

Anglican Parish of Christ Church Essendon

Annual Report 2019



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Annual Meeting Agenda 2019



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 Eley)
7. **Wardens & Parish Council Reports**
 - 7.1 Wardens (Bill Howard & Alan Wilson)
 - 7.2 Parish Council (Chris Angus)
8. **Other Reports**
 - 8.1 Rev'd Cathy Turnbull (Curate / Children & Family Minister)
 - 8.2 Rev'd David Thompson (Curate)
 - 8.3 Men @ Leisure (Bill Howard)
 - 8.4 Ladies @ Leisure (Carolyn Mathes & Chris Angus)
 - 8.5 Music Report (Samuel McMahon)
 - 8.6 Christ Church Opportunity Shop (Megan Rankin)
 - 8.7 Flower Guild (Sue MacMillan)
 - 8.8 Aged Care (Sue Hurren)
 - 8.9 Quiet Day & Bible Study (Fr John)
 - 8.10 EssACC Committee (Fr John)
 - 8.11 Achivist (Glen Turnbull)
 - 8.12 Fundraising (Chris Angus)
 - 8.13 Christ Church Craft Group (Fr John)
9. **Elections and Appointments**
 - 9.1 Churchwardens
 - 9.2 Parish Council
 - 9.3 Parish Incumbency Committee
10. The appointment of the Auditor
11. **General Business**
 - 11.1 Fr John's continuation (Alan Wilson)
 - 11.2 Child Safe Policy (FJ)
 - 11.3 Church Anniversary (FJ)
 - 11.4 Lawn Mowing roster (Bill Howard)

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 2019

Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Glenn Davies, recently (October 2019) has told Anglican supporters of same-sex marriage they should leave the church. This comment is for me sad.

I believe we should be welcoming all – not asking people to leave. We are all united in Jesus and we are allowed to agree on some things and disagree on others and still be friends. This is the mature way of friendship.

I believe that all are welcome here at Christ Church Essendon whether they are white or black, Sri Lankan, Indian or British, young or elderly – all are welcome.

I believe that all are welcome here at Christ Church Essendon whether they are gay or straight, single or married, divorced or widowed – all are welcome.

I believe that all are welcome here at Christ Church Essendon whether they are poor or rich, male or female, short or tall, Richmond or Collingwood supporters. All are welcome.

Whilst I gladly welcome all, I hope that **we** as the community of Christ, the Church in this place, will also welcome everyone and not push people away because they might be different or have different views to us.

Jesus said, "Love your neighbour as yourself" – may we love our neighbour even the neighbour who might be different. May we worship God together as equals, as sinners needing salvation.

Whilst we are called to be inclusive and welcoming we are also called to be careful that we know exactly what we believe and not compromise it. While some churches have thrown the Theological baby out with the bath and water and have rejected anything that might be orthodox or catholic or sacramental

or creedal. It is important that we stand firm in our orthodox Christian beliefs.

In our Strategic plan we stated that our uniqueness is that we are Anglo Catholic.

What does this mean? What do we believe?

What do Anglo Catholics believe?

Anglicanism is a way of being a Christian.

Anglo Catholics are a way of being Anglican.

Today, in the Anglican Communion, we differentiate between several "parties" in the church. There are Evangelicals, or Low Churchmen or Protestants. There are Anglo-Catholics, or High Churchmen and everything in between. As Anglo-Catholics, our ultimate worship experience is one in which we not only glimpse but enter into and taste something of the beauty and mystery of God.

The following are elements that exist in many Anglo Catholic parishes:

God: Anglo Catholics believes in the One, Holy, Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that through Jesus is the full revelation of God given to man and that we have the awesome responsibility to proclaim the Good News of salvation to all nations.

Bible: Anglo Catholics believes that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the authentic record of God's revelation to man, a revelation that is valid for all men and all time. In the Bible we have God's revelation of Himself, His saving activity, and His moral demands. We believe that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2nd Timothy 3:16).

Creeds: Anglo Catholics believes the Catholic Faith as set forth in the three recognized Creeds of Christendom: the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and that known as the Creed of St. Athanasius.

Apostolic Ministry: Anglo Catholics believe in God's gift of the apostolic ministry to His Church, asserting the necessity of a bishop in apostolic succession (or a priest ordained by such) as the celebrant of the Eucharist.

Furthermore, The Anglo Catholics hold that the Holy Orders of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons consist exclusively in accordance with Christ's will and institution.

Sacramental: Anglo Catholics hold dear the seven Sacraments of Grace, namely, the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist, Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders, Penance, and Unction of the Sick. We believe them to be objective signs of Christ's continued presence and saving activity among us. We believe in the holy sacrifice of the Mass and that the body and blood of Christ is truly and really present in the Holy Eucharist.

Prayerful: Holiness of life is seen as a process in which we engage in prayer on a daily basis and which expresses itself in weekly and yearly cycles of prayer within the church. Anglo-Catholics make use of a variety of devotional practices that assist them in prayer (praying alongside crucifixes, stained glass windows, statues and icons). Anglo Catholics also encourage pilgrimages in the steps of Jesus and the saints.

Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses: Anglo-Catholics believe in the reality of the Communion of Saints. We believe that we have seen holiness of life in the lives of many holy men and women in the history of the church. We especially honour the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, as one whose life witnessed to God's grace. We believe we are to join our prayers with the Saints and are to ask that they pray for us.

Reverential, expressed through Music, the Senses and the Body: Anglo-Catholics emphasise sharing the divine life in a deeply reverent style of worship. We are drawn to liturgy that emphasises adoration. We enter into this adoration through listening to and singing beautiful music, the use of gesture and embodied prayer (genuflection, bowing, crossing oneself) and the engagement of the senses (incense, baptismal water, bells, beautiful vestments, etc.). As Anglo-Catholics, our ultimate worship experience is one in which we not only glimpse but enter into and taste something of the beauty and mystery of God. Heaven and earth come together.

Committed to Beauty and Justice Together: Anglo-Catholics emphasise social justice out of a tradition that makes a concrete connection between worshiping God in beauty and holiness, and working to manifest God's justice and mercy in the world. For

Anglo-Catholics beautiful liturgy leads us into a divine life which celebrates the dignity of human beings. Out of this experience, our call is to work to create a world that acknowledges and advances the dignity of all.

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.

STRATEGIC PLAN—MISSION ACTION PLAN

In 2010 and 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 much in the past three years because we had goals in the Mission Action Plan.

During December 2018 and January / February 2019 the parish conducted a number of consultations with member of the congregation, Wardens and Parish Council to set goals and directions for the next few years. A questionnaire was also circulated to obtain the ideas of parishioners. There was a great discussion on what is a healthy church and what is a mission church.

The resulted Mission Action Plan is a little different to other plans in that it is in three parts and is called therefore a PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

Part 1 is a PARISH MISSION ACTION PLAN—Creating a healthy Church and developing a Mission Action Plan 2019—2023

Part 2 is a CHILDREN & FAMILY MISSION PLAN—Supporting children & families 2019 - 2023

Part 3 is a BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE STRATEGY—Keeping Church buildings safe and maintained 2019–2023

This Strategic Plan was unanimously agreed

to at the Anglican Parish of Christ Church Essendon Parish Council on Sunday 17th February 2019

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

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.

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.

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.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance with old buildings is a major and ongoing issue. One of the many maintenance issues needing attention was the plastering and painting in the Op Shop which was completed in January 2019. Re-boarding and painting of the northern side of the Parish Centre was another priority that has been done before there was more damage. Spouting outside the Vestry and along the walkway has also been completed during the last 12 months.

In our Parish Strategic plan we have a list of priorities in the area of maintenance and one

area not on the plan but has been brought to our attention is the need to do some work on our Pipe Organ.

A big thank you to Bill Howard who does a lot of small maintenance around the church including the lawns and gardens.

We have run several working bees which have been poorly attended and we hope that the work load might be shared more in the future.

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

Compliance with Government regulations is a major issue and we legally have to comply. It is 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.

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 organizations and churches to keep children safe. It includes creating *Child Safe* policies and screening all volunteers within our church and Op Shop. Four *Child Safe Officers* have been appointed to provide assistance. The Rev'd Cathy Turnbull has been assisting the Parish Priest in implementing the Child Safe policies. 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 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 & Jillian Webb who have played 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

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.

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. All are welcome.

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. New tenants have moved into 1.1 Marco Polo St with Pat moving on to live with her sister.

The bad news is that we still have problems with water leaks in the Town Houses

(especially 3.1 Marco Polo St) which continues to be time consuming and frustrating.

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 Cathy Turnbull. Thank you to those who contribute articles and to Margaret Eisey who edits and prints 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 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 funover a meal and glass of red wine. Thank you to Bill Howard who co-ordinated this program this year.

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. Thank you to Carolyn Mathes and Chris Angus for co-ordinating this group.

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. Fr Alfred Austin preached at Founders day this year.

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 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

The past twelve months have seen the renovation of the inside of the Op Shop with walls replastered and painted, new lighting system and additional shelving. This would not have been possible with out the support of the Op Shop Committee and volunteers who packed up the Op Shop and put it back together after the work had been completed. Thank you to all who worked hard to see that our Op shop restarted successfully. The outcome is a much better environment to work in. Thank you to all who assisted.

The Parish Council and Wardens are always grateful and thankful for the work that is done in the Op Shop. Although there is never any pressure on what is raised from the Op Shop, I am sure that those who receive our donations and especially the Church are very grateful for the support and work of the Op Shop.

It is lovely to watch people who find a bargain and leave with a smile. 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.

I continue to be most impressed with the Christ Church Op Shop and its staff. Many volunteers give their time and talents freely and gain many benefits with lasting friendships, support and encouragement. A big thank you to the Op Shop Committee and to all the volunteers who give their time freely in this ministry of the Church. Please continue to have fun, to enjoy each others company and to help those in need in our community.

