



Snippets

from Parish Council

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April & May Special Services and Celebrations...

Positive comments were received about the services with Denis Galloway on St George's Day; however we did have low numbers for lunch. David Rogers-Smith celebrated the 7.15am and 9 am Family Services on the 26 April. The BCA presentation (with Anzac Day included) was well received. It was felt that we should have a BCA presentation each year.

Bishop Alison visited the parish on Pentecost Sunday 24th May, preaching at both services at St George's that day. The confirmation, baptism and admission service was a wonderful celebratory event. Thank you to Neville Gardiner and team for so beautifully decorating the church. The pot luck brunch was very well catered for, thank you to Marg Carr and team for decorating the hall and coordinating brunch.

Also a special thank you to Jean Foster for making and decorating a beautiful cake.



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.

Please mark these dates in your diary.



Please hold the Presentation Board in your prayers...

Please hold our Parochial Nominators Ian, Jim and Tony and the presentation board in your prayers as they continue the process to find a new rector for our parish. Feedback from Bishop Alison is that the board is working well together.

Locum Cover...

Fr Keith Colbert will continue to care for us during May and June then Fr Theo Woods will take over for an undetermined period. We are very grateful to Sarah, Kit, Neville, John and others who so willingly step in to look after us.

Update from the Liturgy Committee...

St James' Day – 26 July at 9.30am

It was thought that it would be beneficial to still have a 9.00am service at St George's on this day. It was felt that a guest preacher is not necessary.

The service will be in the church and there will be a pot luck finger food brunch following the service.

Children's talks during the 9.00am Family Service

During the locum period, Sarah, Imogen and maybe others will be helping out with the children's talks.

Final Report on the May Fair & Garage Sale 2015...

Calamitous weather two days before the event led the key organisers, at the time, Vicki Sweeney, Ian and Marg Carr to take swift and decisive action to re-organise most of the stalls into St George's Hall and to cancel the five entertainment groups given that the grounds were soggy and the hall was to be used for stalls and children's games. Ian also spent much of Friday 01 May contacting entertainers to advise them and apologise that we could not host them and radio stations and newspaper facebook pages to let them know the event was on albeit in a different format.

Saturday dawned clear and sunny. People came in a steady stream from the early opening hours of the garage sale through the morning until sales ceased around noon, the sausage sizzle lured people in with the smell of food. Devonshire teas provided scrumptious treats, tea and coffee. Homemade goods proved to be very popular with the cakes and sweets, craft and handmade cards stalls proving to be a great success. The bottle stall, toys and books, children's games, raffle and chocolate wheel kept the young and young at heart entertained throughout the morning. Clean up was mostly complete by 1pm well in time for the marriage service that afternoon.



A debrief session with drinks and nibbles was held on Sat 16 May at 5pm, comments and feedback from the meeting and from various others indicates that the Fair and Garage Sale were a great success and recommend that a similar event be held again in 2016. As at 26th May we have recorded a total of **\$8,448.10** raised with \$104.00 advertising and the replacement costs of some Mainly Music books that were accidentally sold still to be deducted.

Thankyou is such a small word but is given in a heartfelt way to all who contributed in anyway to the success of the day. A very special thanks to Vicki for stepping up as coordinator while Aline was overseas and for the courageous and exemplary leadership of Vicki, Ian and Marg in such trying circumstances just prior to the event. The Parish is in a better place both financially and as a family as a result of everyone's efforts. God is Gracious.

Important Property Matters...

There are two major items that are in progress or require action by Council and our Parish Family. The first is the working group to suggest option/s for how to manage without the Ministry Centre. Brian has organised a number of meetings and the core group has met several times so far and has emailed their first report to the parish.

The second item is a matter of urgency and that is completing the replacement of guttering and possibly the roof of the Ministry Centre (depending on quotes and to manage the asbestos removal, it may be more cost effective to replace the roof as well as the gutters at the same time). More to come on this as quotes are obtained. Archdeacon Denise made a further inspection of the Ministry Centre and noted that that it would be better to have this all completed prior to a new rector taking up residence.

Archdeacon Denise has provided a report to the Parish suggesting a number of improvements and repairs to return the Ministry Centre back into a residence. This includes some internal painting touch up, providing some hanging space in the wardrobes (currently they all have shelving), replacing the childproof gate at the top of the internal stairs, providing whitegoods for the incoming rector (once one is found); repairing or replacing the floor covering in the kitchen, providing suitable window coverings in the kitchen and some screening and safety items outside.

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 soon and will be looking for people to contribute in an "Australian Story" type format.

Finances to end April...

APWB Financial report to 30th April 15

INCOME		
Gifts	\$5172.00	
Pledges and Offerings	\$41022.22	
Other Income (in hall rentals, fundraising, interest.	\$7176.06	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$53370.28	BUDGETED: \$55383.36
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$48812.05	BUDGETED: \$54277.56

As you will notice we are particularly thankful to receive a \$5000 donation

from a former Parishioner earlier in the year. Money raised from the Fair and Garage sale will be included in the May financial summary.