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# ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NORTH MELBOURNE

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Parish of St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne

The Annual Meeting of the parish will be held at:

11.30 am on Sunday 29 November 2020

Nominations of Candidates for the offices of:

- 2 Churchwardens
- 9 Members of Parish Council
- 2 Members of Incumbency Committee

shall be given to Fr. Jan Joustra on or before 11.30 am on Sunday 22 November 2020.

After prayers, the order of business shall include: -

- 1. The reading of this notice;
- 2. The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting;
- 3. Reception of the electoral roll of the church of the Parish;
- 4. An annual report by the incumbent;
- 5. An annual report on the proceedings of the Parish Council and on the financial affairs of the parish by the Parish Council;
- 6. The audited accounts of the churchwardens for the year ended 30 September immediately preceding the meeting;
- 7. A report from the Parish Council on the pastoral care, evangelism, community service and educational programs of the Parish;
- 8. A report by the churchwardens of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church of the Parish and vicarage and other buildings of the Parish;
- A report by the Incumbent on the entries in the registers of the Parish for the financial year, including numbers of baptisms, person received into communicant membership, confirmations, marriages, funerals, Sunday services, acts of communion and other such statistics from the registers as Archbishop in Council determines;
- 10. A report by the churchwardens and confirmed by the auditors on Parish assessment for the current financial year as calculated in accordance with the requirements of the Archbishop in Council.
- 11. The election and appointment of churchwardens and members of the parish council;
- 12. The election of auditors;
- 13. The election of lay representatives to the parish Incumbency Committee;

Any other matters of parochial or general church interest.

#### By the order of the parish council

#### Signed Kerry Dehring (Secretary)

# MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

St Mary's Anglican Church, Parish of North Melbourne

Held at: St Mary's Church, North Melbourne

On: Sunday 17 November 2019

At: 11.30am

Chair: The Reverend Canon Jan Joustra (the Vicar)

#### **1 Opening Prayers**

The meeting commenced at 11.40am with prayer.

#### 2 Attendance and Apologies

As per list completed during meeting

#### **3 Reading of Notice of Meeting**

It was proposed and carried that the Notice of the Meeting be taken as read.

[Proposed Beverley Phillips, seconded Anne Sunderland] CARRIED

#### 4 Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting

Proposed and carried that the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting be approved and signed by the Vicar as a true record of the meeting. No matters arising from minutes.

[Proposed Beverley Phillips seconded Anne Sunderland] CARRIED

#### **5 Reception of Electoral Roll**

The Vicar made the Electoral Roll available for inspection by laying it on the Secretary's table. It was proposed and carried that the Electoral Roll be received.

[Proposed Beverley Phillips seconded Anne Sunderland] CARRIED

#### **6** Annual Report: Incumbent

The Vicar's Report read at the meeting. Asked to add details about Children's Ministry and thank you to the Fundraising team and Volunteers, especially at morning tea. The Vicar to rewrite his report and present it at the reconvened meeting.

#### 7 Report on entries in Parish Register: Incumbent

The Report given to all present and read at the meeting. The Statistics are like the previous year and seem to be on track for next year.

#### 8 Annual Report: Secretary to Parish Council

The Secretary's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting, copies were available at the meeting and the Report was taken as read. No matters arising from this report.

Secretary report was accepted. [Proposed Anne Sunderland, seconded Tim Pilbrow] CARRIED

#### 9 Annual Report: Churchwardens

The Churchwardens' Report had been circulated prior to the meeting, copies were available at the meeting and the Report was taken as read. No matters arising from this report.

Churchwardens report was accepted. [Proposed Anne Sunderland, seconded Rhondda Fahey] CARRIED

#### **10 Annual Report: Treasurer - including Budget**

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and copies were available at the meeting. The Treasurer presented a non- audited set of accounts. There will need to be another meeting to present the audited reports to the Parish. This will be organized soon.

Comments: Geoff Jenkins wished to note that the Diocesan Assessment was fully paid again this year which has not always be the norm and a good position for our Parish.

Tim Pilbrow – Treasurer – pointed out that the Insurance premiums have gone up \$20,000 this year due to a long evaluation done by the Diocese of all properties owned by us and all other churches in the Diocese. It has now been noted in the new budget 2019/2020. There was a query from Beverly Phillips regarding Insurance for the organ and was advised that the organ was also part of the Insurance evaluation and is fully covered. There was another congregation query in regard to the fire alarms and the congregation were advised that the fire alarms are working, and this is covered by the general alarm system.

In the Budget there is an item called Diocesan Grant and the question was about this entry. the congregation were advised that this is money given to us from Anglicare which covers the salary of the Prison Chaplain.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as an unaudited set of accounts.

[Proposed Tim Pilbrow, seconded Charles Sowerwine] CARRIED

Budget Report was accepted.

[Proposed Tim Pilbrow, seconded Michael Golding] CARRIED

#### 11 Report: Children's Ministry

The Report had been circulated prior to the meeting, copies were available at the meeting and the Report was taken as read.

Acceptance of the Children's Ministry report was carried.

#### **12 Report: Director of Music**

The Report had been circulated prior to the meeting, copies were available at the meeting and the Report was taken as read. In addition, the "Sydney in Spires" package has been left in the foyer for others to look at and the Carols sung at the event will be replayed on the radio on Christmas Eve if anyone wishes to listen. Director of Music report was accepted.

[Proposed Beverley Phillips, seconded Andrew Murray] CARRIED

#### **13 Report: Hospitality**

The Report had been circulated prior to the meeting, copies were available at the meeting and the Report was taken as read. Hospitality report was accepted.

# 14 Election and appointment of Churchwardens and members of Parish Council

The Vicar declared that as the nominations for Wardens and Parish Council Members were not complete the election of Church wardens and Parish Council will be reconvened at a new meeting and date to be confirmed.

#### 17 Any other business

Church Grounds – There is an area between the Hall and Edit Head Hall that needs some improving for safety reasons. We are unsure at present who is using Edith Head hall and who to contact regarding this. Inquiries will be made by Parish Council and there will be a discussion of a suitable solution and a resolution.

