



Annual Meeting Agenda 2011

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening Prayer & Welcome 2. Apologies 3. Reception of the electoral roll of the Parish; 4. Minutes of the previous annual meeting; 5. Annual report by the Vicar; (Fr John) 6. Annual report by the Treasurer; (Margaret Elsey) 7. Other Reports (see attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 Wardens (Margaret Elsey) 7.2 Vestry (Alan Wilson) 7.3 Seeing the Parish through fresh eyes (Fr John) 7.4 Parish Archives (Fr John) 7.5 Men's Dinner Group (Fr John) 7.6 Ladies @ Leisure (Carolyn Mathes & Chris Angus) 7.7 Christ Church Opportunity Shop (Megan Rankin) 7.8 Music Report (Samuel McMahon) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7.9 Stewardship (Bill Howard) 7.10 Christ Church Craft Group (Barbara Szczurko) 7.11 Parish Pantry (Sue MacMillan) 7.12 Flower Guild (Sue MacMillan) 7.13 EssACC Committee (Chris Angus) 8. Elections and Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.1 churchwardens 8.2 members of the vestry; 8.3 lay representatives to the parish Incumbency Committee 8.4 lay representatives to EssACC 9. The election and appointment of auditor; 10. General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.1 Gwen Forsyth—Driveway near OpShop 11. FJ's – the parish year in retrospect 12. Conclusion & Blessing |
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Vicar's Report

One of the themes that keeps coming back in my sermons in the last year is:

Do we have a personal relationship with Jesus? Is God a priority in your life?

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

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

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

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

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

That is the challenge that we face. To explore ways of doing church differently so as to connect with people who cannot cope with the existing church, without compromising our beliefs. This means that running along side our traditional worship and activities, other worship and activities need to exist to draw new people into our community.

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

Some reflections on the past 12 months....

REDEVELOPMENT

We will be selling the tennis courts and demolishing the current hall. On the tennis court site the Developer will be building eight 2 & 3 bedroom apartments. The Developer will also build three apartments (one 3 bedroom and two 2 bedroom) on the current hall site. The parish will rent these apartments and use the money for mission in the area. The Developer will also spend \$100,000 on renovating the old Kindergarten which will become our new hall.

Although it has been a slow process, much has been achieved this year. We have attended many meetings of the Diocese Property Committee and the Diocese Building Committee. With the help of the Diocese we have requested expressions of interest for developing the site. We have short listed and interviewed Developers and we are currently concluding negotiations with Developers and the Diocese. Title boundaries are being changed, contracts finalised, final plans drawn and then the Developers will need to get the Council approvals to start work. There is a small light at the end of the long tunnel.

Thank you to Les Tarvis and Peter Serra from the Diocese and the Wardens who have assisted the Vicar as we work through the long and time consuming process.

MAINTENANCE & ESSENTIAL SAFETY MEASURES

Government and Diocese regulations demand that we have in place regular inspections of our buildings. The Priest and Wardens have been reading through the many pages of paper work and setting up the appropriate inspections and documentation to ensure our buildings are safe and meet all requirements. A maintenance plan with regular inspections has been put in place. Thank you to the Warden's for the work they have done in this area.

REACH OUT

Reach Out continues to be a good way of communicating information to parishioners. Thank you to those who contribute articles and to Margaret Elsey who edits the magazine. It is a parish magazine so please feel free to contribute articles.

SEEING THE PARISH WITH FRESH EYES

Ken Morgan from the Diocese recently led a workshop on "seeing the parish with fresh eyes" as part of the Diocese Archbishop's program of "Making known the Word of God known"... A small group from the parish with members from the Sandringham Parish attended the workshop.

A committee has been formed and is exploring ways to connect with the people of Essendon and implementing the Archbishop's program of "Making known the Word of God known"...

Ken Morgan continues to meet with Fr John and will be running more workshops in 2012.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

A confirmation service was held on Sunday 2nd October at 3.00 pm with Bishop Philip Huggins. There were 6 people confirmed and 2 people baptised. Please pray for our confirmees who were..... Emily Showler, Sarah Trezise, Pam Cox, Ian Brown, Megha Balakrishnan & Nikhil Joy.

