



Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay

Snippets

from Parish Council June 2020

2020 Parish Council

Rector's Warden:

Rob Clark

People's Wardens:

Annmaree Collins
Laura Farrow

Treasurer:

Ann Martin-Victor

Parish Councillors:

John Bretz
Merilyn Hockaday
Liz Law
Melissa Marriott-Chen
Jide Oyewole
Rob Sweeney
Amanda Hart

Synod Reps:

Warren Collins
Aline Stinton

Sails Reps:

Ian Carr
Peter Victor

Parish Nominators:

Rob Clark
Aline Stinton
Laura Farrow



Rectors Report

This past month I was due to attend a diocesan clergy retreat. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was cancelled. Our Bishop encouraged those of us who were due to attend to take some days off for a personal retreat.

I developed a daily ritual that involved prayer, meditation, exercise, reflection and reading. The short amount of time I spent in retreat showed me how valuable taking a short break for the norm can have. I felt a closer connection with God and those around me and was able to refocus on what was important to me.

I chose to explore 1 Corinthians and was reminded of the fact that since the early church there has always been conflict. There has always been those who think they have all the answers. We also have received gifts and need to discern what part we play in the body of Christ. I am keen to explore this in a bible study on my return from leave.

Even though we are living in times of COVID restrictions the life of the church still goes on and I have been busy in the usual ways but found different communication tools to help facilitate meetings, etc. I have met with the Resource Church team, Wellington Point State School Chaplaincy team, Formation Student Supervisor's team and Deanery on Zoom. Not mention the parish meeting that have been held via Zoom. I wonder what things we will keep from the pandemic time in our future church?

One thing that I decided to do in person this month was to lead the Redland City Council meeting devotion and prayer. This was a great opportunity to prayer for the Mayor and Councillors personally and offer them a short devotion.

I am looking forward to taking some leave and seeing what awaits us in the future.

God's peace, Scott+

Wardens Report

This month, the executive has met twice, and continue to be thankful for how our parish have been pulling together to keep our 'Parish life' running.

Much of our discussions this month have centred around planning for the return of congregations to our church buildings. There is a lot of detail to be considered in the planning for this, including cleaning, signage, spacing of seating within the church, as well as what we are able to include/exclude within our physical church services.

We, as the Executive would also like to acknowledge the work that our Tech Team have put into building our new parish website. It is looking really great!

There have been two Diocesan Conversations (via Microsoft Teams). The first on "Technology" and the second on "Hybrid Church". These have been good means of sharing ideas and problems.

It was also decided, that since the Executive are not meeting quite as often now, and we are currently settled into our 'new normal' we will no longer be publishing a Parish Extra. We will go back to just publishing a Snippets after the monthly Parish Council meetings.

Treasurer Report

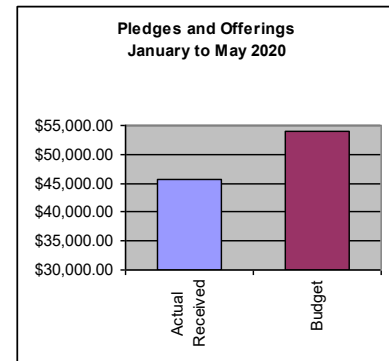
Pledges and Offerings to May 2020

Year to date Pledges and Offerings continue to be under the budgeted amount due to no physical services since mid-March in the churches due to COVID-19.

There has been an increase in direct debit offerings, and a number of Parishioners are putting their Offering Envelopes in the box outside of the office.

Pledges and Offerings year to date are under budget by \$8,522 (15.8%):

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| Pledges and Offerings year to date: | \$45,561 |
| Budget amount year to date: | \$54,083 |



We experienced an increase in Offerings income in May due to an increased volume of Offerings Envelopes in the box outside of the office. This seems to be attributed to some Parishioners catching up with their Offerings. We also had two larger Offerings deposits paid by direct deposit.

Income

Budgeted income not received due to COVID-19

Hall hire: \$ 1,500

Olde English Fair: \$15,000

Communications Grant

APWB secured a grant of \$1,000 from Anglican Church Southern Queensland to support communications within the Parish.

Purchased: Zoom subscription (12 months)

Camera, microphone, voice recorder, tripod

COVID-19 Relief Measures

Diocesan Contributions

The Diocesan Office has relieved Parishes of their Diocesan Contribution commitments for a period of 3 months (April, May, June). For APWB that is a total of \$3,250 (\$1,083.33 per month).