Synod – As per previous discussion this is an important issue for this Anglican Community. would be excellent if all parishioners would take a stand on this issue. Apparently on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November there will be a meeting of like-minded parishes to discuss this issue and any further action. If anyone from our congregation is interested it would be beneficial to be at this meeting. Fr Jan plus other parishioners will be attending. As discussed, Audrey Statham and Angelica Del Hierro, our Synod Representatives answered some of our questions last week and a written report will also be given to the Churchwardens and Vicar for further discussion. "Equal Voices" Facebook page is another resource that can be used by parishioners who would like more information. This was also discussed at last years Annual Meeting but the response from the Evangelical section of the Diocese of Melbourne was more involved than was expected. Further discussion will occur of the year prior to the next Synod meeting.

MOTION: That this meeting be adjourned for a couple of weeks to elect Church Wardens, Parish Council, Auditors and Incumbency committee and to table the Audited Financial Accounts. Date to be confirmed in writing to all Parishioners.

[Proposed Beverley Phillips, seconded Anne Sunderland] CARRIED

#### **18 Closing Prayers**

The meeting closed with the Grace at 12.30pm

# MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING – RECONVENED 1 DECEMBER 2019

St Mary's Anglican Church, Parish of North Melbourne

Held at: St Mary's Church, North Melbourne

On: Sunday 1 December 2019

At: 11.30am

Chair: The Reverend Canon Jan Joustra (the Vicar)

#### **1** Opening Prayers

The meeting commenced at 11.15am with prayer.

#### 2 Attendance and Apologies

As per list completed during meeting

#### 10 Annual Report: Treasurer – Audited accounts

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and copies were available at the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. The Treasurer presented a non- audited set of accounts at the meeting on 17 November 2019 and now we need to accept the audited set of accounts with no changes from the original accounts presented.

A motion for the Acceptance of Audited accounts by

Winsome Roberts and Sam Miller

CARRIED

#### 14 Election and appointment of Churchwardens and members of Parish Council

The Vicar declared that as the nominations for Wardens and Parish Council Members did not exceed the positions available, all were duly elected.

Churchwardens elected by parishioners (2)

1.Anne Sunderland

2.Michael Golding

Churchwarden appointed by the Vicar (1)

1.David Morton

Members of Parish Council elected by parishioners (6)

1.Elsdon Storey

2.Alice Christofi

3. Tim Pilbrow

4.Adam Wing

5.Kerry Dehring

Members of Parish Council appointed by the Vicar (3)

1.Sam Miller

2.Susan Brennan

#### **15 Election of Auditors**

Tim Pilbrow, Treasurer, nominated Andrew Fisher of the Banks Group, Melbourne, to be elected as Auditors. Carried.

#### 16 Election of two Lay representatives to the Incumbency Committee

The number of nominations for the Incumbency Committee does not exceed the number of vacancies.

Members of the Incumbency Committee elected by parishioners (2)

1.Geoff Jenkins

2.Rhondda Fahey

#### **18 Closing Prayers**

The meeting closed with the Grace at 11.19am

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# REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the time of preparation of this Report the Council has met on twelve occasions since the last annual meeting.

Meetings typically take place between 7.30 and 9.00 pm on the second Thursday of the month. This year due to COVID 19 we had five meetings at the Vicarage and seven meetings via Zoom. Between meetings Council members kept in touch with one another by email and had the ability to make decisions by email if a matter could not wait until the next scheduled meeting. Emergency meetings can be called if required although none have been held this year.

During the year, the Chair of Council was the Reverend Canon Jan Joustra on all occasions.

Other Members of Council were as follows:

- 1. Anne Sunderland; Churchwarden
- 2. Michael Golding; Churchwarden
- 3. Sam Miller; Churchwarden
- 4. Tim Pilbrow; Treasurer
- 5. Kerry Dehring; Secretary
- 6. Susan Brennan
- 7. Alice Christofi
- 8. Elsdon Storey
- 9. Adam Wing

Council continued to make decisions based on Reports from the Vicar, Churchwardens and Treasurer (including detailed financial reports), with input from others as required.

#### Significant matters:

- COVID 19 was on the agenda from the 16<sup>th</sup> April meeting, when we commenced using Zoom as our meeting platform. From then until now it has been constant updates as to how our services could be conducted in the church and how we as a congregation could keep in touch.
- Council was kept informed of all developments at St Mary's Kindergarten regarding management.
- Council created and approved a Schedule of Works for all rental properties
- Council approved the budget for 2020/2021

#### **Kerry Dehring**

#### Secretary

# CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

It goes without saying that 2020 has been a year like no other. So many plans have had to change, fundraisers have been cancelled, services have moved, and many of us have become a whole lot more tech savvy. Even though the church doors have remained closed for most of the year, work has continued behind the scenes at a feverish pace.

In 2019, the parish moved services out of the church building so that the new heating and floors could be installed. In 2020, COVID-19 took us a step further, forcing the closure of the church, and moving to an online model of worship. With just three weeks left before Easter, the forced closure of the church to services left us scrambling to find an online solution that would allow as many people as possible to remain in some form of contact with the church. 39 pre-recorded services and countless zoom meetings later, we are back in the church for live worship. Even though we can now be in the building, we are still providing an online offering via a livestream for those who are not able to make it into the church.

Providing online content for services has not been a small undertaking, and there are so many people to thank for their efforts: Beverley, Tim, and the Choir, who have provided music for services each week, as well as the extremely popular standalone recordings for the parish YouTube channel; Kerry, and now Richard, who have had to compile orders of service from home, away from the resources of the parish office; everyone who volunteered to read or otherwise participate in a recording of a service, both in person and via zoom; Mark, Dorothy and Robert, who have contributed their words of wisdom throughout the year; Harriet, who has kept our St Mary's Kids ministry running online; Fr Jan, who has each week put himself in front of a camera in an effort to minister to the parish community; and Paul Eikelboom and Sam Miller, who have spent their Saturdays recording and editing videos, ready for each Sunday morning. We are grateful for the work of each one of you. Services this year could not have happened without your efforts.

#### Now, to offline matters!

At the end of July, we said farewell to Kerry, who departed her position as parish administrator, but remains on parish council as the parish secretary. We also welcomed Richard Hayward as our new administrator. Starting a new role and immediately having to work from home is no easy task, but he has taken it in his stride.

Fr Jan has developed, and parish council has approved our COVID-19 Safety plan, appointing Sam Miller as the COVID-safe officer. Sam is overseeing the setup and cleaning of the church, with assistance from a few volunteers who have offered to help in cleaning the church after each service.

