



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Even if you have not registered for the **Ten Talents Project**, why not use your God-given talents to His glory and for the benefit of the Parish?

Whether it be youth work, pastoral care, mowing, cleaning, vacuuming.... Whatever!

Faith in Action Month



August has been the **Faith in Action Month**. Starting on the 3rd, with Vocation Sunday where all of us are called to serve God. We each have a vocation. Our own gifts and passions are the key to understanding what our vocation is.

Renewal of our Covenant followed on Sunday the 10th where we joyfully renewed our vows to follow Christ.

Thanksgiving Sunday on the 17th gave us the opportunity to think about how we can use our gifts to Christ's glory. If you haven't handed in your Parish Ministries or Financial Commitment forms it is not too late to do so!

Mission and Outreach Sunday followed on the 24th highlighting the missions that we as a church support. We give thanks that we can express our love for God through our generosity and service.

Ten Talents Project

The Parish Council is very encouraged by the very positive atmosphere within the Parish, with numerous people/groups using their God-given talents. Currently there are 10 projects either underway or about to commence. To date \$922.80 has been banked.

St James' Day Celeb'n



St James' Day held on Sunday 27th July was a great success, 65 people stayed afterwards to enjoy a tasty sausage sizzle BBQ style luncheon.

Upcoming Training



It is an honour to serve In The Lord's Sanctuary and one that develops an insight into the communion service. You are invited to

- Altar Server Training 13th Sept, 9.30am St George's
- LA, EA Training 20th Sept, 9.30am St George's

No RSVP required just come along.

Cent Auction 13th Sept

At St James' hall, Station Rd. Doors open 12.30pm. Auction starts 2.00pm. Afternoon Tea at 3pm.

Over 100 prizes

Admission \$5.00, includes A. Tea, lucky door prize and 1 sheet of tickets.

Contact Dawn Williams 3824 0649

Jan Shaw retires from the Office after years of faithful service

Jan Shaw after years of faithful service to the parish, has retired from office duties. We thank Jan for her dedication to work, her wonderful and caring manner exhibited to all who come to the office and her generous commitment of time; far beyond her official hours of employment. We shall miss you from the office Jan, however, we will continue to enjoy your company in the parish. We are seeking an appropriate time when we as a Parish can show our appreciation to Jan for her faithfulness. Sharon Main is training Glenda Blanch as a volunteer in the office to assist in filling the gap that Jan's leaving has made Thank you Glenda!

Essential Jesus—Study plan

Scripture Union has a new study called the **Essential Jesus** which works on the same system as E100. There are 100 Bible readings and the idea is to read five a week at home and then meet in home groups to discuss them. Some people may choose to do the readings by themselves. There have been ads for this new study in the Tidings. Neville Gardiner and Fr Nicholas have discussed

the format and felt it would work the same way as the E100 did. It is hoped that groups and individuals will pick it up and start in July. As with the E100 it is available in a normal book format for \$16 or as an e-reader for less than \$5.



Recital and High Tea 4th October



To be held at St George's Church at 3.00pm followed by High Tea in the Hall.

Come along and be entertained by

Internationally Acclaimed Australian Concert

Organist – Ross Windsor and the St George's Men's Choir.

Cost - \$15 per person.

For bookings and tickets contact Leigh Leighton Ph 3286 6220 or Marianne Ross Ph 3822 2140

To facilitate catering please RSVP by Friday 26th September

Admin Team

In July the old monochrome Toshiba printer finally gave up. A new HP printer has been purchased and installed.

Glenda Blanch has increased her generous time helping out with office administration and we are working out how to squeeze both ladies into the space available. The plan is to use the extra time to complete some of the more strategic jobs such as data management.

We are also planning a spring clean in Sept, to tidy up the Ministry Centre.

Successful Garage Sale

A successful garage sale was held on Saturday the 2nd August and included individual stalls – sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas, books, plants, cards, jams, craft, cakes, tea and coffee etc..

It was wonderful to see Parishioners from all three congregations get behind this venture maximising the

success of this fund-raising day. There was a great atmosphere, a real sense of fellowship and some very tired people by the end of the day. Close to \$2,000 was raised. Thank you to all our wonderful helpers, those that came at the crack of dawn to setup and stayed to the end to clean up, stall holders, helpers and especially our garage sale convenors Alison and Jim Condon.



Treasurer's Talk

The Budget Analysis to end July, shows that we are managing to keep relatively within budget, and many parishioners are lovingly making an active effort to contribute further through various special projects e.g. Ten Talents and Ding the Def, etc. We can't rest on our laurels though because at the end of July there remained \$7,000 in our working bank account and this is the lowest figure for some time. We may have to look at drawing on our savings in the coming months to cover the cost of running the Parish.

Building Maintenance & Projects

To ensure that nothing is missed, **Building Maintenance Request Sheets** are printed available in the various buildings. You can help by listing any maintenance issue on the sheet so that it can be duly attended to.

Maintenance work planned or underway includes finishing the painting of the back of St James' hall (the bit we didn't get to last year), testing and tagging of electrical equipment, a program to replace the fluorescent lights tubes, repairing the retaining wall at the Ministry Centre and the toilet cistern in St George's Hall.

The Ministry Centre ramp projects is well underway, soil has been purchased, trees are being removed, this will be followed by concreting, decking and turfing.



Reminder

If you haven't handed in your Parish Ministries or Financial Commitment forms to the office it is not too late to do so!

Children's Ministry

Mainly music is seeking additional volunteers to assist on Monday mornings. It is a delightful programme and an easy and enjoyable time.

Jam and Rock continue with steady numbers in both groups. There is still a need for extra people to volunteer to provide a meal for Rock occasionally.

Contact: Tina for **mm** and Imogen for **Jam and Rock**