



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Money Matters

There were many questions during AGM part 2 over the revised budget, after healthy discussion the budget was duly approved. It is difficult to read too much into a January report as it is a holiday month. Total pledges and offerings were slightly above budget however salaries were also above budget due to payment of casual clergy to cover for Fr Nicholas's leave and along with paying Fr Nicholas salary; resulting in an overall deficit for January.

Letter from Bishop Alison...

Bishop Alison has written to us regarding our Parish review. In it the Bishop thanks us for our hard work and states that she has asked Archdeacon Denise Ferguson to prepare a revised review of the Parish. This will be submitted to Diocesan Council in either February or March with the presentation board for our new Rector being convened soon afterwards.



A copy of the revised review hasn't been provided to the Parish. Parish Council needs to press on with the commitments we have made to the Bishop regarding a Stewardship program in 2015 and the Ministry Centre

Who's Who?

The running of a parish involves a wide range of tasks and activities, these are grouped together into portfolios. Sometimes a member of Parish Council will oversee a particular portfolio and at other times someone from the parish takes on this responsibility. On the last page of the snippets is a table that outlines a "who's who" for portfolios for 2015.

Property...

The Carpets in the hall at St George's have been cleaned.

A **Working Bee** is set for 14 & 21 March at St George's. The priorities are to rebuild the retaining wall at the Ministry Centre and if labour and time permits, clean out the hall gutters. We forgot to mention Geoff Thompson's work at St James's in our Annual Report - Thank you Geoff.

Parish Council 2015...

At the Annual General Meeting in Nov 2014 elections were held for parish council positions, these formally came into place after the AGM part 2 on 15 February 2105. Here is a summary of parish councillors and ex-officio members of Council.

Wardens

Terry Watkinson, Brian Blinco, Aline Stinton

Treasurer

Pam Monaghan

Parish Councillors

Dawn Williams

Helen Cunningham

Judy Shaw

Rob Sweeney

Sarah Leisemann

Vicki Sweeney

Synod Representatives

Ann Watkinson, Jim Stahlhut

Parochial Nominators

Ian Carr, Jim Stahlhut, Tony Collins

Easter Worship...

Palm Sunday - 29 March

Discussions are underway to hold a Messy Church Service during St George's 9am Family Service on Palm Sunday. More information to come soon. Sarah will organise the CHAC students to make palm crosses for the services at St George's. St James' ladies will meet to make their own.



Maunday Thursday - 2 April

Dawn Williams will hold a Seder Meal at her home.

Vicki Sweeney will organise a Seder Meal for 6.00 pm at St George's this will be followed by a Tenebrae service at 7.30pm.

Good Friday - 3rd April:

8.00 am St George's

9.30am St George's

9.30 am St James'

Easter Sunday 5 - April

7.15 am St George's

9.00 am St George's

9.30 am St James'

Discussions are underway regarding having Easter day as Connect2 Church Sunday. This would flow well from our Lenten Studies which are about "*Growing Through Invitation*". This study is focusing our hearts and minds on growing as "*Invitational People*".

May Fair and Garage Sale...

Paperwork for the "*Temporary Entertainment Event*" permit has been submitted to Redland City Council - my goodness Redland City Council do require a lot of detail in order to issue a permit for the event.

Plans for the **2 May** are coming along nicely. We are very grateful that Vicki Sweeney has come on board as Fair Coordinator for when Aline is overseas, Ian Carr as the logistics coordinator, and Marg Carr has taken over organising "people power" it's a big job and thankfully they have all had lots of previous experience.

There are a few spots left to fill with convenors, coordinators and helpers. We are especially looking for an Audio equipment coordinator—microphone and Music. If you want to get involved please contact Vicki or Marg.

The Ministry Centre...

Parish Council has circulated a paper to you titled "*What would we do without Ministry Centre*". It has been prepared to focus discussion on what to do when we need to vacate the Ministry Centre.



There is no clear best option yet on how to proceed and we are sure other ideas will be generated. Please read it carefully and discuss it with others. Your Council will be pleased to hear you views. We aim to be in a position to narrow the field to one or two proposals and again share with you before a decision is made. Depending on the option chosen - we may then need a special general meeting to commit our savings beyond 2015 budget provisions.

Joint Parishes Retreat...

As a result of the rain and road closures the retreat was held for Saturday only at St Paul's Cleveland instead of Kindilan. The morning included a session from Rev Bill Guttormsen on the Third order of St Francis - focusing on "Living simply so that others may simply live". The second session was led by Rev Bruce Henzell asking us to consider the question of "Ecology vs the Economy" and the role we are called to play as Christians as stewards of the earth.

After a lovely lunch the group completed a questionnaire on Adult Spiritual Gifts - it is similar process to Myer-Briggs. It was a useful process to identify the gifts we are strong in and helps when looking at where people are best placed to use or grow their gifts. After that water started to inundate the hall so we decided to call it a day!

Although the retreat was somewhat truncated what we had was first rate. Next year we hope to work with Cleveland in the formative stages so we have a bit more ownership and thus enthusiasm from our parish to attend.

Admin Update...

The computer system reorganisation is progressing. Brian has found and retrieved a password for the site that donates software (at a modest price) so we can now upgrade our XP Operating systems to (probably) windows 8.1. Both Sharon and Glenda have some 8.1 experience so it won't be as disruptive as it might have been. We may bring our office software up to 2013 at the same time.

The mail is more complex. If we update the Pastoral Care Database it uses Google Contacts and it would be fabulous to have to keep only one contact data base up to date. Against that our webmail accounts will sync with Outlook. That is also a tempting package in lieu of redirects to Gmail accounts. Brian and Ian will catch up and discuss options.

Portfolio Holders

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