



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Parish Contribution...

The Diocese of Brisbane currently has a voluntary parish contributions system, leaving parishes free to choose how much they contribute to the "mission whole". A motion will be put before synod in June 2016 seeking to introduce a system whereby parishes contribute 10% of income donations, offertory, interest, fundraising and rents; and 10% of net business income. The system would be introduced over a five year period, staggering the increase in contribution from 6% to 10% between the years 2017 - 2012.

The reasons given by the Diocese are many and varied and basically comes down to the fact that parish contributions have remained largely unchanged over the last twenty years. This means the real value has declined by more than 30%. Our parish too is in this situation. We are trying to address this through a range of approaches including growth strategies, fundraising and stewardship (more on that soon).

Parish Council considered the Diocesan proposal at the May meeting and support this up to a maximum contribution of 10% by 2021 provided; that money given by the parish for mission giving does not form part of the parishes assessable income. Our parishes currently (and for some time) has been giving approximately 10% of our income to the Diocese. Our synod representatives for 2016 are Ann Watkinson and Jim Stahlhut

Parish Council

Here are the people serving on Parish Council in 2016

Wardens

Aline Stinton, Ian Carr, Terry Watkinson

Treasurer

Pam Monaghan

Parish Councillors

Anmaree Collins

Helen Cunningham

Jide Oyewole

Margaret Carr

Merilyn Hockaday

Robert Sweeney

Stephen Hausler

Vicki Sweeney

Synod Representatives

Ann Watkinson, Jim Stahlhut

Parish Nominators

Ian Carr, Jim Stahlhut, Tony Collins

Youth Programme...

Sarah conducted a lovely low key 'Graduation' for our older children (Year 6 and above) on Pentecost Sunday. There are 6 young people in this group. We had encouraging feedback from some parents about this move. We now need to plan a program for them to form the core of an older group and encourage them to feel an important part of our parish. It is planned to hold this event on Pentecost Sunday each year as it fits well with the celebratory nature of the day.

Friday Youth Programs

During Scott's illness Gissy is continuing to lead both JAM and ROCK on Friday afternoons with the grandparents on roster and Alan helping with ROCK. This has put pressure on them both and we are thankful for their continuing commitment. It is hard to find a replacement when either is not available and we needed to take the decision to cancel one Friday night's activities. However it is important to keep the groups going regularly.

Youth Ministry Leader

The appointment of the Youth Ministry Leader is almost finalized with the EA at the final approval stage. The successful person will commence with us as at the beginning of Term 3.

Goal \$10 000

In Feb this year at the AGM we boldly stepped out in faith to raise \$10 00 for our youth programme through an increase in giving, donations and fundraising. A very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Sat 21 May raised \$1,520.90. Well done everyone and thank you Ian for all your efforts as a coordinator. You will see from our Tidings that we still have a way to go to hit our target of \$10 000.

Heart Morning Tea...

A successful and delicious Heart Tea was held at St James' Hall on Sat 28th May. Proceeds will go to Anglicare Southern Queensland for the support of the Homeless Women and Children's network.

A BIG thank you to Sharon who has been our contact with Anglicare and the coordinator of the event. Thanks also to Glenda, Helen, Jean (home baked goodies), Coral (flowers), Gwenda (hand painted raffle prize), Geoff (setting up tables), Judy, Lucy and Emma (Sharon's mum and daughters), thanks also to all who donated raffles prizes and everyone who helped in any way by baking, organising music, attending, setting up and clearing away the mountains of cups saucers and plates. - Thank You One and All.



Bits and Pieces

- Synod representatives - We had a question on the role of Synod representatives. Is the role to represent the Parish or to vote according to personal conscience on issues? Ian contacted Rev Bruce Henzell and Canon Neville Knott for advice. The consensus is that if a matter put before Synod is a moral vote then the representative should follow their conscience after hearing the debate. If a matter put before Synod impacts on the Parish they represent then they should take into account advice from the Parish, subject to any further information obtained through the debate.
- Dedicated disabled parking space - Parish council discussed the pros and cons of having a dedicated disabled parking space at the front of St George's church. We decided to use a low key approach by including a notice in the tidings requesting that people leave the space at the front of St George's church and hall free for those who have reduced mobility.
- Vinyl for St George's hall kitchen – Pam has 3 boxes of vinyl planking left over and has donated these - thank you Pam. We need one extra box which can be ordered from Bennett's Cleveland. Rob will organise for this to be purchased and laid.
- The Pathways Project is on hold until Scott is back and in good health.



Wrinklies Reborn

Luncheon 14 July
Noon – 2.30 pm
All welcome ring
Ann Watkinson
0407461689
Pot luck Meal,



Thank You...

Thank you to all who have taken on extra responsibility during Scott's illness. Great team work for God's work.