19th June 2011

St Paul's Beaconsfield

2011 Annual Reports, Reflections and more....

You are invited to the St Paul's Annual General Meeting.
Our opportunity to acknowledge the year we've enjoyed together and to look toward the future as we plan the year ahead.
This 'report' provides some background material and hopefully stimulates some thought
so that we can share ideas and together plan for the future and the year ahead.

"Shine as a light in the world... to the Glory of God"

Annual General Meeting AGENDA

An opportunity to give shape to our tomorrows

Minutes of previous year AGM
Register & Parish Roll
Appointments
- Parish Council
- Wardens
- Treasurer
- Synods Reps
- Nominators

Warden's Report
Treasurer's Report
Rector's Report

Presentation of Developments
Q&A in relation to plans

Sharing of Gifts
Sharing of Thanksgiving
Sharing of Vision
Other Reports & Business

Acknowledgements

Share community Lunch

To Be or Not To Be

A new year awaits ...
And you can choose to be different —
To start all afresh,
To embark on new adventures,
To explore new fields, and
To pick up a few new skills.
Or you can choose to remain the same —
To be entrenched in yesterday's mistakes,
To be buried by routine,
To be dulled by the grind of daily living, and
To be left behind by society.
The New Year awaits ...
What will your choice be my friend?

Lim Huey Bing

Our 2010/2011 Parish Council……

Chris Jamieson (Warden) – Kim Kemp – Alan Albany – Debbie Gwynne - Rosemary Spark - Lia Johnson - Michael Jessup (Warden) - Bob Matthews (Treasurer) – Lyn Sherwood – Shirley-Joy Cansell - Sharon Wayland - Angela Wilson

Alan Albany(Synod) - Val Pearson(Synod)

Our 2011/2012 Parish Council……

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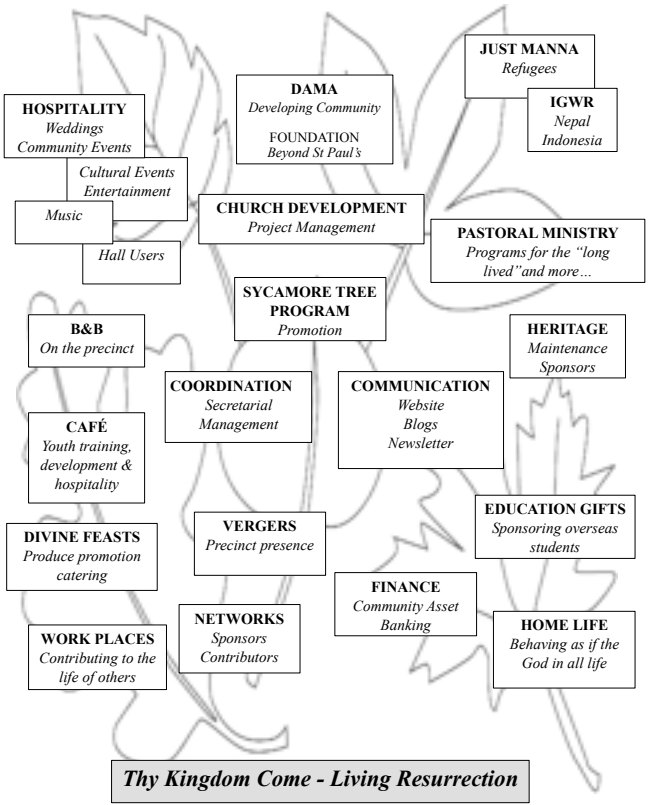
The branches bear fruit



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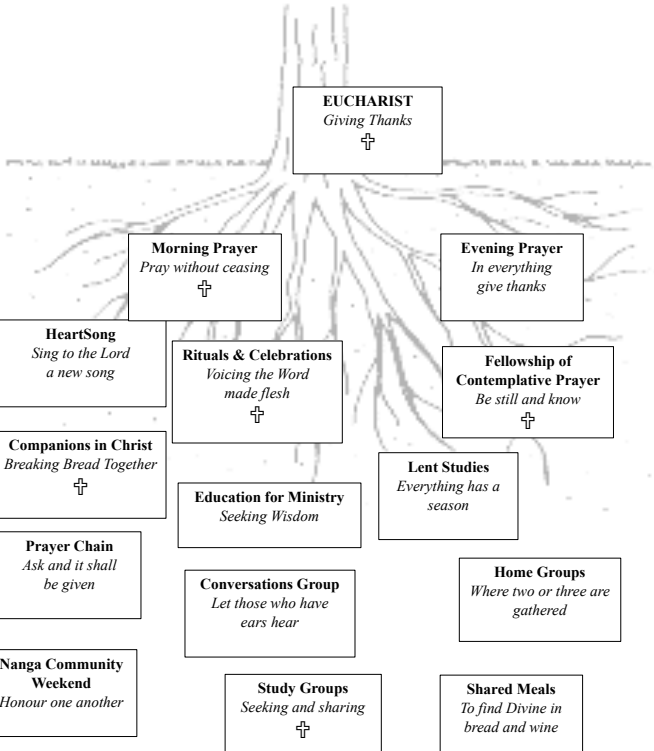

Warden's Report 2010

I understand, the image of a tree may be a common theme flowing across the various reports and conversations of this 2011 Annual General Meeting. The following are my thoughts, observations and experiences as first time warden at St Paul's drawn together using the analogy of congregation as a tree.

I see St Paul's as an old but not ancient tree standing firm in good soil nurtured by Peter and more recently recharged with the spiritual seasol from John. This is a tree that whilst mature still has plenty of good solid fruit producing years to come.

Over the year a number of the older well loved branches of the tree have died, they may have gone but their influence in shaping the tree will remain forever.

A quick backward glance at the tree of a year ago and then as it is now, reveals a first impression that it all looks the same. Yet on closer more detailed inspection it isn't, the seasons have come and gone. Gone are the leaves of past years and in their place are the branches and buds of exciting new growth.

As only one portion of the tree, I am reminded of my connection and interdependence with each and every member of the tree that is St Paul's.

During the past year the plot where the tree stands has changed, more beautiful say many, and in the months to come the landscape will change yet again in ways planned to bring new life and vitality to the tree.

May we always be a tree of movement, like the song, *"may the trees of the field clap their hands"* as an expression of God's presence with us.

Business

- **Weekly wardens meetings** – implemented process to communicate and share discussion points with Parish Council.
- **Parish Council meetings** – Modified the meeting format to ensure all matters that need to be addressed are dealt with appropriately.
- **New buildings** – considerable warden time and energy has been applied to the 164/166 community housing development and then more recently the new Kitchen/Meeting room that is scheduled to start building works on 13 June.
- **Expanding priestly leadership** - The inclusion of John in the team has enhanced the spiritual opportunities for parishioners within St Paul's, Lent studies, Companions study, on site retreat days.
- **Parish numbers** - my perception is the number of people attending each week has remained about the same as a year ago and the annual giving is about the same.

