



Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay

Snippets

from Parish Council 27th October 2020



Rector

Rev. Scott Gunthorpe

2020

Parish Council

Rector's Warden:

Rob Clark

People's Wardens:

Annmaree Collins

Laura Farrow

Treasurer:

Ann Martin-Victor

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Liz Law

Melissa Marriott-Chen

Jide Oyewole

Rob Sweeney

Amanda Hart

Synod Reps:

Warren Collins

Aline Stinton

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Ian Carr

Peter Victor

Parish Nominators:

Rob Clark

Aline Stinton

Laura Farrow

Rectors Report

AS I write this report for October I realise that it is almost November and 2020 is soon to be over. How many of us are looking forward to New Years Day 2021 so we can say we survived 2020. It certainly has been a challenging year for me. In saying that it has also had some highlights and they continue in October.

Each month Parish Council has been looking at one of the areas of our MAP and discussing where we have been and where we are going. I am looking forward to reviewing our MAP with the parish before our next AGM. Last month we discussed Discipleship. We lamented the fact that the Alpha course didn't go ahead but I feel there were reasons for this, and I am looking forward to seeing Alpha in the parish next year. One of the practices that has been assisting my discipleship journey over the last few months is Christian Meditation. In our parish we have a couple of meditation groups that have been started by Gill Maloney. Gill has attracted some of her friends and members of a club she belongs to as well. I am excited to announce that next week I will be facilitating a course called 'Exploring Christianity' which is an introductory Christianity course, like Alpha. We will have between 10-15 participants, many people completely new to the faith.

There are also plans to offer the short courses offered by St Francis College before Christmas. I plan to hold a Quiet Morning during Advent for those interested in spending some time in contemplation and refectation.

The theme for the Quiet Morning will probably be Franciscan in nature as I have recently taken my profession in the Third Order of St Francis. This was a rite of passage after two years of formation. I am looking forward to continuing the journey with other Franciscans in our area including Gordon Hooker, Fr Daniel Hobbs and Fr Bill Guttormsen. We meet regularly to deepen our faith and prayer life.

This month parish council will be discussing Worship and the focus will be on how we return to our Family Service at St George's. We have successfully held Tony Phelp's funeral at St James and Harry Moles funeral is scheduled for early November at St George's. We have also had covid safe baptisms with limited numbers. Hybrid church seems to be the way of the future where we offer physical church whilst live streaming the service for those still unable to attend. This is something that the Resource Churches have been discussing this year.

This month I met with the other Resource Church Leaders and Stephen Harrison (ED of PMC) at St Francis College for a time of sharing and learning. These opportunities are important as we reflect on the current conditions, we all minister in and the future of the project. It was exciting to learn of new opportunities to gain resources from a new selection of consultants, that the diocese will engage with in the future. Our parish will be able to make use of the new opportunities. Unfortunately, I am unable to discuss the specifics at this stage.

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We were also able to share with each other about the success and challenges we face in this covid time. It was interesting to hear the many similarities among us all. The most important thing I think we do is to pray for each other and our parishes.

One of the strengths our parish has become known for is our ability to put on community events. As I write this report the rain is coming down in the days leading up to our Market Day. This Market Day is the result of many parishioners coming together to reach out to our community in a positive and invitational way. If it wasn't for the dedication of people like Marg Carr these events would not be possible. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank Marg and the team. I am always very supportive of these endeavors and look forward to supporting more of the same in the future.

Yours in Christ, Scott+

Wardens' Report

This month, the executive met a week earlier than usual, as we had a lot to discuss and to catch up on with Rev Scott, since he had been on annual leave for 2 weeks of the month.

Much of what was discussed is now past history, but the summary is here if you would like to read it.

MAP:

- A follow-up action under Discipleship from last month's discussion was that since Alpha didn't end up going ahead, we still have a need to start a new group to cater for people who would like to meet and learn some Christian 'basics'.
- Worship – this will be further discussed at our next meeting.

In-person church services:

- We discussed the need to set a date for restarting the Family Service that will be held at 9:30am on Sundays.
- The decision will be made in discussion with the Parish Council, but is also dependent on technology for livestreaming the service being available, working and ready to use.

- Morning teas - need volunteers for the 7:15 service morning teas before we can start doing morning teas for that service.

Parish Car:

- The Parish Car sale is being progressed as a private sale as it is expected to receive a better price this way.