All the parish properties had a safety inspection at the beginning of the year and a schedule of works was developed. These works have been harried by COVID restrictions, but they are ongoing and will continue into next year. Financial prudence has delayed some of the work, but essential maintenance has been carried out. While the church was closed, Fr Jan and Sam took the opportunity to renovate the vestry. Wardrobes and floor coverings were removed, the floorboards were polished and new, larger, and more practical wardrobes installed.

The gardens were maintained largely by Fr Jan during lockdown, but members of the gardening group have been able to get back on site since restrictions have eased. The new garden on the south lawn of the churchyard has grown in nicely and is flourishing, receiving many positive comments from members of the North Melbourne community.

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Due to the COVID-19 restrictions a number of fundraisers and social events have had to be cancelled, including the annual parish fair, a cocktail party, and our usual Patronal Festival service and feast. We're unsure when they will be able to be reinstated, but once restrictions allow us to operate safely, they will be on the agenda. COVID restrictions have also meant that our regular hall tenants have for the most part been unable to use the hall. We are working towards having them return to the hall, in line with our COVID Safety requirements, should they wish to return.

We thank the St Mary's community for their continued support and acknowledge in particular the members of Parish Council. The steady hand of Tim Pilbrow has again been invaluable in all aspects of finance and budgeting.

We as churchwardens extend our thanks to all of St Mary's Ministry team, especially noting the week by week efforts of Harriet and Beverly, who have transformed their usual face to face offerings into virtual ones. We know this has been an enormous power of work and are so thankful for all you have done.

Finally, we also need to thank Jan for his leadership and contributions pastoral, liturgical, kerygmatic, and culinary. This has been a trying year, and we have been truly blessed to have him with us.

#### Michael Golding, Anne Sunderland, and Sam Miller

#### Churchwardens

## TREASURER'S REPORT

This report is based on unaudited financial statements.

#### **Appointment of Auditors**

The Banks Group Melbourne is undertaking the audit of the Parish Accounts for the church year ending September 2020.

#### Overview

Our finances have been heavily impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and associated lockdown and public safety measures.

- Parish giving has reduced as a consequence of physical services not being possible for more than six months of the year.
- We have negotiated rent reductions with several tenants, and have also had some periods of vacancy with some properties during the year.
- Due to lockdown closures, we have lost a significant part of our hall income for the year.
- Parish expenses have also reduced as a consequence of reduced use of the buildings.

• We have deferred some building maintenance to preserve our cash reserves.

We have at the same time benefited from State and Federal pandemic relief measures:

- Four staff have received JobKeeper support since April, which has reduced the amount of parish funds spent on wages.
- We received a Business Support Grant of \$10,000 from the State Government in June.

As a consequence, we reached the end of the financial year with a budget surplus and reasonable cash reserves. However, we now face the prospect of resuming activities at an increasing pace while our income remains below usual expectations.

#### **Banking and Cash Reserves**

The parish's cash position has improved over this year by \$19,000. At the end of September, the Parish had cash reserves of \$107,693 of which \$49,608 was on deposit with the Anglican Development Fund and \$4,357 is on deposit in Anglican Funds investment accounts. The balance of \$53.727 was on deposit in the Parish Westpac accounts.

#### Loans

The Parish loans from the Anglican Development Fund have been repaid according to schedule during the year, apart from a period of three months where we requested a loan payment holiday at the start of the pandemic lockdown. Parish loans cover improvements to the Chetwynd Street rental properties and expenses incurred in recent years for church lighting, sound system, heating and flooring. We drew further on the Heating and Flooring project loan during this year to cover the final payment to the builder.

Loan Balances	Last Year	This Year
ADF 640 – 202 Chetwynd Street	180,659	\$167,604
ADF 762 – 200 Chetwynd Street	\$23,755	\$19,929
ADF 829 – Lighting and Sound	\$33,747	\$29,677
ADF 992 - Heating and Floor	\$36,100	\$42,643
	\$274,263	\$259,853

#### **Diocesan Assessment**

The Diocese of Melbourne reduced the assessment obligation of all parishes as a pandemic response measure. We paid a total of \$19,921, which reflects a reduction of \$10,000.

#### Mission Giving and Outreach

During the course of the year \$15,000 was distributed to the following organisations: Anglicare (\$2000), Anglican Overseas Aid (\$2500), Anglican Board of Mission (\$2500), Brotherhood of St. Laurence (\$2000), Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project (\$2000), The River Nile Learning Centre (\$2000) and St Mary's Benevolent Fund (\$2000). This fulfils the 2019-2020 budget intention.

#### National Trust of Australia Project 725 – St Mary's Anglican North Melbourne

During the last year donations of \$1,900 were received. The closing balance as of 30 June 2020 was \$9979.

Over the life of the fund, donations and interest have totalled \$739,529, while \$729,550 has been disbursed for maintenance of the church buildings (including administration fees of approximately 6%).

#### **Financial Results and Budget Performance**

The actual results for the year ending September 2020 in comparison with the budget for the year are as follows:

	Budget	Actual	Variance (actual minus budget)
Total Operational Income	\$212,974	\$215,130	\$2,156
Total Operational Expenses	\$314,951	\$297,375	-17,576
Operating Profit / (Loss)	-\$101,977	-\$82,244	-19,733
Total Property Income	\$232,000	\$213,036	-18,964
Total Property Expenses	\$151,003	\$117,931	-33072
Net profit (Loss) (income minus expenses)	-\$20,980	\$12,860	\$33,340

While ending the year with a surplus rather than an anticipated loss is a good result, we did have to borrow funds during the year to cover the final payment for the Heating and Flooring project, and thus our overall equity position (as per the balance sheet) has decreased since last year by almost \$20,000. Our equity position continues to be negative (liabilities are greater than assets). However, we have finished the year with ample cash reserves.

#### **Operational Income**

Operational income was 1% higher than budgeted. Without the pandemic response stimulus measures (Commonwealth JobKeeper payments and Business Victoria grant), we would have experienced a considerably lower income than budgeted (and a consequent overall loss).

#### Jobkeeper payments

JobKeeper payments were managed by the Diocesan payroll office. The Diocese received \$36,000 in Jobkeeper payments for 4 St Mary's staff from April–June, and returned a portion of this to St Mary's to cover parish contributions to salaries paid over that period. The full amount of the JobKeeper payments were paid to the four eligible staff members. Jobkeeper payments received are offset by JobKeeper top-up payments and regular salary payments made during that period.

A comparable arrangement was in place from July-September, but is not fully reflected in the Parish Accounts for 2019-20, as the Diocese did not complete its reconciliation of Jobkeeper payments for the this period until October 30. This will be reflected in next year's parish accounts.

