

Annual Report 2017



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Annual Meeting Agenda 2017

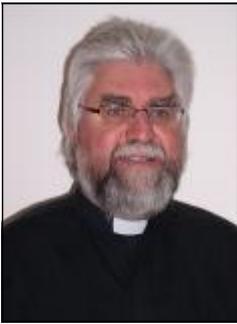


1. Opening Prayer & Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Reception of the electoral roll of the Parish; tabling the Parish Governance Act 2013 & Schedule 1 Parish Rules
4. Minutes of the previous annual meeting;
5. **Annual report by the Vicar** (Fr John)
6. **Financial Reports**
 - 6.1 Parish Financial Report (Robert Koren & Margaret Elsey)
 - 6.2 Book Keepers Report (Margaret Elsey)
7. **Wardens & Parish Council Reports**
 - 7.1 Wardens (Bill Howard & Jane Coulson)
 - 7.2 Parish Council (Chris Angus)
8. **Other Reports**
 - 8.1 Curate / Children & Family Minister (Tanya Cummings)
 - 8.2 Theological Student (Robert Koren)
 - 8.3 Catering & Social (Sue MacMillan)
 - 8.4 Fundraising (Chris Angus)
 - 8.5 Maintenance & Hall Bookings (Fr John)
 - 8.6 Men @ Leisure (Robert Koren)
 - 8.7 Ladies @ Leisure (Carolyn Mathes & Chris Angus)
 - 8.8 Music Report (Samuel McMahon)
 - 8.9 Christ Church Opportunity Shop (Megan Rankin)
 - 8.10 Flower Guild (Sue MacMillan)
 - 8.11 Messy Church (Tanya Cummings)
 - 8.12 Playgroup (Tanya Cummings)
 - 8.13 Aged Care (Sue Hurren)
 - 8.14 Bible Study Program (Fr John)
 - 8.15 EssACC Committee (Fr John)
 - 8.16 Christ Church Craft Group (Margaret Pereira)
 - 8.17 Parish Pantry (Sue MacMillan)
9. **Elections and Appointments**
 - 9.1 Churchwardens
 - 9.2 Parish Council
 - 9.3 Lay representatives to the Parish Incumbency Committee
10. The appointment of the Auditor
11. **General Business**
 - 11.1 Police Checks & compliance (FJ)
 - 11.2 Robert Koren & Tanya Cummings (FJ)

No other General Business Items were submitted by the deadline
12. **FJ Awards**

FJ's awards and the parish year in retrospect
13. **Conclusion & Blessing**





Vicar's Report 2017

The Melbourne Age published an article on Thursday 12th October

2017 an stating that two in three Australians think that religion causes more harm than good in the world. Ipsos global poll surveyed 17,000 people across 23 countries. Across the world 49% of people surveyed concluded that religion does more harm than good. In Australia it was found that 84% of surveyed people felt that religion does more harm than good. The 2016 censuses found that 29.6% stated that they have no religion. (Five years ago it was 22%).

This is a sad indictment on religion and our Church. Interestingly people forget that it was Christian religious groups that started schools, hospitals and is involved in welfare throughout the world. The church has helped many needy people, particularly the poor, widows and refugees. It protested against slavery and fought for many justice issues.

The above poll reminds us that as Christians we are to set an example for others to follow. We are also to make our churches friendly for others to feel comfortable to visit. We are to tell others of the good work that the Church is involved in.

Sadly Christianity is under fire at the moment with councils and schools banning Christmas because it might offend someone. However, it offends me as a Christian that we cannot be allowed to celebrate one of our important festivals. We are too politically correct with all groups except Christians. We can not offend Muslims, people of same sex attraction and so on, but it is alright to offend Christians.

It is important that we are proud of our church and that we invite others to join us and that we as a group welcome them into our Church family. If we don't then we are not loving God or our neighbour and the future of our church is in jeopardy.

COMPLIANCE

One of the big issues that has been brewing over the last few years has been the issue of compliance with Government regulations. During 2017, it has become a big issue due in part to the Royal Commission into Child abuse and the associated responses.

Because we have public buildings we have to comply with the *Essential Safety Measures* which is about keeping our buildings including the Op Shop safe. Fire extinguishes are checked every six months along with Warden's inspection of buildings to see that emergency lighting, exit signs, smoke detectors are all working appropriately.

There are also compliance with *Occupation, Health & Safety (OH&S)*. This is about first aid kits, reporting incidents, use of ladders, and keeping people safe.

There is also *Diocese Professional Standards* compliance meaning that our leaders need to have 'Working with Children' cards, Police Checks and attend Professional Standards training. We now have an agreement with *CrimCheck*, a not for profit organisations, that will allow use to do police checks online. This saves us a lot of time.

This year, following the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Abuse, the government has brought in a number of *Child Safe* laws that have to be complied with. This includes creating an environment within organisations and churches to keep children safe. It includes creating *Child Safe* policies and screening all volunteers within our church and Op Shop. All of this is a lot of work and has tripled the administration work of the Parish Priest.

CHURCH ATTENDANCES

Every year I continue to be very saddened with church attendances. One Sunday we have a good number of people attending and the next we have a poor attendance. Thank you to the faithful who come most Sundays. Thank you for making Christ Church and the worship of God a priority. It would be wonderful if those who come monthly might consider coming weekly or more regularly.

We do have some new people coming to our Church which is wonderful but we have lost a number of parishioners who have moved residences or have died. Parishioners are now unable to attend Church worship for a

variety of reasons are taken home communion by Sue Hurren, Sue MacMillan and Fr John.

Thank you to those who pick up and take home the elderly to and from our Church and other activities.

MISSION ACTION PLAN

In 2015, the Parish explored what the ideal church should be at Essendon with goals for the next few years. This vision plan was, with the help of the Parish Council, converted into a mission action. This document's aim is to help us to be a mission shaped church and fulfil the Diocese requirements. We are on track with our plan however the Parish Council will need to revisit this document regularly and implement its directions.

The Mission Action Plan 2017 focus was the employment of a Children & Family Minister and supporting her programs to build up our children's ministry.

The Mission Action Plan 2018 focus is to build on the Children & Family Minister's work and to connect more with the Essendon community

At the end of 2018 we will need to write a new Mission Action Plan for the next few years.

CHOIR & ORGANIST

Music is important in our worship. A big thank you to Samuel McMahon our organist who weekly provides wonderful music. We are very blessed to have Samuel and I am very grateful for his support of the parish. Thank you also to Daryl Higgins who plays for us when Samuel is away.

Thank you to the choir for singing the psalms and assisting in the singing of hymns in our 9.30am Eucharist. New members for the choir are always welcome.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

Midweek services are important and provide an opportunity for those who cannot worship with us on Sunday to still come to Church. On the first Wednesday of the month we hold a healing Eucharist where we pray for the sick. On the second Wednesday of the month there was a reflective Eucharist with music. The third Wednesday is a traditional Eucharist without music and on the fourth Wednesday we have Taize music with the liturgy. We also held three requiem services

to pray for the recently departed and also celebrated saints days.

