



Snippets

from Parish Council

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Rector's Ramblings...

It has suddenly dawned on me that in a couple of months it will be my first anniversary as rector in the parish. How time flies.

Research shows that it takes a good twelve months in a parish to get to know the people and the place. There is little point to making drastic changes or entering into major ministry during this time. A relationship has to be formed and a sense of where the community sees itself going into the future has to be developed.

This, along with my illness, has resulted in some of our growth projects not progressing as rapidly as I/we might have thought they would some months ago. The parish, too, has just come through a time without a priest and been very busy. It was suggested to me that my first year could be a time of rest and consolidation.

On the 23 July our parish connected with others in the deanery to discuss 'Going for Growth'. It was heartening to hear from other parishes with newer clergy, to the deanery, that they felt the same way as I have outlined above.

As I reflect I am heartened by the fact that we are indeed doing many things as a parish to grow. We have a good amount of small groups that meet to encourage and learn together. As we grow numerically these types of groups will be an essential part of our church life. I am looking into ways of developing new groups to minister to the people who don't currently find themselves in a small group. It was great to talk to some at the Alpha Appreciation Afternoon Tea and hear their enthusiasm to start a 'Pilgrim' group in the coming weeks.

We here at Waterloo Bay are very good at being mission focused. My goal is to connect with groups in our community so that we can work alongside others to grow the Kingdom of God. I met recently with Miranda who is the chaplain at Wellington Point SHS. We are talking about helping with their Breakfast Club and Lunch Club. I will be also connecting with the Chaplaincy Hub. Councillor Paul Bishop and I are to meet soon to discuss opportunities we have to work together. My hope is to start a Community Garden.

One thing that I think we need to 'get on to' is a MAP (Ministry Action Plan). As a wise person said to me recently "unless we have a beacon to move towards we will continue to move around aimlessly. People need a goal/vision to work towards." We have programs like Pathways and LYCIG that are wonderful and can help us focus on discipleship and the best way forward. Bishop Alison talked recently at an ADADAB meeting about using these programs like a painter uses a palette. The painter mixes and draws from different colours to paint a beautiful picture. (cont'd page 2).

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

Rector's Ramblings Cont'd...

In the coming months may we develop a beautiful picture of where we want to grow as a parish? Let us use the resources we have been given to discern where the Holy Spirit will lead us and prayerfully come together as one to make our vision a reality.

God's peace,

Scott

Liturgy...

July 24th saw us hold a wonderful celebration for St James' Day followed by a delicious lunch for 65 or more parishioners. On the Same day Chris Bates preached at the 9am service for Vocation Sunday. It is a joy to see that Chris has almost completed his study at St Francis' College with his Ordination, God willing, planned for December. Chris, Jules, Connor and Victoria, along with several formation students were able to join us for lunch at St James'. Planning is underway for the commissioning of Jess Simon, our Youth Ministry Leader, date to be confirmed and for Mission Sunday on August the 28th. What a blessing to be part of such a vibrant parish.



Functions & Catering...

All efforts are focused on working towards our Parish Fair, August 6 in the grounds of St George's commencing at 8am. Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind to us. At this stage, rain seems unlikely so please pray for the late arrival of winter westerlies so that our day will be blessed. Most stalls are well organized with stock and volunteers, many thanks to those who have worked so hard already, and in particular those who have taken on additional work to assist with preparations. We just trust in the Lord to keep us strong and focused in our endeavours.

A Men's Breakfast will be held on September 3, guest speaker to be confirmed. Redlands Sporting Club has been booked for a buffet style breakfast at a reduced cost of \$20 pp. Hopefully we will have 30 or more participants. This event will happen while Marg Carr is on holidays Susie Ryan will be coordinator during that time - Thank You Susie.

General News....

