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A New Creation……

RESURRECTION

The future is not a result of choices among alternative paths offered by the present, but a place that is created - created first in the mind and will, created next in activity.
The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating.
The paths are not to be found, but made, and the activity of making them, changes both the maker and the destination.
(Deborah James)



Annual General Meeting
AGENDA
Giving shape to our tomorrows

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- Wardens & Treasurer
- *Thank you*

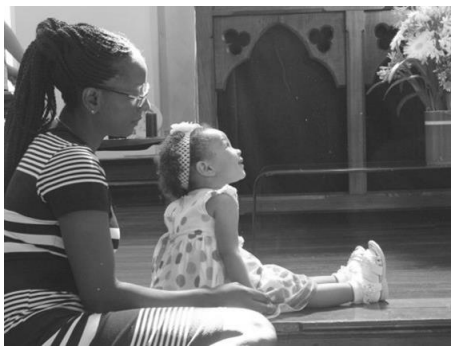
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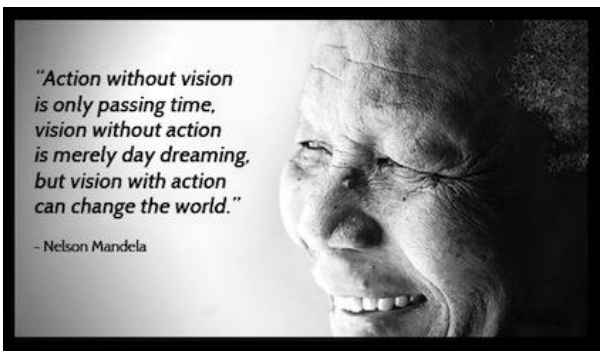
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Note: Any late reports can be distributed; however please be mindful of time and only introduce any new issues briefly ***or*** *present them to members of Church Council for consideration at our monthly meetings*

Acknowledgements
Share community lunch

The Future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their Dreams







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AGM Report

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We Give thanks for our 2013/2014 Church Council……

Sally Van Pelt – Don Barendrecht – David Hawks – Christabel Chamarette - Chris Jamieson (Warden) Joan Jessup (Warden) – Rodger Philpot (Warden)
Bob Matthews (Treasurer) - Debbie Gwynne
Lia Johnson - Kim Kemp
Synod Reps: Chris Jamieson and Michael Jessup
And alternates: **Debbie Gwynne and Michael Ellis**

And we welcome our 2014/2015 Church Council……

Sally Van Pelt – Don Barendrecht – Susan Grace – Christabel Chamarette - Chris Jamieson (Warden) Joan Jessup (Warden) – David Hawks (*Warden*) Bob Matthews (Treasurer) - Debbie Gwynne *Lia Johnson* - Kim Kemp – Laurel Ellis

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Love Actually



Love is not really an action that you do. Love is what you are. Love is a place that already exists inside you. It is a place you must learn to go to, which is within you but bigger than you at the same time.
That's the paradox. It's within you and yet beyond you.
That's why what characterizes this True Self is a sense of abundance, of enoughness. You know you've found the deep well, as Teresa of Avila put it, or, as Jesus put it, a well that will never go dry (John 7:38) and will never stop flowing.
It will only increase by usage, as all spiritual gifts do (whereas material gifts decrease by use).
Love is not something you can buy, nor something you can attain or work up to, because you already have it, it is your deepest identity. It is quite simply the presence of God within you. Our word for that has been the Holy Spirit, uncreated grace, or the divine indwelling. God always loves and is forever united to this love within you. It is this that God sees in you, loves in you, and cannot reject.

Richard Rohr

"Love is the only future God offers."
[Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*]



WARDEN'S REPORT from Joan Jessup



Reflections on the year.

The past year has been a big one for me. It was the first time in my adult life when I have not had paid work.

It was also a year when for the first time I received a "seniors" card. Having this card means I am officially recognised as an "elder". Whilst these are not particularly attractive labels it is interesting to reflect on the fact that in biblical terms, "elders" is a term of respect, one which comes with expectations of active community service and responsibilities. 1 Peter vs 5 states, "Now as an elder myself……..I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it not for sordid gain but eagerly."

This year was also the first time I have not had to complete a Performance Appraisal. My former Performance Appraisals would have been measured against various pre-set Key Performance Indicators (KPI) such as my efficiency and effectiveness in managing my budget, producing a healthy financial return and other key outcomes.

Perhaps the 1 Peter reading provides a new type of KPI, a measurement based on active community service and responsibilities carried out "willingly" and "eagerly". Part of the Performance Appraisal process is to reflect and report on ones achievements and to also seek feedback from others. As such I welcome input from the St Paul's community on my performance as Warden this year.

I previously worked for St John of God Healthcare (SJGHC), a not-for-profit organisation. Working for such an organisation does not however imply that producing a healthy profit was not important. Quite the opposite, making a profit was essential in order to enable the organisation to put back all profits into the company as well as into unmet community needs.

In this, SJGHC has much in common with the Anglican Church and more specifically with that of St Paul's for we too are a not-for-profit organisation. Like SJGHC, we too need to make a profit to enable us to grow and develop both spiritually and physically and to reach out beyond St Paul's to the needs of the wider community.

As a SJGHC employee, one of the KPI measurements was against the financial performance of my area of responsibility. If this were the case at St Paul's I may be asked to seek a position elsewhere because our financial situation at St Paul's is that we have just broken even.

This means fiscal restrictions on our growth and development as well as a restriction on our ability to reach out to the community.

This concerns me as we are so rich in so many other areas. We demonstrate a wonderful generosity when it comes to hospitality, willingness to support and care for one another, social and spiritual activities as well as commitment of our time and energy. These are all excellent characteristics of a thriving community but when it comes to giving of our finances, we give "just enough". Imagine if we gave "just enough" time and energy to supporting others, or "just enough" effort to hospitality.

To refer back to the 1 Peter reading, imagine if our financial giving was done willingly and with eagerness, we truly would be a place of abundance.