Covid Plan:

- The plan has not been updated recently; however we have some restriction relaxations to implement in the Parish, with regard to eating and drinking now being allowed while standing. At this stage we won't be implementing this change for Mainly Music, as they have a good routine now with regard to food.
- A new seating plan was worked out for St George's church, which now allows more people to be seated for services – at a covid-safe distance. The new number will now be updated on the door sign.

Printed material for in-person services:

- After a suggestion from Brian Blinco, the Psalm has been printed individually for services, so that less Tidings need to be printed and folded. The first week of doing this was apparently successful.

Christmas planning:

- Christmas Eve family service planned to be held outside as usual, but families to be socially distanced, while children are allowed to mingle on rugs in front. It is not planned to be a Communion service.

Mental Health Support:

- The Parish will sponsor 2 children and their carers to attend a Movie Extravaganza at Indooroopilly on the 5th December.

Stewardship:

- We will hold a stewardship campaign in the New Year, with steerage from a Stewardship committee.

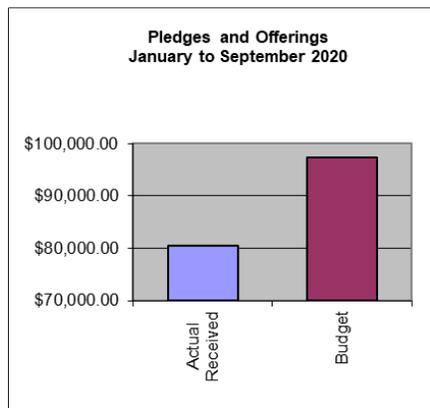
Facilities Action Plan:

- Solar project: We are putting this in our budget for next year.
- Redland City Council is looking at both St James and St Georges for Heritage Listing. This will be discussed with the diocese since the property belongs to them.

Outreach:

- We discussed the need for the parish to form an Outreach Committee, so that outreach is more predominant in Parish life.

Treasurers Report



Pledges and Offerings year to date are under budget by \$16,945 (17.4%):

Pledges and Offerings year to date: \$80,405

Budget amount year to date: \$97,350

- Envelope Giving in September was similar to August;
- Direct deposits in September were less than in previous months;
- Some Parishioners returning to physical church have stopped direct deposits;

Other income affected by Covid-19:

Mainly Music, Hall Hire and Youth Ministry Bunnings BBQ's are all under budget.

Donations: \$3,100 was received as a one-off donation.

JobKeeper Payment Scheme: \$28,000 received to date. I have been reliably informed that the Diocese will be eligible for the next JobKeeper

phase, October to December 2020. The amounts will be reduced, however it will still have a very positive impact on our finances.

Income – year to date: It is worth noting that our income YTD would potentially be under budget by approximately \$42,000 (mainly due to Pledges and Offerings and hall hire under budget, and fundraising including Olde English Fair affected by Covid-19). JobKeeper Payment Scheme income of \$28,000 has reduced YTD income under budget amount to \$13,700.

Pledges and Offerings being under budget by \$17,000 YTD needs to be seriously addressed moving forward into 2021, because it is not sustainable for our expenses to continue to exceed our income.

Expenses – year to date: Motor vehicle repair and maintenance is over budget by \$1,000 due to the vehicle needing a bigger service this year.

Savings during Covid-19

- Diocesan contributions are under budget by \$3,250 due to Covid-19 relief for the 3 months of April, May and June;
- Repairs & Maintenance line items are currently under budget by \$4,700 however that is subject to change if a repair or maintenance issue arises.

Alternate source of income

Bunnings BBQ – 3/10/10

Net profit		\$949.45
Takings 3/10/20	\$1,558.20	
Less: expenses	\$508.75	
Less: donation to Sails	\$100.00	\$949.45

There were some donations of money and stock from Parishioners.

Changed banking services – Anfin/Westpac

Anfin has advised that as of 30/12/20, Westpac will no longer provide banking services for Anfin.

The new arrangement from Anfin is with Bank@Post through Australia Post.

In discussion with the Finance Team, it was agreed that the arrangement with Australia Post will be inconvenient for our Parish banking needs due to high volumes of business in general at Australia Post outlets. It also poses an issue for after hours banking of cash at times of Olde English Fair and any other such events held during a weekend, because Bank@Post does not provide an after-hours cash deposit facility, whereas some banks do (Westpac at Capalaba has an after-hours cash deposit facility). It poses too much risk to hold large sums of money and then take to a Bank@Post outlet when open.