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT FRONT STEPS

A committee looking into how we use our space in the church suggested to Vestry that we should have a trial to explore the possibility of receiving communion at the front steps of the sanctuary. It was noted that many elderly were having trouble getting up and down the steps.

CHOIR & ORGANIST

Well done and thank you to the choir and Samuel our organist for singing the psalms in our 9.30am Eucharist. We need new members for our choir so if you enjoy singing we would still love to see and hear you in the choir.

LADIES @ LEISURE & MEN'S DINNER GROUP

A small number of ladies have been on a monthly basis going out and having fun as ladies. They have had coffee and cake, lots of laughs, visited places in Melbourne many did not know existed, while having more coffee, cake and laughs. They all know where Lindt in Collins St is! Hopefully more coffee will be drunk next year with lots of new adventures.

Another small group of men have been having dinner with Fr John in Pubs and restaurants around Essendon. This has been a great opportunity to build friendships as well as have fun. It would be good if more joined the few who meet next year.

CRAFT GROUP

This is a happy group of ladies who knit or make cards or create wonderful things with their hands. There is much laughter, talking and friendships made. Thank you to the organising Committee for the work they do to maintain this important program for our community. Thank you to Barbara, Margaret and Joyce and their helpers for the work they do in this activity of the Church.



Margaret Elsey, Archdeacon Randall Nolan, Margaret Pereira & Sue MacMillan

CHRIST CHURCH OP SHOP

Can I acknowledge the wonderful work of the volunteers in the Christ Church Op Shop. Many people give up a lot of time to assist in the shop and it is greatly appreciated. The money raised from the Op Shop helps the church finances as well as donating many thousands of dollars to other church and community groups. The Op Shop had a great book fair this year and the Annual Meeting and dinner was a happy occasion. Thank you for your generous time and effort.

CHRISTMAS, LENT & EASTER LITURGIES

The Melbourne Women's Choir assisted us in the 9 Lesson and Carols at Christmas time and hopefully they will join us again this Christmas.

Gail Paxman and the Vicar ran a Lenten programme in the Parish Centre called **Searching for Jesus**. These studies were different as we used power point presentations and discussion.

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

MID WEEK WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

These Eucharists at 10am on Wednesdays saw slight changes this year. On the first Wednesday of the month we held a healing Eucharist where we prayed for the sick. On the third Wednesday of the month there was a reflective Eucharist with music. The other Wednesdays were be the same as usual. We also held three requiems services to pray for the recently departed. We are hoping to introduce a once a month Wednesday Taize service next year.

PRAYING FOR THE PARISH

An intercession sheet to encourage people to pray for the Parish and the community was launched earlier in the year. Many people are using this sheet daily in their private prayers. Others are welcome to join them.

It is hoped that parishioners and others will be challenged to read the bible in 12 months. This will be launched in Advent this year.

WEB PAGE

Our web page continues to put us on the map with local people as well as overseas people reading our web pages. We have had people from France, America and England comment on our web page or contact us wanting more information on our activities. Our web page can be found at:

www.essendonanglican.org.au

ARCHIVES

Four cupboards have been placed in the meeting room near the Parish Centre to store our archives. The archives were in the tower and deteriorating rapidly. The archives have been sorted and are about to be indexed. If you have old photos, minute books or other historical documents of the church could you let Fr John know and we can either store them or copy and return them. We are trying to collect photos of previous Vicars. If you have a good photo of a previous Vicar please let Fr John know.

FILM NIGHT

On the first Friday of the month, a film night has been held in the Parish Centre. Attendances have varied but those who come have had a great time. We have watched three of the Narnia films (the Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe, Prince Caspian, and the Voyage of the Dawn Treader). We have also seen Danny Kaye in the "Court Jester", Bing Crosby & Ingrid Bergman in the "Bells of St Mary" plus Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood in the "The Great Race" and many more.

VESTRY RESTRUCTURE

During 2012 Vestry will meet every two months with the Wardens meeting on the alternate month.