Thank you to Margaret Pereira and Margaret Broughton 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 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 Cathy Turnbull 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. In 2017 & 2018 the Parish was involved in the *"Thy Kingdom Come"* program and again in 2019. Special mid day prayers were said each day between Ascension and Pentecost and other activities based on the Lord's Prayer were organised.

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.

ARCHIVES

During the year, Glen Turnbull was appointed archivist for the parish. Glen is a professional archivist having worked in schools and parishes in the role. Glen has started to digitise our records for which I am grateful.

CATHY TURNBULL

Cathy was ordained to the permanent Diaconate in February and started in the Parish soon after. As well as being a Deacon, Cathy has been our Children and Family Minister looking after the playgroups and Messy Church and connecting with young families. Cathy has also been working with Fr John implementing the Child Safe program. Cathy has brought a lot of energy to the parish and is a valued member of the Clergy team.

DAVID THOMPSON

David joined us in the middle of 2018 as a Deacon and Curate. David is also a Senior Police Chaplain and was ordained a Priest in November 2018. David brings a lot of experience being an Ambulance Chaplain and working in drug rehabilitation in the past. David has brought a lot of humour, wisdom and experience and we are delighted that he continues to be part of our Parish.

SUE HURREN

Sue has had a lot of health issues in the past 12 months which has slowed her down but she continues to assist as an honorary Associate Deacon. 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. Sue also assists in the Sunday and Wednesday Eucharists. Thank you Sue for the good work you do in the Parish.

TOM JEWELL

Fr Tom regularly attends the 8am Sunday Eucharist and will bring a wealth of experience to the Parish and has become a good friend to many. Fr Tom assisted in the Parish when Fr John was on holidays for which we are grateful. Fr Tom has become a good friend and support for Fr John. Thank you Tom.

REST IN PEACE

Sadly Joyce Tattam died in March 2019. Before Joyce got dementia and was in a Nursing Home, Joyce was an active member of our Church and involved in everything

including the Op Shop, Craft Group, Parish Council and much more. Joyce had many good friends at Christ Church Essendon who still remember and grieve. Sadly Carl Peters died in June 2019. Carl attended Christ Church Essendon on a monthly basis at 8am and was well loved by his family and friends.

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

2020

We look forward in 2020 to a number of exciting things including:

- Implementing the Strategic Plan for the Parish.
- Building up our children's ministry with the help of the Children & Family Minister in Cathy Turnbull.
- Celebrating 100 years of our current Church and 130 years of the original Church
- 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. The Hall and Op Shop have been renovated but more will need to be done to maintain our buildings.

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.

Continuing to be a Mission Church will be a long term goal and building up the Kingdom of God.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have worked hard over the last 12 months. A special thank you to the Wardens: Bill and Alan 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 Cathy Turnbull, 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 2019



Treasurer's Report

It is a real pleasure to see that our offerings have increased from the last two years, how-

ever this is not a time for complacency. If you haven't looked at your giving for some time, now would be a good time to do so. The stipend increases every year, and even though the rent from the town houses pays for our curate's stipend, we are far short of paying the vicar's stipend out of our offerings. The associated costs with having a vicar, curate or organist includes not just the stipend, but superannuation, work cover, Long Service Leave, Insurance and various other costs which are billed to us by the Diocese. Our maintenance has been pretty heavy this year with the Op Shop renovations, repairing vicarage and church roof drainage, and replacing rotten wall boards on the Parish Centre. Hopefully we have over-estimated our costs for next year, but I fear there is still lots to do.

Our Trust money looks very large, but this is due to two very generous bequests passed on to us on the death of parishioners, and is to be used to enhance worship in some way, in each of their names as a memorial.

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
Parish Treasurer

Wardens

Warden's Report

This year has been eventful in the life of Christ Church, seeing the fruition of a number of elements of our Mission Action Plan. Fr John's leadership and vision has continued to guide and strengthen our community, and we acknowledge his tireless work in building our parish.

At the start of 2019 we saw the appointment of Cathy Turnbull as our Children and Family Minister. It was with great joy that the whole Parish welcomed Cathy to the Parish Family. Cathy's appointment was made sustainable by the townhouse development, and already Cathy is demonstrating the focus, talent and creativity the role requires. The Wardens believe that this ministry will be a key element in rejuvenating and growing our church community.

David Thompson has also joined the Ministry team. David divides his time between his roles as Curate with us and as Senior Police Chaplain, and we always appreciate his presence in the Sanctuary and in our church family. We are also blessed to have the ministry of our Associate Priest, Fr Tom Jewell, and Sue Hurren, our Associate Deacon.

