A New Creation……



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
An opportunity to give shape to our tomorrows

Minutes of previous year AGM
Register & Parish Roll
Appointments
- Parish Council
- Wardens & Treasurer
- *Thank you*

Wardens' Reports
Treasurer's Report
Rector's Report

St Paul's – A New Creation
An opportunity to share our ideas and thoughts about the journey we are on.

Other Reports & Business
Proposals
Acknowledgements
Share community lunch

'Sometimes I see this present time in my life as the last chance to discover that other place where the light lives, that promised land towards which we are forever dedicated, that unfamiliar vantage point discerning the true north of our scrambled vision. And yet is it really so unfamiliar after all? Maybe it is not another place that's new, but another way of being present in the place we have always known. Maybe the shores we search for do not belong to a foreign land, but were already glimpsed in the original vision of the divine child that lives in us all. "Fear not," said Thomas Merton to Karl Barth, "though you have grown up to be a theologian, Christ remains a child in you...." It is the child who holds and reveals the cantus firmus in us, who remembers God's dream for us. The task is to recover this child - through waiting, praying and above all by suffering. This enterprise costs us, as TS Eliot puts it, "not less than everything". [*posted on the discussion group this week*]

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

AGM Report

Contents

Appointments:
Church Council
Wardens & Treasurer
Warden's Report Joan
Warden's Report Michael
Treasurer's Report
Rector's Report
Just Manna Report
IGWR Report
St Paul's Beyond Inc. Report
Community in Community
Community Hall
Pastoral Ministry
Budget Working Papers
Sparkles Group Report
Archive Group Report
Music Ministry Report
Imagining "A New Creation"
Proposals

We Give thanks for our 2012/2013 Church Council……

Bob Matthews (Treasurer) - Chris Jamieson (Warden) – Debbie Gwynne - Lia Johnson Kim Kemp - Michael Jessup (Warden) –Joan Jessup (Warden) – Rodger Philpot (Warden)
Synod Reps: Chris Jamieson and Michael Jessup
And alternates: **Debbie Gwynne and Michael Ellis**

And we welcome 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**



2

WARDEN'S REPORT from Joan Jessup

I was appointed to the position of Church Warden following the resignation of my husband, Michael, from the position in January 2013. As such I am only just beginning to get my head around all the Church Council issues and responsibilities.

A NEW CREATION:

In exploring the concept of "a new creation", I would first like to share a little of my personal story. My thoughts are that to create something new requires:

- ☒ Vision
- ☒ Faith / trust
- ☒ Courage
- ☒ Commitment
- ☒ Action.

I have in recent weeks resigned from full-time paid employment. Leaving the paid work force certainly required aspects of all the above.

VISION:

I have to admit I have no clear idea of what my vision is beyond paid work; however, I do have a strong sense of seeking something new. I have faith that this will evolve over time. It also took a lot of courage to exit the paid work force and trust that we will be financially viable into the future. To reach this decision, I asked myself 3 questions:

1. Does my work give me life?
2. Does my work give life to others?
3. Am I financially dependent upon my income?

My response to the first two questions was that my job no longer gave me life and as such it was unlikely to be life giving to others. I was seeking something more meaningful.
To the third question, my response was a timid, "I don't think so" (time will tell).
Having answered these three questions in this way, it was clear to me my next step was to take the plunge and move on.

It strikes me that I/we can also ask similar questions to my/our involvement with St Paul's. That is:

1. Does my belonging to St Paul's give me life?
2. Does my involvement at St Paul's give life to others?
3. Does St Paul's depend upon my financial giving?

My response to these questions relating to St Paul's is a resounding "yes"; well in relation to the second question, I certainly hope so.
Having gone through this exercise, it is becoming clearer to me that my vision and hope of a new creation both in myself and at St Paul's are closely aligned. My hope is that you too will answer with a resounding "yes" to these questions relating to your involvement and commitment to St Paul's.
Whilst the Vision may initially only be held by a few or it may not as yet be fully developed, for it is to grow into reality, it needs the commitment of the whole.

It requires the sharing of our time our talents and our resources.

I welcome the opportunity to explore ideas with others as we seek "a new creation" for ourselves and St Paul's.

Joan Jessup **[Warden February 2013 – June 2013]**

WARDEN'S REPORT from Chris Jamieson

The year for me, started with a loss, that of Alan Albany. Not only was Alan a pastoral assistant, he was a stalwart of St Paul's and quite simply a friend who lived downstairs. His retirement a few short weeks before his death, had promised much for the affairs of the Church and the community. Sadly it was not to be.

