



Snippets

from Parish Council

Special points of interest:

- Youth and Children’s Ministry
- ANFIN weekly Gift Certificate usage
- Easter Invitation
- The Ten Talents Project—biblical fundraising.
- Parish Ministry Centre “Ding the Def”

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Youth and Children’s Ministry

JAM/ROCK

The focus for JAM and ROCK this term is "Who is God". JAM and ROCK numbers are averaging up to 25 children each week between the two groups. Imogen has introduced a Question and Answer (Q &A) section each week - whereby the young folk can pose their many questions (on small paper slips) about God and answers are provided (in writing) by Imogen, Grandparent helpers and members of the clergy and congregation.

Imogen and Aline are conducting an audit on the return (or lack of return) of the signed parental consent forms, for each child attending.

Marg has brought to attention that pins/ tacks are not to be used as a small child put them in their mouth last year. We are trialling replacing all the pins with velcro dots. However, other notice boards around the hall need thumb tacks replaced.

MAINLY MUSIC

There are currently 17 families on the books with an attendance of about 12 families with at least 20 children each week. Tina and her band are doing a wonderful job by continuing to provide this service to families in the area even Sandra Pearse has now joined the



ANFIN Gifting Certificate Usage

If you are already using ANFIN or Electronic Funds Transfer for your giving to the church, Please ensure that you use the slips at the offertory. (Available from

team and has been a great help even though she isn’t completely mobile at present. Tina will miss several sessions, but relief helpers in place.



The Alpha course has been promoted to the mainly music families and invitations have been offered. Easter will be celebrated on the last session of the term with an Easter craft for the children .Each family will receive a gift of a Christian children’s book.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CRECHE

The Sunday School continues to be supported by Imogen, Anne, Merilyn, Alison and Vicki. Both groups are using the Scripture Union material which was purchased in January. There are up to 12 children on the books for KFC and 6 for junior KFC (Tina has added a list at the back of the church for volunteer crèche helpers to sign up. Although only one new person has volunteered to assist in the crèche on a regular basis, it continues to provide a service when required.

SAFE MINISTRY CHECK

The safe Ministry Check Audit for 2014 is almost complete - there are 2 forms still to be returned that Sharon and Aline are actively following up.

the back of the church)

Why?.... Others may see that you are simply passing the plate and get the negative impression that you do



not see a need to give..... so why should they?

Treasurer's Comments

February Income:

\$12,239.28 vs

Budget:

\$13,429.17.



Expenses: \$12,877.42 vs Budget:
\$ 13,555.02

Our offering/pledges has increased a little (only about \$100) in February though still approx. \$1400 short of the deficit budget.

The hall rentals income is above budget but that is due in part to some outstanding rentals being received in February. We were also fortunate to receive a \$1000 bequest in February.

Pam.



"Ding the Def"icit

In order to offset the \$20,000 annual cost of running the Parish Ministry Centre (a vital aspect of church life), have you considered using the Parish Ministry Centre "Ding the Def" envelopes in addition to your regular giving? Available from the back of the church.

Working Bee at St George's

Sat 29th March

A Working Bee has been scheduled for Sat 29th March.



A Job list is at the back of the church and on the website.....Your Task:

1. Pick a job,
2. bring tools,
3. do it

The Guild Gatherings

Painting of Hall: Geoff Thompson yet to meet with Robert Sweeney to discuss.

Cent Auction the first Fundraiser for the year Saturday 3rd May. (*No Trash & Treasure or Cake Stall this time.*)

A second Cent Auction has been booked for Sat 13th September.

Afternoon Tea remembering Olive Webber

A possible further Fundraiser showing Olive and friends in Plays on DVD. This will be held between the dates of our two Cent Auctions.

Easter Invitation

Parish Council is calling on Parishioners to take a bundle of Easter Invitation cards (available from the back of the church) and deliver them to friends and designated map areas. A prayerful personal invitation to 3 people should be included.

Easter is one of those special moments when there is still the nagging desire for non-regular attendees to come to church. Let's help them in their decision!



Liturgy Highlights

Easter Advertisement cards are ready for parishioners to deliver to their local neighbourhood.

Palm Sunday and Easter services are in hand.

Sarah looking after the palm Crosses.

Maudy Thursday: Seder Meal in home groups followed by Tenebrae Service.

May 4th is St George's Day and Confirmation at St George's. No service at St James'.

Hall Rental—maximizing the potential

Currently, there are six regular renters of the St James' Hall at Wellington Point and only one at St George's Birkdale. This has been of concern to Parish Council for some time. Whilst systems have been put in place to ensure regular payments by the users, what is really needed is more regular users.



You can assist by recommending the halls to groups and individuals that you come into contact with.

Brian Blinco is planning to meet with a small group of interested parishioners (when they come back

from holidays etc) and determine a way forward in order to maximise the use of these great facilities. Needless to say, church requirements of the hall will always take precedence over rentals.

Ten Talents Project



The Ten Talents will be launched on Sunday 30th March. This project is designed to get your creative juices working overtime. The church provides "seed" money for your project and you "grow" the investment and bring it back. It is as simple as that!

Information and registration forms are available at Church this Sunday.