



Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay

Snippets

from Parish Council 25th August 2020



Rector

Rev. Scott Gunthorpe

2020 Parish Council

Rector's Warden:

Rob Clark

People's Wardens:

Annmarie Collins

Laura Farrow

Treasurer:

Ann Martin-Victor

Parish Councillors:

John Bretz

Meryl Hockaday

Liz Law

Melissa Marriott-Chen

Jide Oyewole

Rob Sweeney

Amanda Hart

Synod Reps:

Warren Collins

Aline Stinton

Sails Reps:

Ian Carr

Peter Victor

Parish Nominators:

Rob Clark

Aline Stinton

Laura Farrow

Rectors Report

Equitable Access Discussion Group – This month I was asked to join a diocesan discussion group which focused on equitable access for people in our church. My first thought was that this would be a conversation about how we get people with mobility issues into our church buildings. A working group has been developing a document for parishes and agencies to look at how we include everyone into our places. This is more than getting a wheelchair into a building but how we include everyone (no matter their ability) in full participation in the life of our church. One thing that stuck me was how distancing our church pews are for people. Once inside our church building someone in a wheelchair has very limited options of where to sit if there are large pews dictating where a wheelchair can go. Do you want to sit at the back of the church or right down the front? I feel this paper, when fully developed, will help parishes to work more inclusively.

Resource Church Pilot Project – With the limitations placed on us by the COVID-19 pandemic many of the goals of the project have had to go on the backburner. WE still meet to support each other, and you might see the resource churches represented in FOCUS each month.

Mission Action Plan – Much like the Resource Church Project our MAP has been limited by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have still been able to view everything we do through the lens of our MAP and we, as a leadership team, hope to deliver a parish wide information/feedback session towards the end of the year. This will examine where we have been, where we are and where we are going. Our MAP was never designed to be a static document but one that lives and adapts to our current context. COVID-19 has allowed us to do just that.

My hope and prayer is that we continue to be responsive to the needs of our community as we face ever moving challenges. I would like to thank all those who have stepped up and ministered in this space.

God's peace, Scott+

Wardens' Report

Our Parish has continued to function and get on with our 'new normal' throughout the last month. Here is a summary of our achievements and discussions this month:

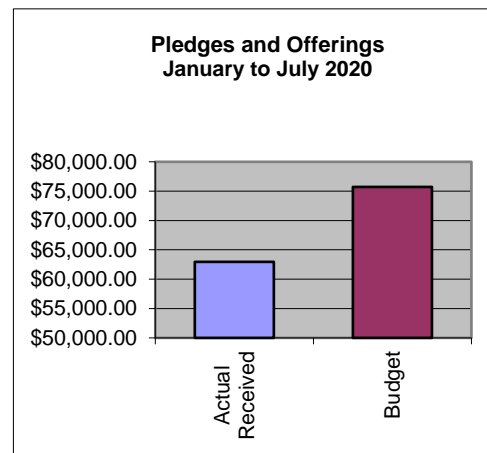
- A fogging machine has been purchased for the Parish, for use after church services/hall uses, and has now been used a few times. We are thankful to Jide Oyewole for lending us a fogging machine for use before our new Parish one arrived.
- We noted that the Diocese are now asking **"that all parish clergy, parish employees, parish councils and volunteers involved in COVID compliance,** complete the TAFE Qld COVID Safe Work Training for Dining In Package.", in order to relay this to our Parish Councillors.
- Morning tea after church services is being discussed and planned for. A roster of morning tea volunteers will be made up for each of the services from attendees at the services who have also completed the relevant Tafe course mentioned above.
- We hope to encourage more volunteers from the Parish/Parish council to help out within the Parish when necessary.
- Our current Parish Safety Plan is being reviewed by Scott and some other Parish Councillors in order to simplify it for use with all Parish activities.
- Glenda is taking 2 weeks of well-earned annual leave. Annmaree has worked out a roster for those who have volunteered to help in the office, in order to cover our office hours. Many thanks to Annmaree for that, and also to all the volunteers!
- We have decided that our Parish AGM that is due for late this year will be held as one meeting in late February 2021, rather than in 2 parts as we have been doing in recent years.

- Financially – our treasurer, Ann has reported to us that the figures for July are good, and YTD is looking healthy due to \$15k JobKeeper received to date. That balances the loss of income from OEF 2020. July figures show the return to church has seen an increase in offerings received by envelope, some of which will be Parishioners catching up with missed offerings. July Giving was only under budget by \$870, which is similar to May. That is better than other months of the year to date where Giving has been under budget by between \$1,300 and \$3,600.

APWB Wardens: Rob Clark, Annmaree Collins & Laura Farrow

Treasurer Report – to July 2020

Pledges and Offerings: Year to date Pledges and Offerings have increased since our return to physical services in mid-July.