Arrivals and departures have continued through the year. Joan Jessup and Rodger Philpott becoming wardens. Kim Kemp departed for an extended overseas visit. Michael Jessup started his ministerial studies and vacated all of his St Paul's offices. The list is endless with Gabby Dean, Marie, Lia and Peter all off on the travel, while John Dunnill moved an incredible distance to St John's in Fremantle!

Yet with all the movement life at St Paul's continues; the year in the choir, being a pastoral assistant and the occasional community services have been fulfilling and enriching along with the services, the liturgy and the community.

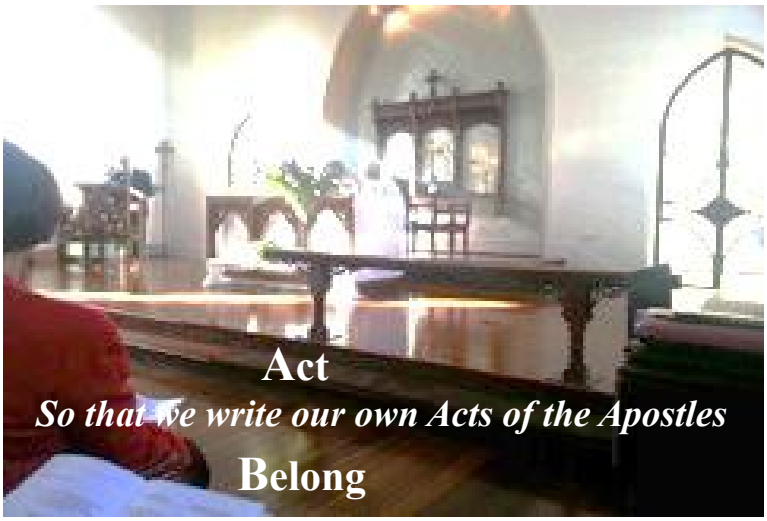
In the year ahead we will be looking at the restoration of the community hall as there are significant structural issues that need to be addressed and these should be as part of a comprehensive conservation undertaking.

Long may the Friday night fire pit gatherings and Saturday breakfasts be part of my weekly routine.

I thank you all as parishioners and community members and wish you all the best for our 2014 Church year.

Chris Jamieson





Rather than "attend" church, belong here in this community

Commit

Make real our commitment to the future of St Paul's

WARDEN'S REPORT from Michael Jessup

My reflections on "new creation" and what it might mean personally and for the parish.

Me personally;

Late last year I was part of the Anglican Church Aspirants programme for potential future Ordinands. On completion of the Aspirants programme I was accepted into the Church's formal Ordination training programme that requires me to complete Theology studies run by MCD University and managed through the Wollaston training centre. I formally started study and the additional Wollaston programme at the beginning of February 2013 and I have recently completed all study and other training requirements for the first semester. One of the conditions of joining the formation programme was that all students relinquish all positions and roles within their home parish. Hence the need for me to resign as Church warden and the added requirement that I visit a different church every Sunday to get a taste of what church services are like elsewhere has kept me away from St Paul's in recent months. From the coming August to December I will be expected to attend St Georges Cathedral every Sunday as part of my training. I am really enjoying the study and discovering things that I had never seen before in my reading the Bible.

What are the expected outcomes from my training? Subject to my completing all study requirements and my being accepted by the examining chaplains and then final approval by our Archbishop, there is a reasonable possibility that I will be considered for ordination initially as Deacon in the second half of 2014. In all of my discussions to date I have expressed a desire to be engaged in a Deacon type role from my home here on the precinct at St Paul's that involved the offering of my vocational skills to St Paul's and the surrounding community.

Other new creation and changes;

My resignation as Warden created an opportunity for a review of the Wardens roles within the parish and after some consideration my vacancy was filled by Joan Jessup and Roger Philpot – not sure if that is a reflection my contribution round the parish or an awareness that with more hands on deck we have potential to achieve more. Whilst Rodger and Joan have only been in their wardens roles for a few months they bring an added dimension to the parish leadership team.

Pastoral Care in the parish: my resignation as co-ordinator of Pastoral Care has created an opportunity for Claire Barendrecht to take over responsibility for pastoral care. More recently Claire has been supported by Susan Grace.
We have continued to support a number of community groups and as they gain benefit from the use of the hall, so we also gain benefit from our interactions with the diversity of needs & gifts that they bring.