A small group of parishioners gather at 9am at 'Matt Black Café' on Wednesday mornings for a coffee and chat before walking over to the road to attend the Wednesday Eucharist. All are welcome to join us.

TOWN HOUSES

Good news is that the Town Houses have tenants paying rent and the parish has another income which is used to pay a Family and Children's Minister.

The sad news is that almost two years after completion we still have outstanding defects that still need rectifying. These include a water leak and the need to relace a window. We will keep working on getting the builder to do the right thing.

REACH OUT

Reach Out has an aim of communicating information to the parish, advertising events and teaching parishioners about the faith.

A highlight this year has been monthly articles by Robert Koren, Tanya Cummings and Sue Hurren. There have also been articles on prayer.

Thank you to those who contribute articles and to Margaret Elsey who prints and edits the magazine.

It is a parish magazine so please feel free to contribute articles. Please give them to Fr John before the 15th of the month.

LADIES@LEISURE & MEN@LEISURE,

It is important to have a strong sense of community and the building of good friendships. This is where our Ladies and Men's groups have a special role.

A number of ladies (Ladies@Leisure) have been on a monthly basis going out and having fun. They have coffee and cake, lots of laughs and visit places in Melbourne many did not know existed, while having more coffee, cake and laughs and building friendships.

A small group of men (Men@Leisure) have been dining together monthly under the leadership of Robert Koren in restaurants around Essendon. This has been a great opportunity to build friendships as well as have fun. It would be good if more joined the few who meet next year.

FOUNDERS DAY

In 2015 we celebrated Founder's Day with a visit from the Archbishop and a blessing of the Town Houses.

2016 and 2017 we celebrated founders Day again with a spit roast luncheon to follow. It is planned to celebrate Founders Day annually on the Sunday in August closest to the laying of the foundation stone of the old church on 23rd August. This day we give thanks for the founders who built our church.

WINTER DINNERS

During the long cold winter it is important that the church family gathers to support each other and to build friendship. This year we have had a successful series of winter dinners. May was the annual EssACC dinner organised by Strathmore for our parish and Aberfeldie and Strathmore parishes. Early July saw the curry night with Indian and Sri Lankan food and in middle July Fr John cooked a roast for the parish. Thank you to Sue MacMillan who organised some of these events and John Castella for co-ordinating the curry night. Please support these events again next year.

WEBPAGE / FACEBOOK

Most churches have website and some are now on facebook and other social networking sites. Our website continues to put us on the map with local people as well as overseas people reading our web pages.

I am grateful to Robert Koren who has assisted in making the website more user friendly.

Thank you Trudy Mathes, who set up a Christ Church Essendon facebook page and continues to update it regularly. Many people in and out of the Parish see what we do through this program

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CHRIST CHURCH OP SHOP

The Christ Church Essendon Op Shop has had a great year. Many people benefit from our Op Shop. Customers purchase many quality items at a very reduced price. Others are lonely and enjoy coming to receive a smile and a chat. The Op Shop donates

some of its profit to local and church charities as well as supporting financially many disasters that occur from time to time around the world. Our church at Christ Church Essendon also benefits financially from the Op Shop.

All volunteers give their time and talents freely and gain many benefits back with lasting friendships, support and encouragement. I continue to be most impressed with the Christ Church Op Shop and its staff. A big thank you to the Op Shop Committee and to all the volunteers. Thank you for your efforts and please continue to have fun, to enjoy each others company and to help those in need.

ANZAC DAY / REMEMBRANCE DAY

Christ Church Essendon is a War Memorial Church and so it has been important to hold the annual ANZAC Day Eucharist in April and also a Remembrance Day Service in November. Both these services are held at the back of the Church near the War memorial and were well attended and it is hoped that this will continue.

CHRISTMAS, LENT & EASTER

Christmas and Easter are the major festivals of the Church and all Christians should attend these liturgies. Thank you to all who have faithfully attended the Christmas, Lent and Easter liturgies especially Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on the Saturday night. These services are important services in the life of the Church and in them we see our salvation.

FILM NIGHT

On the first Friday of the month, a film night has been held in the Parish Centre. Attendances have varied but those who come have had a great time. We have watched a number of different films usually from the golden era of the 40's and 50's and look forward to this continuing.

MESSY CHURCH

In March 2014, we started Messy Church in the Parish and so we have been going for four years. Messy church is for families to do things together. It includes chill together (welcome & chat), create together (craft), celebration together (simple worship) and

chew together (share a simple evening meal together).

Messy Church is once a month on the second Sunday from 4 to 6 pm. Thank you to Tanya Cummings who now co-ordinates the program and all the leaders and to the families who are involved. It would be nice to have a few more families attending so please let your friends know about this great program.

THY KINGDOM COME

"Thy Kingdom Come" is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (10 days) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

In 2017 the Parish was involved in the *"Thy Kingdom Come"* program. Tanya Cummings prepared prayer stations reflecting on the Lord's Prayer while Fr John held a special mid day prayer each day between Ascension and Pentecost. Some parishioners also attended the *"Thy Kingdom Come"* service at the Cathedral. I hope this will continue in the parish each year.

TANYA CUMMINGS

Tanya joined the parish at the beginning of February and was ordained a deacon. Tanya is employed as the Children and Family Minister and Curate.

Tanya has co-ordinated our Messy Church and play group program. Tanya has been exploring a variety of activities such as Mainly Music to link families and the community with our Church.

Tanya as a curate has also assisted in our liturgy and regularly preaches on Sundays.

Tanya is to be ordained a priest on Saturday 25th November 2017.

SUE HURREN

Sue Hurren continues to assist as an honorary Associate Deacon. As well as assisting in Sunday worship, Sue visits several nursing homes (Essendon Nursing Home, Trivi Court Nursing Home and Ron Conn Nursing Home in Avondale Heights)

once a month to take services and also spends an afternoon a month visiting and taking the reserve sacrament to parishioners who cannot come to church. Thank you Sue.

ROB KOREN

Robert came to us as someone exploring the possibility of being ordained as a priest.

He has completed the 'Year of discernment' and been accepted as a candidate for ministry. He has been working on his theological studies, while working part time at Overnewton College. Robert has preached a number of times in the parish and has been supervised by Fr John over the last two year as he learns about what it means to be a priest. Thank you Rob.

REST IN PEACE

During the last twelve months we have lost a number of long term parishioners. These have included Arthur Pollock, Ruth Tinney, Phyliss Arthur and Roma Heathcote. They were all faithful members of this church and contributed to the parish. They will be grieved and remembered. Rest eternal grant unto them.

2018

We look forward in 2018 to a number of exciting things including:

-) Continue to implement our Mission Action Plan for the Parish.
-) Building up our children's ministry with the help of the Children & Family Minister.
-) Maintenance in the Vicarage a priority
-) Exploring being a mission Church
-) Consolidation existing programs.