Warden's Report 2011

Business (*Continued)* ***...***

- **New blood** – it is encouraging to see new people making a connection with St Paul's and then taking steps towards a deeper involvement within St Paul's.
- **Pastoral Care/Support** – It happens, many are involved - a plan for the future is to raise the awareness of Pastoral Care, it's availability from whom, where and when as a more formally recognized service to the parish community.
- **Parish Vision Conversations** – Is St Paul's to become something new? Recently open conversations have explored questions related to where we came from, where we are now, and what we see looking to the future. The conversations will continue – suffice to say there are plenty of encouraging opportunities open to us.
- **Just Manna** – recent practical experience has highlighted the possibilities of how much may be possible with the sorts of people supported by JM. There is a saying *"from little things, big things grow"*. That's how I feel, about JM.
- **Generosity of spirit and $s** – recently I sought assistance to help Mary in Nairobi with her VISA application. The financial support from within St Paul's was fantastic and to find someone on the ground in Nairobi willing to help her was to a clear sign that God is in control.
- **LPM/PA team** – St Paul's is blessed with a team who take great care over the, "holding of the sacred space" that we all share during our various services.
- **Community Co-ordinator** – a blessing silently working in the background supporting us all.
- **Going green** – solar power was installed on the rectory.
- **Functions** – throughout the year we have been blessed with many wonderful functions where we were wined and dined magnificently.
- **A gift** – my work situation has changed and I now allocate Fridays to doing parish related activities. With our maturing congregation perhaps others will be able to consider offering a similar gift.
- **Peter** – his vision towards the future and his commitment to making a difference for people here and now, comes across in ways that touches and changes lives. Peter has a knack of testing people, of pushing people perhaps towards places they may not want to go. That can be tough but good.
- **The Team** – Peter, Chris & Michael and more recently John. We work well together, we are all quite different in nature and temperament which means we each bring a different gift to the team, charged with the leadership role at St Paul's. I may be biased, however I believe St Paul's is in good hands.

Chris & Michael - Wardens, St Paul's

Just Manna Annual Report 2011

Thank you to all those who have supported and contributed financially and with their expertise to Just Manna. Only recently we had a parishioner wanting to organize a direct debit to Just Manna.

Since launching Just Manna in 2007 we have achieved charitable institutional status. As indicated in previous reports this enables us to accept donations and these are tax deductible. The Just Manna Committee meets monthly at the Jessups and we deal with a range of issues from business/humanitarian matters, from government compliance issues to whether we can support financially to those in need.

Over the past year the major area of focus for the Just Manna Committee has been helping the Ali Reza Irfani family, the Afghanistan family which has been granted a Special Humanitarian Visa. Leith Maddox and S.C.A.L.E.S continue to support and advise the family as they go through health checks and passport controls. As each day passes, the Just Manna Committee believes brings the Ali Reza Irfani family closer to arriving in Western Australia.

Meanwhile closer to home, Mayom has moved to live with Michael and Joan Jessup to receive the necessary support and advice to complete his Certificate IV in Human Resources, and to save some money to repay debts. His nephew, Abraham, on the other hand has married a lovely woman from Kenya and he is here in W.A. trying to bring her out to Australia.

Former parliamentarian Bill Thomas has been very helpful in providing advice on another case involving a woman from Europe who wishes to formalise her relationship with Australia, so as to provide assistance to her younger sister who has suffered from extreme post-natal depression while living here and having her children.

We have also been able to assist Australian families experiencing hardship by way of a one-off grant to help with their particular circumstances. The Committee is fortunate to have Feonagh Cooke, a school Chaplain's in-put about the needs of refugee students, some of whom have been child soldiers and are in need of special socio-cultural and spiritual rehabilitation. Feonagh has developed a program in which teenage girls utilize sewing machines to make garments. Just Manna recently authorized a small payment for the repairs to a number of machines for this program to proceed effectively.

We continue to liaise with our Federal Member for Fremantle, Melissa Parke, whose background as a Human Rights Lawyer is invaluable. On 22 June 2011 a small sub-committee of the Just Manna Committee will meet with Melissa Parke to raise a number of matters in relation to the treatment of asylum seekers in Australia.

Finally, I would like to thank our marvellous Committee for their generosity with their time, expertise and energy, and in particular Joan Jessup who has been a fantastic secretary recording all our actions and aspirations to do God's work in a humane and just manner.

Angela Wilson [Chairperson]
0422 174 066 **GIFT FUND: $16,000 *$14,000 set aside for the Special Humanitarian Visa undertaking.**

Treasurer's Report

It has been a successful year for the Parish, with so much achieved, and so much more promised, as our vision comes to realisation.
During the year our loan from the Anglican Community Fund which supported the construction of the East Wall restoration, received a lump sum deposit, drawn from both our accounts, which has substantially reduced the balance owing, and therefore the interest being added, while being offset by two interest rate increases, currently now 8.1%. This payment, in addition to the regular monthly instalments was arranged with a redraw facility (if and when needed by the Parish), with so much restoration work still required on the hall, church and rectory.

General Account:
The account finished the year with a balance of $22,555.79. There is a sizeable movement of funds into and out of the account during the course of a year. Hall bookings still remain at almost 100% constant usage, and contribute a most satisfactory amount to our income.

The new meeting room facility may be more suitable for regular small group bookings than the old studio. Weddings appear to have increased in volume since the completion of the restoration, and I have no doubt that with the completion of our new kitchen and appropriate advertising of a "wedding package", including the use of the venue for receptions as well, that the volume may increase even further.

During the year we set up and utilised the facility with the Anglican Community Fund to pay accounts by electronic funds transfer ("EFT") , and while this is a little convoluted in operation and has produced a few problems while we become totally familiar with its use, is providing our creditors with a more rapid payment of their accounts, to their satisfaction.
As mentioned earlier, the sum of $20,000 was transferred to the Loan Account. A further substantial payment was for the purchase of a solar electricity generation complex, installed on the roof of the rectory. This amounted to $16,890. Orders placed by parishioners with the firm for an installation privately, will contribute one extra generating panel to our setup. This was felt to be environmentally responsible by the Parish Council, and at the same time reducing our cost, particularly in light of the anticipated substantial increase in electricity charges.

The addition of our Parish Community Co-ordinator, on a salary, also meant that the BAS return became more involved, and quarterly superannuation payments had to be attended to. Without the appropriate background, this was starting to turn the treasurer's hair grey, and required the assistance of my daughter, Ainslie, who is a book-keeper. Her contribution to doing the BAS returns, squeaky clean, so to speak, and in tidying up the irregularities in my computer entries has been invaluable, and her assistance is gratefully recorded.
Everyone is familiar with the addition of Dr John Dunnill to our establishment, and now that this is official – he's got a piece of parchment to prove it – a stipend and associated expenses will have to be factored into the account in the coming year.