Saturday morning breakfast club: It has been a delight to see how this simple activity of coffee and light breakfast snack in the area surrounding our new kitchen has taken off. It runs most Saturday mornings from 8am through to 10am, we charge $5 for bottomless coffee and breakfast snack. The positives are, we all have a good time, fantastic coffee and food and we make a small profit of round $50 which covers some of our on going church maintenance costs. Everyone is welcome to come along on Saturday morning.

General round the church site: perhaps we don't notice things when they go? Round Christmas time we had a major cleanup and sale on Gumtree of unwanted timber, corrugated iron and a number of other odds and ends. The end result, we are well on our way to creating the space for the proposed children's play area and we have a small number of $'s from the sale of the odds and ends to go towards the construction of the children's play area.

Michael Jessup **[Warden Jun 2012 to Jan 2013]**

Financial Report to the Annual General Meeting of St.Paul's Church, June 2013
for the year ending 30/4/2013

Another year has passed during which a project has been completed. It is planned to finalise the garden development in the front of the rectory as soon as possible, and this will leave two restoration projects outstanding – the west end of the church, and the community hall. Both of these will require the procurement of a grant, as church finances are insufficient to meet these costs.
Overall, the expenses of running the church are in excess of income and month by month the balance of funds at our disposal is diminishing. Parish council is addressing this, but obviously some changes will need to occur to stem this drain of funds.

General Account:

Our operating a/c finished the year with a balance of $4302.68. Givings for the year totalled $112,797 and this is now almost equally split between what is offered in the plate, and what is received via electronic funds transfer.
Weddings and hall hire remain as substantial additional sources of income.
All of the commodity rates increased as anticipated, but fortunately the solar panels installed on the rectory roof have significantly reduced the electricity component of those rates. Repairs were necessary on both dishwashers – the hall continuing to provide good service, although we have been advised that it is well past its "use-by" date, and should be replaced when next it requires servicing – and the kitchen, being irreparable, had to be replaced. New cupboards, plus a rearrangement of the hall preparation and cleanup area, made a valuable improvement to its function.
The annual fair was revamped somewhat to achieve a newer image and an easier organisation. The atmosphere created was most enjoyable, but resulted in an overall lower return than previous years. Council has considered, briefly, the participation in a stall in St John's Square, as an additional source of income, with an easier level of participation by parishioners.

Loan Account:

We paid $ 47,695.00 in loan payments, and interest on the loan accrued to $ 10,487.44. Payments towards the loan received during April, but not transferred to the loan until May are not included in the above.
We had redrawn on the loan to cover the cost of the purchase of bricks and the laying of them in the carpark, which extended the balance to approximately $ 135,000. Our regular monthly debit of $2,000 was supplemented with funds contributed by a number of parishioners on a regular basis, and this has achieved a satisfying reduction in the balance owing, to $104,742.86.

National Trust A/c:

The rectory veranda project was funded from residual funds in the Trust A/c. The balance is $17743.87. This amount will be used to partially fund future restoration work.

R.L.Matthews **[Parish Treasurer]**

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

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

Our Easter encounter that opened us to the theme of "A New Creation" has provided an ongoing reference point for our imagining the future. And since Easter we have experienced some changes that provide us with signs pointing toward tomorrow, such as John Dunnill taking up a full-time position at St John's Fremantle, and for me the drama of being newly created after crashing in Nepal.

Last weekend we had a Church Council workshop to share our experiences and imagining for St Paul's. My own appreciation of "priesthood" is that it is very much a ministry of the community, that holds the community, and as such it receives direction and energy in and through the community. This is perhaps true for us all as we are fed, and feed each other, in communion.

In the last few weeks I've shared the quote "*The future is not some place **we** are going to, but one **we** are creating"*; and that again suggests a common orientation, rather than an individual dream.

So rather than ramble on, I have shared some notes that were part of my preparation for the Church Council workshop, they are offered to stimulate thought and discussion and perhaps also indicate that we are a growing 'body' very much create who we are as we contribute in our various and different ways.



Growing

Grow in Faith
Grow up into maturity in Christ
Grow into being the Body of Christ

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

Rector's Report continued….

