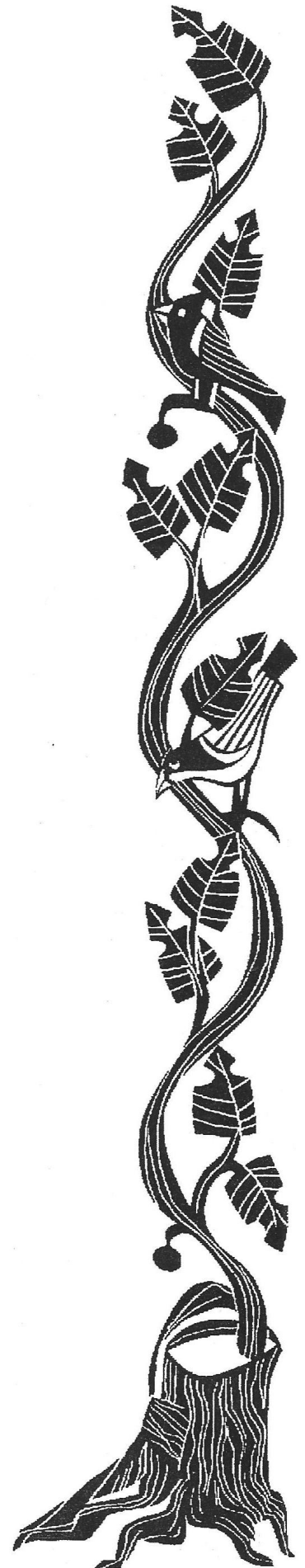


Parish of Manuka
St Paul's Church, Manuka
with
St David's Church, Red Hill

2017 Annual Reports

**Annual General &
Electoral Meeting
18th March 2018**



The Tree of Life

Proclaiming Christ's Gospel

Our Vision

Christians committed to worshipping, knowing
and serving God

Our Mission

Witnessing to Christ's life-giving love, joy and
truth in the heart of the national capital

Our Values

Celebration
Spiritual Growth
Compassion
Outreach

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Agenda

St Paul's Parish Electoral Meeting

1. Opening prayer
2. Attendance and apologies – circulating list

Electoral Meeting

3. Electoral Meeting Information – see AGM report.
4. Elections and Appointments –

General Meeting

1. Minutes of 2017 AGM
2. Matters arising from 2017 Minutes
3. Presentation of 2017 Reports, with matters arising
4. Rector's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Appointment of Minutes Secretary
7. Appointment of Treasurer
8. Appointment of a qualified auditor for the Parish
9. General Business
10. Closing Prayer

Electoral Meeting Information

St Paul's Anglican Church Manuka with St David's, Red Hill

This meeting will elect a Presiding Member of Parish Council, one People's Warden, and four Parish Councillors. The Rector appoints a Rector's Warden and two members of Parish Council. The three members of the Clergy Appointment Board and the three Synod representatives were elected last year for a period of three years and so no election is necessary for these positions at this meeting.

Parish Elections

In 2007 Parish Council approved a system of election of People's Wardens and elected Parish Councillors to provide for continuity within the membership of these bodies. The candidate gaining the highest number of votes for People's Warden would hold office for two years, the other for one year, while of the four people elected to Parish Council, the two candidates with the highest votes would hold office for two years, with the remaining two candidates holding office for one year. The Presiding Member of Parish Council was also to be elected at the AGM. All would be eligible for re-election but could not hold any particular office for more than six years. This variation to the Governance of the Diocese Ordinance has been endorsed by Bishop-in-Council at its meeting on 9 February, 2018.

Presiding Member of Parish Council

There is one Presiding Member of Parish Council. There have been two nominations for this position: Peter McDermott and Bruce Glendinning. An election for this position is therefore necessary.

People's Warden

There are two People's Wardens elected and one Warden appointed by the Rector. There is one People's Warden to be elected at the electoral meeting as Bruce Glendinning was elected last year for a period of two years and Robert Deane was elected for a period of one year. Robert Deane and Peter McDermott have been nominated for People's Warden in 2018 and so an election is necessary.

Parish Councillors

There are four Parish Councillors elected and two appointed by the Rector. Four Parish Councillors are to be elected at the electoral meeting as the terms of all presently elected parish councillors have expired. Tony Ralli and Mary Pollard were appointed by the Rector in 2017 and so their terms have expired. There are 4 nominated candidates for Parish Council in 2017: Tony Ralli, Mary Pollard, Peter Cumines and Peter McDermott. A ballot is therefore not necessary to fill the four vacant positions and the above persons are appointed to the position of Parish Councillor for a period of one year.

Clergy Appointment Board

There are three member of the Clergy Appointment Board who serve a three year term. Robert Deane, Lynette Glendinning and Matthew Stuckings were elected for a three year term in 2017. No ballot is therefore necessary.

Synod Representatives

There are three Synod Representatives who serve a three year term. Ingrid Moses, Peter Cumines and Matthew Stuckings were elected for a three year term in 2017. No ballot is therefore necessary.

Minutes of Electoral Meeting & AGM of St Paul's, Manuka & St David's, Red Hill

Held 26th March 2017

1. Opening Prayer.

The Venerable Brian Douglas opened the meeting with a prayer.

He then introduced Trevor Ament, the Diocesan Registrar, who presented an update on the development of the St Paul's site.

ELECTORAL MEETING

2. Attendances.

The Attendance list was circulated and there were 70 attendees and 10 apologies.

3. Elections and Appointments.

The Rector explained the Electoral information which had been circulated. He then explained the voting system for the election of Parish Councillors.

Presiding Member of Parish Council.

There is one Presiding Member of Parish Council. As there was only one candidate for Presiding Member in 2017, a ballot was not necessary. The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas was therefore appointed to the position of Presiding Member of Parish Council.

People's Wardens

Amendment to People's Wardens 2016

Motion: That the final sentence in the electoral information be deleted.

Moved: Robert Deane. *Seconded:* Peter McDermott CARRIED.

There are three nominations for People's Wardens, Robert Deane, Bruce Glendinning and Peter McDermott therefore a vote is necessary.

Bruce Glendinning and Robert Deane were elected as People's Wardens for 2017.

Parish Councillors

No election was necessary as Robert Deane and Bruce Glendinning were elected as People's Wardens and only 4 nominees remained. The following people were therefore appointed to Parish Council for 2017:

Peter McDermott

Peter Cumines

Catherine Böhm

Sandy White

The Rector appointed Tony Ralli and Mary Pollard as the Rector's appointments.

Parochial Nominators.

There are three Parochial Nominators who serve a three-year term. Lynette Glendinning, Robert Deane and Matthew Stuckings were appointed to serve as Parochial Nominators.

Synod Representatives.

There are three Synod Representatives who serve a three-year term. There are three nominations so no election is necessary. Matthew Stuckings, Ingrid Moses and Peter Cumines were appointed as Synod Representatives.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Minutes of the 2016 AGM.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 20th March 2016 AGM be confirmed.

The minutes were **Approved**.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Nil.

3. Presentation of 2016 Reports, with matters arising.

All reports had been circulated.

There is great variety, complexity and an enormous number of organisations within the parish. The Rector thanked everyone for their work.

The Rector thanked everyone who wrote a report and for their work throughout the year. It was **moved** that all the reports be received. This was **carried**.

4. Rector's Report.

The Rector expressed his appreciation for work of the Parish Councillors.

The Rector **moved** that his report be accepted. This was **approved**. Peter McDermott, on behalf of the meeting, thanked the Rector for all his work on behalf of the parish.

5. Treasurer's Report. Naresh Gunasekere.

The parish has a deficit of \$4769 in 2016.

Giving fell significantly by 7% in 2016.

As the parish was in a good financial position in 2015, no specific drive was held in 2016. There now needs to be a drive for Planned Giving.

The fete in 2016 generated \$12,215.76 as against \$19,034 in 2015.

Queries: Tony Gay queried the clergy costs. The Rector said that he had only claimed only half the living costs to which he is entitled.

Beth Lee suggested that we should try and minimise any expenses for the Fete which is only a few months away.

Neale Emmanuel asked about insurance costs and whether the buildings had been re-valued. He was reassured that this had been done. Equipment had been itemised. The Diocese has changed its insurer.

Motion: That this AGM recommends to Parish Council that a serious stewardship program be undertaken.

Moved: David Dillon.

Seconded: Christine Bollen **CARRIED**

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be received.

Moved: Naresh Gunasekere. *Seconded:* Duncan Anderson **CARRIED**

6. Appointment of Minute Secretary.

Helen Raymond agreed to continue as the Minute Secretary for Parish Council.

7. Appointment of Treasurer.

The Treasurer, Naresh Gunasekere, agreed to continue for 2017.

8. Appointment of a qualified auditor for the Parish

Brendan Comonsoli from Bates and Pickering is appointed as auditor.

9. General Business.

Motion: That members of the Diocesan Property Commission attend every Parish Council meeting in 2017 to report on progress.

This motion was LOST

Motion: That members of the Diocesan Property Commission be invited to attend every Parish Council meeting.

Moved: Robert Deane. *Seconded:* Les Bohm. CARRIED.

A question was raised regarding the membership of the Diocesan Property Commission and whether the parish was a member.

Ingrid Moses explained the difference between the Diocesan Property Trust and the Diocesan Property Commission and why the parish is not a member of the Commission.

10 Closing Prayer

The meeting closed at 1.25 p.m. with the saying of the Grace.

Rector's Report 2016

It is now over 10 years since I was inducted as the Rector of Manuka on 25th January, 2008. I am resigning from the position of Rector of Manuka on 10th August, 2018 but will be on long service leave from 8th July, 2018. My time at Manuka is almost over. As I write this I look back over the time with thanks to God for the many wonderful experiences and pastoral relationships I experienced. I have been privileged to share with many people at significant moments of their lives: times of joy, times of grief, times of worship and fellowship. Many people have ministered at Manuka in the past and I am conscious that I am now the second longest serving rector of the parish. Only the Rev'd John Griffith served for a longer time than I. This length of pastoral time brings some ability to reflect on the experience and the life of the parish as a whole.

I remain convinced that my primary function in the more than 10 years has been to provide leadership in offering worship to God and in responding to pastoral need. It is my belief that our first duty is to worship God and that this should be done well. The Parish of Manuka has always valued worship well done. We are a liturgical parish in the broadly catholic tradition of Anglicanism and so the Eucharist is the centre of our life as a parish. It is from being in and receiving the presence of Christ that we receive our food for the journey of faith and it is from this place that we go on to serve God and other people. I have said many times that we are not a social welfare organisation. Our primary function is to worship God. It is from this worship that we receive Christ's commission to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. It is because we are centred on the worship of God that we go out to do works of love and to respond to pastoral need. I believe that this centring on the worship of God is something others have valued and this in part explains why our service numbers are so high. We have a treasure at Manuka. This treasure is the Gospel of Christ which we both preach and live but it is based on the Anglican tradition in its catholic expression, with the Eucharist as central. Our valuing of prayer book worship, done with dignity and order, is something many people want. It is, along with pastoral ministry, our core business and I could not count the number of times people have said to me going out the door of the church that the reason they come here is the way we use the prayer book. This is the genius of Anglicanism and it is something that we do well, supported by many people. There are those who prepare and assist in our services in so many ways and others who beautify the worship by their offering of talents. This is especially true of our music ministry which has blossomed in recent years under the dedicated leadership of our Director of Music, Matthew Stuckings. The beauty of holiness is something many value at Manuka and it is what draws others into worship. Not only older people but also quite a few young people are attracted to what we do. We must value our tradition with all our strength and resist the temptation to surrender to banality.