St Paul's is an essential part of my life and it is wonderful to be part of this vibrant community. I know that many others share in this with me and recognise that we have something very special at St Paul's which is worth the investment of our time, energy and finances.

The leadership and management of St Paul's are neither the sole responsibility of any one person, not the priest, or the wardens nor members of the Church Council but rather the collective responsibility of each and every one of our community. Together we have the ability to create a place of abundance.

I would like to thank all those who have enriched the life of our community with their physical and practical support, financial contribution, thoughts and insights or simply by offering words of encouragement.

I feel very blessed to be part of this community and give thanks for the blessings others bring to my life.

Joan Jessup - Warden 2013/2014

WARDEN'S REPORT from Chris Jamieson

Not forgetting our wonderful community fellowship and interaction on an ongoing basis, there are a number of activities within St Pauls worship that I find extremely enjoyable and satisfying. In no particular order these activities include:

- Performing the duties of the pastoral assistant for our Sunday worship
- Conducting the Community services
- Singing with the Choir at our Sunday worship

Far from being a chore for me, these activities only enhance my perception of worship, enriching my life and fellowship within our community.

One disappointment I have, within our day to day activities, is that my particular vision/understanding of the reasons for constructing our lovely facilities including the Chapel, Amphitheatre, Kitchen and gardens, was that these facilities would override the necessity for us to continuously fund raise in order to meet our running expenses. I still believe that with a more commercial outlook, including advertising and publicising these gifts, for reasonable rates of return, we would negate the necessity to continuously ask for cash. In short, I don't think we do enough with our St Pauls site.

On the positive side, our visit to Nepal was an eye opener. Those who put their hard earned into the IGWR activities can rest assured that the best use is being made of it, thanks to Raja, Peter and Lia. The children are happy and healthy with opportunities they would not have dreamed possible some short months ago. Only wish we could help many more impoverished and disabled children.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow wardens, Joan and Rodger who, while I still work a full teaching load, manage to carry on the daily warden duties with very little input from me.

Chris Jamieson - June, 2014







Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. [Acts 20:28]

WARDENS REPORT from Rodger Philpott



The Parish "theme" (focus/emphasis) for this past year is the "NEW CREATION". The year has lived up to the spiritual challenge and we are reminded that new creation is an ongoing process both personally and collectively. What challenge will be given out to us at the 2014 AGM? I'm listening.

It has been a great blessing to be so placed as to observe many instances of new creation in the lives of our community. I am humbled by the work contribution of IGWR and Just Manna people who call St. Paul's home. I am uplifted by the contagious spirit that has inspired Peter our Priest to embark on his forthcoming sabbatical year. I pray for peace in his heart to enter tomorrow (a new creation). This time will be an opportunity for growth for Peter and for all of us at St. Paul's. While Peter is away I pray that all those who serve in the Ministry of the Laity will support and encourage those who step in to share our spiritual life and development. We are most fortunate to have at St. Pauls many who polish, clean, beautify, prepare, organize, welcome, garden, arrange, read, pray, compute and otherwise contribute good works. The door is always open to people who would like to contribute in these vital roles – there are never too many -- become a do-er not just a presence.

Wardens and Church Councillors were invited to attend Diocesan training sessions during the year on church officer responsibilities and obligations including sessions on "abuse" (of all kinds). The sessions were informative as much as for what was not said as for what was said. The growing governmental and regulatory compliance obligations of Parishes are concerning even if well intended or required. Unfortunately, I found it all somewhat medieval and oppressive – but maybe that's just me.

After 2.5 years the legal and bureaucratic machinations affecting the church parking lot and neighbouring properties drags on through the corridors of State and Church authorities. Hopefully the end is near as I will be away (Europe and Eastern Australia) from St. Pauls for the next 2/3 years. Christabel Chamarette is a party to taking this matter to completion. This task has been greatly assisted by Tony Williams a settlement agent versed in easement matters. It is essential to complete these matters as increased parking is a firm condition for the approval for the chapel, amphitheatre and kitchen as well as effecting the precinct.

In almost a repeat of the above, after 2 years of legal and bureaucratic machinations over the estate of Alan Albany including his precinct property the matter drags on through the legal system. St. Paul's Beyond Inc. is the potential key beneficiary and this has involved due diligence and costs by the Directors of Beyond. The Dioceses also has a secondary vested interest.

For the years that I have been privileged to be a part of the St. Paul's community an issue confronting the Parish has been money sufficient to carry out our assignment and opportunities. Yet by the grace of God much has been accomplished. The opportunities are there, more could be done for the Kingdom. To the extent that there is a desire in our hearts tithing, thanksgiving, alms, seed giving and good works are available to us all. I am greatly blessed, I commend givings to you. Sufficiency can be assured.



Peace, Joy and all Blessings *Rodger Philpott June* 2014

Snapshot of Parish Finances



APRIL 2014

Income	199,858
Operating expenditure	178,874 (see graphs)
"Profit"	20,984
Capital expenditure	29,100
Meaning we spent	8,116 more than we received this year

Our general operational cost of $178,874 equates to $3,440 each week
Our average attendance is around the 78 mark each week,
which means it costs us $44 for each person who walks through the door.

Almost 73% of our income comes from giving (total giving $145,864)

There is an incredibly generous group of people within the church who contribute a large percentage of the giving, both in time and money.
Thank you so much

Here are some interesting financial statistics:

We have 190 people in the parish from 140 households

6 households give more than$100/week
6 households give more than$80/week
6 households give more than$60/week
6 households give more than$44/week

so a big thank you to those 24 households who represent just 17% of the congregation.



Financial report to the AGM of St.Paul's Parish for the year ending 30 April 2014.



The past year, with no construction projects underway, has enabled us to consolidate our finances and settle into a period of relative "calm" after some six years of constant building activity around the precinct.

