



Snippets

from Parish Council

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A word from our Rector...

We are almost to the end of February and talking about Easter services being just around the corner. I seem to say this every year but this year is going particularly fast. Post Easter we have the "Pathways" program starting up and we are going to explore the Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG) material more fully. Fourteen people from the parish (including me) attended either the clergy or lay conference last year and we are keen to learn more on how to implement the program.

The parish held a very successful 'Storytelling' day where a good group from both centres joined together to talk about the history of the parish. This was a good opportunity for me to hear the story and see where the energy has been. This will help to see where the energy might be for the future. I think everyone had a great time and we shared fellowship over lunch.

The wardens discussed the need and opportunity to bring Parish Council together as a new team. A small committee has been formed to look at team building in the next short period of time. I also hope to continue to meet with portfolio holders to discuss how they will operate this year. As we are in Lent I am not too keen to start any major projects or programs. I think we need to concentrate on our spiritual life and experience the season of Lent.

After Easter we have the opportunity to start the 'Pathways' program which looks at discipleship. We will be able to focus on our ministry in order to disciple our current community and also those who will come. My sense is that LYCIG will be a part of this too.

I was very keen to start as much as we could as soon as possible but upon reflection I think there is some wisdom in pacing ourselves. I sense there is energy in the parish to do things now (or yesterday). My feeling is that we need to take our time and not burn out.

We have also added a new Nursing Home to the parish – Capella Bay - which we visit once a month on the last Wednesday. Also, a big thank you to all who made for a smooth AGM

God's peace, Scott

Date claimers...

- ◆ 16 April Cent Auction (St James')
- ◆ TBA April Anglicare "Heart Morning Tea (St George's)
- ◆ 21 May Bunnings Youth Ministry BBQ (Capalaba)
- ◆ 6th Aug Parish Fete/Fair
- ◆ 10 Sept Cent Auction (St James')
- ◆ 1 Nov Melbourne Cup (St James')



Foundation stone trowel...

The St George's silver foundation stone trowel was recently "re-discovered" in a drawer in the old ministry centre. It has been beautifully mounted in a glass fronted display case by Russell Hockaday. Permission is being sought from the Archbishop (under the faculty canon) to permanently set the display case in the church.

Youth Ministry...

Now that the budget for 2016 has been approved by the AGM plans are full steam ahead to advertise and recruit our new youth worker. Parish Council has approved the position description which is current being advertised. With 31 children enrolled in Sunday School and up to 20 children attending children's groups JAM and ROCK it is a great opportunity to support this vital ministry. Your help is needed in the following ways please...

- ◆ Pray that God will guide us to the best person for this position and bless our endeavours for children and youth.
- ◆ Volunteer for Sunday School (if not confident to run a class you could come and be an extra pair of hands now and then - contact Marilyn Hockaday)
- ◆ Support the Bunnings BBQ on the 21 May (donations, help on the day etc - contact Ian Carr)
- ◆ Give what you are able in order to help raise the \$10 000 needed for this ministry.

We are very blessed that the recent retiring collections for Sunday School raised over \$500 - Thank You.

Parish Council 2016...

At the AGM November elections were held for parish council positions, these formally came into place after the AGM part 2 on 21 Feb.

Wardens

Aline Stinton, Ian Carr, Terry Watkinson

Treasurer

Pam Monaghan

Parish Councillors

Annmaree Collins
Helen Cunningham
Jide Oyewole
Margaret Carr
Marilyn Hockaday
Robert Sweeney
Stephen Hausler
Vicky Sweeney

Parochial Nominators

Ian Carr, Jim Stahlhut, Tony Collins

Synod Representatives

Ann Watkinson, Jim Stahlhut

Easter services...

Palm Sunday - 20 March

7.15am St George's
9.00am St George's
9.30am St James'



Maundy Thursday - 24 March

6.30 pm Shared Mediterranean Meal St George's.
Followed by Holy Communion with foot washing at 7.30pm

Good Friday - 25 March

8.00 am St George's
9.30am St George's
9.30am St James'

Easter Vigil - 26 March

6.30pm Lighting the New Fire + Communion. This service is family friendly.

Easter Sunday - 27 March

7.15am St George's
9.00am St George's

Admin info...

The **office 2013** and the **single parish contacts database** projects (previously 3 out of date, dysfunctional and now defunct databases) have seen much progress. **40%** of people have returned their forms, we need this to be 100%, please return your contact form as soon as you can. Accurate information is needed in so many ways (Tidings, email and phone contact with you, birthdays, anniversaries, parish returns etc, etc, etc).

Telecommunications are a work in progress. Currently we are operating on a month by month basis until a new telecommunications bundle is established.

The **APWB website** homepage will have a minor "face lift" to enhance useability in the very near future, costs around \$300.00

A new **notice board** has been fixed to the wall in the office and is a great help - thank you