FUTURE LONG TERM PLANS

Maintenance is always an expensive and is continually needed especially with old buildings. One of the many maintenance issues needing attention is plastering and painting in the Op Shop and painting of the northern side of the Parish Centre and Hall.

In the next few years we will need to look at going green and being good stewards of our environment. Installing LED Lighting, Water Tanks and Solar Panels are ways of doing this. Parish Council will need to explore this in the near future.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have worked hard over the last 12 months. A special thank you to the Wardens: Bill and Jane and to the Parish Council for their support and work.

Thank you to Rob Koren our Treasurer, Margaret Elsey our book keeper, and Chris Angus our Secretary.

Thank you to all who quietly do things around the Church from mowing lawns, to decorating the church with flowers, helping in the kitchen, assisting in the liturgy, welcoming or inviting people to church and so on.

Thank you to my family: Carolyn, Trudy, Jilly and Craig plus Fred for their support and encouragement. Thank you.

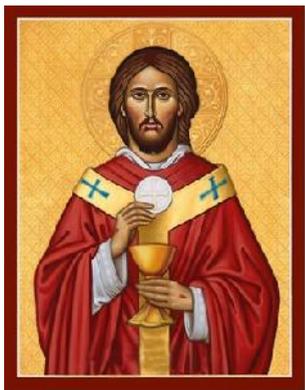
Thank you to the Parish for the way they have welcomed little Fred into the world and to our Church. My family have appreciated your support.

Thank you also to Tanya Cummings and Sue Hurren who make up our ministry team.

A lot has been achieved this year, however there is much more to do and I look forward to working with all members of the parish in building up the Parish and the Kingdom of God.

As I said last year and the years before—this is a great Parish with good hard working parishioners. Let us work together to build up the Kingdom.

Fr John Mathes
Parish Priest



Treasure 's Report

Our bank accounts look healthy at first glance, but we need to keep in mind that the money in the Super Trust Account has been in trust for the last few years to pay for the concreting of the path outside the front of the church. This has now been completed but the invoices have not been finalised yet as we are still waiting for Moonee Valley Councils contribution as it was, and still is, their street trees that tore it up in the first place.

The money in the Town House account has been paying our Curate's stipend as the Diocesan Grant we received at the beginning of the year only paid for a few months, and the rest of the grant we didn't receive!

There is some major maintenance work needed on the vicarage and this will need to be addressed by the wardens in the coming year. We have not allocated any cost on these yet as they are tradesman jobs and formal quotes will need to be obtained.

Once again, thank you to all who give generously to our parish, financially as well as giving freely of their time in working in our OpShop, and supporting our fund raising events.

Rob Koren - Parish Treasurer
Margaret Elsey - Book-keeper

Book-Keeper's Report

The figures stand for themselves, and you can form your own opinions, but there are a few things that I would like to comment on/explain/clarify.

Our bank accounts look healthy at first glance, especially the Super Trust bank account. This is money that we are either holding in trust for another entity, for example the money being held against calendars, or luncheons, or for missions that we collect before sending the money off to pay for that item. It also holds money that we are collecting for a certain purchase, like the fund

-raising for the “fluffy” concrete. So with that in mind, most of the money in the Super Trust at the moment, has been held in trust for the last few years, to pay for the concreting of the path outside the front of the church. This has now been completed, but the invoices have not been received or finalised yet as we are still waiting for Moonee Valley Council’s contribution, as it was their street trees that tore the asphalt up in the first place.

The donations against mission is the money that you put in the plate for ABM’s Lenten/ Good Friday Appeal and their Christmas Appeal, or for the Christmas Bowl Appeal, or any other appeal that may be put forward. Sometimes we get only a little, sometimes a bit more, but it is all money that parishioners put in, it is not money from the parish or the Op Shop.

The same with donations. That is money that is donated to the parish from parishioners and others, that is not ear-marked for some specific item.

I’ve broken the rental up so that you can see how much rent we received from the town houses, and how much from our hall/parish centre rentals. Our best renters are the Weight Watchers who paid \$13,200 of the \$17,002 received.

The Diocese gave us a grant last year of \$20,000 to help pay the costs in employing a curate/family & children’s worker. We only received \$10,000 of that grant money, and the rest of \$35,893 has come out of the Town House account.

Our offerings don’t come anywhere near paying the stipend, and if it wasn’t for the Op Shop we would not be able to pay for a fulltime parish priest, but luckily with the Op Shop and parish combined we can not only pay Fr John’s stipend, we can also pay our bills as well. The stipend includes, apart from the actual stipend itself, superannuation, work-cover, sickness and accident insurance, all of the vicarage utilities and costs related to running a car. These costs are all laid down by the Diocese, it is not us being overly generous, and it is up to us to find the finances to pay them.

The maintenance last year was only on the church and the Op Shop. No work was done on the vicarage, but there is some major maintenance work needed on the vicarage

and hopefully there will be some great fund-raisers to help pay for them all.

The maintenance – rental expenses are the expenses incurred in keeping our hall and parish centre running so the premises can be rented out. These expenses are off-set against the income received, which helps to bring our assessment down. The expenses against the town houses includes the council rates, water rates and any repair costs, plus real estate agent fees. Again these are off-set against the income.

We don’t know what the assessment will be yet. Even though the paper work has been done, the auditor has to sign off on the figures and the Diocese has to agree with it. Most years they knock off something which increases our assessment. Our assessment is worked out on our income, and the only expenses deducted are what has been paid on the stipends, our mission giving to Christian missions and any other money held in trust (ie money that does not belong to us), and any rental expenses.

All is not gloom and doom, which is the natural demeanour of parish treasurer’s, we have a wonderful vicar who works 8 days a week, a curate/family and children’s worker who is doing great work, all we need now are more children to come and benefit. We have a bunch of great workers in the Op Shop and it really is a joy to work with so many ladies happily pricing and selling goods with rarely a cross word.

Once again, thank you to all who give generously to our parish, financially as well as giving freely of their time in working in our Op Shop, and supporting our fund raising events.

Margaret Elsey—Book-keeper

Warden’s Report

This report offers the Warden’s overview of some of the important events of our Parish year.

As always, the success of a Parish is in a large part due to the commitment and dedication of the Priest, and the Wardens wish to record, with appreciation, the



Wardens

continuing efforts of Father John, and his family. We know that at times the challenges and frustrations are great, but we are fortunate to have a Priest who understands the issues, the energy to face them, and the determination to achieve good outcomes.

Father John has been an Area Dean and his duties have increased and we are concerned that his increasing responsibilities as priest to the parish and mentor to others does not create an unmanageable workload. We are sure that at times, his willingness to face each issue has an impact in Father John's family and professional life, but with Carolyn's never ending support, he manages. Thank you both!

Whilst the townhouses are now a reliable source of income, the day to day obligations of being a landlord need to be met. We have a good Agent, and Father John is always prepared to put some pressure where it is needed, to finalise any issues which arise.