Before I came to Manuka many people told me not to go since it was a difficult parish and fractured with strife. I confess I came with some trepidation. There were some difficult times in the first few years but this has changed. We are now a united parish with a clear aim to love and worship God and love and serve our neighbour. Difficulties did surface from time to time but that is normal in any place that involves people together. On the whole I have no regrets about being here for over 10 years and I continue to believe that God led me to this place. I hope and pray that I have done what I was called to do faithfully ministered in this place.

I do not propose to provide advice for the future other than to say that worship and pastoral ministry must continue as the primary focus of the parish. It is only from the worship of God that we can go out to care for people and do other things. I believe that the person God is calling to be the next rector of Manuka will come to a place that is focussed and happy. I pray that this person will be received and welcomed as I was and that together the people of God in this place can worship and serve together. It is important that we practise mindfulness, thinking carefully about how we contribute in the parish and what we say and do. Negative comments and attitudes, often expressed to me in a dump and run mode at the door of the church, are very unhelpful. Whispering in corners is also very unhelpful and lacking in maturity. I pray that the parish may focus on the many positive things that are done in God's name and continue to develop a sense of mature and cooperative ministry.

There are some challenges to face in the future, not the least of which is the development of the site and the change in the way the site is used. There is great opportunity here for growth but this will involve change. Living off site has been life-giving for me and my family, bearing in mind that we lived in the rectory for over 8 years – the longest time that anyone has ever lived there. At times it was very difficult to live there and the danger of the site excluded me for quite some time from wider diocesan life since I would have needed to be away at night. This has changed since I became Archdeacon of South Canberra and moved out of the rectory. I have assumed a much wider role in the life of the Diocese which I will continue to exercise after my resignation. The next rector may well not live on site and I encourage all parishioners to see this as a natural and positive progression. I do not believe that living off site has hindered my final years of ministry at Manuka. In many ways it has enabled them as I come daily to work and then go home as normal people do. Please allow your new rector to exercise this freedom if that is his or her wish. Our site and buildings are due for great change in the next few years and this is not a difficulty but rather an opportunity. We should never be dominated or hampered by buildings in ministry but rather use and adapt them to enable our central tasks of worship and pastoral ministry. Grasp the opportunity and work with it so that with your new rector the kingdom of God may grow.

There are too many people to thank individually and in fact I have done this in previous reports to the parish. I must however thank the stipendiary and honorary clergy for their outstanding gift of life to the parish. We have been very fortunate to have the clergy we have had. I have enjoyed working with them all and appreciate their efforts and their loyalty. Please continue to support and nourish them as together you work for the kingdom. I must also thank my Rector's Warden, Ingrid Moses, who has been a constant friend and source of advice. Her gifts have inspired and enabled me. Other wardens and parish councillors have also supported me and I thank them most sincerely for their efforts. So many people in various groups and with various tasks deserve acknowledgement but the number of people is too great to name here. These people know who they are and I hope they know their service is valued. I must however name Christina Erwin, who manages our Parish Office. Christina and I have worked together every day for almost 10 years. She is a loyal and competent member of staff who does far more to make the parish work than parishioners will ever know. We are very lucky to have her amongst us.

In a general way I want to thank all parishioners who have accepted me and my ministry in this place and worked with me to build the life of the parish. Many people have allowed me into special moments in their lives and this has helped me to grow in faith and life. I sincerely thank you for your acceptance and loyalty and thank God for what we have been able to achieve together.

Lastly I thank God for God's grace and love that has enabled me. If I have achieved anything it is through God's grace and power alone and not mine.

Be assured that you will all remain in my prayers and thoughts as I move to new duties in the Diocese. I am not retiring from ministry but continuing as Archdeacon of South Canberra and in several new diocesan capacities. I am also taking up a research fellowship with Charles Sturt University and continuing to teach at St Mark's National Theological Centre.

Blessings and prayers for you all as I leave and as you continue to worship God and serve your neighbour. It has been an honour to be the ninth Rector of Manuka.

As is normal I include a table of attendances for the last three years.

Statistics

Sunday Services	Average Number of People 2017	Average Number of People 2016	Average Number of People 2015
7.00 am	8	10	8
8.00 am	40	34	32
10.00 am	150	136	126

Other Services (average attendance)

10.00 am Wednesday Eucharist	11	11	10
6.00 pm Choral Evensong	100	89	51

Home, Hospital and Aged Care Facilities Communion: 1,000 over the year.

Other special services: about 1,000 people in attendance over the year.

	2017	2016	2015
Easter Attendance	1336	1085	1218
Christmas Attendance	1352	1375	1359

Other occasional services throughout the year were as follows:

Service	2017	2016	2015
Baptisms	27	38	35
Marriages	6	7	9
Funerals	28	20	16
Confirmees	0	3	0
Admitted to Holy Communion	0	3	0

Brian Douglas

St Paul's Wardens' Report

Churchwardens and their responsibilities

In accordance with the Governance of the Diocese Ordinance, there are three church Wardens, two elected by the members of the Parish at the Annual General Meeting (Bruce Glendinning and Robert Deane) and one appointed by the Rector (Ingrid Moses).

Under the Governance of the Diocese Ordinance, the churchwardens for a worship centre are responsible to the Bishop and the parish council for –

- (a) ensuring the provision of all things necessary for the conduct of public worship at that worship centre;
- (b) the maintenance in good order and repair of the property of or used by the worship centre;
- (c) the safekeeping of parish registers and other parish records;
- (d) the maintenance in good order and repair of the rectory, other houses provided for the staff of the parish and other parish property.

The churchwardens of the parish have a duty to provide a written report to the Bishop, signed by a majority of them, on any serious irregularities in the performance of public worship or any wilful neglect of duty or any serious misconduct on the part of the rector.

The wardens, together with the Rector and the parish treasurer form the executive committee of Parish Council.

Worship at St Paul's

St Paul's continues to be well served by its clergy, led by the Rector, the Venerable Dr. Brian Douglas and the Rev'd Alipate Tuineau while the Rev'd John Campbell and the Rev'd Peter Malone serve St David's.

A significant event in the life of the parish was the ordination of the Rev'd Kelvin Harris in May. Particularly pleasing was the agreement of Bishop Robinson that the ordination should take place in St Paul's. Kelvin remained with St Paul's until December when he took up his appointment as a Naval chaplain at HMAS Stirling in Western Australia.

There has been a steady increase in the number of communicants attending Sunday worship over the last twelve months, now averaging 162 persons. In part, this increase is the result of the closure of services at St Luke's, Deakin and St Paul's Anglican chapel at RMC.

The workload for the clergy team continues to increase as the ageing of the congregation increases the number of home and hospital visits. In addition, the Rector's duties as Archdeacon for South Canberra occupy a considerable proportion of his time.

The Rector has needed and has been assisted by a strong team of Honorary Clergy: The Venerable John Gibson, the Venerable Hartley Hansford, the Rev'd Dr. John Moses, the Rev'd Sandie Kaine, the Rev'd Robert Willson, the Rev'd Elaine Farmer and the Rev'd Emma Street.

Music is an integral part of worship at St Paul's and the parish is fortunate to have Matthew Stuckings as Director of Music, seven fine organists and an outstanding choir. Choral Evensong has become a major focus of worship at St Paul's with the choir augmented by the choir *Igitur Nos*.

Rector's Retirement

The Rector has announced that he will retire on 10 August 2018. Bishop Stuart Robinson has appointed the Rev'd Guy Matthews, the rector of Curtin to chair the Clergy Appointments Board to conduct the search for a new rector. The Parish has three representatives on the CAB, Lynette Glendinning, Matthew Stuckings and Robert Deane. The Bishop has announced the Diocesan representatives, Wayne Harris, the Rev'd Linda McMinn and the Rev'd Andrew Taylor. The Bishop has appointed the Rev'd Guy Matthews, the Area Dean of South Canberra and rector of church of the Good Shepherd, Curtin to chair the CAB.

Mission and Outreach

Outreach takes many forms at St Paul's, some highly visible and others, no less valuable, taking place in the background. Education for Ministry, a four-year study course, has been offered at St Paul's for many years and continues to serve the needs of those who seek a deeper understanding of their faith. The Rev'd Kelvin Harris continued the twice-weekly Bible study classes that were established last year. These average some 20 participants each week. Lenten studies courses continue to be well attended, attracting both parishioners and people from outside the parish.

Many parishioners take an active part in preparing and participating in worship at St Paul's. There is a regular roster of parishioners, including some of the younger generation, for service in the sanctuary team, in reading the lessons and intersessions, and as sidespersons welcoming parishioners to services. Others, perhaps less visible, purchase and arrange the flowers that decorate the church each week, while others prepare the altar for worship for special services in addition to the normal weekly services. Not least of these groups are the St Paul's bellringers, recognised nationally for their professional skill and much appreciated by the congregation.

Parishioners of St Paul's are closely involved in a number of outreach programs. The Veranda, a friendship and welfare program conducted in the Stuart Flats thrice weekly, providing food and basic necessities for those in need, and an opportunity for fellowship. The parish also runs the Trading Table, the proceeds of which support the funding of the Migrant and Refugee Support Services after school tuition program.

At a wider level, the St Paul's and St David's Refugee Support Team runs a range of activities in the parish to support refugees and asylum seekers living in our community and on Manus Island. The parish International Outreach Committee co-ordinates a range of parish projects in developing countries and responds to natural disasters in those countries.

Safe Shelter

Members of Parish Council have done extensive work in seeking and distributing information, arranging presentations to Parish Council, and meeting with other organisations to ascertain the need for Safe Shelter in South Canberra and the feasibility of St Paul's leading a consortium of inner south churches in providing safe shelter for homeless older women. This would complement the provision, by a variety of churches in the inner north, for homeless men, among them All Saints' Ainslie which provides homeless men two nights a week during the cold months of April to October with accommodation in their church hall.

While the Parish Council has voted for St Paul's to provide safe shelter, a risk assessment needs yet to be done. The Parish will only proceed if current groups renting or using the Hall can be accommodated, and the cost of making the Mollison Room ready for sleeping and showering is affordable. At the last PC meeting a motion to trial providing shelter 5 nights a week was proposed and carried, subject to discussion with our tenants and taking into consideration the capital outlay to upgrade showers and to make our facilities generally acceptable. Subsequently, as a result of discussion with our tenants who all advised they would not continue to use our premises if we proceeded, and estimating the cost of facility upgrades the Parish finances would be stretched approx. \$20k therefore in discussion with the Wardens it was decided not to proceed at this stage.. The matter has been referred back to Parish Council.