As with all heritage buildings, maintenance is an ongoing consideration, and as one job is ticked off, another will take its place. The Wardens, with Father John, maintain a register of works to be done, and from time to time, more significant work is required. At the end of 2018, the volunteers of the Opportunity Shop worked very hard over a number of days to completely empty the Op Shop building, in preparation for what was its first

major renovation in many years. The renovation was completed just before opening day for 2019, and the Shop restocked. The building now provides a very comfortable, bright and airy place to display its wares, and for our tireless team of volunteers to work in, and should do so for many years to come. The Op Shop team continues to make a very significant contribution to both the Parish and the people of the Essendon area, and we offer heartfelt thanks for their efforts.

Throughout the latter half of the year, other major maintenance works included :

- Total replacement of the weatherboards which face the northern side of the Parish centre.
- Enlargement of the carrying capacity of the roof guttering outside the Vestry, to enable it to carry the large volumes of water which flow from the Church roof in times of heavy rain.
- Replacement of the guttering between the walkway to the rear entrance of the Parish Centre and the Vicarage.

During 2019 we arranged two working bees, to help out with the many and varied tasks which need to be carried out to maintain the buildings and gardens of the Church. These working bees are important for ensuring our buildings and grounds continue to be well maintained and welcoming. A big thank you to those who have helped out, and we trust that we will see more faces during 2020.

Ladies at Leisure and the Tuesday evening monthly men's dinners continue to attract a core of "loyal supporters". These activities help us to build a broader community and are a great opportunity for us to invite family and



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friends who may not be regular attendees at our Sunday services. The company of friends and partners is always welcome, and we hope to see even more people enjoy the friendship opportunities the activities provide in 2020.

As Parishioners would be aware, the Church continues to stay open for people who wish to visit at non-service times. Fr John has recently started playing quiet music through the sound system in the Church during the day. Many people come to the Church during the day, and we trust that the music adds to the sense of calm and serenity they seek.

Worship of God is at the centre of our community, and our Sunday services, under the liturgical leadership of Fr John, and the ministry of David, Cathy, Sue and Tom, proudly uphold our Anglo Catholic tradition. Worship is enhanced by our very accomplished organist and choir director, Samuel, our enthusiastic choir, and dedicated Sanctuary team (including Fred, our honorary crucifer!) We acknowledge the faithful ministry of our worship leaders, readers, welcomers, morning tea organisers, flower arrangers and those who extend a warm welcome to visitors. We encourage all parishioners to invite and welcome newcomers, and as wardens would appreciate your ideas about how we can welcome more people to our services.

As always we are very grateful for the Ministry and leadership of Fr John, and acknowledge the significant contribution of Carolyn and the Mathes family.

Alan Wilson. Bill Howard
Wardens.

Parish Council met six times between December 2018 and October 2019. In attendance at meetings were: Father John Mathes (6 meetings), Bill Howard (5 meetings, 1 apology), Alan Wilson (5 meetings, 1 apology), Katherine Anderson (4 meetings, 2 apologies), Chris Angus (5 meetings, 1 apology), Sheryl Collins (5 meetings, 1 apology), Esther Cross (1 meeting, resigned), Margaret Eelsey (6 meetings), Sue MacMillan (6 meetings), Sue Hurren (2 meetings), David Thompson (1 meeting), Cathy Turnbull (4 meetings) attended as observers. Church wardens met also in between Parish Council meetings. During meetings, reports were presented, discussed and motions put forward.

This past year we have had three official observers at Parish Council meetings, who although not allowed to vote, were able to contribute to discussions. Their different, and sometimes differing points of view, added to the mix of ideas being considered. It also has meant that Father John and the Parish have been fortunate to have 'extra hands on deck'. Rev Cathy Turnbull, employed as our Family and Children's Minister, is now a familiar face as most days of the week she is in the Parish Centre tending to aspects of her role. Cathy has been a very welcome addition to the life of our church apart from the children's point of view, assisting with Op Shop events and to the more social side such as Ladies @Leisure.

We have followed the MAP (Mission Action Plan) dateline, a document we created regarding, in part, to our commitment to building up the community of Christ Church

Essendon and maintaining buildings. Maintenance dominated many discussions throughout the year. The Op Shop was refurbished over the December/January 'break' with the result that we are proud of the outcome and parishioners and customers have only said positive things about the new look. The north wall of the Parish Centre was basically rebuilt and painted due to rot. Unfortunately, no-one sees it but it was necessary. A safety gate was installed half-way along the walkway between the vicarage and the townhouses. Then the spouting over the back entrance to the church and along the vicarage side of the walkway was replaced providing drip-free access. Bill (and Cheryl) Howard also attended to the gardens planting herbs and lovely flowering plants in attractive, easy to maintain garden beds.

Other discussions centred on compliance from the Diocese relating to areas such as Child Abuse, the doubling of insurance costs, celebrations for our churches' anniversaries next year (original church 130 years, current church 100 years), were just a few of the items among the many on Parish Council's meeting agendas over the year.

The Parish has been busy liturgically and socially with parishioners attending specific services such as 9 Lessons and Carols, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day commemorative services and Synod, and specific activities such as Shrove Tuesday, Founders' Day and EssACC, just to name a few.

