

Anglican Parish of Christ Church Essendon Annual Report 2018



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Annual Meeting Agenda 2018



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 (Margaret Elsey)
7. **Wardens & Parish Council Reports**
 - 7.1 Wardens (Bill Howard & Alan Wilson)
 - 7.2 Parish Council (Chris Angus)
8. **Other Reports**
 - 8.1 Fundraising (Chris Angus)
 - 8.2 Maintenance (Bill Howard)
 - 8.3 Men @ Leisure (John Mathes)
 - 8.4 Ladies @ Leisure (Carolyn Mathes & Chris Angus)
 - 8.5 Music Report (Samuel McMahan)
 - 8.6 Christ Church Opportunity Shop (Megan Rankin)
 - 8.7 Flower Guild (Sue MacMillan)
 - 8.8 Messy Church (Fr John)
 - 8.9 Playgroup (Sue Hurren)
 - 8.10 Aged Care (Sue Hurren)
 - 8.11 Bible Study Program (Fr John)
 - 8.12 EssACC Committee (Fr John)
 - 8.13 Bishop's mission to EssACC
 - 8.14 Christ Church Craft Group (Margaret Pereira)
 - 8.15 Parish Pantry (Sue MacMillan)
 - 8.16 Rev'd Fr Ian Hunter SSC
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, Child safe culture & compliance (FJ)
 - 11.2

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 2018

One of the themes that keeps coming back in my sermons in the last year is: Do we have a personal relationship with Jesus? Is God a priority in your life?

It is important that we walk with God and Jesus in every aspect of our life. When we have friends we want to be with them, and to do similar things to them. If we have Jesus as a friend, then the logical thing is that we will want to spend time with him, in church, in prayer and in all we do.

Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbour. It is important to have faith in God and to walk with Jesus and because we do this, it will cause us to want to love our neighbour as a natural response.

We are saved, not by our good works, but through faith in God through Jesus. It is because we have faith in God, we will want to do good. We will want to go to the Eucharist and be fed. We will want to pray and read our bibles. We will want to care for the needy.

It is also through the Holy Spirit, the third part of the Trinity, that God speaks to us and challenges us to grow in faith. It is the Holy Spirit who grants God's grace through the sacraments and equips us to be part of God's kingdom.

We as a church full of disciples of Jesus are called to maintain our worship and the traditional things that we do as the people of God but we are also called to reach out and connect with those who have left for a variety of reasons, with those who are unchurched, and those in our Community who need God in their lives.

That is the challenge that we face. To explore ways of doing church differently so as to connect with people who cannot cope with the existing church, without compromising

our beliefs. This means that running alongside our traditional worship and activities, other worship and activities need to exist to draw new people into our community.

The danger is that we be complacent and do nothing or leave it to others to do. Yet we all have a responsibility to build up the Kingdom of God.

I pray that we might continue to seek the Kingdom of God and have a personal relationship with Jesus as our Messiah.

This is our Annual Report. I am very proud of many of the reports and the things we have achieved. 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.

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. We have achieved a lot in the past three years because we had goals in the Mission Action Plan.

In January 2019 we need to write a new Mission Action Plan and set up strategies for the next five years.

It is hoped that a Children Ministry Plan and a Maintenance Plan will be added to the new Mission Action Plan.

This document's aim is to help us to be a mission shaped church and fulfil the Diocese requirements giving us a direction.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you to 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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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 2017-2018, 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 extinguishers 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.

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.

CHOIR & ORGANIST

Music is important in our worship. A big thank you to Samuel McMahan 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 'Matte Black Café' on Wednesday mornings for a coffee and chat before attending 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 directed to pay a Family and Children's Minister. The other good news is that most of the outstanding defects have now been rectified. Brad Teal real estate manage the Town Houses for the Parish.

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 the monthly articles from Sue Hurren and a series on the books of the bibles which Fr John has prepared. 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 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. Since then we have celebrated Founders Day with a Eucharist and a spit roast luncheon to follow 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.

MALTA & ITALY 2018

During September 13 parishioners & friends of the parish travelled to Malta and Italy in the



Carolyn & Fr John in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua looking at the Giotto frescoes

steps of St Paul. Whilst the weather was very hot, a lot was seen and an enjoyable time was had. Highlights include seeing in Malta—St John's Cathedral and the Grand Master House in Valetta, Mosta Church, sailing on the Grand Harbour and walking the streets of Mdina and Valetta.

Highlights in Rome was seeing the Vatican including St Peters and the Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum & St Paul's outside the wall.

Highlights in the rest of Italy included a gondola ride in Venice, Florence, the towers of San Gimignano and the wine tasting, walking Assisi in the steps of St Francis & the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua.

This was a very worthwhile experience for those who attended. Chris Angus will be sharing her diary in Reach Out over the next 12 months.

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 Aberfeldie for our parish and

Aberfeldie and Strathmore parishes. Late June 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 John Castella for co-ordinating the curry night. Please support these events again next year.