When the vision for the townhouses was conceived, the intention was to use part of the income to fund a "Children's and Family Worker" into the Parish. At the beginning of 2017 Tanya Cummings commenced work in this role. We are still some way from achieving the vision, but we are confident that the outcome is closer than it was when Tanya commenced her duties.

Theological Student Robert Koren, Tanya and Sue Hurren complete a Ministry Team which would be the envy of many Parishes, and we offer thanks for the role they play at Christ Church.

We have recently replaced all of the broken concrete around the Church, and enlarged the car parking spaces for those who are

engaged in Parish duties, on the days they are at the Church. A special thank you to Chris Angus, for her fundraising efforts, which provided a significant portion of the money for this very expensive work.

Christ Church is fortunate to have a dedicated group of Ladies who give so freely of their time to ensure that the Op shop runs both smoothly and profitably. In addition to supporting the Parish, and many people in the Essendon area, the Op shop funds donations to many worthy and charitable causes.

The skills of Samuel on our magnificent old organ continue to provide the beautiful music which enriches our worship, and the ladies who arrange the flowers which are always prominent in the Church, add significantly to the beauty of our worship.

Then we have the people who act as welcomers, assist in the Sanctuary, read the lessons, make morning tea, co-ordinate groups such as Craft, keep the books and pay the bills, mow the lawns etc.. A simple thank you to everyone does not seem enough, but please be assured that the Parish could not operate as it does, without you.

Our intention in everything we do is jointly the giving of thanks to God for the abundant gifts we have, and ensuring that the Parish remains viable well into the future. Financially, we seem to have the bases covered, but we still have many empty pews in the Church.

We all have a role to play in filling the Church with new people, and everyone is encouraged to talk with Father John about what you can do.

Jane Coulson & Bill Howard—Wardens



Parish Council Report

Parish Council met six times between December 2016 and October 2017. In attendance at meetings were: Father John Mathes (6 meetings), Katherine Anderson (4 meetings, 2 apology), Deni Cameron (1 meeting, 3 apologies), Bill Howard (5 meetings, 1 apology), Esther Cross (6 meetings), Jane Coulson (4 meetings, 2 apologies), Robert Koren (6 meetings), Chris Angus (3 meetings, 3 apologies). Observers, Sue Hurren and Tanya Cummings, attended 1 and 5 meetings respectively.

To support the running of the church, Parish Council met every two months while church wardens met in the intervening months as well. During these meetings, church correspondence was attended to, the treasurer's report was dissected and approved and reports, such as those focussing on the Hiring of the Hall, the Opportunity Shop, Fundraising were presented. Maintenance issues, especially relating to the apartments, were discussed and usually resolved. Diocesan Policy was discussed, and as a consequence, Christ Church Essendon's Child Safe Policy was recently formatted and formally adopted. This year we appointed a Family and Children's minister, Rev'd Tanya Cummings, who has taken on the role of supporting children of a Sunday morning through activities related to the Gospel reading of the day. Tanya has also been involved in developing a playgroup held during the week,

assisting with Messy Church and organising other church related events, eg. 'God's Dreaming', besides assisting Father John in a variety of services. Robert Koren, our theological student, has assisted in services while continuing his studies. He was instrumental in developing the prayer cards that are found on the ledges of the pews.

The Open Space at the back of the church has been keenly embraced, especially with the laying of carpet, and widely used as a children's/family area of a Sunday morning to special services such as the ANZAC Day service. The installation of split air-conditioning and heating systems, firstly in the Church and then in the Opportunity Shop, have made attendances in both areas far more comfortable in all kinds of weather. Parish Council also approved and helped fund the new paths and parking areas in front of the church which have been enthusiastically welcomed by parishioners and the wider community.

In August, we congratulated Father John as he celebrated twenty-five years as a Priest and twenty years as a Police Chaplain. Parish Council acknowledges, and is grateful for, the leadership and dedication of Father John Mathes and the unstinting support of Carolyn Mathes.

Chris Angus Secretary



*Curate / Children
@ Family Minister*

As I look back over this year, since starting here in February, I consider myself blessed because of the many and varied ministries I've played a part in and because of the many wonderful people in this Parish. I appreciate each person for who they are and for their individual contributions to Parish life. I've enjoyed getting to know those around the church too. It's been a joy to meet locals in Essendon, spend time with the craft ladies on Tuesday mornings and converse with Op shop volunteer's regularly. I have been encouraged by the warm sense of community around this place.

We have managed to make our Church a "Child Safe" zone this year with writing and implementing a Child safe policy which has been completed as a working document. Thanks to all for working with this policy and making our church so welcoming for children. Around the Parish I have overseen and co-ordinated the establishment of our new Playgroup and our continued Messy Church Ministry (both these ministries have separate reports below). I've also co-ordinated children's sessions for Sunday mornings. We have had two children come regularly for a teaching time at the back of the church during the 9:30 service. It's been loads of fun to journey with these two youngsters and other children who have visited on occasion. Sue Hurren and I have shared the teaching using a variety of curriculum and resources. Thanks to Sue for all the hard work you've put in. We continue to hope that more of our parishioners will bring children and families along to Church with them to enjoy this program.

Over the course of this year I've had the privilege of visiting our young families associated with Messy Church and some others affiliated with our Parish. Information packs were sent out and contact was made with all of our past Baptism families. We invited them

to a Teddy's Picnic in October. Only one family from our Parish attend that event, but it was a lot of fun. We plan to hold this event annually and keep inviting our Baptism Families back to church.

Some other programs I've spent time exploring and preparing for are *Kids Hope* (mentoring in schools) and *Mainly Music*. We hope to get both these programs up and running next year – God willing! I also hope we may get more involved in visiting the lonely in a nearby aged care facility, as they too are in need of loving care.

Throughout this year I have had the privilege of making pastoral visits and spent some time with the sick and dying. I have spent time with several families in their time of bereavement and presided at their loved ones funeral's and burials.

In addition to spending time with people and meeting needs, my week consists of administration duties and planning which must be done! Crafting sermon's continues to be one of my greatest joys and it's been great to learn Anglo-Catholic liturgy and Traditions. In addition to weekly commitments some highlights from this year include: Co-leading Lenten studies in the lead up to Easter, Setting up prayer stations for "Thy Kingdom Come", Hosting an Art Display and Dinner which focused on indigenous art with the team from "God's Dreaming" joining us. Thanks to all who supported this event and thanks to those who also attended the Art Workshop which followed on from that.

I want to say thank you to all of your for your support and love over this year and also in the lead up to my Ordination as Priest on November 25. I want to give special thanks to my field committee (Jilly, Chris, Bill, and Jane) who spoke lovingly into my life throughout the year. I look forward to continuing to serving our Parish as a priest.

Blessings, Rev'd Tanya Cummings





Theological Student

This year continued the formation processes for my ministry following a learning agreement that was in place with FJ. The major elements of this learning agreement included learning liturgical practices that were part of the Anglo-Catholic tradition, developing pastoral care techniques, developing competencies and skills to be used in future ministry roles and developing an awareness of congregational life in a parish setting.

