



Snippets

from Parish Council

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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 is **pleased to advise** that the revised report was submitted to Diocesan Council in March and that Diocesan Council, with no opposing views, **granted our Parish continued Benefice Status.**



Locum Cover from Easter?

We have been fortunate to have been advised that Rev'd Theo Woods will be taking the locum position for the three weeks after Easter and then officiating from July onwards. Rev'd Keith Colbert will be officiating during the months of May and June. **Praise God** for all who are caring for our Parish while we seek a new priest.

Property...

If you have driven by the Parish Ministry Centre you may have noticed a new **block retaining wall** and a **smart new lawn**. Working Bees were well attended on the 14, 21 & 25 Mar. Gutters were also cleaned, shrubs were lopped and mulched.

Thank you so much you to all those willing and hard working volunteers and to those who provided sustenance for the work force.



← Before

After →

Worship in April...

Maundy Thursday - 2 April

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'

Connect2Church Sunday will be held on Easter day. This flows well from our Lenten Studies which have been about "*Growing Through Invitation*". This study is focusing our hearts and minds on growing as "*Invitational People*".

St George's Day 19 - April

7.15 am St George's
9.00 am St George's
Guest Speaker Denis Galloway.
No service at St James' that day.

Guest Speaker - 26 April

David Rogers-Smith @ the
7.15 am St George's
9.00 am St George's



Parish Camp...

Date Claimer. Our Parish Camp - will be held from 16th-18th October.

It will be held at Bornhoffen, Gold Coast Hinterland, this camp site is beautiful, the perfect place for all to recharge, refresh and reflect.

Pleased mark these dates in your diary.

Please Pray for Parish Nominators

Bishop Alison, along with Archdeacon Denise Ferguson attended the March 22 Parish Council meeting. It is encouraging and comforting to have their support during this transitional period.

Bishop Alison advised that the nomination board will hold it's first meeting on **Wed 22 April at 2.00pm.**

Our discussions at Parish Council included the need to hold the nomination process and particularly our Parochial Nominators (Ian, Jim and Tony) in our regular prayer, to use a prayer team during presentation board meetings, include the process in our weekly prayers and in the Tidings. A suggestion was to use the term Prayer Cover.

Fair & Garage Sale...

Good News - Redland City Council have granted us a temporary entertainment event permit for the Fair - so we are now all steam ahead!

The parish has a dedicated and enthusiastic planning group that have been meeting regularly since November. Most stalls have convenors and helpers but we still have some gaps, if you can help even for an hour or so, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

An important meeting will be held on **Mon 20 April, St George's Hall, 7pm.** If you are convening a stall or helping in anyway on Sat 02 May - this meeting is for you. Vicki Sweeney (coordinator) Ian Carr (logistics) and Marg Carr (people power) will be available to answer questions and to help resolve any last minute issues.

The meeting will also be used as a safety briefing so it is important that stall convenors and as many volunteers as possible attend.

If you need any help or information prior please contact Vicki Sweeney 0427 561 108.

Stewardship 2015...

One of the commitments we have made to the Bishop, as part of retaining Benefice status for the Parish, is to commence a Stewardship program this year. Part of this will include the production of a Parish DVD. We are very fortunate to have Helen Cunningham offer her professional expertise to produce this for us. Helen will commence production after Easter and will be looking for people to contribute in an "Australian Story" type format.

The Ministry Centre...

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



Vacating the ministry centre and the appointment of a new Priest are directly connected as we have made a commitment to Bishop Alison that we will re-instate the centre as a rectory. We need to think carefully on what will best meet the parish's needs and do not want to rush into a hasty decision. The appointment of a new Priest is likely to take more than a few months.

If you have not already done so please read the discussion paper carefully and discuss it with others. Thank you to all those who have already submitted their ideas. Parish Council will be having extra meetings to take all your ideas on board. Depending on the option chosen - we may then need a special general meeting to commit our savings beyond 2015 budget provisions.

Your Parish Council 2015...

Wardens

Terry Watkinson, Brian Blinco, Aline Stinton

Treasurer

Pam Monaghan

Parish Councillors

Dawn Williams

Helen Cunningham

Judy Shaw

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Sarah Leisemann

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Ann Watkinson, Jim Stahlhut

Parochial Nominators

Ian Carr, Jim Stahlhut, Tony Collins