Over the counter deposits by Parishioners should be made easier by Bank@Post arrangements. The Finance Team proposes that the Parish open an operating bank account at one of the major banks in Capalaba for the Parish's cash and cheque banking requirements. It is preferable for the bank account to be held with Westpac because the Parish currently has a Debit Card facility with Westpac.

Mission Page on Parish Website: The third Mission Page on the Parish website to be highlighted by the Finance Team is Christian Missionary Society (CMS).

Ann Martin-Victor (Parish Treasurer)

Tech Group Report

Zoom

- **Worship Services.** At the time of writing we have conducted 5 more worship services, and continuing streaming the 9am Zoom service on Facebook live.
- **Training.** We have run a rehearsal / training afternoon on Sat 26th September as practice for new presenters, muting and spotlighting. One new Service host is in training at the moment. Data prep may need some training for embedding music.
- **Music.** Thanks to Music teams we now have a library of 58 recorded Hymns and Songs to use.
- **Challenges.** With only a small group hosts, we are having problems covering for absences.

Website

- Team has been updating the new web site with new events starting up and adding Outreach/Mission pages.
- It will always be a work in progress and we will hide pages still under construction and unhide them when ready.

YouTube

- Sunday zoom worship – Children's Talk – Gospel and Sermon continue to be loaded to our channel.
- Stats as at 23/10/2020– 55 subscribers,

Computers

- The new computer for the office is now setup and operational. The old office computer has been re-built and is setup in the church. We propose to use this computer to control the IP Camera in St George's church and the Church laptop to control the Data projection in Church. We have done some cleanup of files on the Church Laptop.
- PowerPoint - Sharing with those online is best done via the Zoom share screen as pointing the camera at the screen in church is not very readable.
- Sound – How to get the sound out to the Zoom/Facebook participants will be a challenge. We may start with smart phone microphone and work toward line in input from sound system into a computer on Zoom.

Tech Inventory

- We have started recording an Inventory of all the tech equipment and software that the parish owns to help manage lifecycle and know what and where everything is.

Peter Victor

Chairperson of Tech Group

Stipendiary Children, Youth and Families Ministry Report

1. PAPAS, JAM & ZOOM

It is fantastic that we now have a team of 6 presenters for our Kids talks on Zoom (2 male and 4 female ranging from 23 upwards). Thank you Gay very much for doing the Youth group rosters! I am currently mastering the Elvanto system to ensure I can edit accordingly.

I have enquired about our Youth groups being included in the Birkdale School newsletter and Redlands College list of local Youth groups. Redlands College has invited me to meet with their Christian Formation Co-ordinator in 2021 to possibly speak at their Chapel (all spots are booked for this year). Birkdale has not responded. I have also emailed all Parish families to invite their children and grandchildren to Youth. And Youth group flyers will be at the Church door and available at MM once they have been printed. I am organising with the local MP Mark Robinson's office to hopefully get them printed for free as part of their community outreach support (Ross Vasta did the same for me whilst I was at St Gabriel's Church).

I wanted to discuss if the Papas age range could be extended from 15 to 18 as there is no group for them once they hit the vulnerable age of 16. Can we also proactively seek a YA leader to pick up where I left off as there is a gap in this ministry area too and this group is pivotal to connecting with the Youth and the development of a new contemporary service next year?

2. MM

I attended two sessions last term and will attend several each term with the hope that my presence will strengthen the bridge to Youth groups.

The goal of the Hall board to embody an attractive Youth statement and showcases their activities in order to attract future youth group members from MM etc. The plan is to enlist the Youth to help create this and I wanted to seek permission to do something creative with the hall (i.e. like hang art on the walls painted by the youth/any parishioner/MM family on the theme of God's love?).

3. YOUTH AND FAMILY TIDINGS PAGE

This weekly page continues to be a source of information for youth group activities, outreach events like the Shoe Box appeal and Family Connect Times

4. OUTREACH

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – kindly now being co-ordinated by Gissy.

SUNDAY FAMILY CONNECT TIME (SFCT)– bi-monthly fellowship hoping to integrate the MM families as this event is less threatening than Church.

5. MEETINGS

MINISTRY LEADERS

The issue was also raised around the qualification of Youth Leaders and the Diocese confirmed that this was not required. Our basic protocol standards are fine.

YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

A clear teaching plan for the Term ahead has been developed. Unfortunately, due to unreliable work shifts, Jordan can no longer commit to being a reliable youth co-leader. However, he will serve when available and he will be maintaining his commitment to the Kids Zoom Talks.

Lorraine Lynch