- The **Birthdays and Anniversaries** aspect of the parish database are now current up to the month of December. Annmaree Collins has only to update the January to March sections of the Birthday and Anniversaries and all will be complete. She will then do some tidying up on data as required. Thank you Annmaree. 
- **Electricity.** A 10% discount for 12 months has been negotiated with Origin Energy on all three parish electricity accounts provided that bills are emailed not mailed to the office, accounts are paid on time and we continue to pay via direct debit. The contract is not locked in we can change provider at any time if we find a better deal.
- There are very annoying issues with frequent power failures in the Rectory if more than three appliances are on at any one time. An electrician is investigating and has made a recommendation for a new power board and safety switches. The cost will be approx. \$1,000.00
- **Financial info.** The profit and loss to June 2016 shows a deficit of just over \$6,000.00. A more detailed summary of the half year financial figures will follow in the Tidings in the next couple of weeks.
- **Sprucing up the carpets.** A carpet cleaner costing \$380 has been purchased for the parish from funds donated by a couple of parishioners for that purpose. The new cleaner will be suitable for the church seats and cushions as well as the carpet in St George's hall. The retail price is indicated at \$599 so we got a bargain.
- **Telephone problems!** Over the past week there have been issues with the landline in the office. This has caused frustration and inconvenience. Following much testing, the problem was referred to Telstra, who, when performing a line test, discovered that there was an issue at the Exchange. Apologies to all for any inconvenience that this may have caused.
- The font has been changed from a Times Roman style to a Calibri style to freshen up **the website** and make it have a more modern and clean look and feel. Check it out: www.apwb.net

Youth Programme...

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE that that Jess Simon is now officially on board as our Youth Ministry Leader! Our Friday afternoon programmes re-commenced on July 29. The first group is from 4pm – 5.30pm for grades Prep to Year 5 with a delicious afternoon tea prepared and served by our lovely grandparent helpers. The second group is from 6pm – 7.30pm for grades 6 – 10. A casual meal will continue to be provided at 6.30pm.



New names for the two groups will be decided soon. Jess is preparing a term program which will be advertised soon. Sunday discussion group for our older children will commence on Aug 7. This will happen on the first 3 Sundays of the month during the sermon. They will follow a program (to be decided). It is proposed they will meet on the Rectory deck. It is also planned to form a group (Reference Team) to support Jess if you are interest in supporting the youth programme in anyway (prayer, practical or financial support) and would like more information please talk to Rev Scott or Merilyn Hockaday. It is exciting that the ministry is taking shape so please pray for Jess and our young people.

Stewardship...

The **stewardship group** (Rev Scott, Russell and Merilyn Hockaday, Jim Stahlhut, Rob Clark and Aline Stinton) was reconvened on Sun 10th July. Discussion included that we have made a commitment to Bp Alison to run a programme and so it is not an option to delay this again.

The profit and Loss to June 2016 outlines that we are not tracking well against the budget bottom line as some income has not been forthcoming, particularly to pay the salary of our Youth Ministry Leader. Parish council approved that a stewardship programme will be run within the parish during the month of October. Further details to follow as the planning takes shape.

Alpha...

The course has now concluded. Alan Hannam and Ian Carr ran the course and we had six people complete the majority of it with one commencing part way through. Three others pulled out during the course; one through ill health and two who felt there was just too much going on in their lives at this stage.

Of the six who completed the course 3 were parishioners and 3 were from outside the church. The Meals team comprised 25 individual parishioners, who gave of their time, talents and finances to enable the course to be as welcoming as possible. As a “thank-you”, the team and

Inreach...

Inreach remains strong. We have six home groups Biblical Analysis Group (Sat), Faith Fellowship Group (Tues), Grace Group (Monthly), Know Your Bible and Pray School (Wed) and Thursdays @ 7. We hold our Friendship Service once a month for frail aged parishioners who may need support, this service is strongly supported by our Pastoral Care group and other helpers from our parish family.

Our parish has four family groups, Richo’s Family Group (quarterly), Who Moved My Cheese (monthly), Wrinklies which, after a period of inactivity, met again on the 14th July as “WRINKLIES REBORN” and last but by no means least our Young Families group. If you are interested in joining or starting a new home or family group, please contact Terry Watkinson our inreach coordinator.

Things are going well for the Crafty Capers group which meets each Monday morning at St George’s hall. Things are hectic but under control as work is well underway to make handmade items to sell at the Fair. A beautifully warm hand crocheted rug has been made by the ladies for raffle at the Fair. It looks good terrific. New members are always welcome

Alpha Cont’d... and Guests held an Afternoon Tea for them in the hall on Sunday 24th July. Because the Meals Team chose not to claim reimbursement for their consumables, the Alpha Group was able to bank the donations received in respect of meals into parish funds