Some observations *[signs] that speak of who we are…*

❍ We are seen as alive, developing/unfolding and a breath of fresh air in relation to more traditional Anglican (Church) communities.
❍ We have a progressive orientation and encounter with our spirituality
❍ Our Church precinct makes visible something that draws others to us, and we 'give' much to the community by maintaining the functionality of the community hall.
❍ We are still very much followers of tradition and many of us, like most Anglicans still have a "Sunday only" appreciation of church.
❍ We voice a desire to 'seek' and 'journey' toward the fullness of our faith/life.

Some considerations *for realising [making real] A New Creation*

❍ We acknowledge our responsibility for "***Maintaining ourselves as Church in community".*** And we commit to giving from our abundance so that our church community is a reflection of (and an icon of) abundance.

❍ If we all take responsibility for 'maintaining' the expenses for our 'being here', then we open the potential of the reality of our 'faith' and the opportunity to grow in Christ.

❍ We believe that "It is in Giving that we Receive" and that it is our 'giving' that will take us beyond where we are. As we 'give' so too we create an opportunity for others to share, and that is a counter-cultural message that can bring about "A New Creation".

❍ Our commitment to community is given a 'real' expression in practical terms through continuing to maintain a precinct that welcomes all, especially those service groups that could not otherwise operate.

❍ Our services, our corporate expression of faith/worship, can be further developed (integrated) to make real our journey and our understanding that has grown beyond some of the traditions of the past.

❍ For us to "grow" we need to give more time to sharing the story of our faith, developing our understanding of God, opening ourselves to 'other' faith traditions/understandings; and we need to give more time to each other and the ministry of the Church

❍ We (all of us) have a responsibility for the children of the world, and a responsibility to share/teach them the insights we have that make real life's fullness.

❍ The value and potential of the "Elders" in our community again asks us to consider a counter-cultural valuing and realising and sharing of their gifts.

❍ We should acknowledge and further develop the gifts and contribution of our "lay ministry' into a 'New Creation' of team ministry.



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

JUST MANNA INCORRPORATED ANNUAL REPORT

ST PAUL'S BEACONSFIELD AGM JUNE 2013

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013:
Over the past year the major focus for the Just Manna Committee has been:

AFGHANI REFUGEES:
Just Manna and associates have worked for some years to achieve justice for an Afghani family in their quest to come to Australia from Pakistan to escape persecution and hardship.
The family were granted a Special Humanitarian Visa and with the financial support provided via Just Manna, arrived in Western Australia in June 2011. Since their arrival, members of Just Manna have continued to provide financial, emotional and practical support to the family as they adjusted to their new country.
In 2012 it became known to Just Manna the family's 16 year old daughter had remained behind in Pakistan. They had been under the false impression their visa may have been rejected had it included the additional family member. With the promise of financial support to pay for the airfare of the daughter to come to Australia, an application for a visa is in progress. It is anticipated the daughter will be reunited with the family within the next few months.

SUDANESE COMMUNITY:
The support Just Manna has provided to members of the Sudanese community in Western Australia has continued and expanded. This support has included:

- ☒ providing both financial advice and support
- ☒ support with housing and household expenses
- ☒ provision of household goods, clothes, and computers

Just Manna has been instrumental in providing computers as well as short term financial assistance to two Sudanese students participating in the Anglican Church Ordination programme.

CHRISTMAS RELIEF:
Just Manna became aware of 10 families associated with the Beaconsfield Primary School in financial need at Christmas 2013 and provided food hampers and gift vouchers.

SWIMMING PROGRAMME:
Just Manna has provided swimming costumes for students from the North Lake Senior Campus to participate in a swimming programme.

MEALS:
Through the generosity of a catering company, Just Manna receives freshly cooked frozen meals which are surplus to their 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.

Continued…..

JUST MANNA
Continued…..

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:
The work of Just Manna is expanding and the achievements of this year and the on-going work is only possible through the generosity of the members of Just Manna and the St Paul's community.

Furniture : Thank you to those who have generously donated items of furniture, household goods and computers
Thank you to Chris Williams for making his vehicle available for the pick up and delivery
Thank you to Michael Jessup for his time and effort in being the "removalists"
Thank you to David Gibson for his assistance in cleaning up the computers and downloading appropriate software.

NB. We have an on going need for fridges, washing machines and computers.
Please contact any of the Committee members if you are able to assist with the provision of these items.

Meals: Thank you to Amy Jessup for the cooking and delivery of meals.