It is also proposed that each vestry member will be given a portfolio such as social activities, catering, pastoral care etc and they will report back to the Vestry and to the next Annual Meeting.

DIOCESE NEWS

The Archbishop of Melbourne appointed Rev'd Randall Nolan as the new Archdeacon of Essendon. The Collation service took place in May. Rev'd Alan Colyer has continued as Area Dean.

The Right Revd Garry Weatherill, who was the Bishop of Willochra in South Australia, has been inducted as the 10th Anglican Bishop of Ballarat in November 2011.

VALE

Sadly we had to say goodbye to several faithful and loved parishioners in Eddie Samuel, Bette McLean, David Morrison & Ernest Baldrey who died during the year. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine on them.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have worked hard over the last 12 months. A special thank you to the Wardens: Margaret, Bill and Alan and to the Vestry for their support and work. Thank you to Margaret our treasurer and Alan our Secretary. Thank you to all who quietly do things around the Church from mowing lawns, to decorating the church with flowers, helping in the kitchen, assisting in the liturgy, welcoming or inviting people to church and so on. Thank you.

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

This is a great Parish with good hard working parishioners. Let us work together to build up the Kingdom.

Fr John



TREASURER'S REPORT

Christ Church is in a reasonably healthy financial state. Our offerings through the weekly plate have increased over the year. Fundraising is lower, as is the income from the Op Shop, and our donations have halved; but still, amazingly, our overall income has increased. Rentals have decreased quite a bit, and will further continue to decrease when our property development starts up. The Assessment has been \$1,705 per month for most of this year. The Diocese always manages to adjust this figure up to their advantage so I'm expecting this to increase.

The Op Shop have given the parish \$54,000 and we would not be able to survive without their generous contributions.

Our Balanced Growth Fund figures have been adjusted to show their real worth. The figure is usually shown as \$10,836 but these are the units we hold, not their value, so I have adjusted last years figures as well to show their real worth, as at 30th September.

My thanks to all who give generously to our parish, financially and those who give of their time and energy.

For a more fully financial report please see the Budget and Financial statements booklet.

Margaret Elsey
Treasurer



WARDEN'S REPORT

With all of the extraordinary expenses of the 2009-2010 Church year behind us, it has been possible to consolidate our position in this year.

There still remains a lot of work to be done to maintain the integrity of the overall property, and to make certain that it is in good condition for generations to come.

As the Vicarage was extensively renovated prior to Father John and Carolyn arriving, the only item remaining for this year, was to complete the installation of an air conditioning system. This was done, and the Vicarage should only require normal maintenance for some years to come.

Significant works done in the Church year include :

- Drainage repairs at rear of Church
- Clearance of sewerage & storm water drain blockages which impacted both the Parish Centre and Kinder areas
- Updating of the Vicar's board in the Church
- Electrical repairs in the Narthex
- Installation of archive cupboards
- Removal of a bee swarm from the roof-ceiling of the Church and sanctuary lights cleaned
- Replacement of one smoke alarm in the kinder area
- Repairs to heaters and lights in the hall

The Wardens have made a detailed inspection of every part of the property, and have documented everything which could be identified. We focused on the Church, The Parish Centre/kinder, the surrounds of the Church, the Op Shop, and the Vicarage.

There was also a Safety Inspection done by the Diocese, and a number of problems found have been rectified or are in the process of being fixed. (One of the problems found was that our fire

extinguishes had not been serviced for 2 years and this was rectified the day after the inspection. Another problem was that some of our exit signs were not working, and exit doors in the Op Shop were blocked, and these have all now been fixed.) We now have a log book of maintenance items and the dates they were noted and then fixed.