During the year we lost an esteemed, long-time parishioner, former Sunday School teacher, Parish Councillor, Treasurer and Warden, Op Shop stalwart and Craft co-founder. Parish Council wishes to acknowledge the contribution of Joyce Tattam who gave her time and talents unstintingly to our church over many decades for which we are forever grateful. We also thank Esther Cross, who resigned from Parish Council early in the year, for her contribution.

Once again, Parish Council acknowledges, and continues to be grateful for, the leadership and tireless dedication of Father John Mathes and the constant enthusiasm and support of Carolyn Mathes. We wish them well and thank them for all that they do.

Chris Angus Secretary



**Rev'd Cathy
Turnbull
Curate /
Children &
Family
Minister**

Report on CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY including DIACONAL MINISTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY

I have been in the role of Children and Families Minister at Christ Church Essendon for 10 months now. I am grateful for the opportunity to be in this role within this worshipping and wider community.

Playgroup has continued to meet every Wednesday morning during school term time and are a solid group. We have lost a few families over the year and have also gained some new ones so numbers are good with an average of 5 children each week. It has been a delight to have Anitha join me in leading this group, her skills and gentle way with the children is much appreciated by myself, the mums and the children alike. A second playgroup has begun this term for 0-2 year olds, held on Fridays around midday and has begun well with 5 babies/toddlers attending each week.

Kidspace resumed this year at the back of the church during the 9:30am service. It has been a joy to journey with the children in their growing faith. Numbers are small but steady with an average of 2-3 each Sunday, with the potential on any one Sunday of 7-8 children.

Messy Church has been going steady with anything up to 11 children attending with their families each month. The team of leaders work hard setting up their craft activities, engaging the children in music, song and movement, providing the evening meal and in welcoming. Thank you also to Fr John for his skill in providing the music and power points. There is always a buzz of activity and fun at Messy Church and it is lovely seeing parents (and grandparents) engaging with their

children in exploring faith through the storytelling, song, and craft activities.

There have been a number of **Baptisms** this year and I have been visiting and keeping in contact with the families on a regular basis. We have held two Teddy Bear's Picnics to engage further with the children and their families.

As Deacon in the parish, together with Fr John, I have begun a dialogue with the Brotherhood of St Laurence at Niddrie who are in charge of rolling out the NDIS in this district. The conversations have involved discovering what needs there are within the disability community in this area that the church may be able to meet. Two groups have begun as a result. They are a MS support group that meets monthly in the Parish Centre, which I attend to lend pastoral support and a Boomerang Bag making group for people with disabilities which I run with the support of BSL NDIS staff. Both are proving popular and valued by those who participate. The partnership between Christ Church Essendon and the BSL NDIS Niddrie is still in its early days, but the hope is that it will grow into a strong partnership into 2020.

I have enjoyed spending time in the sanctuary and having the opportunity to preach once a month. I have done one baptism and one funeral (off-site) this year and am grateful for the supervision and mentoring I receive from Fr John. I look forward to continuing working with you all for the furthering of God's Kingdom in this place in 2020.

Rev'd Cathy Turnbull



**Fr David
Thompson
Curate /
Senior Police
Chaplain**

It has been my great pleasure to be a part of Christ Church Essendon for this past year. I came to learn more about the depth of our Anglican church expression in particular, the Anglo-Catholic tradition. My experience and skill set lie elsewhere due to my extensive community work and I come from an Evangelical perspective. I have enjoyed great training and support from the church whilst engaging in our services and some of our activities. I have come to really appreciate our Anglo-Catholic expression/tradition and continue to grow and mature within it. My role as Senior Police chaplain to Victoria Police officers is demanding and often takes me away from enjoying more time within the parish participating in the broader activities! This is sad, but there is little I can do about that at this point.

I have been really impressed by the commitment and zest of all of our people involved in the various departments and activities of our parish. I spend some time speaking with many people who don't attend churches. I mention the many activities, the community, the liturgies and often quite excited when I speak about you all. Many people don't consider coming to church, but I am working on them! I am concerned about our numbers as this is such a great faith expression and many more people could benefit by what God offers though this parish. Anyway, I will keep at it.....

I am intending to remain for this coming year as I want to continue to grow in the spirituality that undergirds our Anglo-Catholic expression in the liturgies. These liturgies continue to extend and develop me and I am enjoying them immensely. I hasten to note however, that whilst I am accountable to Fr

John and our parish council I am also accountable to our Bishops and directly to the Archbishop! There remains a shortage of Priests, so I remain "laying low" in my learning capacity so as not to draw too much attention to myself.

Thank you to you all for continuing to be faithful and supportive of all that this parish offers and of me personally. Although I noted it the other week..I continue to thank God for Fr John, Carolyn, Rev Cathy, Rev Sue, the lay Ministers and helpers....well, being frank about it, all of you! I remain thankful and gracious for all that God has done in drawing me to this parish.