The Diocesan Development at St Paul's

The Wardens have had several meetings with the Registrar of the Diocese and others to discuss the Bishop's vision for the re-development of the site at St Paul's. Presently, there are two other sites being considered by the Diocese for re-development and these will precede the development of St Paul's. The timing of these plans is in part influenced by the ACT Government's plans for the demolition and re-development of the Stuart Flats site and new building codes for Canberra Avenue.

Ingrid Moses	Rector's Warden
Robert Deane	People's Warden
Bruce Glendinning	People's Warden

Minutes of 2017 AGM of St David's

Held 19th March 2017

Opened at 10.15am with prayer led by the Rev'd Canon John Campbell, who chaired the meeting.

Present: 23 members as per attendance sheet
8 apologies as per attendance sheet

The Minutes of the 2016 AGM were confirmed without alteration.

Moved: Duncan Anderson. *Seconded:* Caroline Shelton

Business Arising:

Nil

Reports:

1. *Pastor's Report:* Canon Campbell presented an oral report in which he thanked all for their support, attendance and work undertaken. He especially thanked the St Paul's clergy for maintaining services during his illness. Canon Campbell also especially thanked the Wardens and Vestry for their support and work throughout the year. Acceptance of the report was *moved* by Canon Campbell and *seconded* by Lorraine Litster.
2. *Wardens' Report:* The Wardens' Report was presented by Lorraine Litster (see pp 15 and 16 of *2017 Annual Reports*). Acceptance of report was *moved* by Lorraine Litster; *seconded* by Eleanor Scott-Findlay.
3. *Treasurer's Report:* The Treasurer's Report was presented by Duncan Anderson. Acceptance of report was *moved* by Duncan Anderson; *seconded* by Lorraine Litster.

Canon Campbell *moved* a vote of thanks for the Wardens' and Treasurer's reports and thanks for their work. *Carried* by acclamation.

Elections

1. *People's Warden*: Lorraine Litster was elected unanimously as the People's Warden. Duncan Anderson was appointed as the Rector's Warden.
2. *Vestry*: Peter Morris and Helen Clarke were elected in 2016 and will serve until 2018. Robert Goodrich and Cate Evans were both elected, unopposed. Caroline Shelton and Amanda Lynch were appointed as the Rector's nominations to Vestry.

General Business

Rosemary Carter raised the matter of the Flower Roster and some related matters including:

- There was a need for more people on the roster.
- Although there were usually three vases in use, a lesser number was quite acceptable.
- The matter of use of artificial flowers was briefly discussed.
- Where volunteers purchased flowers, they were encouraged to claim a refund through the Treasurer.
- The use of the tray mobile and water jugs could make it easier to arrange the flowers.
- Whenever there were suitable flowers and greenery in the church gardens, they could be used in an arrangement.

A positive and worthwhile discussion ensued.

Close

The meeting was closed with the Grace at 10.40am.

St David's, Red Hill Wardens' report

Opening

St David's continues to be a worshipping and caring community. We have continued to benefit from the ministry of the Rev'd Canon John Campbell as our pastor. We greatly appreciate him being the regular celebrant at our Sunday and Thursday services, as well as his pastoral ministry and his leadership of the vestry. We also appreciate the attendance of the rector and other parish and visiting clergy on occasion. In 2018 we look forward to having Rev Peter Malone, who is the warden at the Close, taking a more active role in our worship following his ordination as a priest.

The feeling of belonging in the St David's community has always been enhanced by regular social events. For the past few years we have had a regular program of events – autumn barbeque; winter soup, pie and film night; spring garden party and advent carol service. These events have also included residents of St David's Close and have served as a useful bridge between the residents and the congregation.

Care for our community

St David's immediate community is St. David's Close and a significant number of our congregation dwell there. We often welcome new residents of the Close into the St David's congregation, as they settle into life in Red Hill. We also seek to be involved in the broader Red Hill and South Canberra community, though our efforts in that area have not been as strong in recent years. St David's has been a long term supporter of The Verandah, which supports residents of the Stuart Flats.

Spiritual Growth

St David's congregation's spiritual life is nourished by traditional Anglican worship – strong liturgy, good music and thoughtful preaching. This is supplemented by other activities such as a Lenten bible study and further opportunities for growth by engaging with the wider Canberra Christian community.

Asset Management

We have had one significant maintenance issue during 2017. Investigations of a leaking pipe lead us to the realisation that we need major works to upgrade the aging pipework in the church. This is expected to be completed by March 2018. Other minor works included electrical switchboard and lighting upgrades and the installation of an air conditioner in the community room. Issues to be addressed in 2018 include the paving outside the community room and much delayed work on the drainage and garden near the shed.

A number of maintenance and social issues are jointly handled by the church and Anglicare, which manages the Close. To facilitate this, we have set up a consultative group called the Vestry, Anglicare, Close Consultative Committee (VACCC). This has representatives of the vestry, Anglicare and Close residents and will assist with managing areas of joint responsibility. The 3 year MOU between the parish and Anglicare was also renewed in 2017, substantially unchanged from the previous version.

Finances

St David's finances have remained in a reasonably healthy state. Though we continue to run small deficits each year (\$3,698 in 2017), we still have a significant cash balance (\$23,865), mostly built up from previous garage sales and this will serve us for some years yet. Note that the funds received in the collection plate and by direct debit from parishioners go to parish funds, and the parish pays most major bills. St David's funds are only used for social events, minor maintenance and charitable donations. In 2017 We donated \$500 to the Verandah, \$500 to ABM, \$500 to the Christmas Bowl, \$300 to the Compassion Australia water and sanitation project and \$200 to Anglicare.

St David's Congregation Statistics

It can be seen from the figures that average attendance at the Sunday service declined slightly from 34 to 32 in 2017. Attendance at the Thursday services however increased, from an average of 6 to 8. There was also a significant increase in the number of home/hospital communions, reflecting our aging congregation.

Thanks

Our priest Rev John Campbell deserves our special thanks as do the other priests in the parish who serve St David's. Robert Goodrick continues to enhance the quality of our worship as our organist, and occasional choirmaster. Many other tasks are also undertaken that contribute to the smooth running of the church: readers, sidespeople, intercessors, liturgical assistants, flower arrangers, vestry members, morning tea providers, gardeners, and others. St David's is blessed that a high proportion of the congregation is involved with the affairs of our church and participates in real and meaningful ways in our continuing worship and community.

Duncan Anderson

February 2018

St David's Statistics 2017

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<i>Sunday Service</i>					
- Average Attendance	32	34	32	31	37
- Average Communicants	31	32	31	31	36
- Total Attendance	1686	1731	1667	1586	1933
- Total Communicants	1646	1675	1629	1574	1847
<i>Thursday Service</i>					
- Average Attendance	8	6	9	8	8
- Total Attendance	386	230	390	352	353
<i>Pastoral Services</i>					
- Baptisms	0	2	0	0	3
- Weddings	1	0	0	0	0
- Funerals / Memorials	1	7	2	3	6
- Home / Hospital Communion	25	16	9	na	na
Total Attendance all Services	2250	2073	2225	2148	2388
Total Communicants all Services	2091	1915	2079	2001	2290
<i>Special Events Attendance</i>					
- Ash Wednesday	9	10	10	-	-
- St David's Day	63	60	63	38	77
- Good Friday	44	37	28	31	35
- Easter Day	50	42	58	57	75
- St Francis, Blessing of the Animals	34	34	33	36	-
- Carol Service	70	65	75	100	90
- Christmas Day	55	65	55	79	67
<i>Finances</i>					
- Total envelopes	\$12,088	\$11,199	\$14,219	\$17,616	\$16,844
- Total loose plate	\$9,913	\$9,735	\$7,385	\$9,169	\$15,828
- Direct Debit	\$17,220	\$16,160	\$14,676	\$14,780	\$12,900
- Total giving	\$39,221	\$37,093	\$36,280	\$41,565	\$45,572
- Mission*	\$342	\$413	\$267	\$253	\$520
* Mostly Good Friday (Jerusalem & Middle East). Does not include donations from vestry funds					
<i>Celebrants</i>					
John Campbell	88	56	94	-	-
Brian Douglas	6	16	6	30	36
Robert Willson	5	8	-	9	12
John Gibson	3	15	1	12	11
Kelvin Harris	2	-	-	-	-

Parish of Manuka Audit Report



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PARISH OF MANUKA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED** **31 DECEMBER 2017**

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Parish of Manuka
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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PART A – FINANCIAL REPORT

I have audited the Financial Statements comprising the Balance Sheet and the Trading and Profit and Loss Statement and other explanatory notes of the Parish of Manuka for the year ended 31 December, 2017.

The Parish of Manuka's responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Parish of Manuka is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial Statements and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Parish of Manuka's governing rules and to meet the needs of the members. The Parish of Manuka's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITOR'S responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the Financial Statements based on the audit. I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Parish of Manuka. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Parish of Manuka members.

The Financial Statements have been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Parish of Manuka's financial reporting requirements under the Parish's governing rules and regulatory requirements.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the Financial Statements to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirement relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Parish of Manuka's preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Parish of Manuka's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Parish of Manuka, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

Parish of Manuka INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditor's opinion

In my opinion the Financial Statements present fairly in all material respects in accordance with accounting policies adopted by the Parish of Manuka in determining the financial position of the Parish of Manuka for the 31 December, 2017 financial year and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

PART B – COMPLIANCE

Parish of Manuka's responsibility for compliance

The Parish of Manuka is responsible for complying with the any requirements of the Parish of Manuka's governing rules.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance based on the audit. I have conducted tests in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards as necessary to provide reasonable assurance whether the Parish of Manuka has complied, in all material respects, with all requirements of the Parish of Manuka's governing rules and applicable accounting standards.

My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with those governing rules.