Salary obligations for September that were paid on our behalf by the Diocese are reflected in the JobKeeper reconciliation holding account on the balance sheet, pending the Diocesan Payroll department's final reconciliation of JobKeeper payments for the September Quarter.

#### Business Victoria grant

The parish received a Business Support grant from the Victorian Government in June to the value of \$10,000 towards maintaining ongoing operations. We applied for a second round of this grant program in June, but were unsuccessful, as were other parishes. The Diocese of Melbourne is in discussions with Business Victoria regarding the eligibility of parishes to receive this grant.

#### **Operational Expenses**

Operational expenses were 5.6% below budget expectations. This was mostly due to reduced expenditure on consumables for the period that the church buildings were closed.

#### **Rental Property Income and expenses**

Income from residential rental properties was down 4.6%. This reflects rent reductions negotiated for two properties, as well as some periods of vacancy for some properties.

Rental property expenses were 34.7% below budget, due largely to the fact that we have deferred some maintenance work.

Hall Income is 46.2% below budget, due to the forced closure of parish properties under lockdown and public health measures. Hall-related expenses are also somewhat reduced due to the closure of the buildings.

The Parish continues to write down significant expenditure on rental property improvements (over a ten-year period ending in 2022). This reduces the amount we pay in our annual Diocesan assessment. The non-cash amortisation amount of \$32,275 represents one tenth of the total value of improvements made and does not affect our cash reserves.

#### **Concluding Remarks**

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the parish has ended the year with a sound financial position.

In fulfilling my role as treasurer I have been assisted greatly by the capable support of the Parish Office Administrator – Kerry Dehring for the first part of the year, and Richard Hayward since July 2020. Kerry provided immense support to me during my first years as Treasurer, and her legacy is an efficient and well-ordered book-keeping system that Richard is now maintaining.

Tim Pilbrow

**Honorary Treasurer** 

# Balance Sheet (based on unaudited accounts)

30 Sep 2020

30 Sep 2020	Total
Asset	
Current Assets	\$ -
Westpac General Account	\$ 36,886.76
Anglican Funds CF7492	\$ 387.30
ADF Access Cash - 05009234	\$ 49,608.32
Anglican Funds TF8854 Lambrick	\$ 3,970.58
Trade Debtors Acc Rec	-\$ 6,645.82
Westpac Projects Account	\$ 12,287.20
Westpac Benevolence Fund	\$ 4,553.80
Jobkeeper Reconciliation - clearing	-\$ 11,671.90
Accounts receivable	\$ 3,068.24
202 Chetwynd St Improvements	\$ 65,893.86
200 Chetwynd Improvements	\$ 13,835.21
Total Asset	\$172,173.55
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Liability	
Current Liabilities	\$-
Accounts Payable	-\$ 0.40
GST Collected	\$ 1,062.72
GST Paid	-\$ 3,721.31
ATO - GST Holding Account	\$ 94.16
St Marys Material Aid Project	\$ 4,553.80
ADF 640 - 202 Chetwynd (bank loan)	\$167,604.90
ADF 762 - 200 Chetwynd Street (bank loan)	\$ 19,929.06
ADF 829 - Lighting Sound (bank loan)	\$ 29,677.57
ADF 992 - Heating and Floor (bank loan)	\$ 42,643.28
Total Liability	\$261,843.78
Net Assets	-\$ 89,670.23
Equity	
Current Earnings	\$ 12,860.68
Retained Earnings	\$ -
Retained Earnings	-\$114,464.27
Historical Balancing	-\$ 245.86
Historical balancing	\$ 12,179.22
Total Equity	-\$ 89,670.23

# Profit and loss (based on unaudited accounts)

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		Actual	Budget	Var \$	Var %
Operational Income				· · · · · · · · ·	
[1] Parish Collections					
Collections Cash	\$	10,622.95	\$ 37,500.00	-\$ 26,877.05	-71.70%
Pledge Giving	\$	109,845.06	\$ 107,500.00	\$ 2,345.06	2.20%
Total [1] Parish Collections	\$	120,468.01	\$ 145,000.00	-\$ 24,531.99	-16.90%
[2] Fundraising	_				
Fund Raising Programmes Gross	\$	9,641.50	\$ 10,000.00	-\$ 358.50	-3.60%
Fund Raising Programmes Exp	-\$	2,353.53	-	-\$ 2,353.53	
Total [2] Fundraising	_	7,287.97	\$ 10,000.00	-\$ 2,712.03	-27.10%
[3] Donations and Bequests	•			<u>^</u>	
Total [3] Donations and Bequests	\$	-	-	\$ -	
[4] Weddings and Funerals					
Neddings Gross	\$	2,600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 600.00	30.00%
Neddings Direct Costs	-\$	100.00	-	-\$ 100.00	
Funeral Other Fees Gross	\$	1,650.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 450.00	37.50%
Funeral Other Direct costs	-\$	100.00	-	-\$ 100.00	
Total [4] Weddings and Funerals	\$	4,050.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 850.00	26.60%
[5] Investments					
_ambrick Trust	\$	11,634.54	\$ 12,000.00	-\$ 365.46	-3.00%
nterest Bank and Investments	\$	513.38	\$ 1,500.00	-\$ 986.62	-65.80%
Total [5] Investments		12,147.92	\$ 13,500.00	-\$ 1,352.08	-10.00%
[6] Grants	•			<b>*</b> / • • • • • • •	
Government Grants	\$	10,000.00	-	\$ 10,000.00	
Diocesan Grant - Prison chaplain	\$	25,176.69	\$ 41,274.00	-\$ 16,097.31	-39.00%
Diocesan Grant - Job Keeper	\$	36,000.00	- ¢ 44 074 00	\$ 36,000.00	70 400/
Total [6] Grants	\$	71,176.69	\$ 41,274.00	\$ 29,902.69	72.40%
[7] Other Receipts					
Fund Raising Specific Mission		-	-	-	
Total [7] Other Receipts	;	-	-	-	
Total Operational Income		215,130.59	\$ 212,974.00	\$ 2,156.59	1.00%