CHRIST CHURCH OP SHOP

Congratulations to the Op Shop on 25 years in the current venue (the Old Church) and 53 years in existence. 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. Thank you to Gwen Forsyth and Chantal Ripp who have retired from the Op Shop Committee

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.

MESSY CHURCH

In March 2014, we started Messy Church in the Parish and so we have been going for five 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 first Sunday from 4 to 6 pm. Thank you to 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 and again in 2018. Special mid day prayers were said each day between Ascension and Pentecost and other activities based on the Lord's Prayer were organised. Some parishioners also attended the *"Thy Kingdom Come"* service at the Cathedral. I hope this will continue in the parish each year.

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.

CHRIST CHURCH CRAFT GROUP

Congratulations to the Christ Church Craft Group on celebrating recently 25 years of existence. The ladies, many in their 90s, do a great job socialising and doing craft.

HIRING OF THE HALL

Weight Watches, and Instudio Dance are the main people who hire our hall. We also allow a number of Community Groups to use our hall including Narcotics Anonymous, Al-anon and Speak Easy.

Getting the balance right between hiring the hall and using the hall and parish Centre for our use is always difficult.

TANYA CUMMINGS

Tanya joined the parish at the beginning of February 2017 and was made a deacon and later a priest. Tanya is employed as the Children and Family Minister and Curate.

Tanya was involved in the play group and Messy Church and assisted in worship.

Tanya left the parish in February 2018 to go to the Parish of Dingley.

ROB KOREN

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

He has been working on his theological studies, while working part time at Overnewton College. Robert preached a number of times in the parish and has been supervised by Fr John over the last two years as he learns about what it means to be a priest. Robert left the parish in December 2017 to be Chaplain at Overnewton College. He was made a deacon in February 2018 and hopes to be priested in November 2018.

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. I have been pleased that Sue also ran the playgroup during the year. This will continue until the Children & Family Minister has arrived. Thank

you Sue for the good work you do in the Parish.

TOM JEWELL

We welcomed Fr Tom Jewell as an Associate Priest in the Parish in August 2018. Fr Tom regularly attends the 8am Sunday Eucharist and will bring a wealth of experience to the Parish. Fr Tom recently retired from the Parish of Murrumbena. Fr Tom assisted in the Parish when Fr John was on holidays for which we are grateful. Fr Tom is becoming a good friend and support for Fr John.

DAVID THOMPSON

David joined us in the middle of 2018 as the Curate. David is also the Senior Police Chaplain and a Deacon in the Anglican Church. David brings a lot of experience being an Ambulance Chaplain and working in drug rehabilitation in the past. Fr John is currently supervising David as he learns what it is to be an Anglican priest. It is hoped that David will be priested in November 2018 and will continue to be part of this parish.

CATHY TURNBULL

It was announced in October that the Archbishop had approved the appointment of Cathy Turnbull as Curate and Children & Family Minister at Essendon. Cathy will be ordained to the permanent Diaconate in February and will start in the Parish soon after. We look forward to Cathy joining the leadership team in 2019.



2018 Christ Church Essendon Clergy Team
Rev'd Sue Hurren, Fr John Mathes, Fr Tom Jewell & Rev'd David Thompson

2019

We look forward in 2019 to a number of exciting things including:

- Writing and implementing a new Mission Action Plan or Strategic Plan for the Parish for the next 5 years.
- Building up our children's ministry with the help of the new Children & Family Minister in Cathy Turnbull.
- Painting of the Op Shop and developing a strategic plan for maintenance in the parish.
- 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. In the past few years we have re-concreted the front of the Church and put in new heaters and PA system in the Church. One of the many maintenance issues needing attention is plastering and painting in the Op Shop which we hope will be completed in January 2019. Painting of the northern side of the Parish Centre and Hall is another priority.

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, Alan and Jane and to the Parish Council for their support and work.

Thank you to Margaret Elsey our Treasurer, 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.

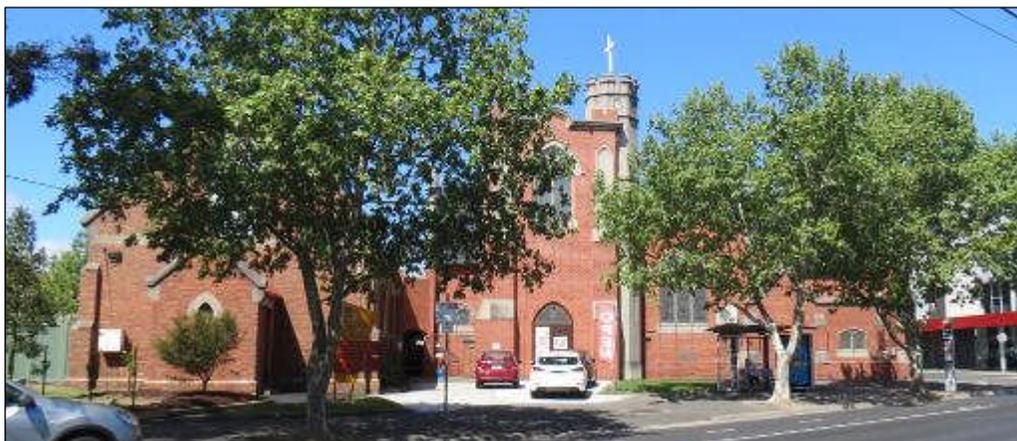
Thank you to my family: Carolyn, Trudy, Jilly, Craig and Fred for their support and encouragement. Thank you.

