

Holy Cross Melville



Annual Report 2021 – 2022

Annual Meeting of Enrolled Members
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Anglican Church
of the Holy Cross
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Cover Photograph:

Altar of the church, Pentecost Sunday, 2022



Photograph: *Altar candles, Pentecost 2022*

Mission Statement

Our Mission is:

To be a reflection of God's Love.

Our Vision is:

With God's help be united in Christ. Be a vibrant Christian place of welcome and spiritual development.

To be an inclusive place where we will pray, worship and learn to love and serve each other and the wider community.



Photograph

Altar of the church, Pentecost Sunday, 2022

Priest in Partnership

We are emerging slowly from Covid restrictions at last:

- Masks are optional now, but since so many of us are elderly and therefore vulnerable, how about we all consider wearing a mask in church anyway for the time being?
- The Diocese is still recommending that we share Holy Communion with bread only (or individual cups) for the time being. Most people when asked did not like the idea of individual cups.

Stand-out and well-attended events in the life and worship of our Christian community were Christmas Eve (so many people putting in time, creativity and energy, especially Jill) and Easter:

- So few people came on Christmas morning that it may be worth considering the time and format of this gathering before this coming Christmas.

Two very different events are our main interactions with the community: Mainly Music (Jill and others) and Bottletop Hill (Emma and her team). These are exactly the kind of things we ought to be doing! These happenings share the Good News of the Gospel in word and action.

Brilliant.

One of the hopes I have for the coming year is that our Youth Activities will be able to re-appear from hibernation.

Priest in Partnership *(continued)*

Special thanks from me for Peter's faithful service on the sound and vision desk.

- BUT we desperately need an apprentice to train in this role! It is frustrating for all of us that when Peter is away or sick we don't have the visuals we are used to.

My thanks too to your wardens Jill and Ian for your support of me.

And thank you to you all for releasing me to go to the UK for two family weddings. It really mattered to me that I could be part of the happiness and celebrations.

Reverend Cassandra Nixon



Photograph: *The Reverend Cassandra Nixon*

Wardens

2021/2022 has continued to present challenges and some opportunities. Covid's ongoing restrictions and the fear of the health issues associated with Covid have seen the regular numbers at church to be considerably lower than usual. Fellowship functions have been very limited. In spite of this we continue to try and find ways of caring for each other and the wider community.

We continue to develop our relationship with the folk at both AEGIS and OPAL aged cared facilities. The services are enjoyed by all who attend. Mainly Music has continued to provide the families with love and nurture although COVID CAUTION has impacted on the numbers. We continue to provide Gift Cards to those from the community who find themselves in financial despair.

It was with heavy hearts this year we saw our youth partnership with the parish of Bullcreek/Leeming come to an end. We hope that we will be able to re-ignite the youth program in some way in the coming year. Claire and Stuart's lives have taken new directions and at this time need to concentrate on their new paths but remain committed to, at some stage resurrecting the youth program. Claire keeps in contact with several of the participants.

However, Parish Council has made inroads in building a relationship with the Chaplain at Melville High offering finance for lunches at the school canteen for those students who find themselves without breakfast and lunch. We also hope to help provide funding for students who might not have the finances to attend school camp. It is recognised that these students would benefit significantly by attending the camps.

Wardens *(continued)*

As well as sharing services with folk from St Thomas's Willagee we also continue to undertake bible studies together.

Unfortunately we have not been able to hold any Happy Hours. It is yet to be determined how and when we will hold future events.

The Christmas Eve service once again gave us opportunity to invite and celebrate with the wider community. With the restrictions been eased at that time we were able to host approx. 150 folk for the service. It was a joyous time. Easter was a little quieter as Covid numbers were growing. We shared services with Willagee and appreciated the support from Father Noel as Revd. Cassandra was away.

The general maintenance of the building continues as usual. The garden is maintained by regular mowing and twice a year the garden trees are pruned and shaped. We have had trouble with the supply of cleaners another impact of Covid! We have recently engaged another service and have negotiated a slightly longer fortnightly clean in place of the weekly clean. If you see any areas that need a dust or clean please feel free to dust away or let the wardens know.