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[1] General Expenses	¢	10.001.00	<b>0</b> 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0.44.070.00	44.400
Diocesan Assessment	\$	19,921.00	\$ 34,000.00	-\$ 14,079.00	-41.40%
Audit	\$	2,600.00	\$ 2,500.00		4.00%
Total [1] General Expenses	\$	22,521.00	\$ 36,500.00	-\$ 13,979.00	-38.30%
[2] Administration Expenses					
Office and Kitchen Supplies	\$	1,211.75	\$ 5,600.00	-\$ 4,388.25	-78.40%
Printer and Printing	\$	7,543.37	\$ 3,323.00	\$ 4,220.37	127.00%
Dues and Subscriptions	\$	717.71	\$ 300.00	\$ 417.71	139.20%
Child Safe Expenses - Police checks WWC	\$	187.73	-	\$ 187.73	
Hospitality	\$	437.28	\$ 200.00	\$ 237.28	118.60%
Advertising and Signage	\$	285.00	-	\$ 285.00	
Telephone and Internet	\$	4,104.41	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 1,454.41	54.90%
Computer Hardware Software	\$	170.16	\$ 960.00		-82.30%
Total [2] Administration Expenses	\$	14,657.41	\$ 13,033.00	\$ 1,624.41	12.50%
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[3] Church and Vicarage - Expenses					
CV - Gas and Electricity	\$	7,823.21	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,823.21	95.60%
CV - Water	\$	3,859.40	\$ 948.00		307.10%
CV - Insurance	\$	23,878.93	\$ 26,013.00	-\$ 2,134.07	-8.20%
CV - Residential Rates	\$	805.43	\$ 812.00		-0.80%
CV - Security	\$	1,523.71	\$ 1,720.00		-11.40%
CV - Cleaning	\$	3,817.50	\$ 5,061.00		-24.60%
CV - Pest Control		-	\$ 1,140.00		-100.00%
CV - Church Loan Interest	\$	2,899.98	\$ 4,920.00		-41.10%
CV - Maintenance - Grounds	\$	4,062.81	\$ 4,000.00		1.60%
CV - Maintenance - Buildings	\$	10,581.82	\$ 25,000.00	-\$ 14,418.18	-57.70%
Organ - Insurance	\$	1,383.96	\$ 1,110.00		24.70%
Total [3] Church and Vicarage - Expenses	\$	60,636.75	\$ 74,724.00	-\$ 14,087.25	-18.90%
[4] Liturgical Expenses			¢ 1.000.00	<b>1</b> 000 00	400.000/
Liturgical Children and Family Resources	¢	-	\$ 1,200.00		-100.00%
Liturgical Childrens Ministry Resourcing	\$ \$	333.00	-	\$ 333.00	45 700/
Liturgical Supplies	Ф	1,520.22	\$ 2,800.00		-45.70%
Liturgical Vestments Equip.	¢	-	\$ -	\$ -	4.000/
Liturgical Books Music	\$	1,907.99	\$ 2,000.00		-4.60%
Flowers	\$	45.45	-	\$ 45.45	00.000/
Total [4] Liturgical Expenses	\$	3,806.66	\$ 6,000.00	-\$ 2,193.34	-36.60%
[5] Donations and Mission Support					
Donations - Christian Mission	\$	9,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	-\$ 4,000.00	-30.80%
	¢	6,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	200.00%
Donations - Non-Christian Miss	\$	0,000.00	\$ _,000.00	+ )	

# Profit and Loss (continued)

			Profit an	d L	oss (co	ntinued
IE1 Stating						
[6] Staffing Vicar - Gross Pay - Stipend	\$	31,217.05	\$ 31,030.00	\$	187.05	0.60%
Vicar - Super Salary Sacrifice Vicar - Benefits	\$ \$	6,150.99	\$ 6,118.00	⇒ -\$	32.99	0.50%
		29,377.37	\$ 30,149.00		771.63	-2.60%
Vicar - Superannuation	\$	9,143.46	\$ 9,177.00		33.54	-0.40%
Vicar - LSL Vicar -Sickness Accident Ins	\$	1,286.14	\$ 1,536.00		<b>249.86</b> 1,352.40	-16.30%
	\$	1,352.40	-			
Vicar - Vehicle Expenses	\$	2,477.88	-		2,477.88	04.0000
Clergy -Gross Pay - Stipend	\$	18,817.80	\$ 25,023.00		6,205.20	-24.80%
Clergy - Benefits	\$	9,998.82	\$ 12,241.00		2,242.18	-18.30%
Clergy - Superannuation	\$	2,887.33	\$ 3,540.00		652.67	-18.40%
Clergy - LSL	\$	399.00	-	\$	399.00	
Clergy - Km Reimbursement	\$	337.04	-	\$	337.04	
Clergy - Utilities Telephone	\$	1,578.13	-		1,578.13	
LM - Gross Pay	\$	10,090.20	\$ 10,090.00	\$	0.20	0.00%
LM - Benefits	\$	4,848.72	\$ 4,936.00		87.28	-1.80%
LM - Superannuation	\$	1,427.52	\$ 1,427.00		0.52	0.00%
Office - Gross Pay	\$	14,315.00	\$ 12,984.00		1,331.00	10.30%
Office - Superannuation	\$	1,226.03	\$ 1,234.00		7.97	-0.60%
Organist - Gross Pay	\$	15,839.88	\$ 15,853.00	-\$	13.12	-0.10%
Organist - Benefits		-	\$ -	\$	-	
Organist - Superannuation	\$	1,654.76	\$ 1,506.00		148.76	9.90%
Relief Organist	\$	300.00	\$ 500.00		200.00	-40.00%
Staff Training		-	\$ 2,350.00		2,350.00	-100.00%
Workcover Licenses	\$	845.82	-	\$	845.82	
Farewell Gifts to Staff	-\$	150.00	-	-\$	150.00	
Jobkeeper topup payments	\$	15,331.81	-	\$ ^	15,331.81	
Total [6] Staffing	\$	180,753.15	\$ 169,694.00	\$ ^	11,059.15	6.50%
Total Operational Expense	\$	297,374.97	\$ 314,951.00	-\$ 1	7 576 03	-5.60%
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Operating Profit	-\$	82,244.38	-\$ 101,977.00	\$ ^	19,732.62	19.40%