Fr David Thompson

Carolyn Mathes
Chris Angus

MEN@Leisure

This Group meets monthly, and has done so since Father John came to Christ Church.

We have a core group who are regulars, and a number of other men who enjoy dinner and conversation, when they are available. The more the merrier, and if good company, good food, and never forgetting good wine appeal, then new "members" are most welcome to join us.

We have a regular group of restaurants and hotels we patronise, but last year we added some and deleted others. Again, we will add and delete, to ensure we have enough variety to appeal to all.

Our first get together for 2020 will be in February, and as usual, we will issue a program for the year.

A few days before each dinner we send a text to everyone on the list, so that we can get numbers and book a table. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining us, please let Father John or I have some contact details, and we will include them on the texting list, and issue a copy of the year's program, when it is finalised.

Bill Howard

Ladies @ Leisure

Another exciting year has passed having a wonderful time exploring areas of Melbourne with ladies who like to go out, have fun with a chance to talk and relax.

So, if you would like to dine at different cafes, restaurants, enjoy a High Tea, shop at places that are different, visit libraries and other cultural icons, or choose just the right plant for that pot, then this group will suit you.

We are all looking forward to 2020 program and invite you to take part whenever you can.

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 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. We are grateful to a couple of regular members of the congregation who have become more involved over the past year, which has enabled us to provide music on several mornings when there would otherwise have been insufficient numbers.

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. They reported on their most recent visit that, following several years in which no major repairs have been carried out, various major works would be required in coming years to preserve the ongoing functionality of the organ. They had not provided details at time of going to press. My thanks extend to Daryl Higgins for his

assistance, and to the choir, Vicar, wardens and congregation for your continued support.

Samuel McMahon
Organist

Christ Church Op Shop

As usual it has been a busy year with some very happy times, exciting changes and some sadness. We have wrestled with huge bags of clothes, checked innumerable garments for holes and dirty marks, stapled hundreds of tacks, stuck on countless dots, dealt with customers charming and difficult, given our expert opinion on people's choices, added up so many columns of figures, dusted, swept, rehung clothes - in fact another typical year at the Op Shop.

We finished off last year a little earlier than usual and embarked on the gargantuan task of clearing out the Op Shop in preparation for the reparation works. Father John was the Project Manager; he had summarized the areas to be covered, put us in teams and allotted tasks. It was hard work but went so smoothly and we surprised ourselves by basically completing the job in a day. Fortunately, the works went to schedule and we were able to start preparing to move back in halfway through January with the re-plastering, painting finished, and new shelving and lighting installed. The response from the Op Shop community was heart warming and we had a willing band working for many days. It was hard, dirty work and the first day was an awful lot of cleaning - the dust!! Then decisions had to be made as to where to put racks, cupboards, shelves and to lay out the stock on the new shelves. We seized the opportunity to clear out areas and cull some stock. Father John, Bill Howard and Paul Miles added their efforts to the Op Shop workers, and it was a superb co-operative effort. We were able to open our doors on Tuesday 22nd January to acclaim from all our eager customers. Subsequently Bill organized a new front counter and replaced the old glass. Our "OPEN" sign was on its last legs so that was also replaced. The Shop is looking a picture.

We all appreciate everyone's co-operation in

covering the Roster especially over the Winter when absences and illness makes the Roster Secretary's job very challenging. We are always keen to hear from willing volunteers and would really love to have people nominating for the Committee. Both Margaret Pereira and Margaret Broughton have resigned from the Committee but will stay involved in the Shop and we would like to acknowledge their hard work over many years and thank them for their time on the Committee. Our much-loved Committee member, Joan Sach died earlier this year; Joan was a kind, intelligent wise woman, who was a great asset to our Op Shop, and she is sadly missed. The other death, which saddened all at Christ Church was that of Joyce Tattam. She was a stalwart of the Op Shop, served as a Committee member, acted in various executive positions and was much-loved.

There is continuing education for volunteers related to the Child Safe Policy and we are working hard to have every volunteer fill in an information sheet with emergency contact details. We were happy to offer community work for a student this year. The Working Bee on Monday has continued to deal with all the jobs that can't be done while the Op Shop is open and means that when the Op Shop opens for the week on Tuesday morning, the Shop is full of new stock, well organized and gleaming.

At short notice, the Op Shop rallied and hosted the Diocesan Network meeting in May; the day went very well, catering was excellent, and the attendees were most impressed with our refurbished Op Shop. Again, our Winter Fashion Parade and Musical High Tea were highlights of the year. They were both well patronized days with much laughter and fun and important fund raisers for us. Both help to raise our profile in the community and provide occasions for social interaction.

At our November meeting, we will be considering our scheduled donations for the next 12 months. It was a great pleasure to have Nils Von Kalm from Anglican Overseas Aid speak to the Committee during the year and to hear what a significant impact our donations have. We are very proud to be able to help local, national and even international causes.