These tests have not been performed continuously throughout the period and were not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditor's opinion

In my opinion, the Parish of Manuka have complied in all material respects, with the requirements of the Parish of Manuka's governing rules and applicable accounting standards in the formulation of the Financial Statements for the financial year ending 31 December, 2017

Brendan Comensoli
Public Accountant



Signature of approved auditor:

Parish of Manuka Statement of Funds

PARISH OF MANUKA

STATEMENT OF FUNDS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
ACCUMMULATED FUNDS		
Retained Surplus	211,947	203,539
	<u>211,947</u>	<u>203,539</u>
Represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Petty Cash	126	173
Cash at Bank - Main	42,539	31,412
Cash at Bank - Property Trust	113,504	111,738
Cash at Bank - Special Purpose Monies	9,530	9,942
Cash at Bank - Term Deposit	31,062	40,602
Trade Debtors	-	90
Income in Advance - St David's Ministry	6,531	(700)
GST Paid	2,792	3,032
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>206,084</u>	<u>196,289</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		
Plant & Equipment	32,161	29,526
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-27,366	-26,740
	<u>4,795</u>	<u>2,786</u>
Motor Vehicles	45,328	45,328
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-41,931	-41,082
	<u>3,397</u>	<u>4,246</u>
Furniture & Fittings	62,254	62,254
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-59,298	-58,560
	<u>2,956</u>	<u>3,694</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>11,148</u>	<u>10,726</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	<u>11,148</u>	<u>10,726</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>217,232</u>	<u>207,015</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
GST Collected	57	598
Credit Cards - Visa	1,817	1,358
Income in Advance - Missions	2,876	935
Key Deposits Held	535	585
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>5,285</u>	<u>3,476</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>5,285</u>	<u>3,476</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>211,947</u>	<u>203,539</u>

Income and Expenditure Statement

PARISH OF MANUKA

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
INCOME		
Offertory Collections & Pledges	343,615	306,938
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	8,669	1,796
Parking Fees	24,034	26,589
Church & Hall Hire	15,323	15,609
Fete	18,035	12,216
Op - Shop	4,381	5,409
	<u>414,057</u>	<u>368,557</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Received	7,060	8,449
Donations Received	6,617	945
Other Fundraising	3,000	4,960
Sundry Income	-96	339
Movement in Investment Value	8,166	5,780
	<u>24,747</u>	<u>20,473</u>
	<u>438,804</u>	<u>389,030</u>
EXPENSES		
Accountancy & Audit Fees	30	50
Advertising	314	314
Bank Charges	378	239
Cleaning	10,295	11,943
Clergy Costs	21,034	25,600
Depreciation	2,213	2,690
Diocesan Contribution	53,392	54,255
Electricity	10,404	9,283
Equipment Minor	328	558
Flowers & Decorations	1,831	1,195
Gas	2,299	1,394
Hospitality Costs	808	1,455
Insurance	12,966	15,883
Internet Costs	379	1,438
Long Service Leave Levy	3,035	3,631
Mission & Outreach Costs	150	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	5,930	5,919
Music Costs	-	2,476
Office Consumables	357	797
Printing, Postage & Stationery	6,491	6,561
Professional Development	2,137	2,360
Repairs & Maintenance	16,094	14,516
Sanctuary Costs	2,497	2,336
Security Costs	10,452	10,473
St David's Expenses	6,400	2,520
Subscriptions	2,432	2,877
Sundry Expenses	1,455	1,158
Synod Expenses	627	418
Superannuation Contributions - Clergy	28,319	19,418
Superannuation Contributions - Other	5,176	5,261
Telephone	4,499	3,030
Wages - Clergy	157,614	122,441
Wages - Office Staff & Others	55,419	56,878
Water & Sewerage	3,241	2,816
Welfare Costs	1,400	1,616
	<u>430,396</u>	<u>393,799</u>
NET PROFIT/LOSS	<u>8,408</u>	<u>(4769)</u>

Notes:

1. Assets allocated to taxation pools are not included in this report.

2. Where a taxation pool is set up refer to the relevant pool schedule report for details of decline in value for the pool.

3. For disposed assets that have non-taxable use refer to Capital Gains Schedule report for any gain or loss resulting from a CGT K7 event.

4. The Open Adj. Value includes second element of cost (additional expense) incurred in the current year. Hence, this amount may vary from the Close Adj. Value from the previous year.

Special purpose accounts 2017

These are reserved funds which don't show up in the regular Income and Expenditure statement, but do show up on the Balance Sheet.

	Balance as at 1-Jan-17	Receipts	Expenses	Balance as at 31-Dec-17
Prison Chaplaincy	0.00	\$1,447.50	\$1,447.50	0.00
Hall Restoration	\$4,546.56	\$0	\$250.00	\$4,296.56
Verandah	\$78.33	\$1,110.00	\$1,173.79	\$14.54
Anglicare	\$2.95			\$2.95
Good Friday - Jerusalem	\$20.00	\$1,399.60	\$1,419.60	0.00
Memorial Plaques	\$951.50	\$3,443.00	\$3,443.00	\$951.50
Key Deposits	\$540.00	\$60.00	\$110.00	\$490.00
Trading Table	\$0	\$2,583.60	\$2,583.60	\$0
Choir Funds	\$201.14	\$35.45	\$0	\$236.59
Carpenter Kids	\$435.70	\$1,164.00	\$1,599.70	\$0
Anglican Overseas Aid	\$7.75	\$400.36	\$400.36	\$7.75
Heritage Fund Transfers	\$5,316.38	\$5,912.50	\$5,480.00	\$4,883.88
Ross/Thorn Bequest for St. David's	\$111,737.64	\$7,299.69	\$9,065.56	\$113,503.51

Budget for the Parish of Manuka - 2018

Income	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Offertory/Collection - Envelopes	\$65,467.30	\$70,000
Offertory/Collection - Loose	\$84,816.50	\$90,000.00
Direct Debits	\$193,330.85	\$203,000.00
<i>Total Giving</i>	<i>\$343,614.65</i>	<i>\$363,000.00</i>
Weddings	\$3,320.00	\$1,500.00
Baptisms	\$2,199.30	\$2,000.00
Funeral Fees	\$3,150.00	\$3,500.00
Parking Fees	\$24,034.40	\$26,000.00
Church and Hall Hire	\$15,322.50	\$16,000.00
Memorial Garden	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Memorial Book	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fete	\$18,035.04	\$15,000.00
Op Shop	\$4,380.65	\$5,000.00
Donations	\$6,617.00	\$2,000.00
Sundry Income	(-\$95.84)	\$500.00
Interest Income	\$7,059.53	\$9,000.00
Movement in Investment Value	\$8,165.87	\$7,000.00
Total Income	\$438,803.10	\$453,500.00

Expense	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Stipend	\$150,978.63	\$162,000
Ministry Allowance	\$6,635.30	\$7,000
Clergy Superannuation	\$28,318.77	\$26,500
Long Service Leave Levy	\$3,035.30	\$3,000.00
Housing Allowance	\$20,800.00	\$23,000.00
St David's Ministry Allowance		
Visting Clergy	\$233.50	\$1,000.00
Clergy Development	\$2,079.54	\$2,000.00
Office Wages	\$46,562.18	\$49,000
Office Superannuation	\$4,388.54	\$4,500
Staff Training	\$57.50	\$500
Verger Wages	\$525.00	\$500
Verger Superannuation	\$0.00	\$0
Diocesan Contribution	\$53,391.96	\$50,000
Insurances	\$12,965.56	\$13,000
Synod Expenses	\$627.14	\$500
Organ Tuning	\$0.00	\$0
Sanctuary	\$2,496.80	\$2,500
Director of Music - Wages	\$8,331.40	\$9,000
Director of Music - Super	\$787.04	\$1,000
Flowers	\$1,831.26	\$1,500
Hospitality	\$807.62	\$1,500
Music - Other	\$0.00	\$0
Motor Vehicle	\$5,934.14	\$9,000
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$16,093.76	\$20,000
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$3,500
Cleaning	\$10,294.86	\$12,000
Security	\$10,452.24	\$10,500
Telephone	\$4,498.62	\$6,000
Electricity	\$10,403.84	\$12,000
Gas	\$2,298.67	\$3,000
Water & Sewerage	\$3,241.43	\$3,000
Internet & Email	\$378.52	\$500
Advertising	\$313.64	\$500
Postage, Printing & Stationery	\$6,490.58	\$7,000
Office Consumables	\$356.97	\$500
Office Equipment Maintenance	\$327.50	\$500
Audit and Accounting Fees	\$411.25	\$500
Credit Card Fees & Charges	\$0.00	\$0
Payroll Admin Fees	\$0.00	\$0
Welfare & Missions	\$1,550.06	\$2,500
Subscriptions	\$2,431.57	\$3,000
Sundry Expenses	\$1,455.37	\$1,500
Total Expense	\$421,786	\$453,500.00
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$17,017	\$0.00

Treasurer's Report - Parish of Manuka

2017 Accounts

The parish achieved a surplus of \$ 17,017 in 2017. This was an increase as against the deficit of \$4,769 in 2016.

Due to the collection drive in 2017, the collection through Envelopes increased by 16.5%, the loose collection increased by 38.5% and the Direct Debits increased by 4.7%.

As the parish was in a healthy financial position in 2015, no specific drive was held in 2016 to increase the giving.

The fete in 2017 this year generated \$18,035.04 as against \$12,215.76 in 2016.

2018 – Budget

This year we are in a position where there is no surplus in the budget.

However, in order to meet the potential increased accommodation and vehicle expenses of the new rector an increase in the giving is required.

Of the income of our budget, 80% makes up the giving by the parishioners. This is quite hard to predict and fluctuates year to year. In 2017 we had an increase and this trend needs to continue in 2018.

Therefore, we need to have a drive to increase the giving. If not, this will be a very difficult challenge to cope with in the next year.

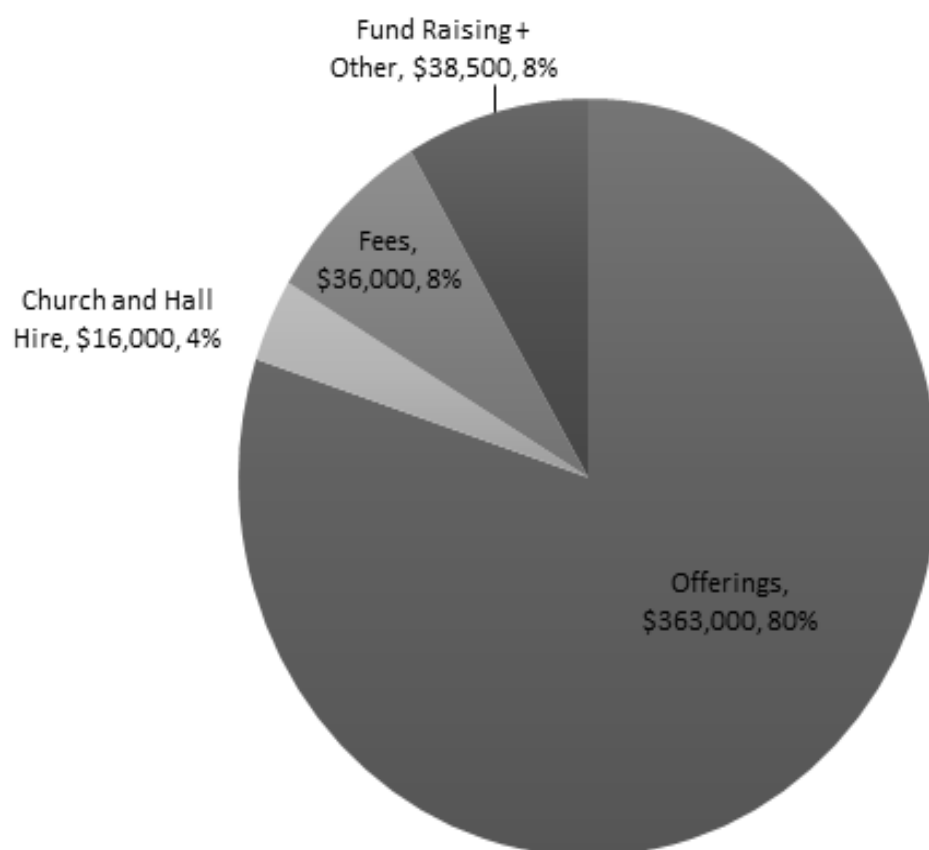
Thanks

I would like to thank Christina Erwin in the parish office for her commitment and professionalism she brings to the book keeping role. The advice and assistance provided by Kathleen Hesling and other Bates and Pickering Staff, without charge, is also much appreciated.