As we finalised the expenditure on the last of these projects, and faced escalation of many day-to-day costs, the balance in our account came under considerable pressure, but thanks to some parishioner assistance, we were able to meet our commitments and now find the account has a healthy balance.

The hall and the west end of the church remain to be restored and while the architects for the hall have been engaged and some preliminary work has been completed, the application for a grant has been put on hold by Lotterywest until August.

The Diocese reduced our assessment loading at the start of this financial year by increasing the non-assessable amount from $10,000 to $15,000 and decreasing the assessment from 16% to 15%. While this results in a benefit, albeit small, it is welcome. What is somewhat inequitable is that we get assessed on nearly all our income (- $15,000), but are unable to claim almost the whole of the expenditure required to maintain the church. With our expenditure fairly close to our income, and including our loan repayments, this means that we can easily report a loss at the end of year.

General Account: The bank account balance as at 30th April 2014 is $19,945.13 The Profit & Loss Statement shows a profit for the year of $ 20,987.97. This includes the monthly interest expense on the loan. The Profit and Loss Statement does not show amounts spent on Capital items, for example not included is the reduction in debt – this year we paid $18,000 off the loan on top of meeting interest commitments. We also spent $11,100 on building improvements

We are totally reliant on funds generated by weddings, hall hire, and fundraising (largely the annual fair) to provide an equitable income versus expenditure. The major items of expense are the priest's stipend and associated costs (annual leave/long service leave etc); assessment payable to the Perth Diocese (currently 15% of assessed funds); insurance; repairs and maintenance/rates/electricity and gas for church,rectory and hall/; wages; and interest on the loan.

Loan Account: The balance is $86,756.43. We have been charged 7% interest for the past year and are managing to repay $3200-3300 per month. The interest rate reduced to 5.95% on 10th April, so a calculation shows that we should finalise the loan around September 2016.

National Trust Account: After paying the initial investigatory costs for the proposed hall restoration, this account has a balance of $ 7,423.88. It is anticipated that this amount will be left until required for the west end of the church refurbishment.

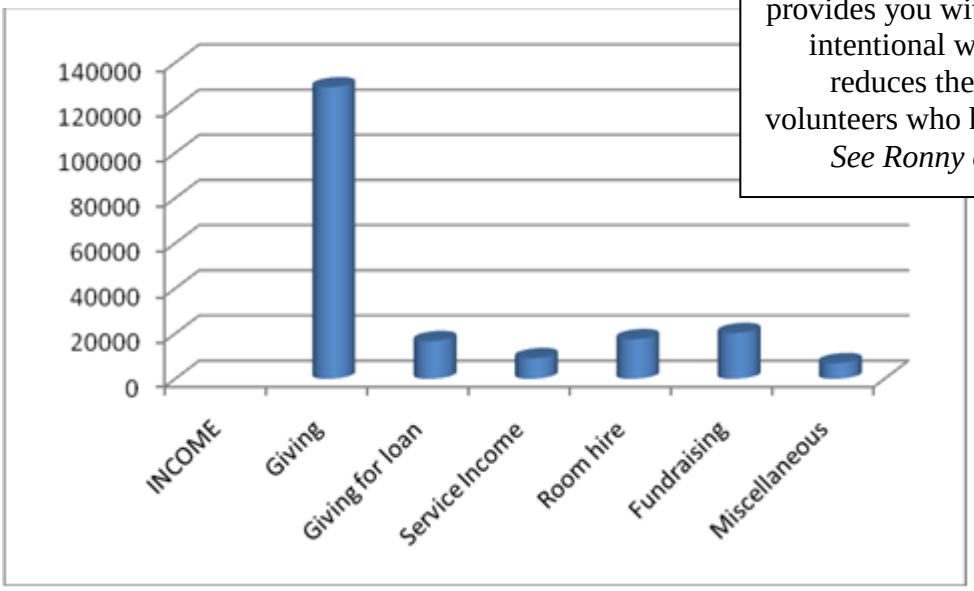
Balance Sheet: This shows a healthy asset balance of $323,785.66. The outstanding liability of the loan, offset by the credit balance of our accounts, are factors in this balance and most businesses would be more than happy with a report such as this, but unfortunately for us, the property, of course, belongs to the Perth Diocesan Trustees. As the loan reduces over the next two years, we can expect the balance sheet to show an even larger asset balance. *R.L.Matthews* [Parish Treasurer]

Bob does an amazing job to keep our accounts and our books balanced.
Thank You

Financial report to the AGM *continued*

Money in Brief

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





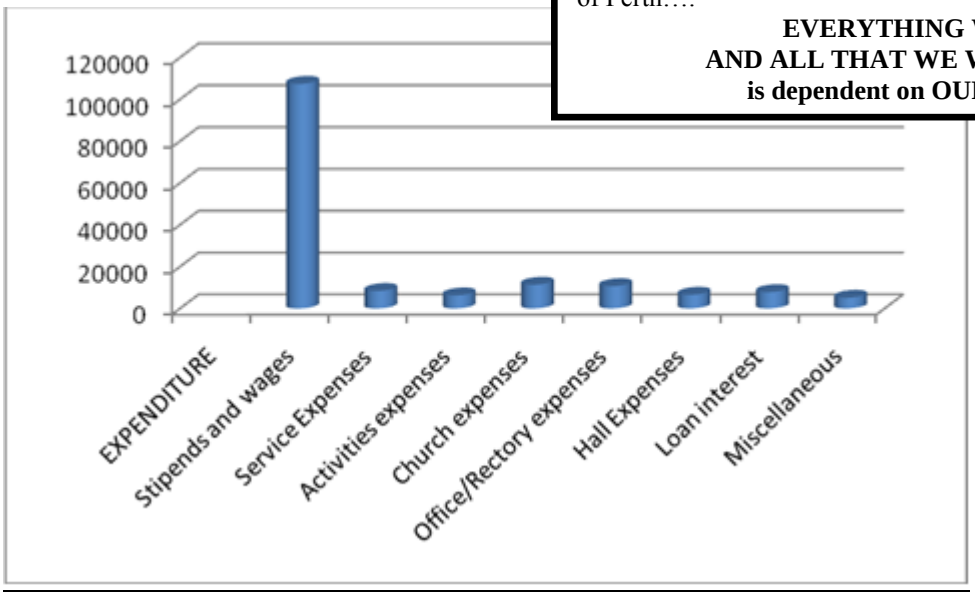


Did You Know?