# Profit and Loss (continued)

Net Profit	\$	12,860.68	-\$	20,980.00	\$	33,840.68	161.30%
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Total Other Expense	\$	117,930.75		151,003.00		33,072.25	-21.90%
Total [4] Other Expenses - General	\$	40,990.32		43,776.00	- T	2,785.68	-6.40%
Amortisation of Improvements	\$	32,275.44		32,276.00	-\$	0.56	0.00%
Rental loans -Interest Charges	\$	8,714.88	\$	11,500.00	-\$	2,785.12	-24.20%
[4] Other Expenses - General							
Total [3] Rental Other Expenses	\$	55,188.02	\$	84,577.00	-\$	29,388.98	-34.70%
Rental Maintenance - Grounds	\$	2,943.60	\$	2,500.00	\$	443.60	17.70%
Rental Maintenance - Buildings	\$	9,384.21		25,000.00		15,615.79	-62.50%
Rental - Pest Control		-	\$	1,700.00	-\$	1,700.00	-100.00%
Rental - Security		-	\$	475.00	-\$	475.00	-100.00%
Rental - Rates and Land Tax	\$	20,792.12	\$ 1	24,500.00	-\$	3,707.88	-15.10%
Rental - Insurance	\$	7,291.66	\$	5,689.00	\$	1,602.66	28.20%
Rental - Water	\$	6,872.07	\$	7,838.00	-\$	965.93	-12.30%
Rental - Gas and Electricity	\$	813.08	\$	2,043.00	-\$	1,229.92	-60.20%
Rental -Agent and Letting Fees	\$	7,091.28	\$	14,832.00	-\$	7,740.72	-52.20%
[3] Rental Other Expenses							
Total [2] Rental Staffing Expenses	\$	10,360.82	\$	9,478.00	\$	882.82	9.30%
Rental - Superannuation	\$	817.35	\$	822.00	-\$	4.65	-0.60%
Rental - Gross Pay	\$	9,543.47	\$	8,656.00	\$	887.47	10.30%
[2] Rental Staffing Expenses	¢	0 5 40 47	0	0.050.00	•	007.47	40.000
Total [1] Hall Expenses	\$	11,391.59	\$	13,172.00	-\$	1,780.41	-13.50%
Hall - Insurance	\$	3,586.94	\$	2,866.00	\$	720.94	25.20%
Hall - Water	\$	407.13		-	\$	407.13	
Hall - Gas Electricity	\$	3,442.02	\$	4,236.00	-\$	793.98	-18.70%
Hall - Maintenance	\$	508.75	\$	645.00	-\$	136.25	-21.10%
Hall - Cleaning	\$	3,446.75	\$	5,425.00	-\$	1,978.25	-36.50%
[1] Hall Expenses							
Less Other Expense							
	φ	213,035.01	φ.	232,000.00	-⊅	10,904.19	-0.20%
Total Other Income	Ф \$	192,273.33 213,035.81		202,000.00 <b>232,000.00</b>		9,726.67 <b>18,964.19</b>	-4.80% -8.20%
Kindergarten License Residential Rentals	\$ \$	10,000.00		10,000.00	\$ -\$	-	0.00%
Hall Rental	\$	10,762.48		20,000.00	-\$	9,237.52	-46.20%
Plus Other Income	¢	40 700 40	¢.	20.000.00	¢	0.007.50	40.000/

# PARISH BUDGET FOR 2020-21

The Parish budget for the church year 2020 - 2021 is based on a conservative but confident modelling of the recurring income and expenditure associated with the Parish operations and properties.

#### **Operational income and expenses**

The budget anticipates that operational income will cover staffing expenses and part of our other operational expenses. While we continue to rely on property income to cover the total operating expenses, the fact that our operating income usually offsets a significant portion of our ministry expenses remains an encouraging indication of the health of the Parish finances and their alignment with the Parish's strategic goals in ministry and outreach.

#### Other income and expenses

Projected hall rental income is greatly reduced, as it is unclear when hall use can resume.

Commercial rental income is currently solid (with one current vacancy). I have assumed in the budget projections that the current vacancy will be filled within six months, and that otherwise occupancy will remain close to full for the duration of the year.

#### Diocesan assessment - \$34,000

This amount is the same as last year.

#### Donations to charitable organisations

The budget contains a provision of \$15,000 for donations to mission giving and outreach.

#### **Major projects**

We do not anticipate any major projects over the next year.

#### Maintenance of properties

The budget for church and vicarage maintenance has been reduced 50% from last year. The Rental property maintenance budget has been reduced slightly, but still ensures that we have allocated funds to cover maintenance that was deferred last year.

#### Amortisation of improvements

The Parish continues to write down expenditure on rental property improvements at (202 and 200 Chetwynd Street) over a ten-year period ending in 2022. This is a non-cash expense of \$32,276 that reduces the amount we pay in our annual Diocesan assessment.

#### Net result

The budget aims to meet our operational obligations without incurring a loss. Indeed, if we exclude the noncash amortisation expense, a balanced budget means a \$32,276 increase in our cash reserves. It is my aim with this budget to ensure that our cash reserves grow to a more comfortable position than has been the case in recent years. While in 2019-20 due largely to the pandemic stimulus measures we ended the year with a net budget surplus, we still carry significant debt, and building our cash reserves further will ensure that we continue to meet our operational and debt obligations, while gaining a sounder footing for maintaining our properties and operations in the future.

#### Tim Pilbrow, Honorary Treasurer

### 2020-2021 Budget

	Am	ount	Sub	totals	Totals
Operational Income					
[1] Parish Collections					
Collections Cash	\$ 2	\$ 25,000.00			
Pledge Giving	\$ 12	\$ 120,000.00			
Total [1] Parish Collections			\$ 1 <sub>4</sub>	45,000.00	
[2] Fundraising					
Fund Raising Programmes Gross	\$ 10	0,000.00			
Fund Raising Programmes Exp					
Total [2] Fundraising			\$ 1	0,000.00	
[3] Donations and Bequests	\$	-			
Total [3] Donations and Bequests					
[4] Weddings and Funerals					
Weddings (net)	\$	2,000.00			
Funeral Other Fees (Net)	\$	1,200.00			
Total [4] Weddings and Funerals			\$	3,200.00	
[5] Investments					
Lambrick Trust	\$ 12	2,000.00			
Interest Bank and Investments	\$	500.00			
Total [5] Investments			\$ 1	2,500.00	
[6] Grants					
Government Grants	\$	-			
Diocesan Grant - Prison chaplain	\$ 2	7,465.00			
Diocesan Grant - Job Keeper	\$	-			
Total [6] Grants			\$ 2	7,465.00	
[7] Other Receipts					
Fund Raising Specific Mission					
Total [7] Other Receipts					
Total Operational Income					\$198,165.00
					φ130,103.00
Less Operational Expense					
[1] General Expenses					
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 34	4,000.00			
Audit	\$	2,700.00			
Total [1] General Expenses			\$ 3	6,700.00	

