

Snippets

from Parish Council

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Fr Nicholas leaving

Fr Nicholas formally submitted a letter of resignation to Parish Council on 28th Oct.

We are very sad to see Nicholas, Gwenn and family leave us but recognise that God has other work for them to do and wish them all the very best in their new Parish., what a lucky Parish they are!

As that news was announced at the combined service on the 12th of Oct it was not news as such. But there are obviously lots of consequences.

At this stage Nicholas has indicated his last service will be the 25th of Jan, with a farewell lunch on the 31st of Jan 2015.

What this means for the Parish....

- Until a new Priest is formally appointed we will have locum/s priests in place. We are very blessed to have a number of retired clergy living in the Redlands who have a fondness for this Parish. We believe it will be easy to find clergy willing to do locums during the interregnum.
- It is the Bishops responsibility to appoint a locum. Fr Nicholas has sent off an email to Bishop Alison with the names of our local clergy and the information he has gleaned from them.
- **Our three Parochial Nominators** have already had discussions. They are keen to get things moving as soon as possible.

The Warden's have been asked by the Archdeacon to complete a Parish review document that looks at a whole range of things including the range of ministries in place and our. financial reports. This information is in part used to decide if the Parish remains a Benefice Parish within the Diocese.

In order to advertise the vacancy a profile of the Parish needs to be prepared, most likely from scratch, as the previous profile was completed more than 12 years ago and cannot be found.

Information about Parish Vacancies can be found in chapter 5 of the Diocesan Handbook http:// www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/images/ pdf/resources/Handbook -1 August 2014 with bookmarks.pdf

What can you do....

- Support our Parochial nominators in their important role through prayer, giving your ideas and suggestions, supporting Parish Council, the Wardens and the Locum/s during the interregnum.
- Pray especially for guidance for the Parochial nominators, the Locums and for the person who will replace Nicholas.
- Consider if God is calling you to serve on Parish Council next year?

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AGM part 1—16th Nov

The Annual General Meeting (part 1) will be held on Sunday 16th November 2014 at St George's Church, 4:30pm.

You are asked to please check that your name is on the electoral roll in order to be eligible to vote.

If you are not on the roll please fill in a form and return to the office before the meeting.

Nomination forms for the Parish Council and Wardens should be completed as soon as possible and provided to Fr Nicholas.

Forms are located at the back of both churches or are available from the office.

We give thanks for those who have served during the year and pray for those who will hear Gods' call and nominate to serve in the coming year.

Everyone is invited to stay and to enjoy a sausage sizzle and friendship after the meeting.

Budget 2015

Given the need to have the financial details, including the package for a new priest in the Parish profile Council moved a motion for a budget to be prepared for consideration by AGM part 1 with a view to review before AGM part 2 in Feb 2015. A sub group of Council will meet between the two parts of the AGM to amend the budget as required

1944 Party 25th Oct

Many of us had a great night on Sat 26th Oct celebrating the 70th birthday of those born in 1944. Who is turning 70 next year, could this be an annual event? It was great to see



about 100 people present and having fun. Thank you to those who organised the 44's birthday bash.

Did you know?

The wonderful St James Guild turns 80 years young in November? For more information on the guild contact Dawn Williams. At the time of writing the Guild was busy getting ready for one of the events they run annually - A Melbourne Cup Lunch.



Administration stuff

- The office has been rearranged to allow both ladies to sit at the same time and a 'loaned' pc added so both can work at the same time.
- We are making good progress on sorting and culling the old paper files.
- The front door is now closed for ramping. Access by the back steps.
- The workplace health and safety audit s near completions.
- Discussion is underway with James Farrow to change the office computer system to a system that is similar to many small office/home computer platforms. The advantage understood by the Parish Council is that a small office platform would require less technical support.
- We acknowledge James for his exceptional work over many years on our existing computing platform.

Children's Ministry

Mainly **Music** has a comfortable number of leaders now that Sandra and Yvonne have returned from holidays. Books that are given to the children as gifts at the end of the year have been purchased. They are also sending home Advent Calendars which can be used at home and will help to spread the true meaning of Christmas.

JAM and ROCK children completed the shoeboxes for Samaratan's Purse last term and Imogen has handed the money for payment and has organized for the boxes to be delivered.

Messy Church Imogen has put a request for help in the Tidings, this will run for 3 weeks. We need help with :-

- Welcomers, registration 9.45am
- Food makers and servers
- Activity directors (someone to be at the table where there is an activity to give instructions and offer fellowship)
- Set up and pack up helpers
- There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church if you would like to help with this ministry.
- We will start to send out invitations from 16th November.

We are hoping to have a small animal nursery and a nativity scene. Vicki is finding out the cost.