Many other items do require attention. These items include, but are not limited to :

- Repainting of the Parish Centre, and some plasterwork repairs
- Installation of a storage facility, which can be used in the short term to store Parish items during the renovation process, and in the medium term as an added facility for the Op Shop.
- Replacement of the smoke alarms throughout the property.
- Various cracks and minor repairs in the Op Shop.
- Repair of the mortar in the lower exterior northern wall of the Op Shop
- Repairs to guttering etc. in the tower section of the Church.
- External repairs to the narthex window
- A number of internal cracks to be repaired within the Church
- Replacement – additions to, the PA system within the Church
- Preparation and painting of external woodwork (eg. Organ doors) of most parts of the Church and Op Shop.
- Repairs to the bench seat in the Memorial Garden
- Permanent repairs to the internal brick wall/s in the Church. A temporary solution was completed in early 2010, but a long term solution needs to be agreed and prioritised.
- Repairs to or replacement of the

driveway between Mt. Alexander Road and the Op Shop door.

A number of these items can be managed with voluntary labour, but a number will require specialist input.

The 2011-12 Vestry and Wardens will prioritise this work, and where funds are required, incorporate it into the budgetary process of the Parish.

The Wardens and Vicar are currently concluding negotiations with the developer, and the Diocese regarding the redevelopment of the hall and tennis court site and the refurbishing of the old Kindergarten as our new hall.

The Wardens acknowledge the tireless efforts of the faithful workers in the Op Shop, and the valued contribution they make to the life of the Parish, and the work of God in the Essendon and wider areas of Church and Christian activity.

Through the Grace and guidance of God, and the faith and support of the Diocesan administration, and of his Christ Church Essendon Family, we can look forward to an eventful and fulfilling future in the Parish.

Margaret Elsey, Bill Howard, Alan Wilson

VESTRY REPORT

Vestry met nine times between November 2010 and October 2011. In attendance at Vestry meetings were: Fr John Mathes (9 meetings), Susan Adams (8 meetings, apology for 1), Vera Burrows (7 meetings, apology for 2), Corrinne Dekker (3 meetings, apologies for 5), Margaret Elsey (9 meetings), Bill Howard (7 meetings, apology for 2), Jamie Lingard (9 meetings), Susan MacMillan (6 meetings, apology for 3), Christine Robbins (8 meetings, apology for 1), and Alan Wilson (8 meetings, apology for 1). No meetings were held in March or August due to a lack of quorum.

Vestry members dealt with church correspondence, supported the day to day running of the parish, and oversaw required maintenance of the church property, including removal of bees from the

church roof, clearing of gutters, organising the storage of historical records, and repairs to collapsed ceiling in the Vicarage caused by the leaking air conditioning system in the roof.

2011 saw the first year of implementation of Christ Church's Mission Action Plan (MAP) under the leadership of Fr John Mathes. All Committees have been established and their activities have commenced. In the context of the MAP, Vestry oversaw the negotiations undertaken with the Diocese in the development of plans to redevelop the disused tennis courts. The incoming Vestry will need to continue this important work, which will optimise our stewardship of the Church property and support our Mission Action Plan in building up the Kingdom of God and renewing our Church.

Alan Wilson

SEEING THE PARISH THROUGH FRESH EYES

The old "Fresh Expressions" committee with a few additional people have become the "Seeing the Parish through fresh eyes" Committee

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The committee has been exploring ways to connect with the people of Essendon and implementing the Archbishops program of "Making known the Word of God known"

Ken Morgan continues to met with Fr John and will be running more workshops in 2012.

Thank you to Gail Paxman, Katherine Anderson, Jamie Lingard, Barbara Szczurko, Margaret Elsey, Sue MacMillan, Carolyn Mathes for their contributions during the year.

Fr John.

PARISH ARCHIVES

The parish archives have been brought out of the Prince of Wales Tower and placed in new cupboards in the meeting room off the Parish Centre. This was done because the records were deteriorating in the tower. Thank you to Jamie Lingard who carried most of the records down from the tower.

The records have been sorted and placed in boxes. The next stage is to index the boxes.

If you have old photos, minute books or other historical documents of the church could you let Fr John know and we can either store them or copy and return them. We are trying to collect photos of previous Vicars. If you have a good photo of a previous Vicar please let Fr John know.

Fr John

MEN'S DINNER GROUP

This group was formed during 2010 when Fr John cooked a roast for the men of the church. Since then some of the men of the Church have been meeting for a low key talk and evening meal. Fr John cooked another roast in 2011 and there have been meals together at the Lincolnshire Arms Hotel, WaterGardens Hotel, Windy Hill and the Irish Pub in Essendon. This program will continue in 2012 and it is hoped that more men will join and enjoy this relaxed social night. We usually meet on a Tuesday night.

