



# Snippets

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## Commissioning Service



A BIG thank you to everyone who worked to make this such a wonderful service, beautiful music and flowers, order of service, slideshow and booklets, celebration cake, symbols and gifts, all who took part and a scrumptious supper.



## Parish Camp 2015

The camp was held from 16 – 18 October at Bornhoffen and was a great success, both numerically and in the great sense of community which was fostered there. Activities included bush walking, swimming, singing, games and visiting the local area, as well as times of worship and fellowship. Everyone reported having a great time and a follow up survey will be completed to determine positives and improvements.

There were 50 registered participants – 34 adults and 16 children under 12 – but unfortunately four people had to withdraw at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. Special thanks must go to Susie Ryan and Marg Carr for their efforts with the food. We couldn't have done it without them. Everyone pitched in to assist with the catering and built the community spirit even more.

Financially, the camp made a small profit (even with reimbursing people who couldn't attend) due to efficient purchasing by Susie and Marg and a flexible campsite that charged us only for the people who stayed when the numbers changed last minute. This means that even though the Parish Council had agreed to cover the registration fees for the Gunthorpe family (\$260), it cost the Parish nothing in the end.

We are looking at re-booking the campsite for 4 – 6 November 2016.

## A Gift to the Parish

One of our parishioners who has a long connection with our parish – at St James' in the past and in recent years attending 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 Gospel Readings book instead of a lectern bible. This could be used almost every Sun during the Gospel reading. Rev Scott will discuss this further with the kind parishioner donating the funds.



## Youth Report ...

Imogen will be finishing at the end of the year. We are very sad to see Imogen step down from the role. The youth and children's ministry programs in the Parish have been a part of Imogen's life for 9 years (she has been employed for 4) and will be very greatly missed. Imogen has made a great contribution to the parish and we wish her every blessing in whatever lies ahead in the next stage of her life.

All children's groups are continuing with good numbers in each. Mainly Music has twelve on the waiting list. The children's and youth portfolio are planning a Mini Messy Church on Sunday 13th Dec, time still to be confirmed. Look out for your invitation to participate and help with activities. It will conclude with a sausage sizzle. This will be Imogen's last activity as Youth Leader so we will need to make it special.

Samaritan's Purse will go ahead as usual, we will utilise articles left over from last year and add appropriate gifts to complete the boxes. Imogen will be requesting donations as usual to cover the cost of postage and to buy a few extra items if needed.

Imogen is planning an outing towards the end of the year for JAM and ROCK groups. This is likely to be held at BOUNCE in Tingalpa one Friday night subject to numbers and final costs being approved. It costs \$25 per person with access to a party room so we can take afternoon tea for the children. ***If you would like to support a leader a child or children to attend please place an envelope in the plate marked "Bounce Break-Up"***. Alternatively you can donate towards costs using direct debit marked in the same way. Thank You.

It has been wonderful to see the 9am service grow in numbers of children. In light of this we will be advertising the youth and children's ministry role as soon as possible, so we have a flying start in 2016. ***If you are interested or know anyone who may be suitable for the role or have a suggestion please talk to either Rev Scott or Judy Shaw (Youth Portfolio).***

## Home and Family Groups ...

There are a wide range of welcoming Bible Study and Family Fellowship Groups in the Parish. These are advertised on our website apwb.net and in the Tidings.



They include the Biblical Analysis Group, Faith Fellowship Group, Grace Group, Know Your Bible, Pray School, Thursdays @ 7, Friendship Service, Pastoral Care, Prayer Chain, Richo's Family Group, Who Moved My Cheese, Wrinklies, Young Families and Crafty Capers. Groups meet regularly (weekly or in the case of Grace Group monthly).

Home groups are a wonderful opportunity for small numbers of folk to pray together, study scripture, enjoy fellowship and care for one another in good and not so good times.

Family groups meet less frequently, often quarterly and are superb times of sharing, friendship, fellowship and fun.

If you haven't experienced a home or family group we urge to consider becoming involved. If you would like to know more about a group to join or would like to start up a group of your own please contact Terry Watkinson, In-Reach Portfolio **0412 561 689**.

## Parish Story Telling ...

Rev Scott is discussing the possibility of holding a "parish storytelling" event before the end of the year. This will be to share our stories, develop a parish timeline and the like. This helps us to set the scene for "where are we going" when we hold some parish planning activities in 2016. Look out for your invitation coming soon!



## Grant Application & Property ...

Our Expression of Interest under the Major Capital Infrastructure Grant category has been assessed by Council and was recommended to move to the next stage - that's good news.

The full application was lodged well before the closing date of Friday 09 October. This doesn't guarantee us funds as our application still needs to be assessed by the Panel.

Rob Sweeney is organising for the ceiling fan in St George's hall to be fixed - thanks Rob There are 15L of paint left over from the rectory renovations to paint the inside of St George's Hall. Any takers for 2016????