Donations:
- **"Top Girls":** Half of the funds raised for the "Top Girls" play reading and dinner were donated to Just Manna. Thank you to all those involved.
- **Line Dancing:** Thank you to Gillian Loffell and her "Line Dancers" for their on going financial support.
- **Neways:** Just Manna was the recipient of a generous donation from the sale of household and personal hygiene products.

Referrals: Thank you to all those who are the "eyes and the ears" of our community and for informing us of those in need.

Committee Members: Thank you to all the Committee members and especially to our office bearers, Laurel Ellis as Treasurer and Di Robinson and Feonagh Cooke for secretarial support.

On behalf of the Just Manna Committee, I wish to thank all who have given their support both financially and in other ways to assist those in our community that are in need.

Joan Jessup
Just Manna Inc
Chairperson 2013

Committee Members:
Di Robinson
Laurel Ellis
Feonagh Cooke
Lyn Sherwood
Angela Wilson
Kim Kemp
Gillian Clark
Michael Jessup
Chris Williams
Claire Barendrecht



"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.

Annual project costs	**AU$**
Chakrobati House	1116
Tamang House	11110
Snowland	0
EDU Nepal	3096
Arunas Baby Orphanage	13100
PK School	2807
Student's Educational Fees	29029
IGWR Annual event	1500
Medical coordinator(Nurse)	3023
Volunteer apartment	4700
Raja	6000
Office assist/accounts	500
TOTAL	**75981**

And 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 55 Children, and much more

St Paul's Beyond Inc.

"Celebrating the Divine within"

This association was established as an integral part of the planning for the community housing alongside the Church. We will be having an official 'launch' later this year so that the community can appreciate its purpose and its place in "A New Creation" for St Paul's.

The preamble of the constitution gives a brief introduction:

The members, friends and partners of the community of St. Paul's Church Beaconsfield acknowledge with joy, gratitude and thanksgiving the Divine Blessings that have been received and seek to distribute from this bounty to the local and wider community and to maintain the facilities, organization and staff supporting this task.

St Paul's Beyond Inc. seeks to derive an income from members' support, acquired capital assets and resources in order to provide charitable activities and purposes as permitted under this Constitution. Capital will not normally be dispersed unless so mandated.

The incorporated association will provide us with a 'foundation' that we can contribute towards and that will enable sound financial management and support as we move into greater financial sustainability.

11

Community ♥ in ♥ Community



Another year of "in Community" activity has provided a delightful exchange of life giving encounters at St Paul's.
Thanks to all who help with the managing and maintenance of the community precinct and the hall.

♥ *Our Community Hall*

The AA groups continue to meet in the hall and provide much needed support to those who attend. It is a real example of 'giving' when we appreciate that the whole program is run by volunteers, like us they seek to give others a chance of new life, and affirm our own efforts in making real "A New Creation" for all regardless of race, creed, colour or any other differentiation.

Our reaching out and support for refugees is very much made real by Just Manna [page 9] and our commitment to Children in Nepal continues to be managed by IGWR [page 11]; for both groups the hall provides a meeting place and offers opportunities for small fundraising initiatives.

This year we have extended our the facilities for seniors in the community; in addition to our monthly "Elders Morning Teas" we have the "First Tuesday Club" that offers an opportunity for senior citizens in the local community to both share a time of hospitality together and at the same time hear interesting speakers and acquire new skills.

Music & Movement have always been alive and well in the hall; the community choir and three different dance classes carry on a long tradition as do the "Ladies Badminton Group" that meet each Wednesday morning.

The Community hall continues to be a heart in the community and we delight in all who come and share in the life of the St Paul's precinct. This year we started a new tradition with the "graffiti wall' and were delighted by the work of Muslim youth group who decorated our wall for the festival of Ramadam.

In the year ahead we continue to live into "A New Creation" as we seek to engage heritage architects to complete a conservation & restoration analysis for the community hall.

♥♥♥

Job Vacancy
If YOU would like to help with cleaning and maintenance jobs… Or assist the teams that run the community programs please let Ronny know..

12

Community ♥ in ♥ Community

♥ *Pastoral Ministry*



In addition to the community groups that provide a wide range of 'pastoral' activities in the hall, we have also enjoyed some wonderful celebrations of life throughout the year.

We have managed two delightful wedding receptions and the new community kitchen has already proved its worth. We anticipate even more such functions once we have completed the proposed hall restoration.