Thank you also to Tom Jewell, David Thompson and Sue Hurren who currently 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
Nov 2018





Treasurer's Report

In October last year we paid off the ADF Loan out of the Town House Account, which brings our debts down. Salaries, maintenance and utilities are all up. The Commonwealth Bank no longer pays interest on accounts so we made a decision to deplete the Op Shop bank account every month, into the Westpac General Account, they at least will pay us interest.

As you can see from the offerings, they are decreasing by about \$5000 each year. The stipend in turn is increasing each year.

The Town House rents will pay the Children's and Families Minister/Curate's stipend.

The Balanced Growth Fund and the ADF Endowment Term Deposit contain our Endowment money, of which we can only use the interest.

Reimbursement income came from the City of Moonee Valley reimbursing part costs of the concrete path/car park that city tree roots lifted, and from the Diocese reimbursing us costs of some of the defects on the Town Houses.

The Diocese and our Auditor have laid down clear guidelines which we must follow. These apply not only to us but to all business', large or small. We need to have a clear paper trail of our finances at all times. If you purchase something on behalf of the parish you will be reimbursed, but you must

provide receipts for those goods, and those goods in turn then become the property of the parish, they are no longer yours. It is up to the parish to decide what becomes of those goods if those goods are not used, or only partially used – whether they can be kept for future use or given away.

We are looking at major maintenance on the Op Shop this coming year, repairing falling plaster from the walls and painting the Op Shop walls, replacing the lighting and possibly new shelving. Major maintenance on the vicarage back deck was paid for by the Op Shop as the Op Shop have traditionally paid for any maintenance on the vicarage.

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, and of course through the collection plate. Without you we would not exist.

Margaret Elsey
Parish Treasurer





Warden's Report

Once again, this Church year has been eventful in the life of the Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Essendon. We commenced the year with the normal quota of three Wardens, however Jane Coulson, who was elected at last year's AGM, moved back to her native England. We hope that we will someday see Jane again in Essendon, and we thank her for her valued service and commitment to Christ Church.

Old buildings and properties require maintenance, and while the cost may be high, we are confident that improving our properties is a sound investment. Over the January 2019 break, we have contracted tradesmen to refurbish the Op Shop - replastering, painting and installing new lighting.

During the year, we replaced a significant area of broken concrete around the Church and Op Shop. The broken concrete presented trip hazards, which needed to be removed. Moonee Valley City Council assisted with the cost of some parts of the works, as it was their street trees that caused the problems, which mitigated some of the cost for the Parish. The newly concreted area has significantly enhanced the area at the front of the church. Efficient watering systems have also been installed in a number of garden areas, and this will enable us to better maintain the appearance of our beautiful Church gardens throughout the year.

As the Church grapples with the demands of being a 21st Century organisation, there are increasing demands on Parishes to comply with increased scrutiny and professional

standards. One role that has become increasingly challenging is that of Parish Treasurer. We are very grateful to Margaret Elsey for her skills, patience and time in undertaking this role. Margaret displays all of the attributes of an accountant (without the piece of paper). The role has become so demanding that we sometime wonder how Parishes who do not have a Margaret manage.

As always, it is the contribution of many people that sustains our vibrant Parish life, and adds to the richness of our services of worship. While we cannot thank everyone personally, we would like to especially mention Sam and our band of choristers who give us the beautiful music that enhances our worship, and to the Ladies of our Flower Guild, who so faithfully provide and arrange the beautiful flowers we see every Sunday – as always, we appreciate your efforts.

The Op Shop volunteers – how would the Parish and the wider community do without you. You give so freely of your time to provide this wonderful service to both the Parish and the community. Your efforts enable the Church to fulfil a charitable obligation to many causes, and a simple thank you does not seem adequate. In particular, the Op Shop committee lays the foundation upon which the OP Shop works so successfully, and the Wardens acknowledge with thanks, your efforts.

To Father John and his family – Some of the challenges we accept in life do not always seem fair, but we all appreciate the absolute dedication you have to the Parish and its people. Thank you.

In January, Cathy Turnbull will commence



Parish Council

with us to provide our Children's and Family Ministry with a dedicated resource. Our future depends on the generations Cathy will work with. The Wardens wish her well, and assure her of whatever support we can give in her endeavours to bring the Anglican Church to the people, and the people to the Anglican Church.

Finally, we would like to offer you this challenge: please ask yourself, "*what can I do to encourage people I know, who are looking to enrich their lives, to join us?*"

Alan Wilson. Bill Howard
Wardens.