East End Account:
This account finished the year with a balance of $492.96, which will be transferred to the general account. This account was set up, of course, to receive contributions to the Restoration Fund. We subsequently received a dispensation from the Diocese to allow all fundraising income to be directed towards this Fund and the loan

commitment which followed, therefore not requiring that amount to be included in the assessable income on which we pay 16% to the Diocese. That dispensation has been extended and is currently in force. To enable more conveniently to separate that income from general funds, all of that income was processed into the East End A/c. This has however proved to be error-inducing, as the treasurer attempted to cope with a sizeable workload, on a limited amount of time made available to do the work, and with the need to direct income and expenditure, associated with ALL fundraising into this account. The contributions into "Provision for Capital Expenditure" have dropped to a trickle, comprising perhaps no more than half a dozen parishioners, so it has been decided to revert back to one account for all accounting, except for these few ongoing contributions which will remain in the East End A/c, will attract a National Trust receipt for tax deductibility, and which funds will periodically be transferred to the National Trust as previously.

An amount of $30,000 was transferred to the loan. A further $21,825.00 was transferred to the National Trust Monthly scheduled repayments to the loan, now comprising capital plus interest calculation, of $2000, are deducted from this account, but will be transferred to the general account from May 1St
All contributions towards our loan commitment will now be processed through the general account, and the few who make those contributions by EFT have been notified to arrange the transfer accordingly.

National Trust Account:
This account was almost exhausted by the payments to the builder, but with recent transfers now has a balance of $22,423.74. These funds can only be retrieved against accounts from builders for restoration work and on the counter-signed approval of a heritage architect.

It is expected that this balance will increase only marginally, unless we are faced with further substantial restoration requirements, necessitating that we "re-open" the call for contributed funds as previously. It is appropriate here, to commend the response of parishioners to the original appeal for funds – your commitment was extraordinary and deserves that you give yourselves a hearty round of applause.

Loan Account:
The balance as at 30th April was $123,861.98. Original borrowing was $185,743.15 .

It remains for me to sincerely thank Ronny for her perseverance with the transition to EFT payments, and her continuing enthusiasm and support, which must be reciprocated in light of the huge volume of work she processes. Thanks also to the money counters – five teams – who do such a splendid job each Sunday; to Alan Albany who now provides an additional breakdown of finances for each Parish Council meeting, and a big thank you to Peter, who drags both of us out of the office each Monday morning for a coffee break down the road, which helps to keep us sane.

*Thank You Bob Matthews our Treasurer & **treasure** for keeping the books balanced.*

Thank you *Bob Matthews* The Treasurer

Figures at a Glance

Our total operating income - Last year	$142,486
Our total operating income – This Year	**$213,632**
Our operating Expenditure – Last year	$141,207
Our operating Expenditure – This Year	**$210,188**
Our total offerings last year	$90,717
Our total offerings this year	**$97,561**
Our average weekly giving	$1876
Adults in St Paul's community	180
Average number in Church each week	100
Our average weekly giving per adult	**$10.42**
Our average weekly giving per attendee	**$18.76**
Income from hall hire and weddings etc.	$27,777
Loan Contributions for year	$17,181

2011AD
21 Baptisms
20 Weddings
15 Funerals

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING
Please consider arranging a Direct Debit for your weekly offering. It provides you with an opportunity to be intentional with you giving and reduces the workload for our volunteers who help with the accounts.
See Ronny or Bob for details

Some thoughts……
Will we increase our regular giving to enable creative initiatives?
Will we GIVE more of ourselves and INVEST more in St Paul's?

If everyone who came to church, each time they came, put another $23.00 in a box.
(less than a cappuccino per day)
That box could pay off our loan in one year.

Did You Know?
All our expenses are met by our giving…

We pay for the priests stipends (wages)
We pay all the regular bills – rates, insurance, gas, electricity
We pay every office expense – Computers, Stationery, Photocopying…
We pay for every maintenance job completed on our buildings
And we pay for every ministry activity that reaches beyond our community – such as funding for School Chaplains, Refugees, Emergency relief….**And then… we also pay** 16% of our collection to 'Church Office" for the ministry of the wider Communion in the Diocese of Perth….

EVERYTHING WE DO – AND ALL THAT WE WANT TO DO
is dependent on OUR GIVING

Rector's Report

Thank you for having me.....

"*We have enjoyed a very busy year... a year of accomplishing and a year that has forever changed the shape of St Paul's. We have replaced the temporary structures of 100 years ago with a significant re-creation that takes us "Beyond the Church"... and more and more there is a growing involvement in the day-to-day life of this community. It is (we are) a sign (beacon) that really does "Shine as a light in the world to the Glory of God".*" [Rector's Report 2010 – opening paragraph]

In re-reading last year's report it is heartening to see that our journey, our movement and our orientation continues to bring life and to be creative of life. Every year is different, and yet year by year there is an emerging richness. It is a richness reflected in my hopes of last year....
"*In the year ahead I look forward to our continued realisation as community, one that lives and brings life into the Glory of God*" [Rector's Report 2010 – closing paragraph]

This year can be more fully appreciated in our celebration of the *Paschal Mysteries* of Easter; which gives us an opportunity to reflect on our dying and rising and so too our becoming. John's facilitation of Lenten Studies engaged over 40 of us in our Easter preparations. I began the Lent journey in the weeks before Ash Wednesday by reading through the lectionary of Lent and then through the Lent Study material whilst enjoying the paradise of Bali.
And so we were well prepared for our encounter with Easter. What came 'unprepared' was the significance of the '*stone being rolled away*', reflected also in the window in the East Wall of the Church, the 'altar' Stone in the chapel floor and the wide openness of consecration offered in the embrace of the amphitheatre. There is within our community a tangible sense of movement from the Tomb. It does not mean we have previously been living in the dark; rather, we are emerging from the womb of our past. A delightful movement that takes us into a new being, and to a fuller sense of being alive.

This year's AGM report is itself a celebration, a festival of "fruits and roots".... It gives us an appreciation of both our 'Doing" and our 'Being'.

As we embrace the energy of resurrection and see ourselves entering Life from 'beyond the tomb' it will bring about a change in our being and enable us to more freely live in the Spirit. I am more and more drawn by the possibilities of 'newness' that emerge from the community of St Paul's and at the same time feel called to 'go beyond' and more fully realise ourselves 'beyond the Church".

We are maturing as a Parish, there are many and various signs of our growth; and we are growing beyond the classical model of a Priest centred parish.

Having 'been here' for 16 years it is a good time to ask of each other "what are we going to do now that we've grown up"? And what will be the model of ministry that will enable us to continue building on the foundations we have?

Rector's Report *continued*

The community 'living in the Church precinct' will number around 23 people, and the community that spends time here during the week (beyond our Sunday worship) easily doubles that number. There is a growing commitment that is enabling of a more, wider and deeper ministry.

As we reflect on ourselves within the context of a 'faith community' we can appreciate that we are 'going beyond' the usual parochial model and becoming more participative of the future that we seek to create "in Christ".

One of the challenging (and yet delightful) movements is the discovery that our priest is not wonderful – rather *WE* are wonderful. The building up of the 'body' is a community activity that engages us all, through our giving and our sharing of ourselves, our time, our talents and our wealth.
So what might the future hold for us:
⚿A team ministry of both ordained and lay workers/ministers supported by this, and the wider, community.
⚿An 'order' of religious, creating a *new monasticism* that continues our orientation toward '*Living Faithfully in a Fragmented World'.*

I am more and more inspired, and also challenged, to go "beyond" what we have previously understood as 'Church'. In dialogue with other faiths and other cultures I believe there is more to be seen and more to our becoming who we can be in our fullness and our wholeness.
That seeking is 'rooted' here in this community but branches beyond the 'comfort' of our Church and our culture.
In developing cultures a little goes a long way, and makes me wonder if we can realise our abundance by creating a world of difference.