Parish Council(PC) continues to work their way through all the impacts of Covid while trying to plan and develop any opportunities we feel may grow the Kingdom here in Melville. On behalf of the parish we give to 3 charities. One local, one state and one international – they are typically but not limited to – ABM, Anglicare and St Barts.

Wardens *(continued)*

The regular numbers in attendance at church is a worry. As a parish we will in the very near future need to have some frank and honest discussions on how we move forward.

Thanks to all the PC members for their commitment and a particular thanks to the Treasurer and Secretary for all their hard work – it is appreciated.

Thank you to Revd. Cassandra for her ongoing commitment to our partnership. We are blessed in so many ways in Melville we must always be mindful to give thanks and praise to our Lord.

Ian Wilson
Jill Bowman
Wardens

Treasurer's Report

Our Parish was budgeting for a loss of \$ 10,189 for the last financial year, the actual result was the Parish had a loss of \$ 4,240.19. For the coming financial year, 1st May 2022 through to the 30th April 2023, I have budgeted for a deficit of \$ 15,868. This is a deficit that the Parish can fund from its cash reserves.

On the following pages you will find the detailed financial statements for the Parish and for those who find a pictorial representation easier to understand there are charts of our actual and budgeted income and expenses for the last financial year; May 2021 to April 2022 and May 2022 to April 2023 respectively.

And once again, thank you to our parishioners who give of their time and resources to keep our church functioning.

Peter Bowman
Treasurer



Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	As at 30/04/2022	As at 30/04/2021
Assets	\$	\$
Cheque Account	13,660.02	10,882.61
Term Deposits with ACF	68,264.38	67,811.42
Undeposited Funds		150.00
Total Assets	81,924.40	78,844.03
Liabilities		
GST	-17.18	-424.77
Synod Assessment	-110.03	-7,443.45
Total Liabilities	-127.21	-7,868.22
Nett Assets	82,051.61	86,712.25

Income

	budget 2022-2023	actual 2021-2022	actual 2020-2021
Income	\$	\$	\$
Giving	17,544	20,458.80	22,298.95
Fund Raising		408.00	250.00
Hall Hire	6,200	4,018.20	7,784.09
Tennis Court Hire	2,080	1,964.44	2,501.67
Children's Programs	1,628	1,544.10	1,515.43
Various / Miscellaneous		1,035.75	604.30
Interest Earned	555	466.63	1,319.99
Total Income	28,007	29,895.92	36,274.43

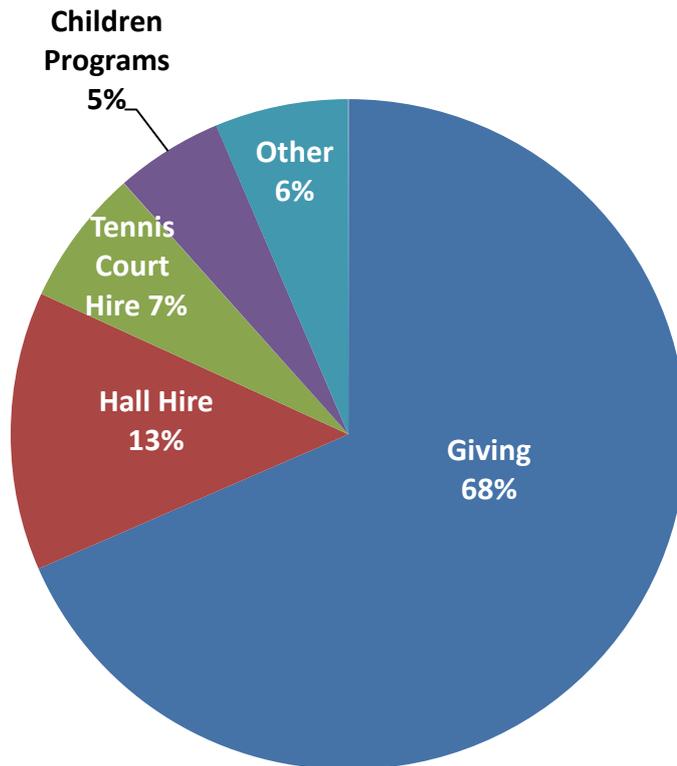
Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Expenses