Parish Council Report

Parish Council met six times between December 2017 and October 2018. In attendance at meetings were: Father John Mathes (6 meetings), Bill Howard (6 meetings), Alan Wilson (5 meetings, 1 apology), Jane Coulson (3 meetings due to her moving to UK), Katherine Anderson (6 meetings), Chris Angus (5 meetings, 1 apology), Sheryl Collins (6 meetings), Esther Cross (4 meetings, 2 apologies), Margaret Eley (5 meetings, 1 apology), Sue MacMillan (4 meetings, 2 apologies), Anita Mason (5 meetings, 1 apology). Sue Hurren attended 4 meetings as an observer. Church wardens met also in between Parish Council meetings. Jane Coulson, a church warden, was thanked for her contribution to Parish Council as she was farewelled earlier in the year. During

meetings, reports were presented, discussed and motions put forward.

One of the main points of discussion and motions proposed related to the future refurbishment of the Op Shop as it has been 25 years since the Op Shop moved from its Leake Street premises to the old church. Bill Howard and Father John organised and met with tradesmen who gave quotes on the work to be done. As a consequence, replastering of the walls, painting of the entire shop and the installation of new light fittings will occur in January 2019. This work will breathe new life into a parish facility that provides not only financial support for our church and various Anglican and secular organisations, but also gives our local community non-threatening, non-judgemental outreach as well as bargains galore. The volunteers who spend their time in the shop sorting, pricing and selling receive similar benefits of well-being as they converse with and listen to the many customers who often just need to talk to someone in their day.

Another discussion centred on the provision of flowers in the church and at special events, especially weddings, which resulted in a Flower Policy being developed. With only three people currently responsible for the weekly church flowers it was felt a policy was necessary to set out clearly what was essential and what was not in order to make their task easier.

During the year we were part of Bishop Genieve's Mission. Members of the parish attended events at St Aidan's, St Andrew's and Christ Church which Bishop Genieve led along with many theological students. Sue MacMillan and Chris Angus accompanied

Father John to Synod which was held in October. This was just after Father John and several parishioners had returned from a fascinating trip to Malta and Italy following in the steps of St Paul. During Father John's time away, services were taken by Father Tom Jewell (retired), a regular attender of our 8am service, and who is now our associate priest. David Thompson has become our curate and Cathy Turnbull will join us early in the new year as our children's and family minister and curate.

The Diocese is gradually requiring Parish Councillors to complete modules on line relating to Child Abuse, Occupation Health and Safety, etc. We are given some information to read and then questioned to determine our understanding of our responsibilities in these areas. If we don't get 100% we have to redo the module – and the questions change!!

We were saddened to learn of Father Ian Hunter's passing earlier in the year. In acknowledgement of his contribution as Vicar of the parish from 2002-2009 and of the affection held by many for him, several car loads of parishioners attended his funeral in St. Kilda. Father John, a friend of Father Ian's for many years, also took an active role in the service. Vale Father Ian.

Parish Council acknowledges, and continues to be grateful for, the leadership and dedication of Father John Mathes and the enthusiasm and support of Carolyn Mathes.

Chris Angus
Secretary

Fundraising

Having old buildings that are part of our parish means there is always something to fix! The Op Shop had moved from Leake Street to the original church 25 years ago. Since then, only cursory maintenance has been done. It was decided it needed refurbishing especially as the solid plaster was beginning to fall not only as dust but in small clumps from the back wall. Painting would be the next item and if you paint one

wall, you really need to paint them all. And while you are up that high you may as well paint that awful brown ceiling. So, one thing led to another and in the end, it meant a lot of money was needed to pay for this work.

The usual Special Efforts held at Christmas and Easter were well supported and other events throughout 2018 such as the Founders' Day lunch, jam sales, donations, etc have meant that a reasonable contribution has been achieved. However, we aren't there yet and therefore, funds raised from next year's fundraising activities will continue to help pay for this major work on a facility that is vital to our parish. As you attend parish functions, contribute to providing goods for prizes, buy tickets and sell them too, remember to visit the Op Shop, then pause and reflect and know that through your efforts, YOU are aiding in the refurbishment of a piece of history – our original church and our current Op Shop.

Thank-you everyone for your much-appreciated support regarding fundraising. May you all be winners!

Christine Angus

Maintenance

If we were to list all of the things which need to be done around our Church and buildings (which could legitimately be classified as "old"), the list would be endless.

However, in two main categories, the Wardens and Parish Council make the following report :

Buildings: It is fair to say that all old buildings require regular repairs and maintenance, to ensure that they continue to serve their purpose. Jobs which can be completed by unskilled or semi skilled volunteers are regularly done around the property. These include items such as repairs to doors which will not open or close, paint repairs etc..

Early in the year the rear decking at the Vicarage needed a complete rebuild, as the old timbers were rotted and dangerous. This work was completed, using materials which will last a lot longer than those originally used.

