



# Snippets

from Parish Council

## Special points of interest:

- Rector’s Reflections on Alpha, Confirmation, Finances and Social activities.
- REFF Support
- Functions and Catering in need of organizers.
- Showcasing PMC over Morning tea
- Music Instrument
- Children’s Ministry needs assistance for 4 weeks

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## Rector’s Reflections



### EASTER:

Thanks go to Merilyn and Russell Hockaday for stepping in to help with liturgy

planning while Neville is away. All the Lenten and Easter services went very well.

### CONFIRMATION & ADMISSION



The Confirmees will be attending the Alpha Course as their preparation for Confirmation. This means, of course, that they will only just have started when the confirmation takes place but it will still be a great preparation for their Christian faith. Jessica Simon and Jahvanna Waia will be confirmed at the 9am service on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Helen Cunningham will be received as an Anglican. Congratulations to all three of them as they journey into their future. Bp Alison will be presiding.

### FINANCES

As you can see from the **Treasurer’s report** we are just keeping our nose above water with the help of things we can’t count on. However there seems to be a good response to the **Ten Talents project**. We will

need to make a significant amount between \$5000 and \$10000 for it to pull us out of deficit. We still need to encourage folk at the 9am service to go to direct debit and to encourage people to use the ANFIN Gifting cards to put into the plate. We also need to keep reminding people about the “Ding the Def” envelopes. With this three or four pronged approach we shall be able to keep using the Parish Ministry Centre for another Year.

### SOCIAL & CATERING

We are looking for a small committee to take on the **Functions and Catering** portfolio. Marg Carr has done a fantastic job but feels she needs to step down from this role at the moment. A vote of thanks to Marg was proposed and endorsed for all the work she has done and continues to do.



### REDLANDS EASTER FAMILY FESTIVAL SUPPORT

Parish Council has agreed to continue to financially support the REFF in readiness for the 2015 event to ensure that it can run as well as possible in order to show the Love of Christ in the community.

## MUSIC INSTRUMENT REPLACEMENT

### Organ vs Keyboard:



The meeting discussed at length the organ vs keyboard options and it was resolved that Nicholas convene a meeting with Leigh, Sarah and Liz in the very near future, attend demon-

strations of musical instruments and make a timely decision in order to obtain the best solution for the parish.

## Treasurer's Comments



### January through March 2014

**Income:** \$41871.28 vs

**Budget:** \$40,287.51

**Expenses:** \$39,313.17 vs

**Budget:** \$40,665.06

1. The figures above include \$2000 offerings in advance (holidays) from a St James parishioner. This figure shows that the St J collections are above budget, but this is not really so.

2. The figures also include a substantial gift (\$5000) from a couple (previous Parishioners) who are now living overseas – they have been very generous to our Parish and the donation

certainly helps our monetary problems but we should not become complacent that the bank balance is better because of this single donation. I feel that our own giving should be able to support our Parish.

3. Direct giving showed a slight increase, 7.15am service is only slightly above budget and 9am giving is

still short of budget. As mentioned already St James is above budget, but this will fall as the offering in advance comes into the equation.

4. It was mentioned to me that maybe some of the Direct Giving could be attributed to the 9am service, but this is impossible to determine because of ANFIN confidentiality policy.

## Youth & Children's Ministry

The groups have been in recess over the school holidays. Imogen has very capably organised term 2 planning meetings for Sunday school, JAM and ROCK. We need to purchase the scripture union Sunday School Resources for term 2.



**Imogen is away for the first 4 weeks of term 2.** We have been asking for assistance for JAM and ROCK over those weeks from interested parishioners via email, the Tidings

and the notices at St George's. So far we have had Marg Carr and Sue Ryan offer to run the program on the 9th May - a big thank you for that kind offer.

Well! That is 1 week out of the 4 required. Will you help with an activity?

### PRAYER POINTS

We give thanks that our Youth Groups and ministry to children are so lovingly supported by Imogen, Tina our willing helpers and congregations. We continue to pray that helpers will always be found to assist in this very important ministry and especially while Imogen is away.

## Warden's Report

**Working Bee St George's:** Reasonably well attended and much work was achieved.

**Parish Camp:** A decision was made that there will be no camp this year due to high fees. We will look into more sites for 2015. Consideration has been given to hold camps every 2 years in the future.

**PMC Ramp:** Awaiting Terry's return.

**Other aspects:** of this report have been omitted as that

have been covered in other sections of Snippets.

### The Hub

Over the past 2 years discussions regarding economies of scale by having a combined parishes hub where common tasks can be performed more economically. It has not progressed to date any further than combined SAILS for youth at risk and local paper advertising for service times.

## Property



### St James' Hall painting completion project:

The Building and Maintenance Directors will arrange to meet and discuss OHS issues with Geoff Thompson regarding the finalisation of the hall painting due to wall height. It may be that we have to engage the services of a professional painter.

### General:

- Remedial action is required on the retaining wall of Parish Centre.

- Leaking tap at rear of parish centre. -Suggest that all taps be done.

- Parish Centre Whirly Birds need to be serviced; one of them is not turning.

- Lighting, generally all the fluorescent tubes have been in service for a long time and are in need of replacing (some have been removed due to failure).

It was approved to purchase

2 boxes of tubes at approx \$105.00 per box of 25.

Approx 50 tubes required to cover the church and hall.

Maintenance Sheets are to be prepared and displayed in the churches halls and sheds of both centres and one in the PMC. This will allow, maintenance to be determined and dealt with.

## Functions and Caterin

**Car Rally:** Went very well. Thanks to Rob and Vicky for their extremely well organised event. Congratulations to the Farrow's for winning the coveted "Cup".

**St George's festival:** Assistance is required regarding Setup hall in readiness for the Luncheon on Sat.

The Parish Ministry Centre will be used for the combined morning tea following the first service, to showcase the PMC to those who may have doubts as to what benefits it has for the parish.