



# Snippets

from Parish Council

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## Rector's Ramblings...

It was almost twelve months ago that I was commissioned as Rector in the parish. It seems like only yesterday that I was taking my first services and starting to find my feet. When I was at 'Theological Kindergarten' they trained us to take a good twelve months before making any major changes in a new parish placement and to get to know who the people are that you will be serving. I feel that I have walked that tightrope of holding back and catching the desire for change and growth with *some* success. Now that I am feeling more settled I am confident to see where the Holy Spirit will take us in the next twelve months. I look forward to the sharing of our hopes and dreams and the formulation of ideas, plans and ministries that will help us to live out our vision.

Sacramentally I have been involved in baptisms, weddings and funerals. I am in the process of reorganizing the way we 'do' baptism at Waterloo Bay and am meeting with Marianne to discuss the process for weddings. It is good to see that we continue to see people bringing their children forward for baptism and there has also been an increase in weddings. Over the last month we have had the wedding of two of our parishioners and the funeral of a parishioner's family member.

I have now completed all of our Archbishops requirements in relation to synod, retreat and conference and am looking forward to concentrating on parish ministry for the rest of the year. My recent annual leave also completes my leave for 2016. My next annual leave will be taken in June/July next year.

As a result of a two day workshop/forum on Disaster Management (Chaplaincy) with the Redland City Council I had to bring my annual leave forward by one week. The workshop was very successful and it is good to see that the RCC is looking at the role of chaplaincy in disaster management. Our council project will be a pilot program for Queensland.

I was asked to be on the Steering Committee but declined as I want to focus my time on parish matters. I have also cut back on other commitments in order to focus on my parish ministry. I think it is important to serve the wider church/community but my priority must be on Waterloo Bay.

God's Peace

Scott

## 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

## Liturgy...

The liturgy group met on 1 October and discussions included that there would be no 9am Service on Parish Camp weekend. Notices will be included in the tidings and a sign will be placed on the church door. The commissioning service of our Youth Ministry Leader Jess, went very well.



Christmas services were discussed and will be held at St George's at 6:30 and 11:30pm on Christmas Eve and at 8am on Christmas Day at St Georges & St James. There will be a Nativity Play for the 6:30pm service.

The group will be advertising for training for service volunteers for readings, intercessions and other participating roles in the service. Your help is especially needed at the 9am service. There will be a Messy church on a Saturday before Christmas with the aim of holding one once a month next year. Jim Stahlhut took the nursing home services while Scott was on leave. Rev Scott will hold Prayer/ Healing ministry after the 9am service – Prayer team to attend. Invitation for personal prayer will be in the notices – further discussion to fine tune at the November meeting. What a blessing to be part of such a vibrant parish.

## 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. We now have four family groups, Richo's Family Group (quarterly), Who Moved My Cheese (monthly), Wrinklies which has recently been re-started; the group will meet again on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, please RSVP to Terry or Ann Watkinson for catering purposes. Last but by no means least our Young Families group, contact Jide for more details on the group and to join the vibrant Young Families Facebook community. If you are interested in joining or starting a new home or family group, please contact Terry Watkinson, inreach coordinator.

## General News...

- **An asbestos survey** has been completed and returned to the Dioceses. The Asbestos Management Plan for St George's and St James' were commissioned by Parish Council in 2012. They have been updated to include the replacement of the asbestos roof at the rectory and St George's Hall. We still need to update the St James' plan where asbestos has been replaced during repairs or alterations. The hard copies are in the office. They need to always be available for contractors to view prior to undertaking any work on parish properties.
- **Asset register.** Two things are happening. The Diocese is completing a survey of parish properties requiring photographs of the internal and external of each building. This will be useful for insurance purposes and when parishes submit building projects to the property team for approval. Annmaree is also busily compiling an asset register for the parish. This is essential if we ever need to make an insurance claim.
- **Church and hall security** at St George's. We are very fortunate to have good neighbours at Birkdale who often need to go into our Church and /or hall to turn off lights that have been inadvertently left on. Occasionally there have been instances where the hall has not been left secure. Please lock up and turn the lights off if you are the last to leave.
- **Office cover** – will be kindly undertaken by Glenda while Sharon is off line for up to six weeks as she recovers from recent surgery. Thank you Glenda and get well soon Sharon
- **The stewardship group** (Rev Scott, Russell and Marilyn Hockaday, Jim Stahlhut, Rob Clark and Aline Stinton) has reconvened and the Parish Stewardship Programme will run from the 9th – 23rd of Oct inclusive. The focus will be on how we use our time, talents and treasure for God's work within and external to the parish.
- **Accessibility Project—St James'.** Parish Council approved that planning for this project can proceed. It involves making one of the toilets in the hall accessible, for folk with impaired mobility, and laying new pathways and a parking bay to provide stable access. We have people who can help with completing the survey levels and drawing up the slab design. We urgently need someone who can draw up a plan so we can obtain quotes and apply for a grant. Please contact Aline (0403 540 396) if you can help us by drawing up a site plan.