The major programme for the latter part of this Church year has been the planning of the renovation of the Op Shop. The building is about 130 years old, and is showing the ravages of water ingress, paint chipping etc.. At the close of the Op Shop year, we will empty it completely. Immediately after New Year work will commence on the repairs to all hard plaster and paintwork cracks, and the Interior of the building will be repainted, top to bottom. All of the lighting will be replaced and, depending on the views of the Op Shop committee, some of the shelving may need attention. The Op Shop fulfils a great need for the Parish, the charities it supports, and the people of the area. At the completion of the exercise, which we are told will take two to three weeks, we hope the new look will create a warmer and more inviting place for the ladies who volunteer their time to work it, and the people who shop there.

Garden: The new work of last year has settled down, and we now have relatively easy care gardens, which mostly only require regular mowing. The rear garden is established, and the new season herbs and spices have been planted. Thanks to Father John, Paul Miles and Don Periera for their help.

Appeal: None of us are getting any younger, but we do urgently need additional help with things like lawn mowing and general grounds maintenance. We like to mow the grass every Friday, so that the Church looks good for weekends. If you can help, please speak with either Father John or Bill Howard.

Bill Howard

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, Italy and Australian cuisine. 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.

Activities included visiting the following eating establishments including Spinella's Italian, Lincolnshire Arms Hotel, Mamma Lina's, Doutta Galla Hotel, Ameer Tandoori Restaurant, Siam Flavour Restaurant, Il Parco Ristorante, Franks Ristorante. We also had breakfast at Matte Black and attended the FJ Roast in July.

Thank you to all the men who monthly attend the gatherings.

Fr John

Ladies @ Leisure

Our program is planned around requests from the ladies which we try to arrange throughout the year. Here we have noted each month's wonderful adventures shared together.

We started the year off with High Tea in Collins Street Melbourne. We then enjoyed Mediterranean culture through cooking lessons, performances and displays in Keilor; travelled to Clunes for their famous book fair with shopping along the way; and stocked our wardrobes with Creswick Woolen Mills garments after viewing a wonderful fashion parade. In June, some of the theological students from Trinity and Bishop Genieve graced us with their presence enjoying lunch and a movie. The following month, the ladies enjoyed exploring the Melbourne Emporium and of course a rich tasting afternoon tea. In August, on a very wet day, we shared a communal table over lunch at Dear Abby Café, and finished off the year with wine tasting and meal at Gisborne Peak Winery. The attendance varied at each gathering but everyone always enjoyed themselves.

If you haven't been with us yet please feel free to join us in 2019 and have a laugh and enjoy fellowship together.

Thank you to the ladies who offer transport to different venues when we don't catch public transport.

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.

Unfortunately we have not been able to continue regular evensongs in combination with Christ Church Brunswick, however we were grateful for the opportunity to put an evensong on the occasion of the Bishop's Mission.

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

We are lucky to have a steady and reliable group of volunteers, who are always ready to step into the breach, when needed and take on new responsibilities. At times people have to have a break from volunteering and sometimes they are able to return and other times it is not possible. Both Valda Hill and Margaret Wilson have had such breaks and, although we hoped we see them return, they both decided that this not possible so I would like to acknowledge their service over many years. Val Wheeler has also decided that at 90, she can only do so much and will focus

on her CWA activities, Val has been a volunteer for many years and on the Committee in the past. Both Sue MacMillan, last year and Chantal Ripp, this year, have resigned from the committee but have and will continue to work at the Op Shop. I would like to thank them both for their dedication and hard work. Gwen Forsyth has sadly made the decision to give up her Committee and roster duties at the Op Shop after many years. We were saddened to hear of Father Ian Hunter's death during the year and send our best wishes to Margaret and his family. I would like to make special mention of Marilyn Kenny today; she does not want to take on a permanent rostered position but is invaluable in the Book Nook on Mondays, a wonderful asset at Book Sale time and an enormous help with our online publicity for special events such as the Book sale, Winter Fashion Parade and the High Tea. We are happy to have Hannah Morgan continuing to join us on Mondays; she started with us when she was at school and started volunteering in 2007. We have provided Work Experience for Karsha during the year and now have Christopher working on Wednesdays for his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Our Op Shop is an ever-evolving being; we are lucky to have workers with long experience at the Shop, who can offer us good advice on ideas and practices from the past and we have new workers, who can look at our ways and procedures with fresh eyes and offer a new perspective. In addition to our valuable work as a financial support for our Church, being able to provide reasonably priced items for the community and a friendly place for people to shop and interact, I love the way that each Roster group have developed its own identity, special friendships and connections with each other. I know I look forward to my Tuesday morning and we have a lot of fun. All our volunteers have the best interests of the Op Shop at heart and despite the fact that we do make mistakes, our intentions are good!! Tolerance, adaptability and a good sense of humour are two essential characteristics needed to work here.

Our "Weekly Specials" are going well and our flag is looking a bit battered but makes a big difference to our visibility and for advertising

Sales. Now that our heater/air conditioner is working to capacity, we are very grateful for it in Winter and Summer. Father John and Bill Howard have again been most helpful when repairs, odd jobs and other emergencies come up and we are most grateful. The Winter Fashion Parade and Musical High Tea continue to grow in popularity and have been happy and profitable occasions. Many thanks to those who put in such a lot of hard work to create their success. Our changeovers from one season to the next now happen very smoothly; with plenty of preparation and a staged change of stock, it is effected very efficiently.

