



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Very Exciting News...

We are very pleased to hear that the Reverend Scott Gunthorpe has accepted the position as rector of the Parish of Waterloo Bay.

Scott with his wife Gisela and children Hannah (9), Madeline (8), Caitlyn (7) and Archie (3) will be arriving in the September school holidays and Scott will take up the position in early October. The date is still to be finalised with Bishop Alison. Rev Scott is pictured here with Gisela and son Archie. We can't wait to meet them all in person.



Needless to say, we as a parish have a good deal of work to do before the Gunthorpe family arrive and we urge each one of you to use your God-given talents to assist where possible in some aspect of making their new home one in which they will enjoy living.

Thank you to all who have already done so much in this endeavour.

St James' Day...

A special invitation for you to come to the St James' Day Service

on Sun 26 July at 9.30am.

There will be a Brunch at 11am following the celebratory service. Contributions of easily held finger foods on the morning would be gratefully appreciated.

Please add your name and what you would like to bring on the list at the back of the church or send to Glenda and Sharon at office@apwb.net or tel 3822 1110.

All welcome. Please note there will not be a 7.15am service at St George's that day.

Farwell and Welcome...

There is no doubt the parish has been very blessed with locum priest since Fr Nicholas left at the end of January. Rev'd Keith Colbert concluded his locum ministry with us at the end of June, thank you Keith.

Rev'd Theo Woods commenced with us on the 1st of July, welcome Theo. Rev'd Theo will be with us until Rev'd Scott is on board.



Parish Special Meeting...

A special meeting was held in St George's hall at 11am on the 28th June. Key decisions made and items discussed were:

- that the parish budget for 2015 be amended by the inclusion of additional expenditure of \$43 000 for the replacement of guttering and asbestos roofing on both the rectory and the hall at St George's. This will result in a significant loss this financial year
- that the parish does not apply for Gaming Community Benefit Fund grants as a source of funding at this stage.
- Brian Blinco also gave an overview of the four options that had been developed by the recent working group on how to manage without the ministry centre.

Urgent property matters...

With the impending and exciting arrival of the Gunthorpe family, there is lots to be done to return the ministry centre back to into a welcoming rectory. Rob Sweeney and a small band of merry helpers will be calling for help over the coming weeks with minor repairs, gardens to tidy, sorting and clearing out all the stored items, painting, possibly curtains to make and relocating the office to the hall (back to where it used to be). Not to mention that the roof and guttering will be replaced soon. If you can help in a practical way or in kind please let one of the wardens or Rob know, we will be very glad of your offer.



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.

Messy Church Workshop...

The workshop will be lead by the Ven Bob Jackson, who leads a Messy Church in Derbyshire, UK.

The rise of Messy Church has taken us by surprise. A format that was tried out to see if it would work, born out of frustration with formats that didn't, has rapidly become a significant church stream that it has left those involved breathlessly trying to catch up with what God seems to be doing.

Bob's focus at the workshop will be the big picture - what is happening in historical perspective, what are the main issues, challenges and opportunities. He will concentrate on conversion and discipleship in a Messy Church context, how it might move from a stage of life church to whole of life church, from a partial to a full expression of church, indeed from a ministry to a church.

EVENT DETAILS

Tuesday 18th August

6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. No charge.

Please advise numbers to Glen Taylor at angprswd@tpg.com.au.

St Matthew's Anglican Church, corner Oxley & Sherwood Roads, Sherwood,.

Light refreshments, tea and coffee provided.

Financial Matters

Financial report to 31 MAY 2105

Total Income : **\$71,114.85** Budgeted: **\$69,229.10**

Total Expenses: **\$54,506.33** Budgeted: **\$67,846.99**

Our May Fair and Garage Sale contributed more than \$8000 to this months figures.

A big thank you to our locum and casual clergy who are very generous to our parish, frequently reducing their fee or refusing payment.

Exciting Lay Conference...

In conjunction with the Provincial Clergy Conference, a one-day Conference for lay people will be held on Saturday 15 August. The Lay Conference is intended to complement the Clergy Conference by training lay leaders in the same course material being delivered to clergy. Presented by two leading church growth experts from the Church of England, The Venerable Bob Jackson and The Reverend Canon Robin Gamble, the Lay Conference will provide lay leaders with an overview of the "Leading your Church into Growth (Local)" course — a practical study program aimed at helping local churches develop a vision and plan for growth.

Change in the church is most successfully implemented when there is shared leadership between clergy and lay people. In order to gain maximum benefit from the training provided at the Provincial Clergy Conference, all parishes are encouraged to send at least 2-3 lay leaders to this event, though there is no limit to how many lay leaders may attend.

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday 15 August 2015

9am to 4pm

St Stephen's Anglican Church, Coorparoo

Cost: \$40 per person (includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea).

Registration is required by 6 August. Contact Belinda Macarthur 38352284 / bmacarthur@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Parish Camp...

Is it time to stop and smell the flowers ?

You are invited to the amazing Waterloo Bay Parish Camp. 16-18 October 2015 – Camp Bornhoffen 3510 Nerang-Murwillumbah Road, Natural Bridge,QLD.

A Parish Family Camp is a time to get away as part of God's family. It's like a mini holiday for the same reasons any family has a holiday – to spend time together, to relax, laugh, have fun.

Further information and registration details can be found on the www.apwb.net website.