Fr John





LADIES @ LEISURE

The ladies of the parish were happy to gather together on a monthly basis, so Chris and I sat down one afternoon and made up a programme for the year according to the different requests.

We planned some Sunday lunches out which were always well attended by at least 15 women. FJ even cooked us all a tasty roast which we enjoyed in our hall. There were trips where we travelled by car to the Melbourne Zoo, the Jewish Museum, the Theatre, Como House, and tram trips to the Windsor for high afternoon tea, the famous Spiegel Tent, exploration of Federation Square and a free CBD Bus tour.

We have a 'core' of 6 women who do not like to miss any event maybe because coffee and cake seem to always finish off the day accompanied by laughter and a general feeling of 'this is good to do: what's on next month?'

Ladies @ Leisure is for all ladies who enjoy getting out and doing something for themselves and sharing with others. If for any reason you were unable to attend this year, can we suggest you make it a priority for 2012. You will have a better chance to get to know others and you might be surprised that you even make a new friend! We accept each other and enjoy life. Come and help our parish grow. We need YOU!

Carolyn Mathes and Chris Angus

CHRIST CHURCH OPPORTUNITY SHOP

It has been a hectic and challenging twelve months for the Op Shop largely because of our shrinking workforce. When key people are away, it places a big strain on the Roster and we just don't have a big pool of Volunteers to fill those gaps. We have missed Joyce Tattam this year and would like to acknowledge her formal resignation from the Op Shop. Joyce has had a long and dedicated association with the Op Shop. Her job as Treasurer was a time consuming one in addition to working many shifts in the Shop, providing tags each month and creating exquisite cards for our Annual Luncheon. It was always a great pleasure to work with Joyce and the customers appreciated her interest and courtesy in her dealings with them. At the AGM, she was presented with a Shield, flowers and a Gift Voucher.

Despite our ups and downs, the Shop has had another successful year financially and we have been able to support our parish and to give money to help those in need. The Monday Working Bee has become an established routine and without it, the Shop would be overflowing. Our regular customers know that when the Shop opens on Tuesday, there will be new stock on the shelves and this is reflected in our takings on that day. We do have a lot of goods donated but it needs very rigorous sorting. We now have several outlets for the goods that we don't put on our

shelves. As well as Diabetes Australia, we send items to Statewide Cleaning Cloths and receive a small amount of money for that. In addition over the last few months, donations have been sent to the Op Shop at Romsey to help them out.

Our donations to our chosen recipients have been spread throughout the year and a list advertising this has been displayed in the Op Shop. The takings from a specific day or days are earmarked for specific donations. The distribution of monies is discussed at the first Committee Meeting after the AGM. The recipients, the amounts and the timing of our donations are discussed in detail.

In August the Op Shop workers helped to organize the Musical Luncheon again. There was lovely music, ample food and many door prizes and it was a very happy day for all those who attended.

In addition to our twice yearly Half – Price Sales, this year Nell Axon and Chris Angus proposed a Book Sale. We were lucky to have some good quality books donated and Nell and Chris had a huge clear out of the Book Nook. It was a very successful venture and all credit to those involved. It had the added benefit of introducing the Op Shop to many people to whom its existence was unknown.

We are very sorry that the Tuesday visits from the students at Ascot Vale Special School to work in the Shop have ceased and we hope that the programme can resume in 2012. We mourn the loss of two friends of the Op Shop this year. Ernest Baldrey often popped in to see us and we were saddened by his death. Bette McLean was a stalwart of the Op Shop and was a Committee Member for many years. Well done to all the Team for their hard work, adaptability, tolerance and kindness.

Megan Rankin (Secretary)

MUSIC REPORT

October 2011 marks my first year as organist of the parish, and I am appreciative of the congregation's warm welcome and the choir's and vestry's support, and of course our incumbent vicar's enthusiasm for the musical life of the parish.