The exciting news is that there is to be plastering and painting done in the Op Shop over December/January so that will make a big difference and hopefully reduce the dust and grit that falls down. It might also give us a chance to rethink our shop displays. There will be a lot of organizing at the end of the year and getting ready for re-opening but I am sure it will be well worth it.

Thanks to all of you, who have made this another bumper year at the Op Shop and have made it such fun.

Megan Rankin
(Secretary)

Flower Guild

There has been a considerable amount of work to produce a policy for this valuable aspect of church life. It is hoped that more people will feel comfortable offering their help on an infrequent regular basis. Financial aid is now available from the Parish as is physical help (to move the vases). No experience is necessary and more assistance would be most gratefully received by the three ladies who currently do the flowers. It is a most rewarding experience... working quietly in the church (takes about 1-1 1/2 hours) and great fellowship when the celebratory flowers (always financed by the Parish) are done on the Saturday before Easter Day and Christmas Eve. Please, seriously consider your offer of help!

Thank you to those few of you who donate monies to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

Huge thanks go to Chris Angus and Megan Rankin for continuing their work in this special ministry. Thank you

Sue MacMillan

Messy Church

Messy Church has been going for 5 years now. It would not be successful with out the wonderful team that runs it including Carolyn Mathes, Fr John, Sue Hurren Marylyn & Jim Donat, Katherine Anderson, Sue MacMillan, Venetia Wells and Natalie Perera. Thank you to each of you for all your good work.

Messy Church is mostly well attended and fun for all ages! We will be losing some children in the new year because they are moving away and so we need to recruit new families into this program. In our gatherings we've covered such themes as: Stories about Jesus, last supper, Messy Easter, Messy Christmas, Ezekiel, 10 lepers, handling worries, salt & light.

We look forward to a fun and special Christmas celebration with our Families in December and look forward to another great year next year with a new Children & Family Minister.

Fr John

Playgroup

The Play group continues with some 'ups and downs'. Mothers with young babies came for a time but were talking of finding a group more in keeping with their babies' ages. People who lived some distance from Christ Church have found a group closer to their homes.

There are plenty of toys to enable a rotation so that each week the toys may be different and are greeted with enthusiasm, including construction kits, blocks and various games to use their imagination. (I may not agree with some of their 'parental' skills though!) A table

is set up with a variety of puzzles which are alternated on a regular basis.

Craft activities is something the children enjoy and a variety of methods are used, some which can be quite messy – smocks are utilized on these days.

Fruit is shared before 'pack up' and a story read before the morning ends

Parents attend with their younger children, while a grandmother brings her grandson, and a Nanny also attends with the children she is responsible for.. If you know of people in the Parish who are caring for pre-schoolers and would like join to interact with other adults and enable children to mix with others; there is plenty of room for more to attend. Play group meets during school terms from 10:30-12noon Wednesday mornings

Rev'd Sue Hurren—Deacon

Aged Care

It is a privilege for me to take Holy Communion to Parishioners, on a monthly basis, who are no longer able to be present for Sunday morning Worship but are grateful that 'Church comes to them'.

Neliya Don Leonard is no longer at home but is now in Residential Care, I will continue to visit her in the future.

The monthly Services in Aged Care Facilities: Essendon, Trevi Court and Ron Conn is a time of worship residents look forward to and often thank me for 'Taking the time to visit them.' Numbers of attendees may fluctuate but they are happy to spend spiritual time together and receive Holy Communion in two of the Centres. The Activity staff are aware of the difference attending Services make to the residents and encourage new people to attend.

God blesses residents in their relationship with each other as well as myself and proves that the Lord is with us all and can use people at all stages of their lives.

Rev'd Sue Hurren—Deacon

Bible Study & Quiet Days

During Lent, we ran three different Lenten programs. We combined with All Saints, Ascot Vale to run six nights (Thursday night) reflecting on the Eucharist which is part of the Church of England Pilgrim course. We repeated the sessions on Wednesday mornings after the Wednesday Eucharist.

During Lent we also held a quiet day reflecting on the San Damiano Cross and St Francis of Assisi. This was well received by those who attended.

Bible Studies and quiet days 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.

This year a dinner was held in May at Chiba, a Japanese restaurant in Moonee Ponds. The restaurant provides a great dining experience for all.

Bishop Genevieve ran in June a mission to the EssACC churches which included evening bible studies, ladies afternoons, men's breakfast and an evensong to mention some of the activities. Students from Trinity College & Ridley supported the Bishop and their input was well received.

An indoor bowls night was held also in June at the Strathmore Bowls club and lots of fun was had by the participants.

A Remembrance Day EssACC Evening Prayer was held in November at Strathmore. Unfortunately while the other churches have supported EssACC, Essendon has not always.