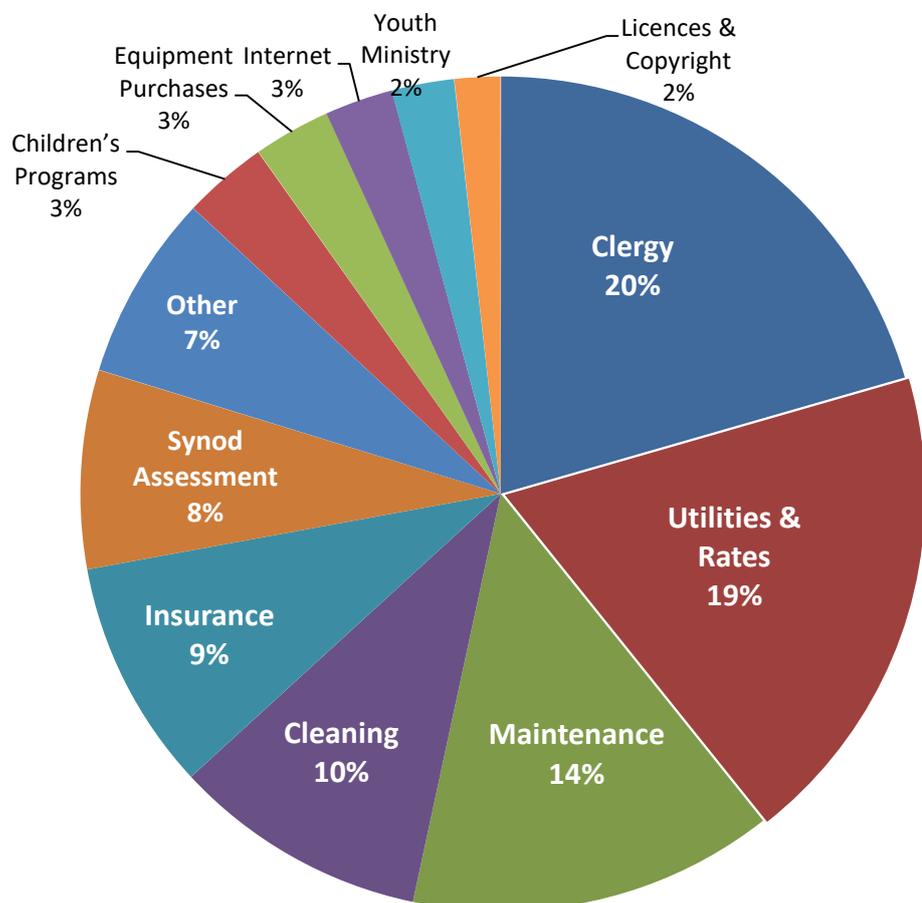
	budget 2023-2022	actual 2022-2021	actual 2020-2021
Expenses	\$	\$	\$
Clergy	7,560	6,998.97	7,026.20
Synod Assessment	1,870	2,628.50	2,066.84
Church Stores	120	126.87	117.72
Cleaning	4,576	3,342.00	3,653.09
Donations	2,400	490.00	1,495.90
Eco-Ministry – Bottle Top Hill	600		
Equipment Purchases ¹	300	1,017.33	
Family Service	1,000		
Fund Raising		36.82	
Insurance	3,500	3,053.12	2,465.37
Internet	1,200	892.86	1,041.96
Children's Programs	1,029	1,114.58	1,283.08
Licences & Copyright	600	604.81	657.34
Maintenance	6,000	4,801.97	5,815.78
Morning Teas/Kitchen	480	401.05	441.71
Photocopier	600	261.22	8,305.57
Postage/Printing/Stationary	240	130.14	149.58
Resources – worship/study		252.88	
Security		26.18	
Sundry Expenses	300	287.75	482.40
Synod Expenses	480	320.00	0.00
Training/Education	600	115.52	168.71
Utilities & Rates	8,020	6,414.51	4,676.20
Youth Ministry	2,400	819.03	512.67
Way Forward			273.91
Total Expenses	43,875	34,136.11	40,634.03
Surplus/(Shortfall)	-15,868	-4,240.19	-4,359.60

Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Where did our money come from last financial year?