FJ has spent a lot of his time on a weekly basis meeting with me to discuss and overview these concepts. I have had the opportunity to discuss and understand the perspectives that FJ brings to his role as the Parish Priest and this has provided invaluable data for me to use in my own formation.

As well as this, as a participant, Eucharistic assistant and Lay Minister in the weekly services I have continued from last year to learn the rhythm, flow and requirements of the services. Further to this, I have been able to participate and help out in a memorial service, baptisms within and outside the main service and a wedding service. All this have allowed me to see the skills that I will need to administer and lead the regular services as well as services which are done when needed.

I am also very grateful to FJ for allowing me to have three opportunities to preach this year. I have listened many times to priest preach and always had an opinion about what they say. It is a totally different experience to put out an opinion to the church and be ready to defend or ameliorate those ideas. As well as the preaching aspect, FJ has allowed me to administer the Parish Prayers. This was well received at the time with people taking the opportunity to write their prayers and offer them to all or the prayer team. In this year of focus on prayers, it has been very uplifting to facilitate one small part of the

prayer ministry of the parish.

As well as thanking FJ for all his time and efforts to teach and train me in learning the Anglo-Catholic tradition, I would also like to thank the Field Committee for their time and efforts in helping me. The Field Committee completed its duties of nurturing, challenging, providing feedback and maintaining my adherence to the learning agreement with distinction and I thank Bill, Chris, Jane and Jill as the committee chair for their times and energy to meet up regularly and discuss what they were observing about my learning and to give me a safe and nurturing space within which to grow and develop my confidence.

Finally, I thank everyone in the parish for your fellowship and concern throughout the year for my welfare. My journey as a student minister will continue to develop and grow in 2018. At this stage, all things going well, I anticipate being ordained a Deacon in February 2019 so there is still a lot of time for me to learn, inform and discern about the person I will be as a minister and I ask you to hold me in your prayers.

Robert Koren



Catering & Social

Once again this report will be fairly short, as it appears that most of our "socializing" happens after the 9.30am service at morning tea. Thanks go to those folks that fulfill this roster duty and especially to those who bring "treats" including hot cross buns on Easter Sunday.

The year started with the AGM luncheon at Moonee Valley Racecourse Restaurant. What a view at this restaurant and meals priced to suit every pocket.

There was an Annual BBQ before the service of Carols and Lessons. Thanks to Don Pereira for doing the cooking.

In January was a film night and BBQ on the decking. This was a great night. Monthly film nights are held in the Parish Centre involving much laughter at the 'old' films.

The weather just held for the Parish Picnic in Woodlands Park. Another BBQ picnic was held at Daryl Higgins and Alan Wilson's lovely 'new' house in the country just out of Geelong. The hosts were magnificent as was the afternoon.

Although we missed the company of Fr John and Carolyn, the Pancake night on Shrove Tuesday saw all of us eat far too much with the food brought by parishioners being just too good.

Different breads, jams and cream made for a delicious Lammast feast.

Once again the multitude of curries (of varying strengths) and rice dishes were thoroughly enjoyed by the Parish. Thanks to John Castellanos for organizing this Saturday night and to all his family and friends for supplying the scrumptious food.

This year the FJ Roast was held on a Friday night and proved even more popular than usual. A huge thank you to FJ for successfully preparing, cooking, serving the 45 people. Thank you also for those who lent a hand with dishes and deserts. A lovely meal with a great deal of jocular enjoyment by all.

Founders Day in August was celebrated with a catered spit roast and over 40 people ate the variety of roast meats, vegetables, salads and deserts. Lovely!

Social events which included other Parishes include folding palm crosses prior to Easter,

a recent sung evensong (plus a pub meal afterwards) with Christ Church Brunswick. EssACC gatherings where St Aidan's Strathmore, St Andrew's Aberfeldie combined with us for evensong and soup afterwards, a dinner at Spinelli's and a friendly indoor bowls night.

Thank you again to all for making these events happen and if you have any ideas for social events in the future, please feel free to suggest them.

Sue MacMillan

Fundraising

The aim for this year was the same as last year's, and that was to raise money to help replace cracked paving and to increase the amount of parking space in front of the church.

Parishioners have supported this goal through a variety of activities. These have included (but not limited to) Christmas Special Effort (2016), Pancake Night, Easter Special Effort, Curry Night, FJ Roast and most recently, the Quilt Fundraiser. In total, over \$4000 has been raised over two years. What a great achievement!

Anyone who donated goods for prizes, bought tickets, sold them and/or attended functions where an entrance fee was required, contributed towards the success of the 'Fluffy Concrete' campaign. Thank you. Your assistance has been very much appreciated.

Looking forward to your continued support next year.

Christine Angus

Maintenance & Hall Bookings

We continue to maintain our facilities and grounds. The parish priority this year was concreting and asphaltting the front of the Church which had many trip points caused by tree roots. Thank you to Chris Angus who with the parish raised lots of money towards

the concrete. Thank you Bill Howard for his negotiations with the Moonee Valley Council. The concreting has been completed and we now have five car parks in front of our church. We are hoping the asphaltting will be paid by the Council whose trees caused the problems. The Council are to remove the trees in front of the church and replace them with trees with less invasive roots.

A big thank you to Bill and Cheryl Howard who have removed the old tired garden in front of the church and planted a new wonderful garden with a new watering system and wood chips. Bill and Cheryl Howard also cleaned up the Memorial Garden recently. Bill Howard also maintains the herb garden at the back of the church. Thank you Bill and Cheryl.

Bill Howard and Fr John still clean out guttering, repair doors, install new light globes, replace batteries in smoke alarms and repair many things in the Op Shop.

Thank you to all who mow the lawns, clean kitchens and help maintain our buildings.

Weightwatchers continue to be valued tenants of our hall. Narcotics Anonymous, Al anon and a Dance Group also hire the hall. We are reluctant to hire the hall more and thus impinge on the requirements of the Parish.

Fr John

Men @ Leisure

This year has been another sterling year for the men from our church and others who met socially and had fun and enjoy each other's company. This year has seen us travel the world through our taste buds. We have enjoyed the flavours from Thailand, India, Croatia, Italy and Australian cuisine. In particular it was privilege to be able to host the group at my home for the Croatian Food Night and everyone seemed to enjoy the dishes. Apparently, the Ladies@Leisure were scheming to try and crash the gathering that night but that never eventuated.

Our gatherings were filled with great jokes, lots of life stories and political controversies

which were all shared over a lovely meal and a very smooth drop of red which acted to loosen our tongues so that we could add details and make the conversations last longer. We were very grateful for the occasional visit of the next generation of men joining their fathers at various times throughout the year. We also had the opportunity to welcome Warren as a regular to our group.