Our Op Shop provides great service to the community in many ways and I ask you to continue to support its work.

Megan Rankin
(Secretary)

Flower Guild

Tremendous thanks go to Chris Angus and Megan Rankin for their support, dedication and talent in this ministry.

Following last year's formation and adoption of a Flower Guild Policy, it was hoped that more people would volunteer to help arrange flowers---this has NOT occurred! It falls to the same three people to ensure that our church has flower arrangements. It was also suggested that money could be donated by parishioners if they wanted flowers purchased "in memoriam". This has only occurred twice, and to those people, we are very grateful. I know of many other churches where this habit is well practiced, or money is just donated kindly.

If you would like to help, please let me know - you do not have to self-fund this activity as Parish Council has granted funds, if needed. Again, many thanks to those who have helped in any way,

Sue MacMillan

Aged Care

Over the past year I have had surgical procedures which meant I needed support to fulfil my ministry commitments; I would like to thank my daughters Katherine and Merewyn who gave up their time to transport me around; Fr John, for one month, under took my Home Communion, thank you.

It is always a privilege to take Holy Communion to people who are no longer able to get the Christ Church for the Services and appreciate 'Church' coming to them and still feel part of the church community.

Essendon Nursing Home: There have been several changes to the 'activity' personnel over the past year but church services have

continued. Residents appear to want to attend the Service and visitors have shown surprise at the attentiveness to the hymns, prayers and readings. There has been an increase in numbers during September and October.

Trevi Court Nursing Home: Number of residents attending the Communion Service have been reduced over the past year due to the death of some of the residents who were regular attenders. A small number of residents continue to attend each month and always thank me 'for coming'.

Ron Conn Nursing Home: There are a consistent number of residents whom I see each month as we celebrate together. Staff are very helpful in gathering the residents and ensure I have the 'technology' sorted for the hymns. I always ask each group if they have anything they want to pray for. These residents are very supportive of each other and each month thank me 'for coming'.

I feel blessed with my interaction with the people I visit and am assured that the Lord is with us because He promised when two or three are gathered in His name, he will be there with them. (Matt.18:20) I'm sure they feel the same way too.

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 Bible which is part of the Church of England Pilgrim course. These were led by Rev'd Cathy Turnbull and Rev'd Andrew Esnouf from Ascot Vale. We repeated the sessions on Wednesday mornings after the Wednesday Eucharist led by Fr John.

During Lent we also held a quiet day reflecting on the "Pantocrator of Christ". 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 the Moonee Valley Racecourse Legends Restaurant and this was a great opportunity for members of each Church to socialize and get to know each other over an enjoyable meal.

An indoor bowls night was held also in July 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 Aberfeldie. Unfortunately while the other churches have supported EssACC, Essendon has not always.

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

Archivist Report

I am very pleased to have been appointed the Essendon Parish Archivist earlier this year. I hold an Archivist qualification, and have worked at several schools as their professional Archivist, prior to the traffic accident I had.

The first work I achieved for this Parish was to research every serviceman and woman who served in World War I. This was achieved by looking at each name whose appears on the Parish WWI service memorial in the church.

I prepared a one or two page profile as a pdf file. This file includes their final rank, what battalion(s) they served for, as well as a brief aspect of their war effort. This included any awards they were given (such as a military cross etc.) I also managed to locate some portraits for these people (from the Australian War Memorial on-line), and this was included in their pdf profile.

I produced similar profiles of former students and staff of Melbourne Grammar School and

Melbourne High School who served in WWI, where I worked for both schools as their Archivist. I would be pleased to provide parishioners with a copy of any WWI profile I prepared, if you send me an email.

I also participated in this year's parish ANZAC Day service, where I spoke about some of these WWI servicemen and women in terms of Remembrance.

I began to digitise the earlier Baptism and Burial registers in the archives. More recent registers, as well as the Marriage registers will be digitised in the coming year.

All of the WWI servicemen/women profiles as well as the earlier register digitisations have been forwarded to the Priest in Charge.

Glen Turnbull
Parish Archivist

Fundraising

As mentioned in last year's report, fundraising efforts for last year and this year were targeting the refurbishment of the Op Shop, our original church building. A lot of money was needed to pay for this work and although we didn't raise all the money, the Christmas and Easter efforts, jam sales, calendar sales and cash donations assisted in meeting some of the cost. The final result is a refreshed, bright and airy Op Shop with a lovely new bench and glass top on one of the display cabinets – a place appreciated by all who visit and work in it.

Thank-you to everyone who donated goods, bought tickets and in general supported all the year's fund-raising activities.

Chris Angus.

Christ Church Craft Group

In the absence of the Craft Leader, Margaret Pereira, let me make a few comments.

Sadly Margaret Pereira has not been with us much this year due to personal health issues and also family commitments. We wish her a speedy recovery and with her family commitments.

With Margaret away a lot, I asked Rev'd Cathy Turnbull, Deacon and Children and Family Minister in the parish, to assist Barbara Szczurko in making sure the Craft Group was looked after. Thank you Cathy for quietly building a friendship with the ladies and supporting Barbara.