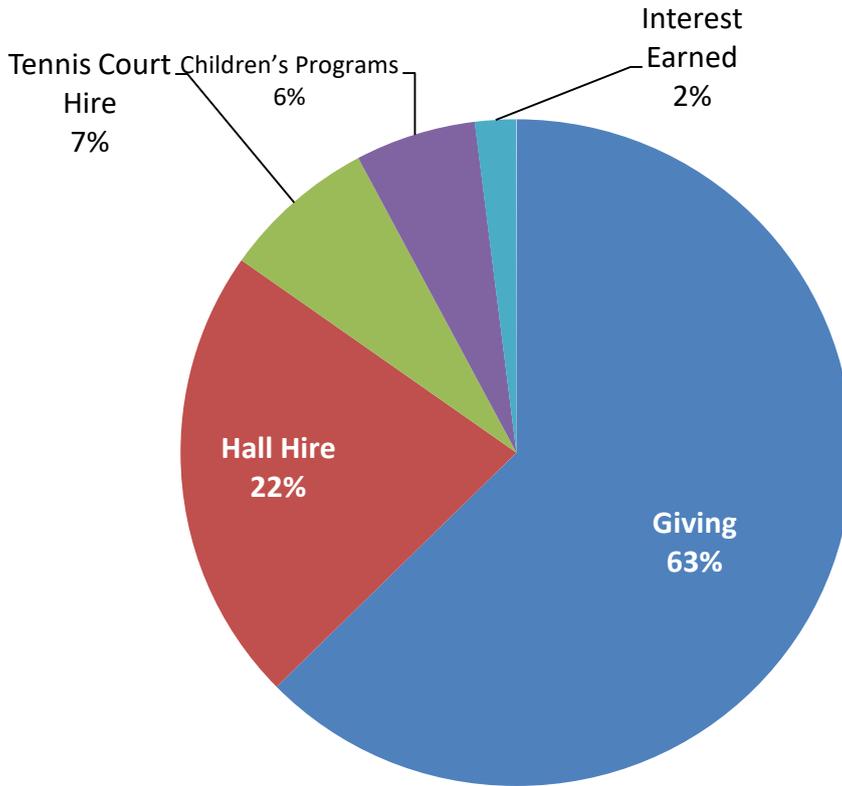


Where did we spend our money last financial year?

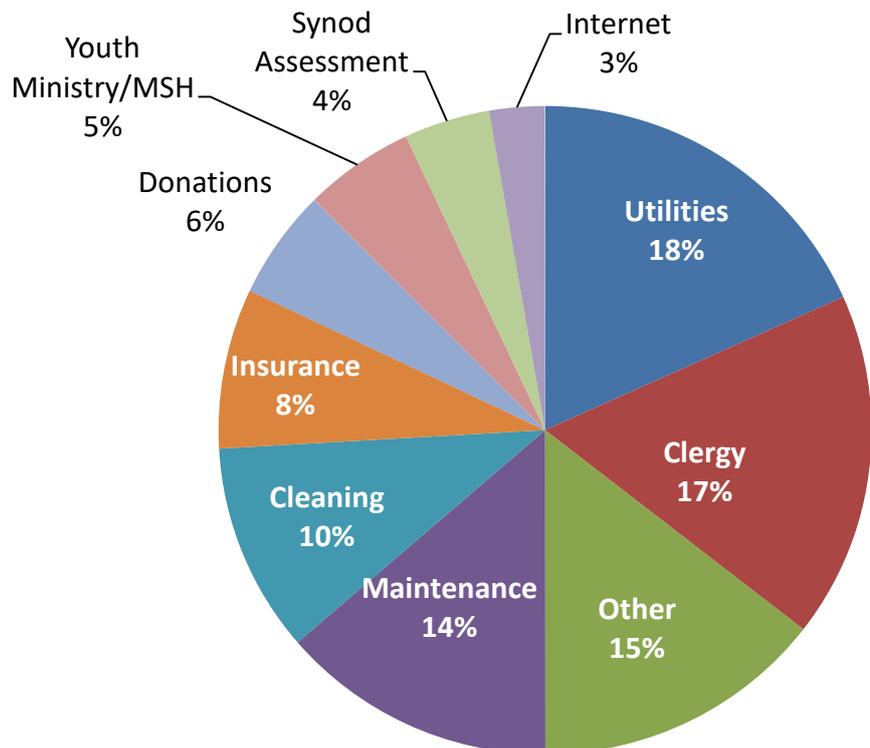


Treasurer's Report *(continued)*

Where will our money be coming from this financial year?