[2] Administration Expenses 3,000.00 Office and Kitchen Supplies \$ \$ Office equipment hire and Printing 9,500.00 \$ 300.00 Dues and Subscriptions Child Safe Expenses - Police checks WWC \$ 200.00 \$ 200.00 Hospitality \$ Telephone and Internet 4,000.00 \$ 500.00 Computer Hardware Software \$ 17,700.00 Total [2] Administration Expenses

[3] Church and Vicarage - Expenses CV - Gas and Electricity CV - Water CV - Insurance CV - Residential Rates CV - Security CV - Cleaning CV - Pest Control CV - Pest Control CV - Church Loan Interest CV - Maintenance - Grounds CV - Maintenance - Buildings Organ - Insurance Total [3] Church and Vicarage - Expenses	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	4,000.00 1,000.00 812.00 1,720.00 4,000.00 1,000.00 2,600.00 3,000.00 1,400.00	\$	55,532.00
[4] Liturgical Expenses				
Liturgical Children and Family Resources	\$	1,200.00		
Liturgical Supplies	\$	2,400.00		
Liturgical Books Music	\$	2,000.00		
Total [4] Liturgical Expenses	Ψ	2,000.00	\$	5,600.00
Total [4] Enurgical Expenses			φ	5,000.00
[5] Donations and Mission Support				
Donations - Christian Mission	\$	9,000.00		
Donations - Non-Christian Mission	φ \$	9,000.00 6,000.00		
	ψ	0,000.00	¢	15,000.00
Total [5] Donations and Mission Support			φ	13,000.00
[6] Staffing				
Vicar - Gross Pay - Stipend	\$	31,030.00		
Vicar - Super Salary Sacrifice	\$	6,118.00		
Vicar - Benefits	\$	30,149.00		
Vicar - Superannuation	\$	9,177.00		
Vicar - LSL	\$	1,536.00		
Vicar -Sickness Accident Ins	\$	1,360.00		
Vicar - Vehicle Expenses	\$	2,500.00		
Clergy -Gross Pay - Stipend	\$	16,649.00		
Clergy - Benefits	\$	8,144.00		
Clergy - Superannuation	\$	2,355.00		
Clergy - LSL	\$	400.00		
Clergy - Km Reimbursement	\$	350.00		
Clergy - Utilities Telephone	\$	1,600.00		
LM - Gross Pay	\$	10,090.00		
LM - Benefits	\$	4,936.00		
LM - Superannuation	\$	1,427.00		
Office - Gross Pay	• .	12,984.00		
Office - Superannuation	\$	1,234.00		
Organist - Gross Pay	\$	15,853.00		
Organist - Superannuation	\$	1,506.00		
Relief Organist	\$	500.00		
Staff Training	\$	2,400.00		
Workcover Licenses	\$	900.00		
Total [6] Staffing			<b>\$</b> 1	63,198.00

**Total Operational Expense** 

\$293,730.00

**Operating Profit** 

-\$95,565.00

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Plus Other Income				
Hall Rental	\$	5,000.00		
Kindergarten License		0,000.00		
Residential Rentals	\$ 2	218,000.00		<u> </u>
Total Other Income				\$233,000.00
Less Other Expense				
[1] Hall Expenses				
Hall - Cleaning	\$	4,000.00		
Hall - Maintenance	\$	765.00		
Hall - Gas Electricity	\$	3,500.00		
Hall - Water	\$	416.00		
Hall - Insurance	\$	3,600.00		
Total [1] Hall Expenses			\$ 12,281.00	
[2] Rental Staffing Expenses				
Rental - Gross Pay	\$	8,656.00		
Rental - Superannuation	\$	822.00		
Total [2] Rental Staffing Expenses			\$ 9,478.00	
[3] Rental Other Expenses				
Rental -Agent and Letting Fees	¢ 1	2,000.00		
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Rental - Gas and Electricity	\$ ¢	1,400.00		
Rental - Water	\$	7,000.00		
Rental - Insurance	\$	7,300.00		
Rental - Rates and Land Tax		24,500.00		
Rental - Security	\$	-		
Rental - Pest Control	\$	1,700.00		
Rental Maintenance - Buildings		7,000.00		
Rental Maintenance - Grounds	\$	5,000.00		
Total [3] Rental Other Expenses			\$ 75,900.00	
[4] Other Expenses - General				
Rental loans -Interest Charges	\$	7,500.00		
Amortisation of Improvements	\$ 3	32,276.00		
Total [4] Other Expenses - General			\$ 39,776.00	
Total Other Expense				\$137,435.00
Net Profit (loss)				\$0.00

This leaves a cash surplus (excluding non-cash amortisation): \$32,276.00

# DIRECTOR OF MUSIC REPORT

The following was written some 8 weeks past. We are now in a constantly changing scenario and yet I do not want to alter my report, so much as to add a couple of extras. Last week was out first 'live' broadcast. When I was able to look at the You tube version the visuals and spoken word were excellent, whilst the organ contribution was not a success. For the choir - they are preparing carol tracks for the Christmas you tube. No easy task as we cannot "broadcast" using the traditional Willcock descants or material under copyright without taking out extra expensive broadcast licences. We have found alternatives, that I trust all will appreciate and see as new opportunities for the present times. So, to continue with my original report......

As I compose this report, I am listening to the 7am 3mbs Sunday morning organ and choral broadcast my usual practice. It is, however, not on my car radio as I head into St Mary's down through the bush of the Brisbane Ranges, rather, through my headphones as I look into the bush outside. It has now been 7 months since I last made that journey in to be prepared to greet the choir in the hall for 9.10 or thereabouts. Yet, due to the multiple efforts of many, choir and the music programme at St Mary's still exists, and that is a small miracle redolent of extraordinary effort, patience, frustration, angst, and grief. All the above are true and I am sure, if asked, the choristers could add a lot more! A few regular members of the choir have found it impossible to contribute at various times, due to technology barriers just too hard to manage or inaccessible. That has been a grief and one we hope and pray is not a permanent state. We have added a "guest" online chorister and enjoyed the work of other musicians who have very generously contributed. Please note, we would always welcome anyone who would like to join our virtual music making. Assistance will be provided to get you set up; choir meets every Tuesday at 7pm for an hour on Zoom.