The parish choir has played a leading role in the regular Sunday 9.30am services and I thank the members of the choir for their dedication in attending rehearsals according to the ability of each. The choir's contributions to services naturally divides into their leadership of congregational music, and the undertaking of more technically challenging music as an independent unit. In respect of the former category, the assistance of the choir in introducing a new hymn or carol to the congregation has been valuable. In respect of the latter, it has been a positive development to be able to introduce sung psalms into the service, at which the choir has demonstrated steadily improving competence, to the extent that the choir is confident to learn and perform previously-unfamiliar psalm-tunes and texts on a weekly basis. I would re-iterate that members of the congregation, as has been previously stated during services, should feel welcome to join in the singing of the psalm with the choir.

Numbers in the choir remain steady. New members are always welcome, and anyone interested in joining is encouraged to attend rehearsals which commence half an hour before each service. You will not experience any pressure to continue as a chorister if you find that the experience is not for you, and membership of the choir does not constitute an obligation to attend every single service if prior notice of absence is given.

The choir remains an all-female affair, a circumstance which does not reflect the demographic of the congregation. I would hope that male members of the congregation are not discouraged from joining the



choir by reason of any perception that their contributions would not be appreciated, and I encourage all members of the congregation with musical gifts, irrespective of gender, to consider seriously whether they can contribute their gifts to the corporate worship as members of the choir, or as instrumental musicians.

The organ has been maintained throughout the year to a good standard with regular visits from organ builder, and I value the foresight of the financial officers of the parish in making regular contributions to the maintenance of this valuable asset.

I have enjoyed my first year in the parish, and look forward to the next. I welcome comments from all parishioners as to their views and suggestions for the music of the parish.

We were fortunate to have as our guest choir for the Carols Service in 2010, and look forward to hosting again at our Carols Service this year, the Melbourne Women's Choir, of which our Sue MacMillan is a member.

Samuel McMahon

STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of the faithful, the Parish was again able to meet all of its commitments in this Church year. Giving was slightly up on the previous year, and with some additional numbers coming into the Parish Family, we pray that this trend will continue into 2012.

When we look at the cost of living increases we are all enduring at home, we should remember that the Church also faces the same challenges.

After many years of using a derivative of the old Wells system of pledging and giving, the Parish has moved to a system whereby what we give to the Church is between ourselves and God. This system took effect at the end of June 2011, and it is clear from the gifts so far made to the Parish, that the work of God is a high priority in the lives of our Parish Family.

The Wardens and Vestry would like to acknowledge with thanks, this commitment. As always, the Wardens and Vestry acknowledge with humility and thanks, the contribution the OP shop makes to the daily life of the Parish.

Bill Howard

CHRIST CHURCH CRAFT GROUP

The year 2011 has been one of significant change for our Craft Group. There have been 37 sessions, averaging 33 ladies. Once again, we have lost 3 of our long-term members, including Doris Mazzone, our dearly loved ninety-six year old and most senior member. Four new members have joined us recently.

As the year has progressed, our loved and much respected leader, Joyce Tattam, has become increasingly unwell, and towards the end of Term 1 two meetings were held with Fr John to decide on two newer members to help Margaret Pereira and Barbara Szczurko with the organization and finances of the Craft Group sessions. A Craft Group Bank Account was also opened at the local Commonwealth Bank. On 3rd May Christine Stubbs and Mame Bibby started work. This has proved most successful, and Christine's computer skills are helping to reorganize Term diaries and attendance sheets.

Margaret Pereira has organized several very popular extra sessions, and 'fronts' each session. Barbara Szczurko is dealing with finances, since Joyce, to our sorrow, has not been able to attend for the last two terms. How much we all miss her!

The extra sessions this year have been:

- A talk on Fire Safety in the Home by a Fire Brigade Rep;
- Cancer 'Biggest Morning Tea' — very successful;
- Givoni clothes demonstration (Thank you, Don, for helping with all the heavy work!)
- Christmas in July luncheon;

And, still to come:

- Fair Trade 'Horizons of Hope' demonstration; and
- Christmas Break up and Kris Kringle.