In the next two years we move from being 16years together to 18 years together, time for the 'child' to move into the adult world.... and in the light of Pentecost to make manifest the Word in languages other than our own,

Peace & Love – Peter H

The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in The Beauty of their Dreams

Community Development And Housing Activity

Community development and housing activities are undertaken in collective good faith as fellowships of members of St Paul's Anglican Church Beaconsfield and other believers. There is no one specific group responsible for, directing or controlling activities as they are realized through individuals and groups of individuals lead by the Spirit. Individuals are inspired and committed through the outpouring of Divine love for all peoples and an earnest desire to love, obey, follow and serve.

The aim of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (physical facilities - e.g. a new kitchen) as distinct from COMMUNITY SERVICES (people services – the senior's luncheon), is to provide physical facilities for the community and independent living accommodation in the setting and context of (or arising from) a community faithful to Divine mission.

The St Paul's Parish Council and Anglican Church Diocesan authorities although engaged, supportive and encouraging, have a low level of obligation and responsibility for many of the activities listed below not-withstanding the many linkages of mutual interest, benefit and support.

The prime responsibility of the St Paul's Parish Council is to St Paul's Parishioners and to the central Anglican Church authorities for the church buildings and lands and for the worship activities of the church and other events that may take place in that space. For clarity, the Parish Council is not a developer of residential properties and only through the assignments of many others does it let manifest most social activities and community services on the church site. There is a strong commitment to worship, community and fellowship at St Paul's and amongst all faithful believers.

There have been times in the century plus of St Paul's existence of intense activity with the worship and the Word, with physical facilities and social activity, and times of little action, almost to the point of closing the church. In recent times, community members have been lead to undertake or contemplate physical developments in terms of:-

- the community housing activity at 11 McCleery Street;
- the beautification of the church gardens and grounds (problematical during ongoing constructions), the olive tree grove, the fountain, the fire-pit and the entry from the church to the McCleery Street houses;
- the East End wall repair, new chapel and amphitheatre facility;
- the WWI memorial restoration and front door replacement;
- the housing activity at 166-168 Hampton Road (completion June 2011);
- expanded parking facilities in association with 166-168 Hampton Road (early 2012);
- the new kitchen, plaza and meeting room (mid 2012);
- the physical re-planning of the outdoor areas in terms of public access, disabled access, parking, boundary marking, path and walkways, vehicle ingresses and egresses, landscaping and beautification, utility service provisions, etc;
- prayerful preparations for the coming Church Hall restoration and configuration for today's users (target 2013);

- prayerful preparation for the coming refurbishment and further development of the rectory, office and garage area;
- prayerful contemplation on fostering the building and service needs of "Snowlands" and the "Bali Orphanage" schools and community;
- prayerful contemplation on the longer term accommodation needs of "Just Manna" clients;
- prayerful contemplation on providing support in and through our community for those members unable to look after themselves;
- the housing activity being developed at 172 Hampton Road (by late 2012 /early 2013);
- prayerful contemplation for phases four (160 Hampton Road), phase five (Public Housing Management) and phase six of community housing development;
- prayerful contemplation and meditation for the unknown that will be made known.

The above physical developments are not for the sake of constructing buildings but to manifest Divine blessing, including the key experiences of fellowship in the body of Christ activities of worship, service, learning, spreading the good news and outreach are foremost in our minds along with sharing joy, fun, games, recreation, personal experiences, celebrations, healthy lifestyles, prosperity, amusement and entertainment, etc.
Some benefits (amongst many others) of these developments include:-

- the opportunity to establish a "Coffee Club" for social interaction and meetings;
- alternative and improved worship and education venues;
- the creation of a beautiful and spiritually inspired precinct accessible to all who seek love, faith and truth with spaces ranging from private solace areas to collective festivity areas;
- facilities to help in a practical manner the less able, dispossessed and vulnerable in our community;
- improved ability to offer hospitality and wholesome entertainment;
- opportunity for all types of creative activities to flourish and add to the precinct beauty and interest.

Beaconsfield Beyond Inc

(A Proposed Not For Profit Charitable Foundation)

- To facilitate and give leadership to activities that go beyond the domain of the Parish Council a charitable foundation is proposed namely Beaconsfield Beyond Inc. This matter is now in open progress and community consultation and input is being undertaken.
- The intent is to establish a perpetual charitable foundation to own or manage selected physical facilities and to provide financial and other resources for "good works and services" on a continuing and variable basis in accordance within an agreed constitution.
- The foundation is not being established to provide financial support for the physical fabric of St Paul's Church and property, which is a responsibility of Parishioners (there are conditional exceptions).
- The foundation will have a minimal existence and resources at this time (June 2011). When fully established it will have an initial benefice target of $6,500,000 to be realized as its existence continues, projects develop, donations and bequests become available.
- In all probability Dama Pty Ltd the developer of the 166-168 and 172 Hampton Road and other projects will ultimately be wholly owned by the foundation as a commercial activity arm.

A New Monasticism

The notion and terminology of "new monasticism" was developed by Jonathan Wilson, in his 1998 book called *Living Faithfully in a Fragmented World*. Wilson was, in turn, building on ideas of theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who said in 1935: "the restoration of the church will surely come only from a new type of monasticism which has nothing in common with the old but a complete lack of compromise in a life lived in accordance with the Sermon on the Mount in the discipleship of Christ"

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Please voicemail or text at other times

Community Information Evening

Accommodation Opportunities in the St Paul's Precinct at 172 & 160 Hampton Road, Beaconsfield

A community meeting will be held in the Church Hall **Studio** at 11:15 am after morning tea on Sunday the 26th June 2011 (estimated duration 1 hour).

Please let anyone who you think may be interested in this opportunity know of the meeting (friends, neighbours, relatives, family, work colleagues, parishioners from other parishes, etc.,).

Information will be provided on the current proposed housing developments in the St Paul's Precinct. Concept plans for 172 Hampton Road will be on display at the AGM (19/06/2011) but will not be discussed until 26/06/2011. These houses are to be at a similar standard and finish to 166-168 Hampton Road (but slightly smaller) there will be 6 or 7 habitats in the complex with 3 smaller units and 4 larger units including the rehabilitated heritage house. The two storey (+ lofts) complex will be around a central courtyard with some community facilities attached. Parking should be available for 2 vehicles for each habitat. Unit prices are targeted in a range at under $350,000 for a small 1 bedroom unit and up to to $700,000 for the heritage house and the largest 2 bedroom loft unit.

If you attend the meeting and are interested in this accommodation a follow-up meeting should be arranged with Rodger Philpott in the week following 27th June to July (appointment slot can be arranged on the Sunday or by e-mail). Participants will need to be financial contributors to the project in order for it to happen but there is individual flexibility for financial arrangements.