It is due to the hard work expertise and patience of Tim Pilbrow, David Morley (NY) and Nancy Langham-Hooper (Upper Ferntree Gully), plus our incredible Sam, that any of this has been able to happen. Not only are we as a Parish deeply indebted to them for literally hours per week of work, thought, preparation and patience, but we can proudly boast as being somewhat ahead of the pack as became apparent at an RSCM seminar in May. That latter is inconsequential except that it is one way we have kept a music profile in the Diocese and beyond and will, I trust, be the foundation for the future how ever that will look in both the near and far future. Given present information I do not anticipate singing returning to our church spaces any time soon, until there is a medical solution. Research continues to affirm the risk of aerosols as a means of spreading the virus, and whilst all sorts of designs are being created for singers masks, I am sceptical at this time, of them being efficacious to our circumstances.

So, to conclude, I personally express my sincerest gratitude to everyone for all the support you have shown both personally and corporately to the choir. When we draped our very individual scarf made up of panels from the choir around David's neck and said goodbye at the end of the year, we had no idea he would continue to be such an integral part of the choir to the present time both in voice and technology. It was through Tim's enthusiasm to pick up the mantle from the beginning and his continued interest in improving or following up any possible programmes that might be worth a try that we have evolved. This comes with an extraordinary cost in the number of hours, a fine point of balance when work is beckoning on the same desk and equipment. Had Tim not been interested in a video clip I sent him in respect to editing, I wonder if any of this would have happened. Then Nancy's extraordinary knowledge in her field of art coupled with her faith and intuition, and her fine computer skills continue to amaze. Nancy, like David and Tim, is a dab hand at 'catching' a note of a chorister.

It would be remiss of me not to publicly acknowledge the wonderful gift of Lee Abrahmson who both accompanied and sang "I know that my redeemer liveth" for us to include in the Easter liturgy. Marcus

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Allport, violist, and I have found known to some in the Parish, likewise enthusiastically took up the challenge of providing a viola part to one of our anthems and contributed some beautiful tracks for other occasions. In both cases, whilst it was a personal contact their work was a gift to the Parish. This provides an opportunity to ask if there is anyone in the Parish family who would like to participate in anyway please be in touch either directly or through the office.

How do I envisage the future of music at St Mary's? This is a question I cannot answer, and I wonder whether it is worth contemplating and yet I continue to try to grab every bit of information or webinar or Zoom about forward planning. I will continue to try to be prepared and to attempt to guide and lead the music programme. One thing I know that now we have accepted the continuing presence of technology in our liturgy, we cannot withdraw. I firmly believe the future must continue to include an 'on-line' presence. How will that be managed? Who will coordinate? What will it look like? How will we properly resource with appropriate equipment? Time to go bush......

**Beverley Phillips** 

**Director of Music** 

# HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

St Mary's Hospitality Committee is appointed by Parish Council to:

- coordinate food and other hospitality for parish events;
- assist in the planning and work for the Parish Fair under the direction of the Parish Fair Coordinator; and
- organise outreach events and events to welcome newcomers to the Parish

Our committee members are Marion Poynter, Rhondda Fahey, Denise Archer, Susan Gribben and our vicar, Father Jan Joustra.

It has been a year like no other. At our meetings in November and January the Committee had planned the events for the coming year, and had our usual Advent Stall and refreshments after the Carol Service, raising over \$250. Father Jan and Malcolm Elms held a Garden Party in January and raised over \$2000 for Bush Fire Relief. However, Covid 19 then intervened and all plans were scrapped. Our last celebration in the flesh together was a Pancake lunch just prior to Lent, which seems a very long time ago.

Since then we have had to do without our usual morning teas, Evensong refreshments, monthly lunches, Easter celebrations, Parish Fair, mid-year Cocktail Party, Patronal Festival dinner, Trivia Night, and the many other ways in which we enjoy each others' company and provide mutual support. Virtual get-togethers, without shared food, wine and hugs, have been a poor substitute, and we are all zoomed out!

Now that some restrictions are being lifted, the Committee will be meeting soon to discuss how we can best conduct enjoyable and safe social activities in the coming months, and both offer and receive that hospitality which has contributed so meaningfully in the past to our communal life.

Susan Gribben

Convenor

### ST MARY'S BENEVOLENT FUND

St Mary's Benevolent Fund is a tax-deductible entity run by St Mary's through Melbourne Anglican Foundation. The established routine of having meat delivered once a week to St Marks Community Centre by our local butcher Jason from Pettigrew Meats went well at the beginning of the year. COVID 19 caused St Marks to stop cooking lunches and they were only provided handouts of non-perishable food to their clients.

We were asked to put the meat deliveries on hold as there was no one at the city able to take delivery. It was decided to start again once we have the go ahead from St Mark's which has not happened yet but hopefully during the Christmas season. With the donations continuing to come into the programme but no monies going out we have accumulated \$4553.80 into this account. As the donations at present do not cover the monthly costs this has created a good buffer for future payments to the programme.

We do need additional donators from our St Mary's Parishioners to our St Mary's Benevolent Fund to keep up this great outreach and to expand it in the future. If you think this is something that is local that you would like to be part of please go to St Mary's Website and download the necessary documentation.

Thank you to all who do donate and to Jason from Pettigrew meats who does the delivery of the meat on our behalf for no additional cost. Also, thanks to St Marks' for the wonderful programme they offer to our local community.

#### **Kerry Dehring**

Secretary

# **ONLINE STATISTICS**

#### YouTube Services

From Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March until Sunday 15 November we have uploaded 40 videos of services to the St Mary's YouTube channel. They have attracted 3,759 hits at an average of 94 hits per service.

We have also uploaded 10 videos of anthems, which have attracted 532 hits at an average of 53 hits per anthem.

The figures are open to interpretation. A hit does not mean that someone watched the service all the way through. Also, one hit may represent more than one person watching e.g. where people watch as a family.

Some services continue to attract hits even after they cease to be the latest service uploaded. The figures stated above are as at 6.45 pm on 18 November.

#### Zoom Morning Prayer

From Monday 11 May Zoom Morning Prayer has been held at 9.00 am three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. From then until the end of October there were 73 services for which the total attendance was 675, giving an average congregation of just over 9.

#### Zoom Morning Tea

From Sunday 10 May Zoom Morning Tea has been held once a week on Sunday morning, usually at 11.00 am although more recently at 11.30 am. From then until the end of October there were 25 Morning Teas for which the total attendance was 358, giving an average attendance of 14.5.

**Michael Golding** 

Churchwarden