These extra events are very popular, and we all look forward to them. They add enjoyment and fellowship to each term.

As usual, the craft skills so cheerfully shared among us are quite astounding! There is choice of card making, toys, knitting and crochet, quilting and gift ideas. Sincere thanks to the many ladies who volunteer to teach these skills; we are all so lucky to belong to such talented, generous group of women.

Our prayer for 2012 is that our craft group will continue to thrive, and that Joyce's health will improve. After nearly 18 years at the helm, she has been our mainstay, and we love her.

Barbara Szczurko

PARISH PANTRY

This is an ongoing ministry where we as parishioners aid the Vicar in supplying the hungry / needy with packaged food. Only he knows how often the cupboard is used—and it is quite regularly. Thanks go to all who donated food items.

I would like to think that foods can restock the freezer as well so that we can rebuild the ministry of taking food to the sick or those recovering from hospital etc.. We need frozen soups / casseroles to provide complete meals. When donating these items, they must be clearly labelled as to their contents and date of when prepared.

Please keep up the good work of donating food. Thank you Sue MacMillan

FLOWER GUILD

This is a small ministry but one that is felt to be worthwhile. We would surely miss the vases of flowers around the Church if they were absent. Thank you to Chris Angus, Megan Rankin and Sue MacMillan for regularly arranging the flowers.

We do not have flowers in the Church in Lent and Advent due to the penitential nature of these seasons. The "flower year" is short—please consider helping out physically by being on the roster or by donating flowers for the arrangements.

Sue MacMillan



EssACC COMMITTEE

Father John, Sue MacMillan and Chris Angus were the three representatives for Christ Church on this committee in 2011. We met with the representatives of St. Aidan's and St. Andrew's four times over the year, sharing the venues. Meetings were formal in nature in that minutes were taken and motions put forth. We gave reports about what had occurred in our parishes, invited participation in various events and discussed ideas for further get-togethers. One item discussed by all of us was the arrangement of the furniture (often pews) in our churches. Although we didn't move any pews, we did move where communion takes place.

Spiritual and social events for this year consisted of:

- a lovely barbeque at St. Andrew's on a beautiful Sunday early in the year attended by parishioners from the three churches
- a combined service on the fifth Sunday in Easter at St Andrews on 29th May using the new 2009 An Order

of Holy Communion Service

- an enjoyable (if slightly competitive) evening in June at the Strathmore Bowling Club for some indoor bowls. We were fortunate to have 'Killer' to show us how it was done
- in August, a dinner at The Lincolnshire Arms Hotel in North Essendon where conversation flowed
- a combined service in September at Christ Church to celebrate Michaelmas with Father Ken delivering the sermon

Next year there will be further opportunities to mix with, and get to know, the parishioners of St. Aidan's and St. Andrew's. We hope you will join us in these activities.

Chris Angus



ANGLICAN PARISH OF ESSENDON

FROM THE REGISTER

November 2010—October 2011

MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

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

SERVICE TIMES

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

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

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

BAPTISMS

We welcomed these people into the Church
13.04.2011 Isabella Vida Giordano
17.07.2011 Alice Jessica Nelson
31.07.2011 Ryan Parker James Josef
02.10.2011 Hayley Ellen Showler
02.10.2011 Megha Balakrishnan
09.10.2011 Darcy William Clemens
29.10.2011 Zoe Olivia Lovatt

CONFIRMATIONS

02.10.2011 Emily Showler,
Sarah Trezise,
Pam Cox,
Ian Brown,
Megha Balakrishnan
Nikhil Joy.

WEDDINGS

20.11.2010 Michael (Ah Kaw) Pang &
Lilibeth Luistro Candolita
02.01.2011 Richard William Woodman &
Jan Dobell
03.07.2011 Adam Douglas McKenzie &
Emma Elizabeth Webster

FUNERALS

13.05.2011 Elizabeth Elle (Bette) McLean
14.07.2011 Edwin Benjamin (Eddy)
Samuels
13.08.2011 John Arthur Davies
01.09.2011 Mary Bridget Trussler
05.09.2011 Edna Joyce Ives
26.09.2011 Ernest Charles Singleton
Baldrey
19.10.2011 Samantha Fredericka
Kisielis