JobKeeper Payment Scheme

The Parish is receiving JobKeeper Payments, which will help to off-set the cost of staff wages.

Parish Fundraising Events

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions impacting on events including the Olde English Fair this year, thought has been given to alternative sources of income for the Parish.

We hope to be able to hold a garage sale type of fundraiser in mid-October, as well as some raffles in the coming months.

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As easing of restrictions are announced, we will put together a Steering Committee for a garage sale type of fundraiser.

Watch this space for more details.....

Ann Martin-Victor (Parish Treasurer)

Stipendiary Children, Youth and Families Ministry Leader

Lorraine Lynch

Covid-time has been a great opportunity to grow our special ones into a deeper discipleship through weekly zoom meetings.

1. The Young Adults (16-25) have been taking it in turns to lead the session and I am very impressed with their level of engagement and challenging questions such as "What are you waiting for?" re: Pentecost.
2. Papas (11-15) have been learning to pray for one another and they have enjoyed visual video messages such as hearing the Shepherds voice and learning how to discern that from amongst a myriad of other voices in the world. The new Minecraft launch was a hit too!
3. Sunday Morning JAM Kids talk - most people seem to enjoy the puppets explaining the Gospel!
4. The weekly Youth & Families Tiding page has heaps of info for families to extend the message given on a Sunday, and it documents who has won the weekly comp prize in our Youth games.

The Young Adults have been back meeting at my home for the last 3wks which has been fantastic. Whilst Zoom will remain with the children's talks, the 2 Youth Groups will be resuming from the 17th July after the school break which everyone is looking forward to. Zoom has been surprisingly good for our Youth but face to face is very good!

See you all on Morning Prayer whilst Scott is away.

APWB Parish Tech Group Report.

*Peter Victor (chairperson) on behalf of the Tech Group
Laura Farrow, Ian Carr, Rev Scott Gunthorpe, Glenda Blanch and Peter Mathams.*

1. Zoom

Worship : Averaging 75.25 devices connecting each week.

Music is now being selected and recorded by the music team and embedded in the PowerPoint.

Some small groups are still meeting on Zoom. Glenda is managing the Zoom Schedule as only one meeting can be running at a time.

Service, Children talk and Gospel & Sermon are being recorded and posted on YouTube.

2. Website

We have built the new web site <https://www.waterloobay.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/> and it will always be a work in progress and we encourage all parishioners to have a look and give us any [feedback](#) you may have. Our old domain name APWB.NET has been transferred to our new web builder and the home page redirected to the new site.

3. Email groups have been set up on our Bigpond account. Our old APWB.NET emails will no longer work.

4. Computers

We have assessed and specified requirements for a replacement computer for the office

Peter Victor

Tech Group Chair

The Hybrid Church – Beyond the building.

Merilyn Hockaday

On June 18, I had the opportunity to join a Diocesan group discussion.

How are we doing mission and ministry outside of our Church buildings? What exciting opportunities have developed in light of these times? How are we engaging with parishioners and the broader community beyond the traditional church building?

- Each Parish has found its own way of operating – there is no ‘one size fits all’
- Many have embraced online worship while others have not. How do we cater for both after the church buildings have opened.
- There are good reasons for maintaining an online worship presence including flexibility of time. We also need to validate those who have joined us online.
- We can’t expect that we will open the doors and all will come back. Life has changed. Many things will continue as before and some will need to change.
- The need to think of being a church planter rather than a church maintainer. This opens up opportunities within your Parish.
- ‘We can’t just see church as the Sunday Service, this does not cater for the peripheral and we need other ways’.
- Many new ways of communicating and being a church family have developed
- There has been a definite growth in the idea of ‘Home Church’ in the sense of a group of parishioners meeting in a home to worship. Elements of this have organically happened in our parish.
- Some parishes continued with different forms of mainly music and Messy Church online – some teething problems but worthwhile.
- Alpha courses have thrived. Nicky Gumbel himself says Alpha on Zoom is effective.

Property and Placemaking Committee Report

Two faculties have been approved by the Diocese, advertised and sent to the Diocese for finalisation:

St James’ Accessible Toilet and Solar Panels for St George’s Hall. These projects will be progressed when funding becomes available.

Routine fire extinguisher maintenance has been scheduled.

A Green Waste bag has been placed at St George’s.

LED replacement tubes (in excess of St James’ requirements) are now available for use at St George’s.

Next Parish council meeting will be 28 July 2020