Council on 26 April

- Property: still waiting for electrician to look at power points St George's and lighting for St George's hall flower section (now actioned).
- Discussions regarding the importance of Workplace Health and Safety training. Annual inductions need to take place.
- With Covid restrictions easing, common cup will be introduced on 1st May, double vaccinations no longer required for church workers/volunteers and return to the Gospel reading from the centre of the church.
- With restrictions easing it is not necessary to clean the church after each service so a weekly cleaning roster will be produced for St Georges church.
- Appoint roles to various PC members.
- NCLS - survey opportunity provided by Diocese ... this year for the southern regions on a three-year cycle at no cost to the Parish. It is hoped the feedback will enable us to plan for the future MAP.
- Discussions regarding OEF Insurance, especially in relation to the Jumping Castle. The shipping container and payment and site plan approved.
- Process for Snippets discussed and the goal is to have the minutes produced on teams within a couple of days, then the information to be forwarded for preparation and distributed to the Parish with Tidings as soon as possible.
- Plans regarding a combined worship at St Georges on the 5th Sunday of the month.
- We require a People's Warden and it was suggested that Helen Stanbrook take on this role and Helen accepted this request. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report - March 2022

Income – year to date

Pledges and Offerings

Pledges and Offerings year to date:

Under budget by 7.4% (\$2,415):

Pledges and Offerings year to date:
\$30,345

Budget amount year to date: \$32,760

Youth Group Income

- Youth Group fees have been received for term 1. Thanks to Jordan for following up with that.

Bunnings BBQs (Youth Ministry)

- 1 Bunnings BBQ held on 26/03/22.

Sickness & Accident insurance claim – from 2021

- The Diocese overpaid by approximately \$1,200 in March. And 2 duplicate payments were received in April. The overpayment and duplicate payments will be repaid to the Diocese.

Income – year to date

YTD income is over budget due to the Sickness Insurance from 2021 being paid in 2022.

Expenses – year to date

Employee Expenses

- Support Clergy is under budget due to some claims for March YTD not yet received to be paid.

Lenten Study books

- Not all of the 30 books purchased were sold.

Property

- Repair & Maintenance is under budget, however some inclusions in the budget will be happen later in the year.

Expenses – year to date

YTD expenses are under budget, explained above.

Net Profit/Loss – year to date

Net profit YTD is over budget by the Sickness & Accident insurance claim for 2021 being received in 2022.

Ann Martin-Victor (Parish Treasurer)

Youth Report

Hi Everyone,

It's my pleasure to introduce to you the themes for Youth this term.

In JAM, the younger group, we're going through the Fruit of the Spirit. This has been productive so far as we've explored YouTube videos and done some craft activities for the kids to take home afterwards.

In Papa's, the older group, we are exploring big questions regarding the faith - sometimes controversial, sometimes difficult to answer. We'll listen to somebody's response on YouTube - this person is usually quite a qualified pastor, then talk about what we agree with, what we don't and what we think. It's very open and non-judgemental, and it's a safe space for people to explore their faith at the moment.

I'm really looking forward to seeing the fruitfulness of the term and continuing to share it with you.

Jordan

Tech Group Report

Worship Services

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

Training.

One new person has offered to be host but is not yet trained.

Sound

We believe have it working at optimal level now.

Website

Updates to events / news are always ongoing. We have been updating the COVID Rules page as things change.

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 plus working bees as required.

Peter Victor

Chairperson of Tech Group

Mainly Music

The Monday group were challenged with 3 public holidays at the start of this term. The team rose to the challenge and offered 3 Wednesday mornings instead. This suited just a small number of our families, but it allowed the team to interact on a more personal level with the families that were able to attend.

The Tuesday team and families were devastated with the death of Jeanette, who was a valued and much loved team member.

Mother's Day was celebrated by both groups and each of the mothers and grandmothers received a gift and treated to a special high tea. The children enjoyed making a craft activity as their gift. One of the mainly music values is Honour, and we love to honour the mothers and grandmothers in this way.

- It is a privilege to be involved in this outreach ministry.

Gay and Tina



Olde English Fair

Parishioners have been donating, making, cooking, gathering, advertising, etc.... Thank you so much for your commitment and enthusiasm.

If you can't/or would rather not wear a period costume, perhaps a parish shirt would be appropriate if you have one.

OEF Name Badges: there are sheets at the back of both churches for registering your name and stall/task. OEF Name Badges are important – they will be required if you wish to gain “back-door” access to the Hamburger and Sausage Sizzle stalls to save wait-time in long queues. Tickets for these items may be pre-purchased on the day to save queueing for them later on. The “Gophers” can collect your food for you if you wish to remain at the stall, provided you have a pre-purchased ticket.

Advertising signs have been placed, and Sara Wells has been promoting through media, churches, schools etc and is coordinating the flier distribution. If you are willing to assist with flier distribution, please see Sara. Parking signs have been prepared for the Scout grounds, Birkdale State School and Mary Street, the 2 Mary Street Child Care Centres - Bayview Early Learning Centre and Perfect Start, have opened their parking bays for the Stall Convenors and their helpers so please use them after dropping off your items to the fair on the day.

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Checking of power outlets and general WHS matters have been undertaken over the past weeks. For anyone helping at the fair, please don't forget to complete your General Induction and Safety Induction forms required by the Diocese.

KEY FAIR PREPARATION DATES:

Saturday 21st May from 8am - A working bee will be held in the grounds. There will be an email soon listing tasks and equipment needed. Teardrop Banners to be placed daily from this day on.

Saturday 21st evening/Sunday 22nd Morning – street directional signs to be placed. Birkdale Scouts hold a security “Cardboard Sleep-over” in the grounds.

Thursday 26th May from 9am - Collection of tables, chairs and marquees will be undertaken. Parishioners with trailers and other helpers would be most welcome. Stall site marking also takes place that day.

Friday 27th May from 8am – Erection of marquees, stall signage, flag pole and bunting, distribution of tables and chairs, power leads wheelie bins, parking signs erected, can cages etc...

Saturday 28th from 6am – stall setup with products and ALL SYSTEMS GO!

Saturday 28th from 3pm – Pull-down. Please ensure that tables and chairs are stacked in groups for return. Marquees back in hall if not being returned on the day

Saturday 28th from 5pm (not before) - Post fair gathering for refreshments and an informal debrief and relax in St George's Hall.

Saturday evening – Collapse ☺

A BIG THANK-YOU TO ALL

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