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

**PARISH DIRECTORY
2010-2011**

Parish Priest: Fr John Mathes
Wardens: Bill Howard, Alan Wilson (elected) and Margaret Elsey (priest appointment)
Vestry: Wardens plus Vera Burrows, Christine Robins, Sue MacMillan, Sue Adams (elected) and Corinne Dekker & Jamie Lingard (priest appointment)
Secretary: Alan Wilson
Treasurer: Margaret Elsey
Parish Nominators: Margaret Elsey, Jamie Lingard and Alan Wilson
Synod Reps: Jamie Lingard & Sue MacMillan (Alan Wilson—Supplementary)
Sacristan: Margaret Elsey
Hall Hire & Maintenance: Bill Howard
Organist: Samuel McMahon
Flower guild:
Sue MacMillan, Chris Angus & Megan Rankin
Grounds & Mowing:
Don Pereira, Merv Smith & Paul Miles
Re-development Committee:
Bill Howard, Alan Wilson, Margaret Elsey and Fr John
EssACC (Essendon Reps):
Sue MacMillan, Christine Angus & Fr John
Opportunity Shop Office Bearers
Chairman Fr John
President Carolyn Mathes
V President Sue MacMillan
Secretary Megan Rankin
Liaison Treasurer Barbara Szczurko
Roster Sec Sue MacMillan
Opportunity Shop Committee
Joyce Tattam, Ruth Tinney, Nell Axon, Gwen Forsyth, Val Wheeler, Margaret Pereira, Chantal Ripp, Carolyn Mathes, Margaret Broughton, Chris Angus, Sue MacMillan, Megan Rankin, Barbara Szczurko.
Craft Group Committee:
Joyce Tattam, Barbara Szczurko and Margaret Pereira
Lay Ministers:
Margaret Elsey, Alan Wilson & Barbara Szczurko

Servers / Chalice Administrators:
Margaret Elsey, Alan Wilson, Barbara Szczurko, Sue Adams, Vera Burrows, Sue MacMillan, Bill Howard & Christine Robbins
Acolytes:
Barbara Szczurko, Margaret Elsey, Rosalie Baldrey, Alan Wilson, Sue Adams & Sue MacMillan
Readers:
Sue MacMillan, Ed Wilson, Nell Axon, Jamie Lingard, Gail Paxman, Chris Angus, Thea Cooper, Carolyn Mathes, Sue Adams, Rosalie Baldrey, Vera Burrows, Michael Pang, Jillian Mathes, Katherine Anderson & Chrisanthi Jayatunga
Choir:
Sue MacMillan, Sue Adams, Vera Burrows, Margaret Elsey, Rosalie Baldrey, Ruth Tinney & Barbara Szczurko
Welcomers:
Carolyn Mathes, Paul Miles, Margaret Wilson, Ed Wilson, George Jayatunga, Gail Paxman, Merv Smith, Jamie Lingard, Jillian Mathes & Katherine Anderson
Morning Tea Roster:
Rosalie Baldrey, Thea Cooper, Roma Heathcote, Sue MacMillan, George Jayatunga, Christanthi Jayatunga, Merv Smith, Joyce Smith, Vera Burrows, Carolyn Mathes & Joyce Tattam
Social Committee:
Vera Burrows, Susan Adams & Fr John
Seeing the Parish with Fresh eyes:
Gail Paxman, Katherine Anderson, Jamie Lingard, Margaret Elsey, Barbara Szczurko, Sue MacMillan, Carolyn Mathes & Fr John
BuildingSpace @Essendon: Jamie Lingard, Gail Paxman & Fr John
Ladies@Leisure: Carolyn Mathes & Chris Angus
Men's Dinner Group: Fr John
Archives: Jamie Lingard & Fr John
Emergency Food Cupboard: Sue MacMillan
Reach Out Magazine:
Margaret Elsie plus many contributors
Pew Sheet: Fr John
Web Page: Fr John

(apologies to anyone I have missed)