The celebration of life for Mary Jenkins was an icon of our "giving" in the heart of community; not only was Mary delighted by the celebration, but those who came from far and wide were full of praise the initiative and the delightful space that St Paul's maintains for such events.

On that same note; our thanks to the Garden group who keep our surrounds looking beautiful. We have received many compliments from funeral directors, wedding photographers and others with a 'professional eye'…. We should rejoice in the beauty that is created here.

The "Summer Concerts" that bring together the hall, amphitheatre and out new community kitchen were a delightful series and we look to repeating these with a new series later this year. Not only do we have an opportunity to enjoy an evening's entertainment, we also provide a welcoming venue to so much 'local talent'.

There are already plans to provide an exhibition space for the Fremantle of Festival in November and it is hoped this will become a regular in the calendar of community events.



The community which has neither poverty nor riches will always have the noblest principles.

Plato

♥♥♥

13

2013 Budget Working Paper 1

Ministry	
1.Priests' stipends [same as 2012/13]	88437
2.MV & super & discretionary	3000
3.*Deacon [from 2014]*	6000
4.*Pastoral Care*	6000
5.Office admin [*budget for 1 more day than 2012*]	21600
6.*Youth/Sunday School*	6000
7. Music Ministry	4000
8. *Study & Teaching programs*	1000
9. *Seniors' Morning Tea*	2000
	138037
Ministry Support/supplies	
10. Office supplies/computer/telephone	4450
11.Printing service sheets	6000
12.Liturgical supplies	650
13. Flowers	1500
14. Publications/copyright	1600
15.Postage	400
16.Website	400
17. Diocesan Assessment	22000
	37000
Utilities	
18. Gas/Elec	2110
19. Rates/insurances	3250
20. Fire/Safety	500
21. Cleaning	2000
	7860
Maintenance & Development	
22. Church – Porch & West wall interior	12000
23. Hall – Full heritage assessment	12000
24. Weather proof behind Kitchen	7000
25. Children's Play area	2000
26. Rectory – insulation & check wiring	3000
27. Grounds – lighting & maintenance	10000
28. Kitchen Maintenance	1500
29. General Maintenance	3000
	50500
Giving to others	
30. Sharing a % of our giving	20000
	20000
Commitments	
31. Loan Repayments	24000
32. Contingency	12000
	36000
TOTAL	**289397**

This table identifies our budgeted costs for maintaining the presence of St Paul's

2013 Budget Working Paper 2

We are seeking to cover the costs of being here through our regular giving, and then we can look at fundraising and further giving to extend our ministry and our growth as a Christian community.

Maintaining ourselves as Church in community		
Budgeted Expenses		
Ministry		138037
Ministry Support/supplies		37000
Utilities		7860
Maintenance & Development		50500
Giving to others		20000
Commitments		36000
TOTAL		**289397**
Less funds in hand for heritage work		17000
Budgeted funds required for 2013/14		**272397**

Calculation of required commitment via our giving

Total Budget 272,397

Weekly budget 5,238 [with 100 members average/week] $52.38 per week

Monthly budget 22,700

> ***$52.38 per week*** *is the starting point for our Christian presence as St Paul's Beaconsfield, based on our proposed budget.*
> *Those who cannot contribute this amount each week will be supported in community by those who can afford to give more; it is an average so that we have an appreciation of our commitments.*

Our giving based on last 12 months [looking back at 2012/13]

Total Budget	218,455		
Weekly	2,170	[100 average/ week]	$21.70/week
Other income/week	2,254		$22.54/week

The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating.

2013 Budget Working Paper 3

We continue to seek, to grow, and to find ourselves as "The Body of Christ", and we make this real for ourselves as we give to others and bring to life our ministry, our being a reflection of the Word, that speaks of "A New Creation".

Extending our ministry in the community from fundraising & other income sources…..	***Budget considerations***
1. Pastoral services: Weddings/Baptisms/Funerals etc	These are provided as part of our ministry, and also create both additional revenue and bring "others" into the embrace of St Paul's
2. Community hall & Community functions	Our "Community Facilities" are a gift to the wider community. We do however need to plan for restoration and maintenance.
3. Social welfare & charitable works	The ministry of Just Manna and IGWR are the out-workings of our Christian presence and demonstrate the Giving that goes beyond our budget commitment.
4. Giving voice to our Christian life	Our being here, and the very presence of St Paul's is a loud voice for our Christian life and a signpost for all toward "*A New Creation*"
5. Sharing "The Story" – faith development	We continue to provide opportunities for sharing, hospitality and 'growth'. We are looking to create even more opportunities as we make use of the precinct for functions (like our fair) that reach out into the wider community.
6. Enhancing social justice in the wider community	Our voice, the Word that we are, has the potential to bring about "*A New Creation*" in the world around us.