Fundraising at St Paul's

Our St Paul's community is alive and growing daily as we embrace all the movement that we are currently experiencing with building the East End and chapel, and soon the new meeting room and kitchen. All of this requires funding that is not covered by our monthly giving. Other sources of revenue like weddings and hall hire provide some of the money we need, but we rely heavily on fundraising from various activities throughout the year, culminating in our annual fair.

This year a new body of people formed an Arts group to look at ways of bringing some new and innovative life to not only our fundraising but our hospitality too which we can offer to the wider Fremantle community.

The Divine Dates card has been designed to give a preview of what to expect for the rest of this year. In that way we can earmark dates and hopefully encourage people to support the various occasions we have planned. This will hopefully bring more revenue to boost our finances as well as give us more opportunities to gather and enjoy the gifts and talents on offer in this parish.

The success of our fundraising initiative depends entirely on the efforts of ALL getting involved by offering to help, selling tickets, inviting others to attend and throwing support behind every one of the occasions we have planned.

Fundraising is the responsibility of *everyone* who attends this parish in the same way as our weekly giving is for all. Please consider how you can make a difference and get involved. Please contact Ronny for more information.

Thanks, Kim

John Dunnill: A Short Introduction

What background do I bring to St Paul's as Associate Priest? In my twenties I was an English teacher in schools, and I taught Theology at Murdoch University from 1992 until last year. My ministry experience includes parishes, hospital chaplaincy, adult education, and since coming to Perth in 1992, shared leadership in the formation programme for Anglican ministry. A turning point for me was undertaking formation as a spiritual director, and I offer this on an individual basis and also through leading regular retreats and workshops around the diocese. Another turning point was the three months we spent in Bali last year, experiencing life among Western and Balinese Christians who live and work with people of many faiths and backgrounds. I have had a long-standing interest in symbolism and symbolic action, so right now (apart from my two days at St Paul's) I'm busy completing a book on the Biblical and Christian understanding of sacrifice. After that, who knows?

STP Sycamore Tree Project Report

STP is a world-wide Restorative Justice Programme which has the unique feature of bringing together unrelated victims of crime and serving prisoners, usually one day a week for about two months, to discuss what has happened and try to find a way forward. They tell their painful stories and listen deeply and carefully to one another, displaying compassion and concern for the other. It is as simple and difficult as that. By the end of the course, it is quite obvious that there has been a dramatic change of heart or healing of wounds in the majority of participants. Public consciousness has given us stereotypes of these people as either (on the one side), emotional wrecks intent on revenge or compensation, or (on the other), unfeeling or insane monsters. The reality is that both sides retain their basic humanity and the ability to show grace under pressure and enormous courage.

Prison officers (surely the most cynical and cautious of people) frequently tell us *"whatever you are doing keep it up – because it is working".* Victim graduates speak of healing and the recovery of power in their lives. Five members of St Paul's Church have so far participated in the programmes (some several times) and I am sure they would be willing to share their experience with you.

For further information watch the video at http://vimeo.com/15380925 or check out this website http://www.pfi.org/cjr/stp/where2/australia/shafts-of-light-from-a-dark-place-the-story-of-the-sycamore-tree-projectae-2005-2008-as-told-by-the-participants/view
Michael Cockram

Arts and Culture Interest Groups

Please note bookings for events are *through the church office ... 9335 2242*
The contacts below are for organizing and presenting activities
CONTACT # ARE NOT FOR PURCHASING TICKETS

BI-MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST
Community members interested in the arts and culture have been meeting informally once every two months to talk about art and cultural activities in or potentially in the St Paul's community and using the new facilities becoming available.

Next breakfast meeting is Saturday, 9th July from 8:30 a.m. in the studio. Bring plate of food ... coffee provided.

Entertainment in the Ampitheatre and Church Hall
Performance only programs (Gillian Clark: Contact: 0408 593 523)
Performances with food (Kim Kemp: Contact: 0411 135 533)
In the latter half of 2011 and the first half of 2012 a series of public entertainments have been or are being arranged. Attached is the program for July to December 2011 (see page 31). Some entertainment will have food services available.

We are encouraging suitable groups and performers to use the amphitheatre outside the winter season. If you know of performers or groups that would like to explore St Paul's venues, please contact
Gillian Clark: 0408 593 523

BOOK READING GROUPS
(Susan Grace)
Several book reading groups are expected to meet during the second half of 2011 and announcements will be made in due course.

PASSION PLAY
(Michael Cockram: Contact: 0437 377 737)
Scripts are being sought to hold a participatory passion play during lent 2012 with the intent that members of our community may be inspired to write a local passion play for annual performance.

POETRY READINGS and SHORT TALES
(Ruari-Jack Hughes: Contact: 9433 6609)
Several poetry and short tales readings are expected to be organised in conjunction with amphitheatre and hall performances announcements will be made in due course.

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTS EXHIBITION
Simon Miskin: Contact: 0406 577 011

Planning has commenced for a 2012 Religious Art Exhibition (all media, painting, sculpture, performance, etc.,) to be held at St Paul's during 2012.

Particular interest is on securing the participation of children as well as local, community and established artists.

A significant prize(s) is being considered for the exhibition.

The possibility of large sculptural works being left on semi permanent display throughout the precinct is also being considered (in some cases pending sale by the artist).

ARCHIVES GROUP
Honour Board History activity
(George and Margaret Paynter:
Contact: 9337 4690)

CHURCH VISUAL RECORDS
Gabby Dean: Contact: 9417 47530

PROSPECTIVE ACTIVITIES
•Theatrical Performances
•Art works for an art walk through the grounds and gardens of St Paul's

Some of the Changes we have Experienced

- Begin the service with an English translation of the Gyatri mantra.
- Collects are specifically written for our worship.
- The creed is changed periodically to introduce broader interpretations of our faith.
- Major festivals incorporate new 'Thanksgiving/ Eucharistic Prayers'.
- Sanctuary & Church furniture has been simplified & minimised
- Paschal Candle is decorated from within the community.
- Hymns are (where possible) chosen to reflect theology and inclusivity that reflects St Pauls.
- The consecration of our memorial garden.
- The Elm Dance is part of our Sunday liturgy.
- Introduced a table for votive candles.
- Morning and Evening prayer takes place in the chapel.
- Notices are no longer within the worship.
- Introduction of symbols and texts from other faiths.
- Have a candle lighting ritual for our Children.
- No longer need Hymn and Prayer books to 'follow the service'.
- HeartSong and contemplative prayer are offered each month.
- The stone 'altar' in the floor of the chapel offers a reinterpretation of our beginnings
- The introduction of purple memorial diamonds to our leadlight windows.

IGWR – Nepal & Indonesia

[In Giving We Receive]
Nepal

We have been continuing our support for the Snowlands School in Nepal and the "Postcard' gives a glimpse of progress through the eyes of Vanessa a Swiss volunteer who we have sponsored for 1-2 years at the school.

We have at the same time undertaken to support a few families who Marie, with our friends in Kathmandu, have been moved to 'make a difference'.

Ayog

What dreams can we bring to birth that are inspired by this child and this woman?

Apartment leased for mother & children.
Ayog booked in for surgery.
Sukriti now attending school in Kathmandu

Sandesh, was discovered by Marie on her visit this year and was suffering from multiple fractures caused by his father… He is again smiling now that we have help in getting him through surgery.