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 – Stationery, Photocopying…
We pay for every maintenance job completed on our buildings
And we pay for every ministry activity that reaches beyond our community
a**nd then… we also pay** $30,000 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





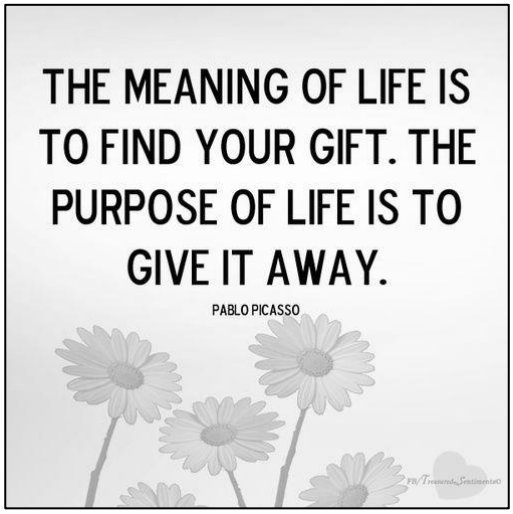
You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give.
Winston Churchill

2014/5 **BUDGET**

Income:			
Givings -Plate			79000
Electronic			51500
Services			10000
Hire of Property			18000
Fundraising			22000
Other income			4500
	TOTAL		**185000**
Expenditure:			
Stipend & Costs			77000
Assessment			31500
Worship expenses			8400
Activities			6200
Church Expenses			7750
Rectory/Office expenses			29000
Hall expenses			1000
Other expenses			4800
Interest on loan			3950
Loan Repayments			24000
	TOTAL		**193600**

Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need.

Khalil Gibran



*This table identifies our budgeted costs/income for **maintaining** the presence of St Paul's. In addition we continue to receive extra monthly contributions for our outstanding loan of $86,756.43 that goes directly toward paying off our loan.*

It's clearly a budget. It's got a lot of numbers in it.

George W. Bush





Although very pedestrian, these symbols provide us with a sign or a signal; they illuminate for us when we can move on, and they also have the capacity to hold us where we are, to stop us from moving.
Our budget, which reflects our giving, serves as a similar sign, it can hold us where we are or light up and enable us to move forward.



Rector's Report



"The vocation of the prophet is to keep alive the ministry of imagination, to keep on conjuring and proposing alternative futures to the single one the agents of the dominant culture want to urge as the only thinkable one."
Walter Bruegemann, The Prophetic Imagination, Fortress, 1978, p. 45

"*11/12/13 I gave voice to a journey, there is feeling of newness about Advent and the coming Nativity… And I am drawn to following the 'star' – a seeking to realise "The Word made flesh", to discover my nativity…. Already looking beyond the horizon of today, I can see 2014 taking shape, but I seek to find that which is unseen…. In 2015 I will follow wherever that seeking leads……. And in 2014 we might also plan to discover how that might also open up the parish to opportunities for discovery.*" This was my journal entry around the start of our liturgical year; and as that year unfolds so the journeying into the 'unseen' continues with both the creative call of 'eager longing' and the weighty backpack of 'doubts & fears'….



I am so often delighted by the abundance of blessings that I am able to share in; and much of that stems from our making Eucharist together… it is difficult to express for much of the vision that engages me is 'beyond' words and comes from glimpses of knowing that reveal a reality in all that is unseen. The newness and brightness of the Advent star, the blue water of the Christmas nativity, the explosion of Ash Wednesday, the prayers of Lent and then the green man walking through the torn curtain of Easter; how does any of this make sense, even google gets confused with such search parameters…..

In the beginning, and at the end of the day, it is the stillness of prayer that gives shape to life's unseen reality.

Looking to the year ahead we can all know with confidence that our unfolding will continue, and looking beyond, we might also feel that there is more….
It is that 'more' that I continue to attend to; and in 2015 plan to use my long service leave and annual leave to engage a more focused 'looking beyond'.

It is a very real strength in our community to have wardens (and others) who deeply share and seek our common direction and orientation. Meeting with the warden's each week, and with Michael (our Deacon becoming) helps me to share and form my ministry, and very much gives shape to our St Paul's community….



My own perception of priesthood is centered in the community for which I am a priest, rather than being "Church" centered; and that means my own growing is very much interactive with the changing shape and different voices of this community… As I put together the "AGM Reports" I was delighted to see that Just Manna and IGWR have the most to say…. Our ministry **IS** making a real difference in the world and in the lives of many **WE** are creative of change and of giving life.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But i have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Thank YOU for having me, and for sharing in this delightful community of faith.
Peter H

As I plan ahead for another year at St Paul's, I will increase my GIVING to St Paul's by another $100/month and also my GIVING to IGWR by another $100/month

JUST MANNA INCORRPORATED
ST PAUL'S AGM
ANNUAL REPORT June 2014

BACKGROUND:
Just Manna Inc is a charitable organisation associated with St Paul's Anglican Church, Beaconsfield. The Committee which is usually made up of representatives from the St Paul's Church, meets monthly.

AIM:
To provide direct relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, disability or helplessness including financial & non-financial assistance to people in Australia. A particular focus is on assisting former refugees in the Australian community & others seeking residence in Australia.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013/2014:

AFGHANI REFUGEES:
On- going support for an Afghani family previously sponsored by Just Manna to settle in Australia.
In March 2014, Just Manna was instrumental in bringing their 16 year old daughter from Pakistan to Australia. Angela and Lyn were at the airport for the family reunion.