The above table illustrates how much more we "give" as we share of our abundance over and above our weekly commitments.

2013 Budget Working Paper 4

Our East End Development Loan

- We have a parish loan with $114,000 still to pay off [*it is like our mortgage*]
- We have already paid nearly $176,000
- Each month we accumulate around $600 more interest that we need to pay off…..

Two courses of action will help SAVE us the ongoing accumulation of interest…

1. Increasing our rate of repayment so we pay the loan off quickly.
2. If we can secure (from within the parish) some interest free loans; they will enable us to pay off the ACF loan (so no more interest charges) and then only have to pay back the interest free loans.

- We invite those who could provide St Paul's with an "Interest Free Loan" of $5000 or multiples thereof, to contact Bob Matthews.

All interest free loans can be recalled with 2 weeks' notice.
This will reduce our overall costs and enable us to pay the loan out quicker.

Once the loan is cleared we no longer have to make our monthly $3000 + Payments to ACF, these funds are ten available for our ongoing growth and Ministry.

Background: An outline of our progress with our development loan

Loan account set up in Sept 2009 for an amount of $184,618.74 ; first draw down made 11th Feb 2010, from which date interest starting accruing.
Over the life of the loan so far we have made re-draws totalling $75,182.00 (Carpark/ East End A/c payment to National Trust/ payments to General A/c to service current debts at those times).
Total repayments = $175,939.24 (made up of monthly direct debit of $ 2000, plus additional payments under the "loan 20" setup together with occasional other monies received).
Total interest charged = $30,126.42 . I made a transfer today (17/6/2013) so when processed the equation will look like this :

Initial loan contract	$ 184,618.74
Plus re-draws	$ 75,182.00
Plus interest charged	$ 30,126.42
	$ 289.927.16
Less payments made	$ 175,939.24
Balance as at 17/06/2013	$ 113,987.92

With current monthly payments of approx $3275 - 3350 offset by interest monthly approximately $630, the balance should be down to $ 100,000 in 5 months time.
Without our proposed intervention to overcome interest, at 7% interest with monthly charge starting at $580 (approx) and reducing, we are looking at 2.5 to 3 years to payout the loan.

Report from Sparkles group

This year our lovely Sparkling children have continued to play, pray, listen and sing their way to God! As usual our teachers have each shared something unique - in the HOW sense - yet timeless in the WHY.

WHY do it? **It just has to be love!**

The most exciting change has been the introduction of "choir" days. This has been a very popular, with a lot of positive feedback. Some parents have even turned up thinking that the singing would be on that day but had to just carry on with my usual "play and do" style! (anyway they were so-o-o late they missed my animated and perhaps more revealing telling of the Jonah story, no doubt the most fascinating part of the day, she says.) Ben was a little flummoxed initially with the "choir" days: "Where's the craft Mum????" Belinda, however, was more than happy to leave all that behind and just carry on singing!!

So that was "the goods".

Now "the bads": we need to consider again the options for Sparkles in the future. Three parents dropped off the roster this year due to family and work changes. Sue I. (bless her cotton on little socks) has soldiered on along with myself and the Choir team. Three groups is unsustainable for St Paul's Sparkles Roster. Even "badder" news is that She/I will also be finishing this term as I've decided to increase my weekend tutoring to Sunday afternoons on top of Saturday. As it is, I have in fact accidentally come along with the Essay Analysis Crossword instead of the Jonah and the Giant Fish one.

Not to worry!

Getting on board with Sparkles has been a real blessing for me in so many ways. I've been able to get to know the children and families. I've had the great pleasure and honour of sharing the scriptures with them; seeing and hearing their responses and the sheer joy of witnessing their glorious selves! I suppose we've had one or two "weird moments" - or should I say She has - but I've forgotten them all and am sadly going to miss this precious ministry. I look forward to what else I may do down the track.

Meanwhile, I suggest we could consider employing an active young or old thing who could keep the Sparkles alight each week.

Over-and-out - love from Rhonda x

Report from the Archives Group:

The Archives Group endeavours to keep up the church records and keep them in a secure and dry area, which we recently cleaned and tidied up.