Postcard – Snowlands School

It took the taxi driver a while to reach the new school..... at the border of the main city. The air is a lot better and the environment too. But no wrong imaginations we have a lot to do still!!
I got a room in the girls' house, on the first floor. I share the floor with all the girls plus the youngest boys..... The ground floor is full of all other younger boys and the bigger and older boys got their own house in the other part of the new school.
More space for the cloths is still an illusion; we definitely need cupboards and places where we can put the old metal boxes from all the children. Also hanging up clothes on the roof, we have no lines, which is one of the next projects we will start. Bathroom and kitchen are getting installed slowly. (A lot too slowly... let's see) the kitchen at the moment is a small house with sheet plate rooms, which are so old that it rains inside through howls. Anyway we get food, but the dining hall is still a question mark. Half of the kids eat on the floor or in their rooms and the smaller ones share the last 6 tables.
We still fight with the problem of the boring, monotone food, and a lot of children are not eating properly. I could ask another volunteer to send us money to start with fruit and meet once a week again.
The grounds in front of the houses are flooded with too much rain.... We miss both, football and basketball playing possibilities at the moment, why we fight against boredom even more than before and walk to a place where we can play both as much as we can. The disadvantage of that place is a 30min walk, so we can only take a certain amount of children with us.
The new classrooms are a lot better than the old ones. First of all we have finally enough rooms for all classes from class one till ten and the rooms are bigger, brighter. The only thing what I worry is that after heavy rain, some of the walls don't seem to be dry enough and we have sometimes in the first floor wet parts in the wall.
In my opinion a lot of the children look healthier and better, while others don't. I think it will always be like this, there are too many problems, which are burden on each child.

Suraj's family who we met on our visit to Kathmandu in 2009 have been moved from their 'slum' into a small apartment and are doing well with our ongoing support.

- ☐ Apartment leased for mother & children.
- ☐ Nisha now attending school in Kathmandu

After the death of their mother, the five Tamang children were left in the care of their father who had little income and an alcohol problem. They were living in a small wooden house some 2hours outside of Kathmandu. We have now set up a home/schooling for them in Kathmandu

- ☐ Apartment leased for family
- ☐ House mother employed & in residence
- ☐ All children now attending school

And in Indonesia.....

There is delight in the Yayasan Widya Guna (which translates into English as **"Foundation for Children's Education.")**

We have completed the final payment on the Gamelan instruments for the children and are now looking at supporting individual children via educational sponsorship.

The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of their Dreams

A bank account has been established (with Anglican Community Fund) for donations...
A/C: **IGWR**– **Nepal** - BSB: **706-001** – A/C No: **30006088**

A Discussion Paper on our Liturgy

As we reflect on our movement as a community during the AGM, it is also timely to look at the liturgical practices that give shape to our worship. It is often commented (for positive and negative reasons) that the church never changes, however there are always changes (every week) for our liturgy is very much *our* work, and we of course change week-by-week.

Here we seek to identify some of the changes that we have experienced and also invite discussion of changes that may also be emerging in our liturgical patterns.

The Church

Is both an icon of who we are, and also our place of worship – it holds our liturgical movements. The changes that we have undertaken are a significant commitment from us as a community to the Divine Presence in this place. And they are so beautiful they really do reflect *our* offering of "Glory to God".
The new chapel and amphitheatre are both consecrated spaces, and so extend the sacred space of the 1905 Church. They also do much more for they reflect our building on the foundations we have inherited and take us 'beyond the Church' opening us out in a wide embrace in the direction of the rising Son.
The window in the East wall of the Church has both brought in new light and also takes us 'beyond the altar', again these 'movements' seem reflective of our movement as community.

How does the physical precinct of the church resonate for you?

The Prayer Book

Provides us with a 'framework' for our worship and gives us our routine. It is our *Regula Fidei* or Rule of Faith. However, it is *we* who give expression to the various orders of liturgy that the book contains. The book represents a tradition and foundation, and at the same time offers us an invitation to translate its context into the present.

What is the "Rule of Faith' that gives shape to your life?

The Service Sheet (Order of Service)

We have now brought the full order of service into the service sheet, and that means that we no longer juggle hymn and prayer book, nor do we distract ourselves as we seek to skip pages in order to stay on the same page as everyone else. This is more than a movement of convenience, it invites us to be more focussed, and offers us an opportunity to introduce variation to the words 'contained' in the prayer book. Once again it reflects our community engagement with the liturgy and our desire to express all that the liturgy brings into reality.

What has changed in your own experience of prayer and worship?

Our Music & Choir

Blessed as we are with both musicians and singers, we have many opportunities to express ourselves in song and in harmony. We sing with one voice (albeit in many different keys), and that gives us a glimpse of the breath of creation that sings us all into being. Church music is again a changing and evolving part that

Discussion Paper on our Liturgy *continued ...* gives expression to our worship. We seek to reflect both the theology of our community and the 'energy' of the liturgy through our music.

What songs sing in your heart, and how does music enable your prayer life?

The Members of 'One Body'

The seasons of the liturgical year and the festivals of the Church calendar give us a reference point for the ebb and flow of life. As a community, we also experience an ebb and flow of those who gather each Sunday to worship God. Always we are blessed with each other's presence, and perhaps our growing is related to the movement and engagement we find within the community.

What part do you play in the life of the Community and what 'gift' are you to the whole?

Are there enough opportunities for you to find yourself 'here'?

Symbols

From *Simnal cake* to *Siva Nataraja - the Cosmic Dancer,* we are invited into contemplative reflection through the symbols we employ and via the various presentations of the altar and sanctuary, particularly for the celebration of our major festivals. We use symbols to enable our 'seeing beyond' the obvious and to enable a looking through the everyday into the eternal. As a community we too are a symbolic representation of the Body of Christ, and members of that one body.

List the symbols that you have found helpful in your spiritual awareness.

How would you symbolise yourself and this community?

And for further contemplation....

1. What changes would you like to see in our shape and style of Church and/or worship?
2. If you were asked to 'design' the interior space of St Paul's to facilitate worship – a blank sheet of paper – what would you create?
3. Does the format of our layout and the formal placement of pews enhance or inhibit our worship.?
4. What parts of the "Order of Service" help you to move "beyond' where you are?
5. What parts of the liturgy underline a past age and a 'tradition' that no longer holds truth?
6. Are you missing out on the breadth and depth of our worship life by only attending to Sunday worship?
7. What spiritual practices help you day- by-day and how can these be shared with others?
8. Consider the weddings, baptisms and funerals that take place in 'our' church. What more can we share with the wider community and how might we share it?

Who's Who?