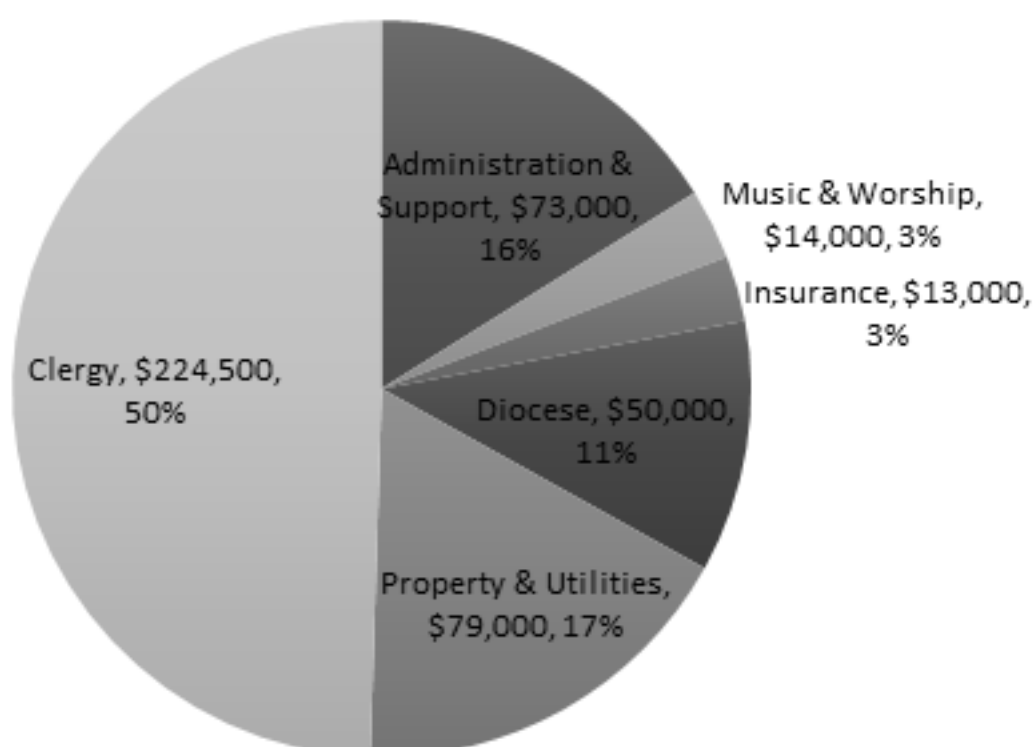
Naresh Gunasekera

Treasurer, Parish of Manuka

2018 Budgetted Income



2018 Budgetted Expenditure



St David's, Red Hill, Audit report

Audit Report

I have audited the books and records Of the St David's Red Hill for period 01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017 and report as follows;

1. It is not practicable to establish control over income such as donations and sales until entry into accounting records. My audit in relation to this income was limited to the amounts recorded.

Subject to the above comments, in my opinion:

I have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of my audit and

To the best of my information, the attached Reports dated 31/12/2017 are drawn up in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and provide a true and fair view of the Financial Affairs of the Association.

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20/02/18

St David's Income and Expenditure

St David's Red Hill

Statement of Income and Expenditure

01 January to 31 December 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Donations	\$1,190.40	\$2,000.00
Hall Hire	\$750.00	\$1,450.00
Interest	\$68.02	\$95.40
Sale of Jam	<u>\$2.50</u>	<u>\$52.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,010.92	\$3,597.40
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Maintenance	\$2,817.46	\$4,231.57
Donations*	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00
Catering	\$519.46	\$611.05
Presentations	\$150.00	\$204.55
Printing/Post	\$112.73	\$130.00
Flowers	<u>\$109.09</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Expenditure	\$5,708.74	\$6,977.16
Excess of Expenditure over Income	\$3,697.82	\$3,379.76

* In 2017 \$500 was given to The Verandah, \$500 to ABM,
\$500 to the Christmas Bowl, \$300 to Compassion and \$200 to Anglicare

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Opening Balance	\$27,753.25	\$31,498.59
Previous year GST refunds	\$0.00	\$373.48
Current year GST spent	-\$190.72	-\$739.06
Current year GST refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deficit	<u>-\$3,697.82</u>	<u>-\$3,379.76</u>
Closing Balance	\$23,864.71	\$27,753.25
Balance as per bank statement 31 December	\$25,790.31	\$28,109.51
Add unbanked deposits	\$0.00	\$800.00
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>-\$1,925.60</u>	<u>-\$1,156.26</u>
Book balance as at 31 December	\$23,864.71	\$27,753.25

*6200 to 3. AAR
20/02/18*

Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation

The Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation was established by Deed of Trust on 17th May, 2000 and operated as a Trust for the provision of money, property or other benefits for purposes referred to in subdivision 30-D and 30-F of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1977, that are for the enhancement of the artistic and cultural life of the Anglican Parish of Manuka, and the community it serves. In this way the Mission of the Church is advanced in a creative way for the effectiveness of the gospel. In particular the St Paul's Manuka Arts Foundation exists to support the work of:

- Choral and instrumental music
- Crafts
- Painting and sculpture
- Drama, and
- Poetry and other literary works.

Three Trustees are appointed by the Parish Council of the Parish of Manuka, one of whom is the Rector. At present the Trustees are the Rector, The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas, Mrs Heather Seymour and Mr Len Goodwin. The Trustees are not entitled to receive any money from the Trust but have the task of administering how the money is used under the provisions of the Deed of Trust.

Funds received by the Foundation in 2017 totalled \$23,150.00. An amount of \$8.09 was received as interest, making a total of \$23,158.09 in receipts.

In 2017, \$21,329.63 from the Foundation provided funds for the purchase and installation of the St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Chamber Organ and music for worship. In addition \$1615.00 was paid as an organ scholarship, making total expenditure \$22,944.63.

Donations are always welcome to continue the valuable work of supporting the arts in the parish. All money donated to the Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation is tax deductible and receipts are issued by the Trustees for all money received. The Arts Foundation is subject to an annual independent audit by an accountant and regular reporting to the Department of Regional Australia Local Government, Arts and Sport. The Foundation also reports to the Parish at the Annual General meeting.

The Trustees are grateful to all those who have supported the Foundation and contributed generously by their gifts of time and money.

The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas
Mr Len Goodwin
Mrs Heather Seymour
TRUSTEES

Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation

Audit Report 2017



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AUDIT REPORT

To the Members,

PARISH OF MANUKA ARTS FOUNDATION

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2017, comprising a Statement of Funds and Statement of Income and Expenditure. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members of the Foundation for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or of any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

It is not practical for the Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation to maintain an effective system of internal control over monies deposited until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to monies deposited was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Report

In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation presents fairly the assets and liabilities at 31 December 2017 and the income and expenditure of the association for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting used by the Committee.

BATES & PICKERING
22nd February 2018

Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation

Statement of Funds

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Retained Surplus	10,091	9,878
	<u>10,091</u>	<u>9,878</u>
Represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	10,312	9,878
GST Paid	379	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>10,691</u>	<u>9,878</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>10,691</u>	<u>9,878</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Other Creditors	600	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>

Parish of Manuka Arts Foundation

Statement of Income and Expenditure

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
INCOME		
Donations	23,150	8,550
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Received	8	5
	<u>23,158</u>	<u>8,555</u>
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	1	3
Carols and Music	4,657	3,438
Organ St Paul's	16,672	-
Scholarships	1,615	475
	<u>22,945</u>	<u>3,916</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	<u>213</u>	<u>4,639</u>

National Trust of Australia (ACT)

St Paul's Church, Manuka,

Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund

The Appeal Fund was established under a Trust Deed between the National Trust of Australia (ACT), The Anglican Church Property Trust, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn and the Parish Council of St Paul's. Donations to the Fund are tax deductible. According to the Trust Deed, the Trustees of the Fund are to be the Rector, three persons appointed by the Parish Council, and one appointed by the National Trust of Australia (ACT).

At the start of the year the National Trust representative continued to be Jim Nockels and four parish members during 2017 who were Sandy White (Chair), The Venerable Dr Brian Douglas, Ingrid Moses, and Mary Pollard. Towards the end of the year, Peter McDermott replaced Sandy White as Chair (November 2017).

The role of the Trustees is to ensure that expenditure is provided for the conservation of the Church, Church buildings and Landscape in accordance with the Approved Conservation Plan.

The Trustees did not hold a meeting during 2017 and conducted decision-making by email.

During the reporting period \$5,200 was received for Trust-approved projects (including a second and final tranche of \$2,000 from the ACT Government) for final payment for construction of the Western Doors.

The Trustees of the Fund consider all projects proposed by the Parish Council and then transfer an appropriate contribution to the Parish. The Parish Council then manages the projects, with the Trust raising funds as required and monitors compliance with ATO and other agency guidelines. The Parish pays the accounts and claims GST refunds on invoices. This means that the Balance Statement for the Fund does not clearly map onto Parish accounts due to differing accounting standards being used. The Trust operates on a financial year basis, which is also the calendar year. Financial summary is shown below:

Fiscal/Calendar Year 2017

Opening Balance	\$2,548.70
Credits	
Donations	\$1,100.00
Interest	\$ 4.34
<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>\$1,104.34</i>
Debits	
Transfers To Parish	\$3,300.00
Total Debits	\$3,300.00
Net	(\$2,195.66)
Closing Balance	\$ 303.04

The single project completed this year was the replacement of the main entry doors. The Heritage Trust and Parish Council were again successful in attracting ACT Heritage Grant funding of \$5,000, which was supplemented by internal funding, donations, and costed parishioner skills, to a total of \$10,000 plus GST for the doors project.

The Trustees express their thanks to those parishioners who generously donate to the Fund. They have recognised the importance of preserving our historic church. The Trustees are also most grateful to the ACT Heritage Grants Program for financial support to allow completion of important renovation. Over the past years, the contributions from the Heritage trust fell short in covering the last two major projects (cracking in church walls and the replacement doors) by \$2,884.