Our Marriage registers from 1897 onwards are the records that we have the most enquiries about, often from holiday makers from the Eastern States who make requests to look up past family members. It is quite a pleasure that when they look at them they find, to their delight, family names they did not know about, who were at the wedding.

It is the wish of most people that we keep these wonderful Archives at St Paul's, but they must be kept in the best conditions possible for their survival and we endeavour to do this.

George & Margaret Paynter, Val Pearson & Diane Robinson.

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. There have been some changes introduced over the last twelve months which have enabled us to continue our commitment to the music ministry at St Paul's, despite the fact that our members have been contending with new jobs, businesses, babies, major surgery or extended periods of travel.

Key changes have included moving the choir from the sanctuary to the front pews for the body of the service, which was required to accommodate the growing size of the choir and has also allowed choir members to feel more part of the congregation and has helped in managing the needs of the junior choir members (kids!). In response to feedback, the choir also now rehearse in front of the piano instead of in the sanctuary and aims to commence singing around 9am to help set the scene for the commencement of the service.

Because of the fluctuation in membership of the choir and the need for new members to learn the repertoire, musically the choir has been in a period of consolidation over the past year. However, the Choir's latest initiative has been to take the Sunday School children on the third Sunday of each month. Kristin, Belinda and Janice have planned a program and we all share in teaching new songs to the children who then join us in singing at the end of the service. This has been lots of fun so far!

Additionally the development of our Psalm response and recent introduction of a cantor at St Paul's has also been a new initiative. This resulted from our retreat at new Norcia last year where we met the Director of Liturgical Music, Gabrielle Mercer, and had a "chanting" session with her. We were also invited to sing at the Sunday mass in the church in what was a truly inspirational weekend. The Choir is due to visit New Norcia again for a weekend in August to look at new repertoire, start rehearsing for 'Nine Lessons and Carols' and generally have some time together as a group.

As well as Michael and Janice sharing the job as organist and the choir leading the singing, Nathan and Clarissa also added their skills on flute and trumpet during Lent and Easter. It is always a joy to share music with each other and to be able to offer this as a gift in support of our congregational worship and celebration.



After 5 years together as an ensemble the thing that strikes me more than anything else is the authenticity as a ministry. Since music is a 'performing art' it can be easy to lose sight of the reason we are there; however, I know that each member sees the Liturgy and the Congregation as the purpose of our worship, and the music that we love so much is a powerful vehicle that brings us together in one voice. We take this responsibility very seriously and know that it is in living our individual journeys together and offering our gift with authenticity that we can be a true ministry at St Paul's.

Janice Miller-Eves

19

Imagining 'A New Creation"

Here we have provided a discussion guide, please give time/space to hear each other and collect any thoughts IN WRITING so that they can be given to our Church Council…
We will have an opportunity to hear from each group/table so please nominate someone to share your notes…….

☐ How do YOU describe St Paul's?
Create a "We are……" statement and share with your table.
Is there a common statement that emerges?

☐ Look through "Budget Working Paper" 1 & 2
Discuss the weekly commitment that is needed to meet our budget.
Identify any changes that YOU would like to see in the Budget
Provide thoughts/ideas that will enable us to commit to our budget.

☐ What aspects of Growth and 'making new' do YOU imagine?
Look at the list of ideas/thoughts below, tick any that are important for you.
What else would you add to the list or suggest for further development?
Describe what YOU want to participate in during the year ahead

Some thoug

St Paul's 2013 AGM report

- ❍ What is the purpose/function/role of the Church
- ❍ If we redesign our liturgy to reflect our "being"
- ❍ 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)

☐ Consider the proposals on the next page and share your response. We will seek a show of hands at the end of the discussion to enable so immediate feedback for our Church Council.

Proposals to AGM – *for discussion & determination*

❍ We **Commit** to a common Budget that reflects our **Belong**ing in this community and that enables us to **Act** as the Body of Christ reaching out to the world.

- ❍ Supporting 1½ ordained ministers
- ❍ Developing our ministry to Children
- ❍ Implementing those activities planned in the budget

❍ We take responsibility for ***"Maintaining ourselves as Church in community"***

❍ We will attend to growing into maturity by giving our time and our talents and by sharing our resources so that we can undertake the development of our mission and ministry

❍ We will be open to exploring and shaping "A New Creation"; and will take responsibility to participate in one or more of the initiatives determined by our Church Council;

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

22