AFRICAN COMMUNITIES:
The support Just Manna has provided to members of the Sudanese community in Western Australia has continued & expanded to include other African communities.
This support has included:

- provision of both financial advice & support
- support with housing & household expenses
- provision of house hold goods, clothes, and computers
- provision of support and advice with a workers compensation dispute
- emotional support
- seeking advice on visa application
- seeking social security support
- family reunion for a Sudanese man with his mother
- support with medical expenses
- provision of bicycles
- financial support for re-training
- job seeking and CV writing

In addition Just Manna is working with a former refugee woman from Africa, now an Australian citizen whose 4 year old daughter went missing whilst living in a refugee camp in Uganda. This young child, now 13 years old, has been located living on the streets in Uganda. Steps are in place for Just Manna to assist in the reunion of this child with her mother in Australia.
This will become one of our major projects for 2014/2015.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:
The provision of funds to assist a newly released prisoner to establish himself in the community.

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Just Manna Report *Continued*

TELSTRA ACCOUNTS and OTHER UTILITY EXPENSES:
Management and distribution of Telstra phone and internet vouchers to people in need.
Provision of financial assistance with other utility accounts.



BALGO AND HALLS CREEK ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY:
Provision of curtains.

CHRISTMAS RELIEF:
Just Manna provided over 40 food hampers, gifts and gift vouchers to families and individuals in need.

SWIMMING PROGRAMME:
Just Manna has provided funds for swimming costumes and lessons for students with limited finances from the North Lake Senior Campus and Beaconsfield Primary School Intensive English Centre These students are new Australian residents and have come from backgrounds where swimming was not part of their life. Being able to swim assists these students to assimilate into the Australian culture & increases their water safety survival skills.

MEALS:
Through the generosity of a catering company, Just Manna receives freshly cooked frozen meals which are surplus to the company's requirements. These meals are stored in the freezer in the St Paul's kitchen and are available for distribution as required. The meals are distributed weekly to families experiencing financial difficulty as well as individuals in our community who are unable to prepare meals for themselves.
Requests for meals can be made to any Committee member.

SCHOOL CAMP:
Just Manna has established a strong connection with the Beaconsfield Primary School Intensive English Centre and has been delighted to respond to requests for assistance to cover school camp fees for 3 children from families experiencing financial difficulties. Additional funding provided by Just Manna made it possible to significantly reduce the cost of the camp and enabled all students to attend. Most of the children attending the camp have been in Australia for less than a year. The school group represented 17 nationalities, some of whom had come to Australia as refugees. The camp experience formed an important part of the process of adjusting to their new life in Australia.

STUDENT SUPPORT:
Just Manna has provided numerous refurbished computers to enable students to participate in on-line studies.
Just Manna has provided financial assistance to three students participating in the Anglican Church Ordination programme.
Provision of bicycles.

STREET DOCTOR:
Just Manna receives regular referrals for those in need via the "Street Doctor". In visiting these clients, it was discovered that many are living without basic household goods, such as refrigerators, microwaves & washing machines. Just Manna has been delighted to provide these items as required.

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Just Manna Report *Continued*

PASTORAL CARE:

As a member of the St Paul's Pastoral Care team, Claire Barendrecht, provides valuable emotional support to those in need.

Provision of a hospital bed for a palliative care patient in the community.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The work of Just Manna is expanding & the achievements of this year & the ongoing work is only possible through the generosity of the members of Just Manna & the St Paul's community.

Special thanks:

To all those who have generously donated items of furniture, household goods & computers
To Chris Williams for making his vehicle available for transporting furniture etc
To Michael Jessup & Don Barendrecht for their time & effort in being the "removalists"
To David Gibson for his assistance in refurbishing the computers
To Amy Jessup for the provision of meals
To Gillian Loffell & her "Line Dancers" for their on-going financial support
To all those who are the "eyes & the ears" of our community & for informing us of those in need
To all the Committee members & especially to our office bearers, Laurel Ellis, Treasurer & Robin Coopes-Williams and Chris Williams for secretarial support

On behalf of the Just Manna Committee, I wishes to thank all who have given their support both financially & in other ways to assist those in need within our community and for being a voice for those not heard.

Joan Jessup Chairperson 2014 [Just Manna Inc]

Committee Members:

Lyn Sherwood, Di Robinson, Feonagh Cooke, Laurel Ellis,
Angela Wilson, Kim Kemp, Chris Williams, Robin Coopes-Williams,
Claire Barendrecht, Michael Jessup.



"Christ has no body on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now." Teresa of Avila

In Giving We Receive [IGWR Inc.]



"In Giving We Receive" is more than a name we have chosen for our organization; it is an orientation for life, and living. There is no pretence that we are doing good things and so are better than other more selfish individuals; rather it is a path we continue to seek.

All the world religions echo the IGWR orientation and together provide more aid and social welfare than all the governments of the world; and yet, as is obvious to most people, these same religious institutions have become corrupted by their own agendas and self-righteousness.

In a small way, we are trying to make real the "life giving" essence that is realised when we give.

❍ Overview of the Committee of IGWR Inc. (also referred to as IGWR Board)

The initial "Committee" of IGWR In Giving We receive Inc. was formed in order to establish the legal entity of an association.
The members of the committee were allocated various positions to comply with the "incorporated associations act", and the committee served the purpose of allowing us to legitimately establish a legal entity in order to transact the charitable collections associated with the work of IGWR.
Members of the committee had responsibilities according to the 'act'; however they were not necessarily involved with the operations of IGWR and were not necessarily supporters of the work of IGWR in regard to any financial/other commitments.

At the 2014 AGM some of the initial members resigned their positions (as they had completed their commitment to facilitate the 'start-up') and new members were appointed to maintain the requirements of the 'associations act'.

The new committee comprises of members who do have an active interest in the activities of IGWR, however there is no expectation/commitment in relation to the day-to-day operations of IGWR Inc.