The Men@Leisure group is a group of men who are very dedicated to catching up with each other once a month and are determined to do so next year and onwards. Thank you to FJ and all the men who helped me throughout the year to facilitate the events and make that those who wanted to attend had a ride to do so. Onwards and upwards for the group in 2018.

Vale Arthur Pollock. At the end of last year, one of our regular participants in Arthur Pollock passed away. Arthur who is survived by his wife Glenda and children Cheryl, Debra and Denis and grandchildren, was proud of his Anglo-Indian heritage. He was an enthusiastic contributor to any discussion on hunting, shooting and fishing and would recall the days of his youth spent on these pursuits during our dinner nights. With many a tale to tell, Arthur always had a shaggy-dog story or two on most subjects and would deliver them with his customary chuckle. Arthur and his family migrated to Australia in 1968 and first lived on Keilor Road. They attended Christ Church Essendon until they moved to Gladstone Park, returning to our church almost 30 years later. Professionally, Arthur spent most of his Australian working life at Ford Motor Co where he rose to be the manager of the paint section. He retired and moved to Queensland but was soon back to the family he loved and worshipping with his beloved congregation in Melbourne. A dedicated family man, he also had an enduring love for dogs, birds and his garden. We will miss Arthur. Vale Arthur.

Robert Koren.

Ladies @ Leisure

The Ladies have experienced new monthly adventures. At each outing we all allow time for one another and appreciate each others company and friendship.

We cover a wide range of activities such as movies at the Nova, High Tea at the Hotel Lindrum, the Quilters Exhibition, lunch at Poyntons, learning about the services at Ronald McDonald House and much more.

Try to keep the program in your bag or attach it to your refrigerator so you don't miss out on the activities. We are looking forward to you joining us in 2018.

Carolyn Mathes
Chris Angus

Music Report

The choir has continued to contribute to the parish's worship through their assistance with the communion setting, new hymns, singing the psalms, items at the carols service, and the occasional communion anthem. I (again) encourage members of the congregation to consider joining the choir, even on an occasional basis if they would consider a regular commitment too onerous. No previous experience is necessary. There have been several occasions during the year when the low numbers have prevented us from even having a choir some mornings.

Many thanks to those who contributed to the successful joint evensong in October we held together with Christ Church Brunswick, when members of our choir joined with theirs. We have been invited by return to join with Brunswick for their evensong commemoration of the Feast of Charles, King and Martyr, on a Sunday in late January/early February next year.

I invite anyone interested in contributing a solo or group item to the Carols Service, or anyone who may be interested in joining the choir for this service, to contact me as soon as possible.

The organ has continued to be maintained and tuned throughout the year by Wakeley Pipe Organs.

My thanks extend to Daryl Higgins for his assistance, and to the choir, Vicar, wardens and congregation for your continued support.

Samuel McMahon

Christ Church Op Shop

The last year has been busy and productive and full of interest and challenges. Due to legislative changes both at government and Diocesan levels, there is now a lot more documentation for Op Shop volunteers so that has been time consuming and at times frustrating. We just have to keep firmly in our minds why we are volunteering and what a worthwhile exercise it is. Part of these changes involve detailing the roles of the volunteers and the Office Bearers, formalizing the application process for volunteers, getting Working with Children certification and asking each volunteer for an Emergency Contact form. Police Checks for all volunteers are also in the pipeline. Father John is steering us through all this.

Fortunately the Op Shop also continues to provide us with interesting and productive contact with the community, an amazing variety of donations and lots of good fellowship. We are delighted to support the running of Christ Church, Essendon and to be able to donate over 10% of our takings to our chosen charities. It has been rewarding to be able to assist refugees in our area, to keep up with our regular customers and to see the delight on the faces of customers new to the Shop, when they find that "special something". This year we have introduced an ad hoc Weekly Special, to clear excess stock in certain items, have had our regular Book Sales and hosted two very successful social events: the Winter Fashion Parade and a Musical High tea. The Fashion Parade co-ordinated by Carolyn Mathes has gone from strength to strength and has attracted many new faces to the Shop. Our musical event this year was High Tea with musical entertainment throughout. Lots of work, as we were learning on the job, but such a great day and lots of fun.

Unfortunately Diabetes Australia no longer picks up from Op Shops so we now only have Melbourne Cleaning Cloths for our excess stock. They do not take bric-a-brac so a lot more will have to be thrown out. Mondays have continued to help the Op Shop start off the week well stocked and looking spick and span. Lots of cleaning, sorting, tagging, pricing, visual merchandising is done on Mondays. The workforce varies according to availability but whether it is one hour or five, the assistance is appreciated and it is an opportunity to meet other volunteers. We always have a (delicious) morning tea and if it is a long day then it is potluck lunch.

Sue MacMillan resigned from the Committee late last year, but back working in the Shop and there have been a few changes in the roster. The good news is that we have new volunteers and this gives us more flexibility when people go away. We were all very sad when Ruth Tinney died earlier this year as she has been an integral part of our Op Shop for so long and was much loved. She has joined Wal in the Memorial Garden and keeps an eye on us from there.

A change in procedure this was voted on by the Committee. The Op Shop Committee will be elected at the AGM and immediately afterwards will meet to choose a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Liaison Treasurer and Roster Secretary.

As usual, despite all the ups and downs, I look back on the last 12 months in the Op Shop with great pride and pleasure. We have all worked hard and have achieved a great deal.

Megan Rankin
(Secretary)

Flower Guild

It is a joy to be a part of this 3 person team because of the peaceful minutes spent in the church arranging beautiful flowers. Thanks to Chris Angus and Megan Rankin (with occasional support from Olwyn Baker, Gwen Forsyth and Janette Roulston) and to the other parishioners who have helped

financially. This has meant that flowers have been purchased by the team in memoriam or because the donors could not manage physically to help. Thank you to you all.

Sue MacMillan

Messy Church

It's been a great joy to take over the running of Messy Church this year. I walked into this role with the monthly gatherings and team already established and functioning well. It's been easy to work with this capable and responsible team consisting of Carolyn, Fr John, Sue H, Katheryn, Sue M, Venetia and on occasion, Gail. Thank you to each of you for all your good work.

Messy Church is always well attended and fun for all ages! Most months we have between 20 and 30 people in attendance. In our gatherings we've covered such themes as: Stories about Jesus, Pets and peace, Easter, Loving the World, Journeys, and the biblical stories about Ruth, Hannah, Moses and Joshua. We look forward to a fun Christmas celebration with our Families in December and look forward to another great year next year!

Rev'd Tanya Cummings

Playgroup

Our new Parish Playgroup is up and running as of term 3. It grew out of two Mothers Group women who met in the Hall on Wednesday mornings. These women asked us to Launch a Wednesday Morning Community Playgroup and invite others into it. We set this up, registered and advertised this playgroup which is now growing and providing a sense of community and belonging to some locals. We have on 6-9 children come each week, with the council referring more people continually. We hope this new initiative continues to grow and flourish and that more volunteers will rise up from among us to assist with this program. We need two

more volunteers to help weekly or fortnightly, and would appreciate the donation of good quality, clean toys suitable for pre-school age children. Our theme for term 3 was Zoo animals. This term we are looking at "Things that Go!". The children and adults alike enjoy the social time as well as the crafts and activities provided. This program is off to a great start, with special thanks to Clodagh and Lauren for the vision and help!