Garden Group
Contact: *Debbie Gwynne*

Archive Group
Contact: *Val Pearson*

Sycamore Tree Project
Contact: *Michael Cockram, Kim Kemp*

ART & Events Group
Contact: *Gillian Clark*

Church & Hall Cleaning
Church cleaning Contact: *Ruth Shelley*
Hall Cleaning Contact: *Maggie Brett*
Brass Cleaning Contact: *Neville Taylor*

Worship & Services Support
HeartSong Contact: *Caroline*
Counters Contact: *BobMatthews*
Worship Roster Contact: *Ronny Cockram*
Morning Tea Roster Contact: *Ruth Shelley*

Regular Event Coordination
Christmas Fair Contact: *Chris Jamieson*
Nanga Community Weekend Contact:*Peter H*
Monthly Busy B Contact: *Bob Matthews*

St Paul's Development (166, 168 & 172 Hampton Road)
Enquiries: *Chris Jamieson, Rodger Philpott, Peter H or Wardens*

Groups & Services

Liturgical Assistants & Lay Pastoral Ministers
Alan Albany, Krisztina Bartlett, Christabel Chamarette, Gabby Dean, Kim Kemp, Peter Smith, Val Pearson, Chris Jamieson, Susan Grace, Michael Jessup

Sunday School
Rhonda, Robin & Chris, Debbie, Kim, Belinda, Sue, Francis, Shirley-Joy, Kim Kemp, Clara, Sarah

Just Manna
Laurel Ellis, Michael Ellis, Angela Wilson, Chris Williams, Lyn Sherwood, Michael Jessup, Joan Jessup, Feonagh Cooke, Cynthia Russell, Howard Eaton, Kim Kemp, Lia Johnson, Chris Williams, Carol Eaton

Choir & Music Ministry
Janice, Michael C, Michael E, Lucy, Vicki, Michelle, Clarissa, Belinda, Kate, Debbie, Kristin and Nathan.

Visiting & Pastoral Care
Michael Jessup - coordinator

Elder's Morning Tea
Contact: *Kim Kemp*

Office & Media & Management
Community Coordinator: *Ronny Cockram*
Treasurer: *Bob Matthews*
Parish Secretary: *Chris Jamieson*
Office Support: *Margaret Paynter*
Hall Bookings: *Ronny, Diane*
Service sheets: *Gabby Dean*
Web-Site: *Rosemary Spark*

Contemplative Prayer ...
Contact: Peter H

Media & Communication

Our sharing of ourselves and of our community as the 'Body of Christ' is very much enriched by the various communications media we employ.

☒ The Service Sheet
Gabby Dean prepares our weekly service sheet and contributes much of its content. It provides us with more tan an "order of Service" as it includes opportunities for reflection and keeps us informed of the events that make up our common journey. The 'innovation' to include the full order for the Eucharist has also opened up opportunities for shaping the liturgy beyond the form of the Prayer Book. The service sheet is also posted and emailed to those who are away from the community.

☒ The Website
Rosemary Spark is an award winning web site administrator and we benefit from her talents. The web-site is updated every week and reflects the life and movement within the St Paul's community. It is a resource that can be used to explore many areas of religion and faith in many traditions. It is also a delightful record of our community life with sermons and photos telling the delightful story of our growing and our becoming.
http://www.stpaulsbeaconsfield.org.au/

☒ Our On-Line Discussion Group
Anyone can join the discussion group via an invitation of the web-site. The contributions to the various discussion threads then appear in your email 'in-box'. It offers us a chance to comment and explore the readings and the sermon and to share those moments and 'words' that offer us inspiration. It also provides a daily offering of prayer or reflection that often inspires further discussion.

☒ Photographs
A picture paints a thousand words... and we have a delightful record of our community in pictures thanks to the gifts, talents and attentiveness of a few who record our community life. many of these images are collated on the web-site for all to enjoy.

☒ Our Archives
The Archive group take the time to entrust our story for future generations and also to maintain and care for the stories that make up our foundations. They are responsible also for attending to the foundations on which we build and so help us acknowledge that we are one body, living and departed – and still to come.

☒ Notices
We seem to have settled into the routine of having notices in the hall as we enjoy hospitality after our worship. These 'notices' are integral to our community life and we give thanks for the opportunities we have week-by-week to share celebrations together.

☒ Notice board & table
Often overlooked, Ronny maintains a regular flow of information from both within the community and the wider communities of which we are a part. A glance at the notices board and the table of notices is a worthwhile practise to attend to over coffee.

☒ Other online Media
http://wwwthousandwords.blogspot.com/ [Gabby Dean]
http://www.sundayarvopictures.com/ [Linda Blagg]

☒ Anglican Messenger
We receive copies every month and these are available for anyone as they keep us in-the-loop with the Diocese of Perth.

Seeking Vision

As we consider the orientation and vision of our community there are many questions and areas that can be explored… some of these **conversations** give us an opportunity to consider our direction, sustainability and emerging/reflective theology/spirituality.
Here some initial topics are offered to initiate continued conversations…..

1. Temple Church & Mosque – Same, Same, but different
What is our identity in a universal sense?
Where do our traditions/practices inform us;
And where are we informed by other traditions?

2. Where do we hang the Bell?
A look at our developing landscape and its theology:
What sign/icon do we intend?
What is reflected within the precinct of St Paul's?
What would we like to see – and be seen?

3. Community Vs "A New Monasticism"
Living in Community – how intentional are we?
Are we living 'beyond' that of our suburban culture?
What do we share in common (and with whom?)

4. Who carries the candle tomorrow?
What path do we offer to our children?
What energy do we draw from (and give to) our youth?
What tomorrow are we creating today?

5. Sustainable Ministry – Embodying participation
What movements take us toward sustainability?
What model of 'being' enables the church of tomorrow?
Where do prayer and holy scripture build up the "Body"?

6. How can we operate?
What design does our organization require to be sustainable?
Can we learn from effective business models?
Are we hindered by out-dated parochial structures?

7. The sound a Baby Boomer makes when it retires?
What does our changing community dynamic require,
And what new paradigms does it offer?

8. Ministry Beyond the 'Parish Boundary'
Just Manna, IGWR-Indonesia, IGWR-Nepal; what engages us?
And what is required of us?
Where do we give…. and what do we create?

Sparkle Club Report 2011

"St Paul's All-Ages Religious Knowledge Learning Experience" has been welcoming children of all ages, and we continue to tailor our teaching to be multi-layered so all can benefit and be challenged. We continue to organise our subject material into "blocks" of 6-12 weeks. Last year we covered Paul of Tarsus over eight weeks, which included his life story and the traditional Seven Letters. Each week, the children placed the "letter" onto the corresponding city on a large map of the Mediterranean. We then started a series on the life-story of Jesus in chronological order beginning with Advent last November, and continuing all the way to Pentecost this year. Our next topic will be "The Kingdom of God", then we will do a series on the saints. We focus mainly on the New Testament, because many adults today who were in sunday school in the past grew up knowing all the stories of the Old Testament but almost nothing from the New Testament, which is where the main Christian story is. We also teach the children how the bible was put together, from which languages it was translated and how to look up verses.

The children always amaze us with their fresh insights and ability to understand challenging issues. We only have 60-90 minutes with the children, so we try to pack as much quality instruction into that time as possible. We start with a short teaching and use visuals like pictures or objects to enhance learning. Then we often do some games and follow that with a craft that reinforces the teaching of that day. One of the games we have played this year is "put yourself in the shoes of another" where the children swap either shoes or an item of clothing, then walk around pretending to be that person. The children find this game hilarious. We then gather around and each child tells what it is like to be another person, to be to gain some insight into how others think and feel.