The "positions" on the committee are still determined in relation to the associations act, rather than being representative of any actual commitment; with one exception that being Maureen Lucivero who has specifically taken up the position and responsibility of "treasurer".

Maureen's role is a significant development in the evolution of IGWR and provides us with an experienced resource that will help in all aspects of our decision making and our operational effectiveness.



The current committee members are:

Chair Person	Peter
Secretary	Chris
Treasurer	Maureen
Fundraising coordinator(Vice Chair)	Lia
Committee member	Peter Hillier

And the committee members role assignment is purely to maintain a responsibility according to the 'Incorporated Associations Act'.

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In Giving We Receive [IGWR Inc.] *continued*

❍ Current Operational Overview

IGWR is not so much an organization by design, rather it is an organization that has been *cultivated*; it has evolved as opportunities and circumstances have presented themselves.
It is certainly open to critical analysis/comment(and generally benefits from such); however it is acknowledged that "it is making a difference", and that fully accords with its overall orientation.

The day-to-day operations of IGWR-Nepal are directed, managed, and to a large extent undertaken, by Raja Wani. Raja reports to, and receives direction from Peter Humphris.
It should be appreciated that the "committee" are not involved in the direction and management of IGWR operations; although they do provide an accountable oversight.



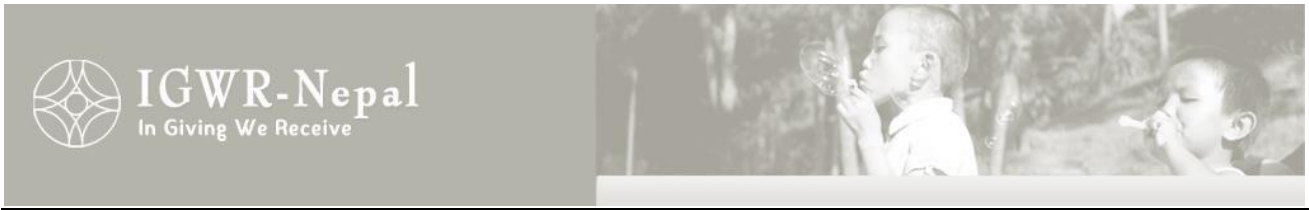
The "cultivation" of IGWR has also very much been shaped by a number of individuals, and that is both likely to continue and desirable.

IGWR was 'seeded' from Marie Thompson's involvement at Snowlands School; although we no longer have any commitments with Snowlands we do still maintain interest at a personal level with some members of the school community.

Marie continues to support IGWR and assists with fundraising and finding sponsors.
She is planning a personal visit to Kathmandu in October 2014 and has invited a number of others to join her.

Lia Johnson and Peter Hiller have been to Kathmandu a number of times and each time have been instrumental in initiating on-the-ground projects and supporting other volunteers.
Lia has also undertaken a number of fundraising initiatives/events and most recently organized the "April 2014 visit".
Vanessa Schroter from Switzerland was instrumental in arranging the sponsorship for our first group of year11/12 students.
Jehan from Sunsar-Maya (a similar organization to IGWR in California) partners with IGWR in providing education for the children at Aruna's orphanage.
Michael from DNC(which runs the hostel that one of our children resides in) has helped us on the ground in Kathmandu and has contracted Raja for support with specific projects.
Bianca, Elyse, Lawrence, Wendy & Hans have a close relationship with IGWR, and as well as regularly visiting "their" children in Kathmandu, they inspire everyone.

ALL of our sponsors and volunteers give much more than financial support and in many different ways have contributed to the cultivation of IGWR as it is today.



For it is in giving that we receive.
Francis of Assisi

@2.92/day ($87.50 per month)
Each child is given life & an education
Less than one cappuccino per day

In Giving We Receive [IGWR Inc.] *continued*

❍ **Overview of Future Developments**

As the cultivation/evolution continues so too the need to create clarity and direction; and a requirement to work toward sustainability and to adjust our focus to accommodate all that comes to 'harvest'. Here we seek to give a brief appreciation of the seeds that are emerging.

❍ Developing "Raja" into a Raja directed team to ensure sustainable development of our projects in Nepal.
❍ Consolidating our housing situation; we currently lease 4 properties and are now evaluating the possibility of building our own property. We are looking at both housing for 'our" children and also need to consider opportunities for small business possibilities in the future.
❍ Providing programs for "English improvement" and Health, Hygeine and Environmental awareness.
❍ Broadening our partnerships and networks to avoid duplication
❍ Providing for the movement from 'sponsored child' to 'working adult'
❍ Inviting new members and encouraging participation; with a view to building a team to evaluate and direct operational aspects of the association (Maureen being the prime example).
❍ Providing regular updates to sponsors and improving our electronic/cyber profile and communications footprint.

And we're looking at two specific fundraising projects

1. To purchase land and build an IGWR Apartment complex that meets all our accommodation requirements.
2. To purchase a small car/van for local transport needs.

As well as

❍ Exploring and promoting "In Giving We Receive" as a life philosophy and increasing awareness of the beneficial aspects of philanthropy.
❍ Partnering with, and creating, philanthropic networks
❍ Exploring 'AusAid' project grants.

❍ **Conclusion**

The cultivation of IGWR is a delightful example of how a bunch of amateurs can change the world; for bringing opportunity into the lives of the 60 IGWR Children is creative of change, and seeds a future harvest that is most likely beyond our imagination.

For all involved, there are also many changes that have taken place (just look at how the children have changed) and we now need to recognize the need for a more professional approach, without losing the delights of 'a bunch of amateurs'.

"We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but we can at least prepare our children for the future." [Franklin D. Roosevelt]



We are encouraged and inspired on this journey by all those who give and share in the work that we are doing. The generosity of sponsors provides an energy that is so much more than their financial contribution; it becomes an inspiring motivation to continue the path that IGWR points towards.

We are providing full time education for 60 Children, and much more

St Paul's Beyond Inc.