Barbara Szczurko has been the Treasurer and one of the craft leaders for many many years. She has carried out this role faithfully with love and respect for all. Sadly Barbara will retire from being the Treasurer and leader but will still come to Craft as a participant. I am grateful for the dedication and leadership that Barbara has exhibited over many years – thank you.

Thank you also goes to Margaret Mordaunt & Kaye Harrison who have been on the Craft Committee and worked faithfully behind the scenes to ensure Craft went well. Thank you also to Aileen and the ladies who assisted in the kitchen and to the many who brought food at different times. Thank you also to those who shared their skills in teaching and/or helping others do a variety of new crafts.

The Craft Group gave \$250 to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Hospital during the year which was a great effort. Thank you.

We acknowledge with sadness the passing during the year of Joyce Tattum and Mieke Houdyk who were long time members of the craft Group. Joyce was the leader of the group for many years.

The Craft Group is now 26 years young. It is a joy to watch the laughter, the chatting, the craft masterpieces that are created and the friendships grow. Many in the group are in the 90's and are an inspiration to the younger members of the group with their positive attitude. Recruitment of new members will continue to be an issue. I hope that the Craft Group will continue for many years to come.

Fr John



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
19.12.2018 Alexander Rucki
17.03.2019 Racer Sylvia Kirwan
24.03.2019 Logan John Richards
24.03.2019 Nathan John Richards
31.03.2019 Ebony Joan Casado
19.05.2019 Aliyah Rose Jansen
28.07.2019 Liam James Grubb
08.09.2019 Oscar Thomas MacMillan

CONFIRMATION

Nil

RECEPTION INTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

Nil

WEDDINGS

13.10.2018 Michael Wilson & Kathleen King
16.12.2018 David Washington & Felicity Willcocks
14.02.2019 Razvan Berlovan & Sherese King
28.09.2019 Jason Jewell & Nicole Pyniw

FUNERALS (date of death)

25.03.2019 Joyce Tattam
04.04.2019 Valerie Laura Williams
24.05.2019 Jack William Turrie
08.06.2019 Carl Peters

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

ASHES IN MEMORIAL GARDEN

Nil

PARISH DIRECTORY

October 2018 - September 2019

Parish Priest: Fr John Mathes

Curate / Family & Children Minister:

Rev'd Cathy Turnbull (from February 2019)

Curate: Rev'd David Thompson

Associate Priest: Fr Tom Jewel

Associate Deacon: Rev'd Sue Hurren

Wardens: Alan Wilson & Bill Howard

Parish Council: Wardens plus Margaret Elsey, Katherine Anderson, Chris Angus, 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: Paul Miles, Bill Howard & Fr John

Nursing Homes: Sue Hurren

Home Communions: Fr John, Sue Hurren & Sue MacMillan

Deacons, Lay Ministers, Eucharistic

Assistants: Cathy Turnbull, David Thompson, Sue Hurren, Margaret Elsey, Alan Wilson & Sue MacMillan

Thurifers: Alan Wilson & Margaret Elsey

Readers: Ed Wilson, Chris Angus, Carolyn Mathes, Jillian Webb, Michael Pang, Katherine Anderson, Katherine Ellis, Anitha Stanley & Chrisanthi Jayatunga

Choir: Sue MacMillan, Margaret Elsey, Barbara Szczurko, Katherine Anderson plus Daryl Higgins

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

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

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

Playgroup Cathy Turnbull & Anitha Stanley

Ladies@Leisure: Carolyn Mathes & Chris Angus

Men@Leisure: Bill Howard

Archives: Glen Turnbull

Catering Officer: Vacant

Parish Pantry: Sue MacMillan

Reach Out Magazine: Fr John (layout), Margaret Elsey (editor) plus many contributors including Sue Hurren, Cathy Turnbull & 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 Chris Angus, Margaret Pereira, Joan Sach (dec), Margaret Broughton, Janette Roulston, Jenny Wilson, Celina Miles & Maureen Lanyon.

Craft Group Committee:

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

EssACC

Fr John, Chris Angus & Sue MacMillan

Child Safety Officers

Cathy Turnbull, Fr John, Chris Angus & Esther Cross

Parish Compliance Officer

Fr John Mathes

(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)
Olwyn Baker
Bruce Gardner
Dolly Mason
Anita Mason
Carolyn Mathes

*Others to be announced
at the 2019 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



2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
49	48	46	56			
4	4	7	8			
2 #	-	1 ##	-			
7	4	4	4			
7	13	6	4			
3848	3694	3651	4875			
2949	3129	2977	2965			
3237	3245	3191	3621			
2532	2692	2563	2527			
583	306	221	228			
116	124	108	109			
95	111	81	95			
116	131	139	151			
106	113	118	129			

plus 3 welcomed into Anglican Church
plus 1 welcomed into Anglican Church