Discussions are under way that could see Strathmore and Aberfeldie Parishes share the one Priest and do more things together because of this. This raises questions about the future of Essendon in EssACC.

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

Bishop's Mission to EssACC

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

Bishop Genevieve ran in June a mission to the EssACC churches. She was accompanied by a group of theological students from Trinity College and Ridley College. Evan Gotarman from the Jakarta Theological Seminary joined the mission as an observer. Thank you to Sue MacMillan who billeted Evan and looked after him during the Bishop's Mission.

The program included "reflecting on the spiritual" afternoons, tea and bible studies in evenings, men's breakfast and an evensong to mention some of the activities. On the Sunday Bishop Genevieve was at Strathmore and Aberfeldie and several theological students spoke at Essendon.

The Bishop and students visited Mainly Music at Aberfeldie, the play group at Essendon and the WOW program at Strathmore.

An evensong at Essendon was the climax of the Bishop's mission.

Thank you to all who attended, to all who assisted with food. Thank you.

Fr John

Christ Church Craft Group

It has been a busy year, numbers declining at times due to wintry weather, also health issues and transport difficulties, but lately we are happy to have at least 4 to 5 new members join us. They are settling in with the rest of the Craft Group, who make them feel very welcome & often take the newcomers under their guidance to assist

with any craft ideas that they need help with. Thanks ladies, at each of the tables, you know who you are.

Sadly some of our Craft members have lost loved ones and once again, it really is very inspiring to see the Christian values that come to the surface when these members need comforting & reassurance. Well done ladies. You truly are what Christianity is all about, not just sharing in the good times as so much of the world does today

Our Cards of Get Well and Condolences are much appreciated and it only takes a second to let someone who is experiencing difficulties know that we are all thinking of them. I am delighted to know that my never-ending stockpile of 'Get Well' & other cards are put to good use, with Barbara knowing exactly what to say in each card. Thanks Barbara.

We had a Special Birthday to celebrate lately – Aileen's 80th What a lovely day it turned out to be. Mind you keeping it all a secret took quite an effort, however, with the assistance of her wonderful daughter Julie, also Mame, who decided to join us on the day, made it all worthwhile just to see the look on Aileen's face. Thank you Aileen for all your assistance at craft over these many years, along with other Ladies at Craft, you supply us with a lovely morning tea each Tuesday. Also there are many willing hands who help do the washing up every Tuesday. Thank you girls, remember your efforts are always much appreciated.

We celebrated our 25th Craft Anniversary Luncheon towards the end of October. We had a Great Day, with lots to chat about with other past Craft members. We were delighted that Fr Alfred & Beth Austin (from Kangaroo Flat) joined us, along with Joy Hopper & daughter from Mulgrave, Faye & Wayne Kennedy from Geelong, Marie Parry & daughter Ann McGuire, Joyce Smith being assisted by Sue Hurren (thanks so much Sue) to name just a few.

Before I end, I would like to thank Barbara Szczurko our Treasurer, also Andrea Sherko, Fr John & Don Pereira for their assistance whenever they are free to do so on Craft days. Thank you to the Committee ladies, plus the ladies at each table who assist with the various activities each Tuesday. .

God Bless this Craft Group with good health in 2019. They really are a bunch of ladies to be admired, showing us all that no matter what your age, even if it is 90 plus – lots can be achieved if you put your mind to it. Thanks again Ladies.

Margaret Pereira.
Leader Craft Group.

Parish Pantry / Freezer

This is a small outreach that our church performs. Fr. John receives requests for food/petrol/tram tickets which he answers when ever possible. Thank you to those who regularly supply food for the cupboard...it is greatly appreciated by those who receive it. Also, thank you to those who have prepared food (well labelled re the ingredients) for the freezer...given sometimes to parishioners and others.

Sue MacMillan

Rev'd Dr Fr Ian Hunter



It is important to acknowledge the passing during the year of Fr Ian Hunter. Ian was the Parish Priest at Christ Church Essendon from 2002 to 2009. Sadly on Tuesday 6th March 2018 Fr Ian Hunter died after a long fight with cancer

at the age of 74.

Rev'd Dr Fr Ian Hunter was made an Anglican Deacon in 1968 and ordained a Priest in Brisbane in 1969 by Bishop Strong. He had a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Divinity, Master in Theology and a Doctorate in Philosophy.

Fr Ian was assistant curate at St Thomas' Toowong (1968-1969), Assistant Curate at St Luke's Toowoomba (1969-1972), Defence

Force Chaplain Royal Army Regiment (1971-1976), Incumbent St Hugh's Inala (1972-1974), Priest in Charge Christ Church St Lucia (1975), Assistant Curate Christ Church St Lucia (1975-1976), Chaplain RMIT University (1976-1980), Vicar St Agnes' Glen Huntly (1980-1987), Defence Force Chaplain Royal Australian Naval Reserve (1983-1989), Senior Chaplain to Missions to Seafarers (1987-1989), Incumbent St Paul's Kingsville 1989-1994, Rector Holy Trinity Stawell (1994-1999), Associate Priest All Saints East St Kilda 1999-2002), Incumbent Christ Church Essendon (2002-2009).