*"Celebrating the **Divine** within"*



After a long period of discussion and consideration *St Paul's Beyond Inc.*, a not for profit charitable foundation was established by six individuals (parishioners of St Paul's) for the purposes of providing long term funds to support and encourage outreach by the St. Paul's community and the development of the St. Paul's Precinct. The matter was supported by the then Parish Councillors at a Retreat in January of 2011 and placed for information before the St. Paul's AGM in 2012 and 2013.

The foundation's main avenues for fund raising are through bequests and the prudent management of resources donated to it. Alan Albany and a number of others who were part of the originating discussions to establish the foundation indicated that they would leave property or assets to the foundation. Unfortunately Alan's sudden death and complex testamentary situation has created a hiatus in the direction proposed for the foundation. We have been and are continuing engagement in and awaiting the legal outcome of Alan's estate. When these matters are resolved a formal public launch of the foundation will be undertaken.

Some of the original directors of the foundation have been called to other assignments or will be absent over the next few years, hence, efforts are being made to recruit from within the Parish replacement Directors to join the Board to keep the foundation functioning until the above is resolved. Resolution has and may continue to require an extended time period.

Christabel Chamarette
Chair and President St Paul's Beyond Inc.







Priesthood



To live in the midst of the world without desiring its pleasures; to be a member of each family yet belonging to none; to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets; to heal all wounds; to go from people to God and offer God their prayers; to return from God to people to bring pardon, peace and hope; to have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chastity, to teach and pardon, to console and to bless always; this life is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ. *Lacordaire*

PASTORAL CARE REPORT



Although I have been the Coordinator of Pastoral Care at St Paul's for only a few months of this year I feel as though it is just an official title which hasn't changed a lot in the parish because pastoral care is already very alive and active here with many people choosing to engage in this ministry naturally and spontaneously. There is much pastoral activity that happens and is never reported or spoken of, which is of course as it should be.

There have been many occasions when I have been informed of an illness or hospital admission and on sharing the information with those in the PC group have found that a number of people have already visited the person, arranged meals, transport, washing….etc.

Having said that, there are some instances when it is obviously useful to have a central person to contact when someone is in need, so as to find the best or most available person to engage in that situation. It has also been useful as Coordinator of PC to be able to keep people up to date with certain situations so that everyone doesn't have to make the same enquiry.

In every pastoral care encounter the honouring of the person in need is of primary importance and so too is the safe guarding of all that they share with us, so being wise and compassionate in our use of this knowledge is necessary. Every pastoral encounter is an encounter with the Divine; it is the Visitation between Angel and earthly being - both are Angel and both earthly being. As in every Visitation there is the 'hummmm' of Divine energy in the space in between. God in Her many manifestations is always present and seeds of possibility are always implanted.

Susan Grace



"I honour the place in you where the entire universe resides.
I honour the place in you
Of love, of light, of truth, of peace.
I honour the place within you where,
If you are in that place in you
And I am in that place in me,
There is only one of us."
Ram Dass

Report from the Archives Group:

The Archive Group continues to keep the church records secure and dry.
We recently received for inclusion in our archives from the family of Eliza Chester b 1887, several St Paul's Christmas Greeting cards, from 1915 to 1932, some include New Year Greetings & many have lovely Christmas verses, they were signed by the Rev. F.T. Bowen & Rev. L.A. Marina. They must have given Eliza much pleasure as she kept them all those years.
Amongst the collection there are many other sorts of memorabilia, including photos & illuminated texts, one being an invitation to St Paul's Flower Service of Remembrance for Anzac Day 1921, with the note, please bring a few flowers in memory of those we loved & lost in the Great War. We included these words with a short prayer in the Anzac Day evening memorial service this year at St Pauls.

Regards George & Margaret Paynter

Report from Sparkles group



Our Sunday children's program(s) are coordinated by Susan Cooke and Robin Coopes-Williams; and there are 2 age based groups.
1) 'Sparklers' (up to 10 years old.) Susan conducts the children's liturgy.
2) 'Firecrackers' (10 years old upward) host guest speakers from our community, supported by Robin.

- **Combined Groups:** The 2 groups combine primarily for prayer and choir Sundays. Kristin Mannix coordinates the liturgy on choir weekends every 3rd Sunday of the month.
- **Liturgy** is theme based and follows the lectionary of the Anglican Church 2014. The childrens' liturgy consists of readings, activities and prayer. To organise the liturgy, support comes through prayer, research and preparation each week. Online support available at www.sermons for kids.
- **Roster:** A new roster is made up each term listing dates, themes and volunteers.
- **Assistants and Volunteers:** Some Sundays there are a number of parents or grandparents who remain with us and are very much part of the support provided to children within the group.
A noted advantage in having minimal but regular leaders has been to see the children grow in confidence. This is demonstrated by depth of questioning/discussions and work produced by the children and youths.
- **Numbers:** The majority of our children fit age wise into the Sparklers age group (i.e. <10 years). The number of children in each group varies from week to week but the averages are Sparklers 6 and Firecrackers 2.
- **Budget:**

 The majority of our cost comes from the Sparklers (< 10yrs) or combined group activities. These are out of pocket expenses for printing, paper and provision of craft/activity supplies that are covered by Susan. It has been essential to have personal resources for effective preparation and running of the group/s.
 Susan claims some expenses from the church for special event days such as Easter/Palm Sunday.

- **Future:**

 Provide the children in our community with liturgy within and supported by the wider church community by occasionally including them in regular Sunday morning worship time.
 Internet access during Sunday activities for inspirational online media including video.
 Create library of music tracks as well as include Janice and choir expertise.

Susan Cooke (*WWCCC current & Church Safe Qualified****)***



Music Ministry Report



The Music Ministry is comprised of two organists, the choir, a committee that chooses the hymns and the Liturgy committee that supports it all, and throughout each month people meet, plan, choose and rehearse to support our worship every Sunday.