As Chairman, I also wish to thank the Trustees for their thoughtful and helpful support and contributions to the work of the Appeal Fund.

Peter McDermott, Chair,

National Trust of Australia (ACT) St Paul's Church, Manuka, Heritage Conservation Appeal Fund.

23 February 2018

St Paul's Fête

The Fête not only helped Parish finances but brought together parishioners and created links with the community. The summer weather provided a fantastic backdrop to the festive atmosphere created by stalls arrayed under the trees, gazebos and the marquee.

The Fête would not have been possible or as profitable without the hard work of all involved – particularly the dedicated team who spent two weeks setting-up the hall prior to the Fête day. Much needed muscle was provided by Kelvin and Alipati as well.

The Fête income after costs was over \$19000 All stalls did exceedingly well with Books and White Elephant accounting for nearly 34% of this, Raffle 14% Cakes 10%.

We are aiming for the 2018 Fête to be held on the first Saturday in November.

To keep the Fête fresh and interesting, please let Rod King know if you have suggestions whether for stalls, entertainment or exhibitions. Should we shift the start time to the afternoon? A portable PA may be available next year, so we hope that we will be able to mothball the loud hailer.

Rod King

Fête convenor

Director of Music Report

We have an enviable team of musicians at St Paul's. Our team of seven organists was recently reduced to six with the departure of Dr Peter Pocock to Wagga Wagga. We thank Peter for his expertise and many years of contribution to our musical life. Our remaining team of Chris Erskine, James Porteous, Mary Anne Neilsen, Adrian Keenan, Colleen Grafton-Green, and Susannah Bishop expertly cover at least 120 services each year between them, not including funerals, weddings, diocesan occasions and many other events.

Our monthly Choral Evensong on the third Sunday of the month continues to attract pleasing numbers both to the choir and the congregation. Because of the monthly rather than weekly commitment and the later time of day, we attract a regular cohort of singers to make a large, versatile group. We offer the opportunity to sing much of the great repertoire from the English cathedral tradition, including works by Stanford, Brewer, Wood, Morley, Byrd, and many others.

I am seeking to increase the number of singers in the parish choir. One way of doing this is by offering scholarships to capable tertiary students. As well as increasing the musical resources for the choir for any given service, I hope that this will provide opportunities for us to provide good general musical training, and to pass on our wonderful Anglican musical tradition to future generations.

We are sorry to farewell soon our soprano Michelle Eddy who has been with us for the last few years. She has accepted a job in the delightful Victorian town of Beechworth. We will miss her pure soprano tone, her punctuality, dedication, and delightful sense of humour. On the upside, a choir tour to the winery districts of her new home may be on the cards! We were thrilled to learn that our long-serving soprano Alpin Kansil had produced a son Jensen late last year, for whose baptism we sang in January.

I am pleased to report that I finished my law degree at the University of Sydney at the end of 2017 and am now based full-time in Canberra again, alleviating the weekly commute that I had made each week for the last three years to direct music at St Paul's. I am especially grateful to my friend and colleague Greta Claringbould who stepped into my shoes when I had commitments elsewhere. We owe her a tremendous debt for the splendid children's choir she assembled and directed for our Christmas Eve Children's Eucharist.

The members of my chamber choir Igitur Nos continue to make an impressive contribution to the musical life of the parish, joining us for our very popular carol service in December, and other liturgical occasions such as Ash Wednesday. They sang Tallis's stunning forty part motet *Spem in Alium* in a concert at St Paul's in March last year, and presented a concert of the music of Australian composer Penelope Thwaites in September.

One of last year's highlights was our midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve with an expanded choir and orchestra, welcoming in Christmas Day to a joyous *Hallelujah* by Handel. I am grateful to every member of the St Paul's Choir for their dedicated service to the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish. You are a pleasure to work with, you care about and look out for one another, and while you take the important role we play very seriously, you execute it with good humour and collegiality.

We publish current music lists on the parish website every month. We also have a Facebook page and I invite you to follow us to keep up to date with current musical news: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmanuka/>.

Deo Gratias.

Matthew Stuckings
Director of Music

Trading Table

1. The Trading Table seeks to demonstrate the values of our parish in:

a) Compassionate Service:

The aim of the Trading Tables is to provide financial assistance towards programs for young people with needs, generally within our local community in Canberra. Trading Tables have operated since 2000 after the 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. services. Since 2012 the Trading Table has raised funds to assist The Program for After School Studies (PASS), a program of the Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services (MARSS).

The Trading Tables aim to raise awareness within the parish of the needs of refugees. By contributing funds the parish helps to sustain and extend an invaluable service to refugees. Refugees have many needs and one of the most important ones, is the need to master English which will assist them not only at school but in the wider community, and later their employment prospects.

b) Outreach

PASS (Program for After School Studies) is a one-on-one coaching program for students from a non-English speaking background who have settled in Canberra. PASS has a large bank of volunteer tutors from various professional and academic backgrounds who volunteer their time to assist the students. Students who have arrived as humanitarian entrants or who are from migrant backgrounds can access this service for free. MARSS has thanked St Paul's contribution to this program in a letter to our Rector in February 2018.

“Your financial support helps to continue to grow our program which provides after school tutoring for school age students. Because of your generosity, we have been able to assist the academic development of 44 students between January 2017 and December 2017.

The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our program to exist and expand our reach to assist people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in the Canberra region.

As an organisation, our aim is to empower our clients to live meaningful and dignified lives, and we are grateful for donations such as yours which contribute to achieving our goal.

Thank you again, we greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.”

2. Other ways we have contributed to the community at St Paul's and St David's

The Trading Table has raised awareness within the parish community of a particular need of refugees and shown how in some small way, this can be addressed. Having raised the issue, the Trading Table has provided since 2012 an opportunity for people to support refugees.

3. Other ways we have connected with the wider community or wider church

The funds raised provide a connection to the wider community.

4. Highlights of the year

This year, thanks to the generosity and support of many parishioners, we raised a total of \$2,583.60

Sunday 12th March Books and Cakes \$406.00

Sunday 23rd July Cakes and Produce \$943.60

Sunday 10th December Christmas food and craft \$1,234.00

Total sent to MARSS \$2,583.60

5. Any other matters, e.g. future aims or challenges

We will continue to support PASS in 2018 with three Trading Tables. We are also in need of more volunteers in 2018.

6. Words of thanks

We would like to thank all those within the parish who so generously provided items for sale, the many parishioners who bought goods, and all those who contributed in any other way. I would particularly like to thank Michael Richards for running the bookstall and Beth Lee, Trish Levick, Margaret Roberts and Eileen Sykes for their continued contributions of craft.

Catherine Böhm

St Paul's And St David's Refugee Support Team

1. Opening

The Refugee Support Team (RST) was formed in early 2016 and raised awareness of charities such as Anglicare, Companion House and Sanctuary Australia, all involved in assisting refugees. These three were identified and funds were raised to support their work. For 2017, a more varied and engaging program helped to stimulate debate of refugee issues and how we might make a contribution to improving their circumstances.

2. Other ways we contributed to the community of St Paul's and St David's

Parishioners were drawn into varied activities during the year: fund raising lunches (the popular Fork & Talks), a movie night and stimulating guest speakers. A well-attended and fun, but challenging, quiz night saw tables of parishioners and guests competing to be the Top Team on the night. These offered new ways of raising the awareness of refugee issues as well as funds to support them.

3. Other ways we connected with the wider community

To support refugees in our community, our Emergency Linen Cupboard (ELC), became a repository for donated household linen and other items and also a fund for purchasing goods and services that might be urgently needed by refugee families. Goods were provided by parishioners, friends and other members of the community who shared concern for the refugees and asylum seekers in our community.

Sales of the very popular chutney to many inside and outside the church raised the profile of the ELC and helped raise funds and donations of linen items.

4. Highlights of the year

The year started with a popular and well attended Quiz Night on 24th February which featured the work of Sanctuary Australia and raised \$1,678.70 for their work.

A highlight of the year was the events conducted during Refugee Week, which commenced on Refugee Sunday on 17th June. The Rector's Refugee Sunday sermon set the scene for a focus on the plight of refugees in our community and the world beyond. Almost 100 people attended the Refugee Sunday Fork & Talk. Guest Speakers Sister Jane Keogh, representing the men in detention on Manus, and Mr Mustafa Ehsan, then Young Canberran of the Year, provided inspiring complementary narratives on refugees today.

A movie night during Refugee Week was attended by about 40 people and featured the movie "Constance on the Edge," a sensitive documentary of one on the life of a Sudanese asylum seeker family in Wagga Wagga.

Over \$4,000 was raised at the lunch and at the movie. The Canberra Refugee Support group received the \$1,344 for their CRS Scholarship Program in 2018. \$900 each, was distributed to the Canberra Baptist Church (for packages for their Manus Lives Matter Project) and to Companion House (to support the wellbeing and development of children) and the balance of \$1,000 to our ELC.

Another highlight of 2017 was the establishment and work of the ELC. During the year, items purchased included many doonas and covers, jackets, cots, blankets, mattresses other bedding and various garments. Over \$2,000 was spent on such purchases. Companion House and the Migrant and Refugee Support Services have needed to call upon our ELC with winter being the peak request time for warm bedding and clothing.

The 'Quilt Raffle' drawn on 27 August raised a lot of interest due to the wonderful design and skill shown in making the quilt and also raised \$1,185 to support refugees and asylum seekers in the Canberra area. Thank you to Beth Lee and Eileen Sykes for their great work in making the quilt.

5. Other matters: future aims or challenges

Refugee issues continue to be debated in the community. The RST aims to continue to raise awareness of those issues and the appropriate strategies needed to assist the refugees and asylum seekers, provide what support we can for these people within our own community and to raise funds to support the good work of other agencies dedicated to refugee support, locally and beyond.

6. Words of thanks

The RST wish to thank the many parishioners of St Paul's and St David's who have supported the work of the Team in 2017 and thank and congratulate the teams at Companion House, the Canberra Refugee Service and other charities supporting refugees and asylum seekers on their dedicated and important work over the last year.

Thanks to the St Paul's Parish team of our Rector the Venerable Dr Brian Douglas, Rector of Manuka and Archdeacon of South Canberra and the Parish Office Administrator Ms Christina Erwin for their invaluable great support and help over the year.

Les Böhm

For the St Paul's and St David's Refugee Support Team

23 February 2018

Aged Care Ministry

We thank God for the opportunity of allowing us to be part of His ministry in this age and generation. It is part of St Paul's ministry to reach out to everyone no matter who they are young, age or different races. And we give thanks to God for the Rector, Archdeacon Brian Douglas, for his determination and encouragement for this ministry to be continued each year so that the parish will be a blessing for our neighbours as well as for our parishioners who live in Aged Care facilities.