Rev'd Tanya Cummings

Aged Care

In the places visited, the attendance number is reliant on the 'Life Style' workers to organise residents to get them to the Service. At Essendon Nursing Home numbers fluctuate because workers 'forget'.

The Quiet Room at Trevi Court Nursing Home may not be able to accommodate the residents if numbers keep growing; there were 11 residents at the Service in October.

A resident at Ron Conn Residential Care said that she always 'feels calmer' after attending the Service; this encourages the workers to invite residents to attend.

The use of visual DVDs, provide words to the hymns on a background of scenery. Many people join in the singing and enjoy being able to do so; residents are able to offer prayer points, also enabling them to more fully participate in the Service.

I thank the Lord for this ministry and being able to meet with Him, and the residents, on a monthly basis.

Sue Hurren—Deacon

Bible Study Program

During Lent, we ran three different Lenten programs. We combined with All Saints, Ascot Vale to run six nights reflecting on the Beatitudes which is part of the Church of England Pilgrim course. Fr John also produced a booklet of prayers and readings

based on the I am statements in John's Gospel to be used during lent. We also held a quiet day during Lent.

Another six week bible study program using the Church of England Pilgrim course based on the Creeds was run on October / November 2017 with members of Ascot Vale joining us. We hope to run more this Church of England Pilgrim course during 2018.

Bible Studies should be a priority to building up faith and belief. I hope more will join our groups.

Fr John

EssACC Committee

EssACC is Essendon, Aberfeldie & Strathmore Anglican Churches working together.

A combined service of Evening Prayer was held in September at Aberfeldie and a dinner was held in May organised by Strathmore and an indoor bowls night was held in June.

Unfortunately while the other churches have supported EssACC, Essendon has not.

In the coming year, another church service is planned, an indoor bowls night and another dinner.

Thank you to Sue MacMillan, Chris Angus and Fr John who have represented Essendon on the Committee. Please get involved with these important activities.

Fr John

Christ Church Craft Group

Our 2016 end of year Break-up day was well attended, and we were happy to see many of our Ex Craft members who joined us on the day...Ruth Tinney brought by daughter Elizabeth, Joyce Smith who was assisted by Sue Hurren (thanks so much for that Sue H you always seem to know when I need your help). Christine Stubbs, Anne Whight, and Jean Black, along with about 35 of our regulars took part, chatted away happily and enjoyed sharing their Kris Kringle, food, and future ideas. Before I forget I must say a big

thank you to our two gents Fr John, and Don Pereira who are always on hand to help keep the Ladies happy with a glass (or two) of sherry.. who's counting. Thanks also to Andrea Sherko for her help/support when ever she can, much appreciated Andrea.

We did have to say a fond farewell to one of our long standing members, Mame Bibby who due to health reasons has decided to give up being on the Committee, but has promised to visit Craft whenever she can... Thank You Mame, your contribution over the years has been tremendous and you are missed by all of us, but most especially by me.

Sadly in April 2017 our good friend Ruth Tinney passed away...Ruth was part of the Craft Group from day one when it commenced (back in Oct 1993) and assisted in all areas of Craft, so it was comforting to know that she had managed to make it to our Christmas Breakup in 2016. We also remember our dear Craft member Mary Doyle who passed away sometime in August 2016. Thanks to the Craft members who managed to attend her funeral, Mary's family were very pleased to see so many of us there.

March 2017: RACV Talk on Ageing: Mel Higgins who is a volunteer with RACV came along and gave us lots to think about. He has promised to come back and talk on other topics. Thanks Mel.

May 2017: Cancer Council: Biggest Morning Tea went well, but numbers were down due to health/weather issues. We did however manage to raise \$197.70. Thanks Ladies for a great effort. Thank you also to those Parishioners who attended, Sue Mac & Maureen Lanyon. I apologise if your name is off this list, your efforts are much appreciated by the Craft Group Committee, and we look forward to seeing you again at our future events.

August 2017: Blumes Fashions – Winter... The day went well – A big thank you to our loyal supporters who attend, Janette Roulton, Margaret Broughton, Sue Hurren, Elizabeth Tinney, Maureen Lanyon. The craft group ladies enjoyed, not too many purchases, but Blumes have been booked again sometime in February 2018. This time with Summer fashions and we warmly welcome all who

wish to attend these functions, do please inform Barbara Szczurko or Margaret Pereira of your attendance in advance, thanks.

Transport is becoming a big issue at Craft. We could certainly do with help – and I ask those who are able to help out to kindly consider offering assistance whenever and wherever you can...

In conclusion, may I say, many thanks to all Committee Members, especially Barbara our Treasurer, also the Leaders at each of the tables, and everyone who help make Craft what it is every Tuesday. Please remember a small helpful gesture goes a long way. I sincerely wish each and everyone in the Group, Good Health & God's Blessings for the future continuation of the Craft Group. Many thanks to Alma for all her help / assistance during her time on the Committee, we hope that she will continue to attend and enjoy her time at Craft on Tuesdays...

Margaret Pereira.
Leader Craft Group.

Parish Pantry / Freezer

Once again you have helped keep the Parish Pantry fully stocked - when it runs low on foods you successfully supply them. The Vicar has been able to cater for a number of needy causes especially the refugees who knock on his door. Thank you.

However the freezer is a different story. It has recently been emptied, cleaned and now needs restocking. Please bring a container of soup / casserole / risotto etc that is clearly marked with all the ingredients. It is wonderful to be able to give an emergency meal to the sick or hungry. Thank you.

Sue MacMillan

MISSION STATEMENT

We are disciples of Jesus who are seeking to love God, and our neighbour.
We are committed to being God focussed, Jesus centred and Spirit led.
We are determined to build up the Kingdom of God and renew our Church.

VISION STATEMENT

We also commit ourselves:
To listen to God.
To be nourished by God's word and sacraments.
To meet together to pray and worship God.
To use the gifts God has given us.
To explore our faith and spirituality.
To link into and serve the local community.
To continue to strengthen and build up our Church.
To care for our environment.
To care for those in need.
To support family life.

SERVICE TIMES

8am SUNDAY EUCHARIST
9.30am SUNDAY SUNG EUCHARIST followed by morning tea
10am WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST followed by morning tea

Morning and Evening Prayer is said each day. See Fr John for details.