In the words of ABBA "Thank you for the Music"





Where words fail, music speaks.
Hans Christian Anderson

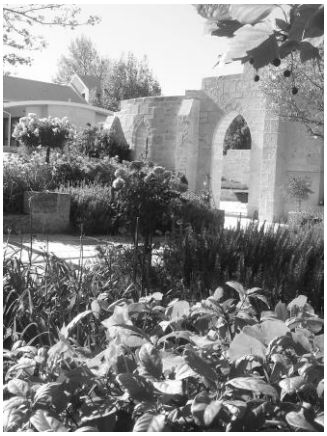
Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.
Martin Luther



By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.
Thomas Merton



The Garden Report – Look around outside – It speaks for itself



Beauty surrounds us,
but usually we need to be walking in a garden to know it.

Rumi

Thank you to all who create the beauty in our garden's and then tend that same beauty all year round.





A proposal for our AGM – *for discussion*

An Introduction **"Giving Circles"** or **"Circles of Sharing"**

An invitation; that we all create, and/or participate in, small groups of monthly "Giving Circles"; these are groups, from three members of up to twelve, who commit to meeting monthly with a sense of common purpose:

Each **circle** (group) will seek to share together, and share in the common purpose that is at the core of all the groups:

- ❍ Each member commits to meeting at least once a month, perhaps a shared meal.
- ❍ Each month ONE member shares a spiritual reflection (poem, reading or prayer)
- ❍ The circle decide together and commit to a cause of their choosing.
- ❍ The circle also choose and initiate an activity to benefit St Pauls.
- ❍ These '**Circles of Hospitality**' are obviously already happening, they are very much a part of our being "Church". However, in reclaiming an intentionality about our "being members of one body" we open ourselves to 'even greater things than these".
- ❍ What else would you like to see, what else might be enabling of our realising ourselves as the "Body of Christ"…..

HOW TO GET STARTED

- ☐ Those willing to host a group register with Ronny (names/times will go on the notice board)
- ☐ Those wanting to join a group give names to Ronny and they will be sent to the group hosts - or approach one of the group hosts yourself

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Humanity thinks that the strong and powerful, the clever politicians and the skilful scientists and powerful military nations are the ones who will save the world. But God's way is to use the power-less and faith-full to do the job. If the world is to change for the better, then the only way is from the bottom up, not from the top down. That applies at the local level as well as on the national or international level. For it is only by conforming to the will of God that any real improvement can be made. And you or I can do that just as well as anyone else, simply by allowing the spirit and life of God's Word to flow into and through us, wherever we are and whenever we pray.

Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer June 2014

Imagining '**A New Creation**"

What do we expect, and what do we want to see in the year ahead*……*

☐ Everyone… yes all of us, meet once a month in our "Circle of Sharing" or "Giving Circle"
Our group of up to twelve who meet to share & give as part of our overall creation of community

☐ Opportunities for NEW experiences of ministry
- ☐ *Peter's taking long service leave & annual leave(extended) will give us opportunities to experience NEW priestly ministry; and to discover new possibilities.*
- ☐ *We are currently exploring new opportunities for our wonderful music ministry*

☐ Will we have a Nanga Weekend? And what other creative initiatives might we consider?
- ☐ *Retreats for small groups*
- ☐ *A Community day/weekend at St Pauls where we share together in craft/spiritual/musical activities*

☐ Development of an Online Op Shop
To recycle and give us a year-round fundraising activity

☐ Some Special Events
- ☐ *Ordination of MJ to the Diaconate?*
- ☐ *Anzac 100 anniversary*
- ☐ *Advent – A Kings square Christmas market stall*
- ☐ *Concert series in Hall, Amphitheatre and Church*
- ☐ *Some programs for spiritual development & Growth*
- ☐ *Participation in the Fremantle Festival*



☐ A celebration of the "St Paul's Beyond Inc." Foundation
- ☐ *This will be our third 'association' alongside "Just Manna Inc." and "IGWR Inc." that each provide a focus to our ministry activity 'beyond St Paul's'.*

☐ Financial Viability
- ☐ *Maintaining our "Cost per person/service" at around* ***$44***
- ☐ *Reducing our Outstanding Loan Commitment (Could we pay it off this year?)*

☐ New Design for our Website
- ☐ *Promoting our facilities, Pastoral services (Weddings etc) and our delightful presence*
- ☐ *And a new Facebook presence*

☐ What aspects of Growth and 'making new' do YOU imagine?
- ☐ *What else would you add to the list or suggest for further development?*
- ☐ *Describe what YOU want to participate in during the year ahead*



"*The golden rule is to act fearlessly upon what one believes to be right*"
Mohandas Gandhi


notes

St Paul's 2014 AGM report

Some further thoughts & Ideas

- What is the purpose/function/role of the Church?
- If we redesign our liturgy to reflect our "being" the Body of Christ – what would it look like?
- Should we consider regular variations in our services (maybe once a month), eg:
  Contemplative, Children/family focused, Alternative
- How do we best, or better, use the resources we have?
- How do we address the changing 'needs'; for pastoral care?
- What might "Lay Ministry" look like if further developed?
- Can we explore redevelopment of the rectory/office to create more meeting spaces and 'unit' accommodation?
- Can we attract 'visiting' priests/teachers to live among us for a period and share their gifts?
- How to address the needs of new Christians, youth and new parish members
- Should we look for a curate, who can grow into the next rector of St Paul's, or should we seek an experienced priest?
- How can we fully embrace our ministry "Beyond" St Paul's? (such as Just Manna & IGWR)

Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.
Carl Jung

Our Wardens, our Church Council, our Lay Pastoral Ministers and Liturgical Assistants all meet regularly with me to share their wisdom and contribute to our discernment of direction on the path we travel. Our common story is also evidenced in our worship, our prayer life and in our coming together for sharing and/or hospitality. It is further shaped and given voice in our service sheets, web-site and discussion group.

Thank you to all who share our ministry and all who seek "A New Creation".

Peace & Love – Peter H

Thank you for sharing in this important ministry
And for sharing our common desire to bring about
A New Creation