We teach the traditional version of (protestant/Anglican) Christianity, and our education approach is inspired by both the Classical and Steiner theories, and based on these three objectives:

1. Character Development - ie virtues, stories of biblical heroes and saints, parables, inspiring sayings of Jesus and Paul, proverbs, etc.
2. Foundations – To expand the child's knowledge of what the bible is, who wrote it, its history, Christian history, liturgy and traditions, the main characters etc. The goal is that the child will develop a framework, or "pegs", for later knowledge to be acquired and discerned.
3. A Positive Experience of church and Christianity - ie enjoyable activities, fun and games, laughter etc, so the kids associate positive experiences.

We also take into account the Stage of Faith Development. Read all the stages here: http://faculty.plts.edu/gpence/html/fowler.htm

Robyn, Kim, Rhonda, Sue, Frances and Sarah

Romans 12:13 ... *Given to hospitality.*
To become a more hospitable people through the active ongoing pursuit of hospitality to the community beyond the fellowship at St Paul's.
Drawing others near.

Tell me to what you attend,
and I will tell you who you are!

- ☒ Church Cleaning
- ☒ Brass Cleaning
- ☒ Hall Cleaning
- ☒ Toilet Cleaning
- ☒ Church Council
- ☒ Liturgical Assistants
- ☒ Music
- ☒ Choir
- ☒ Choosing Hymns
- ☒ Website maintenance
- ☒ Website contributions
- ☒ History/Archives
- ☒ Just Manna
- ☒ FC Prayer
- ☒ Prayer Chain
- ☒ Sunday School
- ☒ Lent/Advent Groups
- ☒ Friday Night Home Group
- ☒ Service Sheets Production
- ☒ Service Sheets contribution
- ☒ Discussion site
- ☒ Nanga Camp
- ☒ Maintenance
- ☒ Garden
- ☒ Busy Bees
- ☒ Morning Tea Roster
- ☒ Roster Preparation/Co-ordination
- ☒ Function Catering
- ☒ Flowers
- ☒ Fundraising
- ☒ Elders' Morning Tea
- ☒ Quilting Group
- ☒ Hall setting /Clearing up
- ☒ Hall Laundry
- ☒ Church/Altar Laundry
- ☒ Study Groups

Eddie Vagg
Residing **I**n **P**aradise

This year we received our first significant bequest We received $30,000 which has enabled us to install solar panels and thereby reduce our overall expenditure for the future.
Eddie's nickname was "Sunny", and we delight that he continues to shine in our community.

THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH

We are certainly moving in the direction of a 'sustainable' future, and continuing the work of "Building up the Body". It is a worthwhile effort, and will continue beyond the lifespan of us all.

Please give consideration to including "St Paul's" in your will.

As we have been blessed by Eddie's generosity, so too we can also give an ongoing commitment to the future of all that we currently share in.

What is NEW for you in the AGM Report?

How many boxes can you tick?

Diary of Events

Our Fundraising and Wider Community Activities

These events are an opportunity to bring in the wider community. They also provide very necessary fundraising
They all need YOUR support.

- **Friday 24th June - Divine Food Gourmet Night**
  Dinner and Music by Red Dress
- **Saturday 30th July -Medieval Magic and Merriment**
  Banquet and Music by Voice Male
- **Saturday 27th August - Russian Romance**
  Candlelit Dinner and Play Reading
- **Saturday 3rd, 10th, 17th September - Stories and Sundowners**
  Around the Fire in the Amphitheatre
- **Saturday 29th October - Oktoberfest**
  Songs, Sausages and Sauerkraut and Music by Voice Male
- **Saturday 26th November – One World Fair**
  Food, Fare and Festivity with an International Theme
- **Friday 23rd December - Children's Nativity and Carols by Candlelight**

FUNDRAISING and our ANNUAL FAIR

Last year our Annual Fair contributed $16.383.00
to our running costs and other fundraising activities contributed $9,017.00.
These are important and significant contributions to the life of the St Paul's community.
Please continue to create and support our fundraising initiatives and wherever possible bring friends along to share in the life and support of St Paul's.

Diary of Events *continued*

Some more dates for your diary that gives an idea of the Explorations/ Retreats/Study & Sharing for the year ahead

May-November
Companions in Christ – 28-week programme of spiritual formation

Saturday 2 July, 9.30 – 4pm at St Paul's
A Day-trip through the Bible – a quick guided tour for anyone who finds the Bible puzzling, curious or mystifying

Tuesday evenings, 2 August – 20 September
Sifting the New Testament – 8 sessions, asking questions like:
How was the New Testament written?
What does it tell us about Jesus & the early Church?
How do we read the Gospels and Letters today?

Thursday evenings 4th August – 25th August
Mystics an opportunity to explore

Saturday 3rd September
Retreat day

Saturday 22th October
Another "Day-trip through" … topic tba,

Tuesday evenings, 4 October – 22 November
Sifting Theology – 8 sessions, asking questions like:
How do we think theologically?
What part is played by experience, faith & doubt?
Can I make sense of God and salvation?

27th November – 18th December
An Advent group – to be confirmed

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.

Page of Prayer

The Inner Light is beyond both praise and blame,
Like unto space it knows no boundaries;
Yet it is right here with us,
Ever retaining its serenity and fullness.
It is only when you seek it that you lose it.
You cannot take hold of it nor can you get rid of it;
While you can do neither, it goes on its own ay.
You remain silent and it speaks;
You speak and it is silent.
The Gate of Heaven is wide open with not a single obstruction before it.
– *Buddhist Teachings*

God help us
To rise up from our struggle.
Like a tree rises up from the soil.
Our roots reaching down to our trouble,
Our rich, dark dirt of existence.
Finding nourishment deeply
And holding us firmly.
Always connected.
Growing upwards and into the sun.
Amen.
The Prayer Tree by Michael Leunig

Be the Gardener of My Soul
Spirit of the living God, be the Gardener of my soul.
For so long I have been waiting, silent and still –
experiencing a winter of the soul.
But now, in the strong name of Jesus Christ, I dare to ask:
Clear away the dead growth of the past,
Break up the hard clods of custom and routine,
Stir in the rich compost of vision and challenge,
Bury deep in my soul the implanted Word,
Cultivate and water and tend my heart,
Until new life buds and opens and flowers.
Amen.

From Prayers of the Heart, by Richard Foster

A Prayer in the Spirit of St Paul's

Creator of Life, of light and all Love, we pray thee to fill this house with thy Spirit.
Here may the strong renew their strength and seek for their working lives a noble consecration.
Here may the poor find succour and the friendless friendship.
Here may the tempted find power, the sorrowing comfort and the bereaved find the truth that death hath no dominion over their beloved.
Here let the fearing find a new courage and the doubting have their faith and hope confirmed.
Here may the careless be awakened and all that are oppressed be freed.
Hither may many be drawn by thy love and go hence, their doubts resolved and faith renewed, their sins forgiven and their hearts aflame with they love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Chapel porch, Pleshey Retreat House, with amended divine address.