Pledges and Offerings year to date are under budget by \$12,765 (16.9%):

Pledges and Offerings year to date: \$62,952

Budget amount to date: \$75,717

For comparison, June year to date was under budget by \$12,173 (18.8%).

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The figures for the month of July has seen an increase in offerings received by envelope, some of which will be Parishioners catching up with missed offerings. A similar pattern occurred in May. Pledges and Offerings in July were only under budget by \$870, which is significantly better than other months year to date, where offerings received have been under budget by between \$1,300 and \$3,600 for each of the months.

Wage subsidies received from JobKeeper Payment Scheme should mean that the Parish won't return a significant financial deficit as per the budget for 2020.

JobKeeper Payment Scheme. Reimbursement of \$15,000 for the first three JobKeeper months has been received, and we should receive a further \$15,000 during stage 1, which ends on 27 September.

Mission Page on Parish Website. The Finance Team has put together the Mission Page for the website. The first Mission to be highlighted is Bush Church Aid. It is planned for a different Mission to be highlighted each month.

Ann Martin-Victor (Parish Treasurer)

APWB Parish Tech Group Report

I present this report on behalf of the Tech Group
Laura Farrow, Ian Carr, Rev Scott Gunthorpe,
Glenda Blanch and Peter Mathams.

1. Zoom

a. Worship Services

At the time of writing we have conducted 4 more worship services, we have stopped rehearsals now but have commenced streaming the 9am Zoom service on Facebook live.

b. Training.

One Presenter training session run with 3 new people and another training session is planned. Trainees to sit beside an experienced Presenter, while presenting, to learn the role before they have their first live go. Another volunteer has offered to spotlight or mute.

c. Music

Music selection and recording is still being done by the musicians and then the recorded songs are embedded in the PowerPoint service. We are building up a library of recorded Hymns and Songs (58 so far) to use moving forward.

d. Challenges

Recorded videos of children's talks have been very large and make vision jerky over internet during service. Lower quality video to be used to reduce the data throughput needed. Data Preparation training may be needed especially with embedding songs and videos.

2. Website

Team has been updating the new web site. Finance Team have added a Mission page. All parishioners are encouraged to review the site.

3. YouTube

Sunday zoom worship – Children's Talk – Gospel and Sermon continue to be loaded to our channel.

4. Computers

The new computer for the office has been setup and is in use. The old office computer software is to be re-built then moved to St George's to run the Data Presenter so the laptop can be used to control the IP Camera in St George's church.

Peter Victor

Chairperson of Tech Group

**Stipendiary Children, Youth and Families
Ministry Report.** *Lorraine Lynch*

I am very pleased to report that we are developing a good Youth Ministry Leadership team where several new people are successfully volunteering for Co-leading at the Youth Groups and also in the presentation of Kids Talks.

In order to concentrate on my actual role of 'Youth & Families,' I have stepped down from leading the YA Connect Group and we are looking for a new leader to build on the 6mth foundation which was anchored in unfolding the weekly Lectionary Gospel and developing a new contemporary church service. Given the new Covid-restrictions, we cannot begin our new bi-monthly social 'Family Connect' events which was scheduled to commence this Sunday at Wellington Point Bay.

1. PAPAS & JAM

Initially, using my power-point presentations for both groups were engaging. The short Gospel message videos and music was received well fostering better listening skills. However, I soon noticed a lack of interest once the novelty wore off so I am returning to live visual illustrations as the engaging part of the gospel unpacking (similar to Zoom) with a linked activity, which saves unnecessary time!

Maybe the power-point presentations were "too school assembly?!" I now have more of a feel for the groups and they are more intimate than I thought. They seem to enjoy more of an organic flow to the sessions given that they are a close bunch. The special dynamic of food, fun and fellowship (using the weekly Gospel) seems to hit the mark.

More time for bonding!

Goal for August/September

Bonding & Recruitment

1. Maintaining and strengthening the group's bond.
2. Finding some new members from the local school. I will be connecting with the Chaplain

2. YOUTH AND FAMILY TIDINGS PAGE

I have made changes from a parental focus to a child & family focus (again, aligned to my ministry role). It reports on what we have done in the two youth groups and advertises family/missional events.

STOP PRESS – from the PC minutes:

1. The Parish purchased a new fridge for the Rectory. The Parish is required to supply a fridge for the Rector but did not do so when the Gunthorpes arrived.
2. Planning is underway for a Market Day (31st October), Pie Drive and Raffles to make up for the loss of the OEF income.
3. More volunteers are required if we are to continue our Zoom offerings and if we are to provide morning teas after services.
4. A Parish Survey will be circulated soon to gauge parishioner views on a number of aspects of going forward.