There are four main Aged Care centres that we look after: Baptist Care, Griffith; Jindalee, Narrabundah; Carey Gardens, Red Hill and Mountain View, Narrabundah. We conduct a Holy Eucharist monthly with the singing of hymns, reading of a passage from the scripture and a sermon. It is a blessing that we have some of the laity who are generous with their time to help out with the services. We are there to welcome the residents, hand out the hymn sheets and service sheets. Sometimes the laity help gather the residents from their rooms by wheel bed, wheel chair and walker. As we conduct the service they help to turn the pages and give direction if needed. We also pay urgent visits or give communion in residents' rooms if the staff of any of the Aged Care facilities request it. One resident in her eighties has asked for confirmation so that she will be able to receive communion. I did a funeral for one resident who passed away last year. And one of the residents was brought to our service and had been blessed before she rest in peace the following day.

Average numbers of attendees at these services is as follows:

Baptist Care – 25

Jindalee – 17

Mountain View – 15

Carey Garden – 4

Even though Carey Gardens only have a few, we still conduct the whole service. It was a blessing to be part of the Remembrance and ANZAC day services held in one of the centres where I was invited to say prayers, and also to be part of the morning teas where I can chat to the residents.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to those who participated in helping out with the services for without their commitment and contribution this outreach cannot be successful. We thank Claudia Hyles who plays the organ at Baptist Care and Jindalee, Mary Field who plays the organ at Mountain View, Penelope Lowery and Janet Graham who help out at Baptist Care, and the Rev'd Kay Pendlebury who helps at Jindalee. Anne and David Maybanks also help out in Mountain View. We also give thanks for the work of Fr Kelvin Harris who celebrated, preached and even played the recorder when the organist was away.

We pray that God will bless this ministry so that we are a blessing to the residents in these Aged Care facilities.

The Rev'd Alipate Tuineau

Education for Ministry

“Exploring faith matters”

Spiritual Growth and Christian Formation

In EfM, group members explore the relationship between their faith and the living of their lives, and reflect on how their faith informs their lives. This leads on to a discovery of their ministry in the world. It is a small and worshipful learning group, led by accredited volunteer mentors. Members work through a four-year program of guided scriptural and other reading, as well as regular theological reflection. At St Paul's we meet on a Monday evening for 36 weeks of the year. In 2017 we had six students, one of whom was from All Saints, Ainslie. Paul Williams, also from All Saints, was co-mentor. One student withdrew during the year due to ill health.

EfM contributes to the theological empowerment of the laity. Students often discover new ministries and look for different ways to contribute to the life of the church; others discover that what they do already is an important form of ministry. People grow in confidence and steadiness; knowing that their faith is reasonable and strongly founded. In this way the EfM group contributes to the community at St Paul's and St David's.

Connections with the wider community and church.

We again joined with the EfM group at Holy Covenant, Jamison, for the two Interlude fortnights, in which the entire group studies the same text. The annual mentor training and re-accreditation provides an opportunity for mentors to connect with the wider EfM movement: in 2017 the accreditation training was held in September, at the Cathedral in Bathurst. A new EfM group is starting up at St Saviour's in Goulburn, and a connection was made with their mentor.

As usual, all members of the parish were invited to our annual reading aloud, on Monday of holy week, of the Gospel of Mark, a unique way of encountering scripture.

The Future

In 2018 the group will again be mentored by Kay Pendlebury and Paul Williams, and we hope to attract members from other parishes. We placed an ad in Anglican News.

Thank you!

We are grateful for the use of the Mollison Room and also for the generous financial support offered by St Paul's. Locally we thank the Ven. Dr Brian Douglas and Christina Erwin in the office, and nationally the Rev'd Greg Davies as National Director.

Kay Pendlebury and Paul Williams

Mentors, St Paul's Manuka Education for Ministry group

Discovery Group

In a recent sermon, The Ven. Hartley Hansford enjoined the congregation to contemplate the idea that *ministry* is something we can all do. We can all contribute to the overall well-being and spiritual needs of our fellow Australians by our very presence, and by conveying a sense of community. At the monthly meetings of Discovery at St Paul's, we exercise our minds in many ways to bring about that fellowship which leads to "community".

To commence the year 2017, a former Iranian refugee, who fled her homeland, described how she had made a new life for herself and family in Canberra. She explained in detail how she turned from Islam to Christianity, and why. Her heart-felt thanks for kindness, expressed to her by Christians, had been a motivating force. As a spiritual person, she also described how some elements of the Muslim tradition have influenced her Christianity.

With the assistance of Parish member, Irene, our group visited the "Versailles" exhibition at the National Gallery of Australia soon afterwards. A delicious morning tea awaited us in the Members Lounge, and then we were off on a private tour, and held spell-bound by the many beautiful exhibits, delineated for us by an informed volunteer guide.

Father John Gibson, a respected member of the Anglican Historical Society, spoke about the purpose of The Order of St Luke, relaying its focus on compassion, healing and prayerfulness.

When the African Food Crisis gained world-wide attention, we were privileged to hear at first-hand about David Knight's service in Ethiopia as a volunteer. For 3 months he oversaw births and health services, enduring the constraints of local living conditions. Grateful for his vivid analysis of this poor country, we subsequently donated a sizeable amount of our morning tea money for relief work conducted through Anglican Overseas Aid to ease the famine.

Prominent academic and Anglican, Professor Geoffrey Brennan, contributed to our program in June. His fields of study in economics, political science, social science and philosophy meant that, with his knowledge and experience both here in Australia and USA, we were able to probe the meaning of democracy and its relevancy in today's society.

In July a tour of the galleries pertaining to the First World War, at the Australian War Memorial was ably led by Tim Bailey. A volunteer guide there, he organised our group, which was of special interest to those researching family history. Subsequently a lunch party was formed for all to enjoy.

During the winter time, Hon. Professor John Seymour explored the subject of "Children, Parents and the Law Courts". Mention was made of his book on this subject, published in 2016, which was also the foundation of his talk.

Cosily ensconced in the "new" rectory, many gathered for Eddie Braggett's edifying (I could not resist this pun) presentation, of a fascinating journey to Iceland. Its beauty, assets and handicaps were comprehensively shown to us in great style. Travellers all, the audience was entranced.

With specific reference to Red Hill, Michael Mulvaney, a senior conservation officer with the ACT Government, chose to speak about the regeneration of Canberra's bushland. Close-up photos of individual species of flora and fauna in the area opened our eyes to the delights and natural habitat of our nearby surroundings.

The year closed with the question “Is it better to give than to receive?” Emeritus Professor Ingrid Moses, respected academic and university administrator, addressed this topic from many points of view, including her role on the Board of Anglicare. This timely discussion was then followed by the annual Christmas party, and much good cheer.

Please join us to share in the abundance of our individual gifts and life journeys on the third Wednesday of each month when “Discovery” meets in the Mollison Room. Also, come as and when you can for morning tea, at 10.30am, at the new venue “The Secret Garden” in Manuka Village on the last Wednesday of the month.

Christine Bollen
Facilitator

Morning Prayer Group

Since June 2016 a small number of Parishioners led by the Rev'd Kelvin Harris conducted Morning Prayers at St Paul's on Monday and Wednesday each week. We wish to record our sincere thanks for Kelvin's prayer ministry each week while being deployed at St Paul's. The group reads the Daily Service for each day utilising Bible readings and the appointed psalm from the Daily Lectionary, followed by prayers focussing on the needs of the Parish, the world, the church generally, and individuals in sickness or other need. The group is planning, despite Kelvin's departure to W.A., for morning prayers to continue each Monday and Wednesday morning from 8am. The prayers will last about 35 to 40 minutes. There is the possibility that these days and times might change depending on new members' availability. Jesus set the example not only teaching us to pray His prayer, but also He calls upon his disciples to pray constantly, without ceasing, in order that He can continue to guide our paths. An invitation is extended to all parishioners who would like to join a prayer group to contact David Dillon (0251007808) for more information.

David Dillon

Walking Group

The Walking Group is a means for the parish to celebrate creation, to get to know and take care of each other, to exercise and to discover our surrounding geography, both urban and natural. It is also a wonderful outreach to family, friends and neighbours, who are not necessarily church goers.

It is pleasing to report that we have seen a significant growth in membership of the group and of attendance at many of the walks. This is attributable to the Rector instituting short talks about the parish's many activities during Parish Notices at Sunday Services. Thanks Brian.

Our walks scheduling meeting wasn't held until the group went to Perisher for the annual visit in March. Yours truly chaired that meeting and by default became a sort of co-ordinator, on a steep learning curve! This was the last Perisher trip co-ordinated by Bev and Ian Mcleod, whom we thank.

In 2017 walk leaders took more responsibility for organising and publicising their walks, thank you all, but especially John Holthouse and former co-ordinator and 12th-man in boots, Michael Roach.

2018's highlight walk was a valedictory walk on 29th April, when David Henry led 27 walkers from the Arboretum to the new sculpture walk, then along the edge of Black Mountain Reserve through the Aranda Bushland and back through the Cork-Oak Plantation. We had lunch and toasted the Henrys at the Himalayan Cedars picnic area in the Arboretum, a wonderful day.

A week later on Saturday 6th May the group hosted a lunch for Alya and David in the Murray room at the Grange, Deakin. About 34 people came to this heartfelt event organised by John Holthouse and Eva, and Michael and Margaret Roach, and others. David and Alya were long-standing members of the group and our parish, and they are greatly missed. It will surprise no-one that David has established a walking group in his new parish in Mosman, Sydney.

Our group still finds new walks, after some twenty years! For example, on 8th April John Holthouse led us on a morning suburban walk including parks and reserves in NW Gungahlin. John also arranged a memorable walk including Mt Stromlo Observatory and a descent via Butters Bridge on 10th August, this mid-week walk allowed Dr Brad Tucker (astronomer, astrophysicist and frequent broadcaster on ABC TV and Radio666) to take us around and explain in depth the observatory's work and its history. On 13th May Lorraine Litster took us for a revealing walk through the Cotter Reserve's backroads and river crossings. On 15th July Georgina Ekin led nine stalwarts through the Bywong walking trails up to the aptly named Mill Post Hill on a cold windy day, for a magnificent 360 degree view. Later, on 28th October, the Gibsons took us on an exploration of Wright and Coombs in Molonglo.

Some familiar walks had a new slant in 2017. Examples include; 1st July, when Pat and Sandy White led us on a 17km walk around Lake Burley Griffin, and on 26th August an 8km circuit on Isaacs Ridge. On 29th July John and Narelle Gibson took 28 walkers along Cooleman Ridge, mainly on the Centenary Trail. Our last walk was a history walk at Collector on 15th November, facilitated by John Gibson and myself. The Collector and District History Association generously ensured a guide and opened all three churches for our ten participants.

Our thanks go to Brian for his ongoing support, to Christina in Parish Office, and to Christopher Deane our Webmaster.

Timothy Bailey

Community

There has remained continuing interest in *Community*, as measured by the numbers accessing the publication on the Parish web site, and the general responsiveness of parishioners to the printed circulation of 150 copies which are mostly “sold out”. Downloads on the internet have ranged from a high of 600 (Issue No. 30) to 53 (the Summer 2017, issue No. 42). They persistently average 300 per issue. The response has been reassuring for the Editor.