Fr Ian was an active member of Masonic Lodge and a past member of the Grand Lodge Chaplaincy team.

Fr Ian was an active member of the Yarraville RSL assisting them in their annual ANZAC Day services.

Fr Ian was a member of the Society of the Sacred Cross (SSC) which is a fellowship of Anglican priests in the Anglo Catholic tradition (along with Fr John).

Fr Ian loved Siamese Cats and fish having his own aquarium. He enjoyed writing and reading and was a debater and actor in his youth.

Fr Ian had a fascination with other religions and cults whilst remaining orthodox and traditional in his Christian faith

Fr Ian worshipped regularly at All Saints East St Kilda and up until recently did the occasional Sunday locum at Essendon.

Fr Ian had a great sense of humour, loved God and his Church and was extremely intelligent. He was well loved and respected where ever he went.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine on him.

Fr John



ANGLICAN PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH ESSENDON

FROM THE REGISTER
October 2017—September 2018

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
12.11.2017 Torin Robert Cunningham
19.11.2017 William Geoffrey John True
19.11.2017 Charlie Steven Roy True
31.12.2017 Leisa Karen Ellis
31.12.2017 Eva Rose Ellis
04.02.2018 Finn Noah McKay
13.05.2018 Kobi William Gorman

CONFIRMATION

19.08.2018 Nikhil Kelvadi

RECEPTION INTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

19.08.2018 Marylyn Donat

WEDDINGS

02.12.2017 Nish Parab &
Elizabeth Cole
30.12.2017 Michael Hastings &
Fiona Frawley
21.04.2018 Sean Gavin &
Sarah Castellias
19.08.2018 Alwyn Skilbeck &
Emily Wheare

FUNERALS (date of death)

21.12.2017 Dorothy May (Peg) Hood
17.01.2018 John (Jack) Williams
01.02.2018 Esme Phylis Cox
08.02.2018 Julia O'Connor
07.03.2018 Allan James (Jim) Williams
07.08.2018 Betty Taylor

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

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PARISH DIRECTORY

October 2017 - September 2018

Parish Priest: Fr John Mathes

Curate / Family & Children Minister:
Rev'd Tanya Cummings (until Feb 2018)
Curate: Rev'd David Thompson (from July 2018)
Associate Priest: Fr Tom Jewel
Associate Deacon: Rev'd Sue Hurren
Theological Student: Robert Koren (until Dec 2017)

Wardens: Alan Wilson, Bill Howard & Jane Coulson

Parish Council: Wardens plus Margaret Elsey, Katherine Anderson, Chris Angus, Anita Mason, Sue MacMillan, Sheryl Collins and Esther Cross.

Secretary: Chris Angus

Treasurer: Margaret Elsey

Incumbency Committee: Margaret Elsey, Alan Wilson 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

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

Deacons, Lay Ministers, Eucharistic

Assistants: Sue Hurren, Margaret Elsey, Alan Wilson, David Thompson, Robert Koren, Tanya Cummings & Sue MacMillan

Thurifers: Alan Wilson & Margaret Elsey

Readers: Ed Wilson, Nell Axon, Chris Angus, Carolyn Mathes, Rosalie Baldrey, Michael Pang, Katherine Anderson, Katherine Ellis & Chrisanthi Jayatunga

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

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

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

Messy Church Sue Hurren, Marylyn & Jim Donat, Natalie Perera, Sue MacMillan, Carolyn Mathes, Katherine Anderson, Venetia Wells & Fr John

Playgroup Tanya Cummings & Sue Hurren

Ladies@Leisure: Carolyn Mathes & Chris Angus

Men@Leisure: Fr John

Archives: Fr John

Catering Officer: Vacant

Parish Pantry: Sue MacMillan

Reach Out Magazine: Fr John (layout), Margaret Elsey (editor) plus many contributors including Sue Hurren & Fr John

Pew Sheet: Fr John

Webpage: Fr John

www.essendonanglican.org.au

Facebook: Trudy Mathes

www.facebook.com/essendonanglican

Opportunity Shop Office Bearers

Chairman Fr John Mathes

President Carolyn Mathes

Vice President Cheryl Howard

Secretary Megan Rankin

Liaison Treasurer Margaret Elsey

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, Celina Miles & Maureen Lanyon.

Craft Group Committee:

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

EssACC

Fr John, Chris Angus & Sue MacMillan

(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

Chris Angus
Don Pereira
Ed & Margaret Wilson
George & Chrisanthi Jayatunga
Megan Rankin (Op Shop)

2016

Gwen Forsyth
Samuel McMahon
Daryl Higgins
Gail Paxman

2017

Jean Black
Katherine Anderson
Sue Hurren
Margaret Broughton (Op Shop)
Janet Roulston (Op Shop)

2018

Gwen Forsyth (Op Shop)
Val Wheeler (Op Shop)

Others to be announced at the 2018 AGM



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
					

