



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Welcome...

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Rev Scott Gunthorpe, Gisela, Hannah, Madeline, Caitlyn and Archie to our parish family. We look forward to getting to know you in the time ahead and hope you like your new home and school.



Thank you and Farewell...

There is no doubt the parish has been very blessed with locum priests since Nicholas left in January. October sees us say good bye to Fr Theo. Thank you so much for looking after us these past three months, we will miss your cheery smile, hearty laugh, fantastic leadership and not to mention the caravan turned rector's office parked at the back of the St George's hall this last little while.



Thanksgiving...

Functions & Catering Report

What a huge success the Thanksgiving luncheon was. Once again so many amazing people gave of their time and provision. We were blessed with perfect weather, which meant we were all able to mix and mingle under the canopies.

A huge thanks must go to Sarah, Laura and Anita for their beautiful voices, your music gave the day a party-like atmosphere, which lifted everyone's spirits.

What can I say about our wonderful waiters, not only did they look amazing but their eagerness to serve was a beautiful blessing to us all. Thank you guys, you rock.

Then there's the food. Yum, yum and again I say YUM. We are blessed with so many amazing cooks. Thank you to everyone who made a delicious dish.

Thank you to Russel H for organising the construction of the display board that showcased all the amazing posters. We certainly are a vibrant parish.

Vicki would like to say a very special thank you to Marg C, Aline S, Sue R, for their expertise and enthusiasm, we make a mighty team. To everyone who helped in any way THANKYOU. We have so much to be Thankful for.

Praise be to God.



Guild Report...

A very successful Cent Auction was held on Saturday 12th September and we raised \$1,554 best ever. A big thank you to all for donations and help on the day



It is with much sorrow one of our long serving members Elizabeth Bunker passed away on 16th of this month. Elizabeth will be sadly missed by all.

Joan Greener another one of our long serving members has been in and out of Hospital this year with back problems and has had to endure two operations and is now slowly recovering in the PA Rehabilitation Spinal Unit. We all wish her well and hope Joan will be home by Christmas.

Grant Application...

Good news on the grant application for part funding to replace St George's Hall roof. On September 10 Council advised us that our Expression of Interest under the Redland City Council - Major Capital Infrastructure Grant category had been assessed and is recommended to move to the next stage of the grants process.

Thank you Marg Carr for staying up until the wee hours the night before the EOI was due to complete the application!

This invitation is not a guarantee that funds will be provided as our formal application is still subject to the assessment process and final consideration by the Community Grants Panel. The full application is to be lodged by Friday 09 October. Marg Carr and the wardens have met

Parish Camp...

Reminder Parish Camp is on Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October. As lots of people will be away on camp there will be **No 9.00 am Family Service** at St George's on that day. At present time, 47 people have registered. This is a record number for the parish.

AGM (part 1)...

The first part of the Annual General Meeting of the parish will be held on Sunday 22nd November at 11.00am in St George's Hall. All are encouraged to attend. It is at this meeting the Wardens and Parish Councillors are elected for the ensuing year. To ensure the best nominations are elected, be there to make your vote count!

Money Matters...

There are a couple of counting and banking issues we need to improve. There have been couple of incidents lately when the offertory was not counted after the service. The money was, however carefully placed in the safe. We should nip small cracks in the system earlier rather than later.

Certain Diocesan requirements are not being carried out correctly. First, counting requires two unrelated people to count the income from the offertory, record it accurately on the counting form before it is placed in the safe prior to banking. Second, banking requires two unrelated people to reconcile monies prior to completing the banking form and depositing it with the bank.

If you are rostered but become unavailable for counting or banking please ensure you swap with someone else on the roster. If you are rostered as a sides-person please **double check the roster** on the day to ensure all rostered jobs for that day are done. Those checks should avoid future hiccups.

Thank you

A Gift to the Parish

One of our long-standing St James' parishioners who, of recent years, attends the Friendship Service at St George's wants to present a gift in memory of her husband, who passed away last year. The gift is likely to be a lectern Bible for St George's church. Further discussion will be undertaken when Rev Scott is installed to decide which Bible to purchase.

Rectory Refurbishment Project...

This month has seen the finalisation of this project, **phew!** Archdeacon Denise Ferguson met with the wardens to complete her inspection of the rectory on 15th Sept and was very pleased with all we have done internally and externally.



A HUGE thank you to the faithful and dedicated folk (at least 40 different people) a smaller number who came back week after week and almost every day for the last couple of weeks working tirelessly to return the ministry centre back into a lovely family home ready for Rev Scott, Gisela and their children. We can put away the paint brushes for a couple of weeks!

A welcome pack of goodies was in place and the hall way filled with lots of balloons saying welcome for their arrival.