Community will continue to communicate a Christian message through the experience and reflections of those who contribute to and participate in the church’s activities and those better qualified theologically than the Editor, to convey in their own individual ways the shape and identity of their church.

To fulfil its role in supporting the Parish’s vision of being: “Christians committed to worshipping, knowing and serving God” *Community* has sought to offer a mix of reflections, conversations and outlook from different perspectives, shedding light on the quality of our religious experience as a show case of vibrant activity and a window for those beyond.

George Menham

Editor

Community

Op Shop

The Op-Shop had a wonderful 2017 with the highlight again being the Fete in November. We were overwhelmed with donations in the days leading up to Fete day but our wonderful volunteers managed to sort and hang the donated items in time. A large bag of winter items was also donated to the Verandah.

Margaret Roberts one of our original volunteers has retired, and we thank her for her efforts over a great many years. Christine May has joined us and we welcome her to our ranks. If you would like to be a volunteer or go on our reserve list please contact me or leave your details at the office with Christina.

Our aim is to not only sell clean good quality clothes but to also help families in need and we have been called on to do this at times during the year.

Do like us on Facebook and you can check out the latest bargains. Our thanks must go to Ocean for keeping our Facebook up to date.

Finally a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who give of their time so tirelessly.

Robyn Schleiger

St Paul's Flower Arrangers

The flower arrangers contribute to the goal of celebration by creating a prayerful space enhanced by beautiful flowers.

The nine volunteers at St Paul's work in pairs on a weekly roster to buy and prepare the flowers and arrange them in the church, except during the six weeks of Lent. Those rostered in 2017 were Trish Levick, Lesley Jemeson, Claudia Hyles, Tina Barrack, Christine and Rob May, Narelle Gibson, Virginia Hayward and Mary Pollard.

2017 was a busy year arranging not only for the normal Sunday services and baptisms, but also for funerals, and for special celebrations such as the ecumenical service for the sapphire anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, described with photos in *Community* No. 40, March 2017; The University of Southern Cross graduation service; six weddings; Kelvin Harris' ordination; Palm Sunday incorporating date palm fronds and for Easter; The Bible Society's display of rare bibles; choral concerts; the highly regarded Christmas carols service; and for Christmas Day for which we themed the main vases with red flower baskets on columns.

Over the year parishioners contributed money for arrangements of flowers in memory of their loved ones. If you would like to do this please contact the office. A notice will be inserted in the pew sheet with the details of your memorial.

We are grateful for the efficiency of Christina Erwin in the office who alerts us to forthcoming events and specific requirements.

Our flower team delights in the beauty of flowers and in the opportunity arranging them, contributing to an atmosphere of spirituality in the church, and to the celebration and praise of God.

Mary Pollard
February 2018

Community Outreach Group (COG) At Paul's, Manuka & St David's, Red Hill

Background

Let Jesus' promise have the last word (Matt 25:40) "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Early in 2017, a meeting of parishioners considered our future international involvement following the end of the Carpenter's Kids Project. A team of seven parishioners, known as the International Outreach Committee (IOC), developed a new approach to community outreach projects that met the major wishes of the Parish as

expressed at that meeting and in subsequent discussions. In September 2017, Parish Council accepted the recommendations of the IOC regarding two new projects, one international and one domestic over three years: 2018 to 2020.

The IOC has been renamed the Community Outreach Group, COG, and this report covers the work of that group until February 2018.

Highlights of the year

As an international outreach activity, a Wine Tour was held on Saturday 20th May raising more than \$2,000 for the Anglican Overseas Aid's 'East Africa Famine Appeal'.

In August 2017, the proposed focus for the new outreach activities had been identified to support a new international project and the Anglican Church's global initiative JustWater. We had in effect started working towards JustWater objectives by supporting the AOA appeal for the East Africa Famine. By the end of 2017, it became apparent that support for the JustWater initiative within Australia and beyond was suffering due to limited resources to devote to the management of the scheme. As St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne was not continuing to coordinate the program in Australia, we undertook to see how we might support water initiatives in our future activities.

In September, Parish Council approved IOC's recommendation that we support an AOA project "Bringing Light to Rural Families" in the Solomon Islands remote villages in the northern islands¹, a project to support aboriginal community development in a manner yet to be determined and the need for a long-term plan for three years to provide some certainty for both new projects.

To raise \$10,000 per annum over 3 years for the two new projects, we have invited parishioners to invest in our new Outreach Projects with commitments on an annual basis of 100 investors pledging \$100 each.

The project in the Solomon Islands was launched at St Paul's Manuka on Sunday 11th February. Mr Holland Sikou, a Solomon Islander who is managing the project, and Mr. Nils von Kalm, responsible for Church and Community Engagement with AOA in Melbourne, attended and spoke at the launch.

Fund raising for the Solomon Islands project has been very well supported. Parishioners have been very generous in committing to investing over the three years and Parish Council has supported the launch of this project by investing \$1,000 from Parish funds being the equivalent of 10 parishioners' contributions for a year. Our Bishop Stuart Robinson has also offered the \$1,157.75 collection from the Ordination Service held at St Paul's on Saturday 10th February to be invested in the AOA project.

¹ AOA: <https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/our-work/where-we-work-2/solomon-islands/>

New activities planned for 2018

The options for projects involving aboriginal communities are still being explored but a decision is expected soon and a campaign will be undertaken to inform parishioners of the project aims and objectives.

The Community Outreach Group comprises: David and Jean Dillon, Melissa Blore, Rod and Elizabeth King and Catherine and Les Böhm.

Mr. Les Böhm

Chair of the St Paul's Manuka

Community Outreach Group

22 January 2018

St Paul's Manuka Bellringers Report

Yet again this year was very busy for us and we were usually able to ring for the 10 am Sunday service together with weddings and funerals as requested.

The band is going well and the strong collegiate atmosphere means that the quality of our striking has improved considerably.

This resulted in again winning the ANZAB Country Six Bell Kookaburra Cup. More importantly, the ACT – comprising all Manuka ringers – came second (after Sydney) in the ANZAB national striking competition at the Annual Festival held at Menangle, Camden, Bowral and Castlereagh.

In December a 40 minute Quarter Peal was rung as a farewell to the Rev'd Kelvin Harris.

A financial contribution was again made to The Verandah to assist with their outreach work.

The bellringers appreciate the ongoing support and encouragement received from the Rector, Assistant Clergy and the congregation.

Julie Doyle

Tower Captain – St Paul's Bellringers

26 February 2018

Baptism Welcoming Group

The aim of the group is to make those coming for baptism feel welcome at St Paul's, to encourage them to actively follow their Christian walk and facilitate their return to participate in worship.

During the last year we have attended all baptisms at 12 noon, handing out, and later collecting, the prayer books and assisting with any hospitality needs that arise. At the end of each service we have given a small handmade gift, a sleeve in which to keep the Baptismal Candle and a card. The insert in the card lists the service times at St Paul's and St David's and indicates provision for children to attend.

Parishioners wishing to support the group, making gifts or assisting at some baptisms should contact Janet Graham or Penelope Lowery.

We pray that God will use the actions of this small group to lead to great impacts in the lives of the newly baptised, their families and the Kingdom of God.

Handicraft Group

The handicraft group meets for fellowship and work at 2pm on the first Wednesday of every month. A small group performs any form of hand work - embroidery, knitting, crochet or any other work that is ongoing. We mostly work for fetes, Trading tables, Refugees or other Outreach programmes, but any personal work is welcome too. All welcome

Jenny Hodge and Patricia Levick
Co-Convenors

The Verandah

The Verandah is a community centre located in the Stuart Flats, Griffith and staffed by volunteers from three local churches: Canberra Baptist, Kingston, Wesley Uniting and St Paul's. The Verandah ministers to local disadvantaged people, providing hospitality and food at lunch time on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Our serving team has 15 volunteers, with Sarah Lethbridge the Coordinator of the outreach.

The Verandah provides a modest food parcel once a week which may consist of coffee or tea, long life milk, tinned stew, fruit, tuna or sardines, spaghetti or rice, and breakfast cereal. Long-life milk, tinned fish and fruit are always in demand.

In addition the 'Yellow Van' food rescue service arrives at the Verandah during opening times and distributes large amounts of fresh meals, meat, fruit and vegetables.

Excess fresh bread and rolls baked by the National Bakery in Kingston is collected on three evenings a week and packed by six volunteers for distribution the following day. The roster for the collection of bread is maintained by the St Paul's coordinator.

St Paul's and St David's congregations are generous with donations of food and money which enable The Verandah to function. It is most heartening to have this support of food and cash donations. Grateful thanks are extended to the National Bakery, and to our team of volunteers, especially to Sarah Lethbridge who has stepped in on many occasions to provide extra support without which the program would not have been able to function.

We welcome new volunteers to maintain our commitment to this important and much appreciated outreach. Please consider joining a roster once a month, either collecting and packing bread in the evenings from the bakery, or by assisting at the lunch-time openings. For information, please contact the convenor at this email address: verandah_stpauls@hotmail.com

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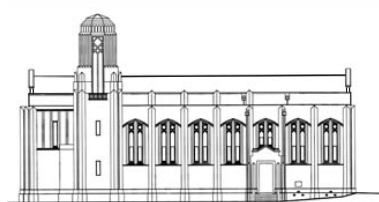
St Paul's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group

Most Tuesday mornings, apart from the summer break and school holidays, interested parishioners meet together for an hour (from 9.30am) to discuss and interpret the lectionary readings for the following week. After seeking the guidance of Holy Spirit, there is a sharing of views. These are guided by one of the clergy team, but conversation is usually initiated by different group members; everyone is encouraged to offer their insights and reflections from their own life-journeys. No doubt everyone leaves each session with something 'new' to think about or to practice in their Christian pilgrimage. Occasionally there may even be a transformative revelation for some; usually we wonder whether the following Sunday's sermon will raise matters that we have discussed. In 2017 the Rev'd Kelvin Harris guided most of the sessions and we would like to express our appreciation for the background and context he provided, and his willingness to listen to all viewpoints and consider them in moving forward. In 2018 the Rev'd Emma Street has replaced Kelvin and we look forward to her contributions. Most 'get-togethers' involved about ten participants, and 'new-comers' are always welcome. Occasionally the group would meet for a post-meeting coffee at one of the local establishments. An end-of-year brunch was enjoyed by all. (A similar study group is held on Tuesday evenings.)

*Keith Skamp
(on behalf of group participants)*

Anglicare Support

Individuals within the parish have supported Anglicare by volunteering to collect goods for the Anglicare Winter Pantry Appeal, by training for the Anglicare Disaster Relief Program, by collecting used postage stamps and by contributing to the parish appeal for Christmas gifts for children and youths. Anglicare staff have expressed their gratitude for the valuable assistance of the parish and individuals involved.



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