



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Christmas...

We hope that all of you are able to join with other Christians somewhere to celebrate Christ's birth. If you are staying here, we will worship as follows:

St George's: Christmas Eve Family Service: 6:30pm,
 Christmas Eve Service: 11:30pm.
 Christmas Day Worship: 8:00am

St James': Christmas Day Worship: 8:00am



Carols by the Bay—13 December Wellington Point Reserve...

Come and join us in an evening of joyous Christmas celebration under the stars with the sound of Waterloo Bay lapping in the background. Bring a picnic dinner at 5:30pm or just come for the Carols at 6:30pm. It is an evening for the whole family . Carols by the Bay is brought to you by your local Trinity Uniting, and Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay churches .



Messy Church...

St George's, Birkdale will be hosting Messy Church on Sunday 13th December at 9am (in place of the usual family service). Commencing in the church, then moving into activity stations in the hall; joining together for a short worship time back in the church and concluding with Morning Tea back in the hall.

Parishioners are invited to please see Imogen if you can help with an organised activity or Vicky if you can supply a plate to share for Morning Tea.

At this event we will be celebrating Imogen's last official day as Youth Worker. Come and say "Thanks".



New Parish Car...

It won't look like the one on the left, but it's time for a new parish car. If anyone wants to buy the old one before we trade it, call Brian (0428988156) really quickly. It's a 2010 Nissan Tida with only 90 000 on the clock and you could have it for Christmas at around \$7 000



Grant Application...

As everyone knows by now we were successful with our grant application and the money is in the bank. Work will start on or soon after 11 January. The hall will be out of bounds for a day or two that week.

Fr Scott and Marg Carr will attend the Community Grants and Sponsorship Presentation Evening to be held on Thursday, 3 December 2015

AGM (part 1)...

The first part of the Annual General Meeting of the parish was held on Sunday 22nd November at 11.00am in St George's Hall.

The meeting was quick and efficient and a couple of late arrivals missed out.

Elected or appointed to care for us in 2016 were:

Wardens:

Terry Watkinson (Rector's Warden)

Aline Stinton (People's Warden)

Ian Carr (People's Warden)

Parish Councillors:

Merilyn Hockaday

Helen Cunningham

Pam Monaghan

Vicki Sweeney

Marg Carr

Annmaree Collins

Rob Sweeney

Stephen Hauser

Jide Oyewole

Parish Nominators:

Tony Collins

Ian Carr

Jim Stahlhut

Our **Synod Reps**, Ann Watkinson and Jim Stahlhut have another year to run on their three year appointment.

The AGM will resume late in February when the Council will present its reports for the year and seek adoption of a budget..

How do we manage?...

Council received a summary of how parish administration works. You might be interested.

We at Waterloo Bay are an integral part of the body of Christ here in Southern Queensland known as the Diocese of Brisbane and trading as Anglican Church Southern Queensland. We are, for legal purposes, a Corporation created by an act of parliament as the "Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane" and we use that name on numerous legal documents.

Synod wisely allows us a high level of autonomy so that for many purposes we act as a small company ourselves, provided of course we comply with a large body of rules called Canons and their associated regulations and their elaboration and interpretation in a Diocesan Handbook.

Like a company we have a parish annual general meeting where we appoint "Councillors" to govern us for the coming year and where we adopt a budget as financial authority to the Council for the coming year. We require the Council to report on its stewardship at the end of its year.

We also appoint Wardens (including a Rector's nominee) who have particular responsibilities under the Canon to administer the business of the parish in accordance with any directions from Parish Council and to appoint and dismiss non-stipendiary employees. They, meeting with the rector (and in our parish the treasurer), form the executive team. All payments of parish funds must be authorised by two of that team.

Parish Council appoints a Treasurer (from among its members or not as it sees fit) and the Treasurer by being appointed becomes a member of Council if he or she is not already.

Here at Waterloo Bay we also see fit to nominate some Council members as "Directors" with the responsibility and authority to oversee various areas of parish activity. That allows Parish Council to be freed from many routine decisions and better able to address important issues. We delegate to those directors the authority to commit Council funds to routine expenses that fall within their directorate ambit and are within budget provisions. Payment of those bills is, as above, the province of the executive team, so checks and balances are built in.

For payment or reimbursement of minor expenses we maintain a petty cash float in the office and the flowers team and youth worker also maintain floats for their routine expenses. These are reconciled and monitored by the Treasurer.

The "Directors" prepare written reports for each council meeting as do the wardens. Any matters requiring a council decision are drawn to council's attention with a formal recommendation at the end of the report