The Parish Priest, Fr John, is available for baptisms, weddings, confession and other services by appointment

BAPTISMS

We welcomed these people
11.06.2017 Fred Charlie Webb
25.06.2017 Amelia Ella-Rose
Clementine Waters
25.06.2017 Dean Allan Waters
13.08.2017 Charlie William Pooley

WEDDINGS

07.01.2017 Ashley Quinlivian & Kristen Cheesman
19.01.2017 Michael Rovetto & Melissa Willcocks
12.05.2017 Norman Gray & Beverley Davis
08.07.2017 Benjamin Wilson & Whitney Pittard

FUNERALS (date of death)

03.11.2016 Arthur Dennis John Pollock
04.12.2016 Elaine May Ross
04.01.2017 Lesley Susan Williams
31.01.2017 Dianne Smith
22.03.2017 Alan John Berry
28.03.2017 Joy Narracott
11.04.2017 Ruth Tinney
14.04.2017 Amelia Browne
06.07.2017 Francis Marion McDonald
17.07.2017 Beverley Florence Bottomley
17.08.2017 Phyllis Arthur
23.08.2017 Roma Vivienne Heathcote
06.09.2017 Evelyn Fisher

**Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine on them.**

ASHES IN MEMORIAL GARDEN

02.07.2017 Ruth Tinney



PARISH DIRECTORY 2016-2017

Parish Priest: Fr John Mathes

Curate / Family & Children Minister:

Rev'd Tanya Cummings

Associate Priest: Fr Richard Murray
(until April 2017)

Associate Deacon: Rev'd Sue Hurren

Theological Student: Robert Koren

Wardens: Bill Howard & Jane Coulson

Parish Council: Wardens plus

Katherine Anderson, Chris Angus, Deni
Cameron Robert Koren and Esther Cross.

Secretary: Chris Angus

Treasurer: Robert Koren

Book Keeper: Margaret Elsey

Incumbency Committee: Chris Angus, Jilly
Webb and Bill Howard

Synod Reps: Fr John, Sue MacMillan &
Chris Angus (Bill Howard - Supplementary)

Sacristan: Margaret Elsey

Hall Hire: Fr John

Maintenance: Bill Howard, Fr John & Rob-
ert Koren

Organist: Samuel McMahon

Assistant Organist: Daryl Higgins

Flower Guild: Sue MacMillan, Chris
Angus & Megan Rankin

Grounds & Mowing: Don Pereira, Paul
Miles, Bill Howard & Fr John

Nursing Homes: Sue Hurren

Home Communions: Fr John, Sue Hurren &
Sue MacMillan

Re-development Committee:

Bill Howard, Jane Coulson, Margaret Elsey
and Fr John

Opportunity Shop Office Bearers

Chairman Fr John Mathes

President Carolyn Mathes

Vice President Cheryl Howard

Secretary Megan Rankin

Liaison Treasurer Megan Rankin

Roster Sec Robyn Bulluss

Opportunity Shop Management Committee

The Office Bearers plus Gwen Forsyth,
Chris Angus, Margaret Pereira, Chantal
Ripp, Joan Sach, Margaret Broughton,
Janette Roulston, Joan Sach & Maureen
Lanyon.

Craft Group Committee:

Margaret Pereira (leader), Barbara Szczurko
(treasurer), Alma Henshall, Margaret
Mordaunt & Kaye Harrison

Deacons, Lay Ministers, Eucharistic

Assistants: Sue Hurren, Tanya Cum-
mings, Margaret Elsey, Alan Wilson, Robert
Koren, Sue MacMillan & Deni Cam-
eron

Thurifers: Alan Wilson & Margaret Elsey

Readers: Ed Wilson, Nell Axon, Chris An-
gus, Carolyn Mathes, Rosalie Baldrey, Mi-
chael Pang, Katherine Anderson,
Katherine Ellis, Deni Cameron, Jilly Webb
& Chrisanthi Jayatunga

Choir: Sue MacMillan, Sue Adams, Vera
Burrows, Margaret Elsey, Rosalie Baldrey,
Barbara Szczurko plus Daryl Higgins

Welcomers: Carolyn Mathes, Paul Miles,
Deni Cameron, Esther Cross, Katherine Ellis
& Katherine Anderson

Morning Tea Roster: Sue MacMillan,
Christanthi & George Jayatunga, Esther
Cross, Anita Mason & Carolyn Mathes

Field Committee for Theological Student & Deacon

Jilly Webb, Bill Howard, Chris Angus &
Jane Coulson

Messy Church

Tanya Cummings, Sue Hurren, Sue
MacMillan, Carolyn Mathes, Katherine
Anderson, Venetia Wells & Fr John

Ladies@Leisure: Carolyn Mathes & Chris
Angus

Men@Leisure: Robert Koren

Archives: Fr John

Catering Officer: Sue MacMillan
(until August 2017)

Parish Pantry: Sue MacMillan

Reach Out Magazine: Fr John (layout), Mar-
garet Elsey (editor) plus many con-
tributors including Tanya Cummings,
Sue Hurren and Robert Koren

Pew Sheet: Fr John

Webpage: Fr John & Robert Koren
www.essendonanglican.org.au

Facebook: Trudy Mathes

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(apologies to anyone I have missed)

FJ Awards

2010

Wal Tinney ±
Merv Smith ±
Joyce Smith
Margaret Treadwell

2011

Joyce Tattam

2012

Barbara Szczurko

2013

Margaret Elsey
Sue MacMillan
Vera Burrows
Sue Adams
Margaret Pereira

2014

Ruth Tinney ±
Nell Axon
Bill Howard
Jamie Lingard
Alan Wilson

2015

Bill Howard
Chris Angus
Don Pereira
Ed & Margaret Wilson
George & Chrisanthi Jayatunga
Megan Rankin

2016

Gwen Forsyth
Samuel McMahon
Daryl Higgins
Gail Paxman

2017

To be announced



PARISH STATISTICS	2010– 2011	2011– 2012	2012– 2013	2013– 2014	2014– 2015
Number on Electoral Roll	56	51	51	47	46
Baptisms	4	13	7	12	6
Confirmations	-	6	14	7	-
Weddings	3	2	-	2	2
Funerals	8	18	12	17	9
Attendances at public services (excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, residential facilities)	3003	3120	3875	3749	3534
Attendances at Public Sunday services (excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, residential facilities)	2361	2446	2913	2987	2744
Acts of Communion at public services (excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, residential facilities)	2864	2881	3381	3291	3054
Acts of Communion at Public Sunday services (excluding weddings, funerals, private baptisms, residential facilities)	2151	2055	2506	2495	2456
Other Acts of Communion eg residential facilities	126	154	307	136	229
Attendance Christmas Eve / Day	111	117	103	136	137
Acts of Communion Christmas Eve / Day	98	89	93	106	101
Attendance Easter Vigil / Day	94	116	116	115	120
Acts of Communion Easter Vigil / Day	86	95	102	99	109



2015–2016	2016–2017	2017–2018	2019–2020
49	48		
4	4		
2 #	-		
7	4		
7	13		
3848	3694		
2949	3129		
3237	3245		
2532	2692		
583	306		
116	124		
95	111		
116	131		
106	113		

plus 3 welcomed into Anglican Church