Where will we be spending our money this financial year?



Secretary's Report

I have just completed my fifth year as Secretary. Since March 2020, there have been many changes within our world, country, community and parish due to Coronavirus COVID-19. The changing and evolving times are challenging, as we continue to support each other and to help grow God's Church.

My duties:

- Agenda and Minute taking, 9-11 per annum
- Minute taking of other planning meetings etc.
- Update Parish Directory
- Update Baptisms Register 2009-2022
- Draft communications as required
- Assist the Wardens Jill Bowman and Ian Wilson, whenever possible within the local community and initiatives
- Assist the Wardens, with all Diocese issues to our parishioners e.g., Registration, Church Safe Training etc
- Manage correspondence in and out.
- Forward all Diocese matters and e-Bulletin to all parish councillors and supply hard copies as required
- Health and Safety in the Anglican Diocese of Perth
- Current Police check, Working with Children, Church Safe training

Secretary's Report *(continued)*

Other activities:

- Assisted with updating and implementing COVID-19 infection control measures as they evolve, for Church building, kitchen and hall use.
- Secretary of MU Melville branch
- Member of Partners in Mission (PiM) Committee, Eldoret, Chair- Bishop Jeremy James and Parish Link person with PIM, Rose Serem (Chemokos), BMMC, Eldoret, Kenya
- Speaker at World Day of Prayer 2022
- Attended Yarning Circle, St. Hilda's Church, North Perth, 1-4pm
- Attended Wollaston Theological College, training day LPM

I am happy to continue as a member of the Parish Council, and as a member of our Church community.

I am grateful for the positive support, encouragement, guidance and feedback from the Diocese.

Jill and Ian, thank you for your guidance, knowledge, energy and toil, and for holding the community of Holy Cross together.

Yours in Christ,
Susan (Sue) Saunders

Children's Ministry

Mainly Music (mm)

mm is valued family time, an opportunity to provide prayer, love and nurture to Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and delightful little people. Our volunteers continue to provide a place of welcome and support. They do a wonderful job; we welcomed two new volunteers this past year. Several of the volunteers are from the community, they have become an integral part of the program. A sincere thank you to all the volunteers without you mm would not happen.

Please continue to pray for the families, and the volunteers. Pray the families will see the need to offer their children a spiritual education.

Jill B



Photograph: *The morning tea after a mainly music session*

Children's Ministry *(continued)*

Sunday Club

We have not held Sunday Club (first Sunday of the month) since August last year (another casualty of Covid). We remain in regular contact with the families. They are also invited to special services. We are planning a gathering with the families to discuss holding a family event once a term where both the parents and the children are offered an opportunity to learn and fellowship. Please pray we can offer an opportunity where the families can feel comfortable and encouraged in their faith journey.

Jill B

Youth Group

Our cooperation with All Saints Parish in Bull Creek/Leeming came to an end late last year. Shortly afterwards, Claire, the main driver of our youth group "Emerge" was forced to step back after obtaining full-time employment in November 2021. For now, Claire is focussing on studies and settling into her new job however she hopes to reach out to local schools early next year to run an occasional social event for young people in the area.

Claire T

MU Australia – Melville Branch Report

Our MU branch has only managed a couple of meetings this year mainly due to Covid-19.

We did explore the idea of joining another branch but have decided to continue as we are. We meet a few times a year and plan to have a weekend afternoon tea, targeting some of the younger woman associated with the church with the hope we might be able to grow our membership. Members of MU continue to support programs within the church and each other.

This year we celebrated our 55th Anniversary on the 21st November with a scrumptious afternoon tea with approx. 45 guest and members from other branches. It was a wonderful afternoon, a reprieve from the dreaded Covid a great celebration.

God's Blessings to all
Betty Rushforth
President MU Melville



Photograph: *Mothers Union 55th Anniversary Afternoon Tea*

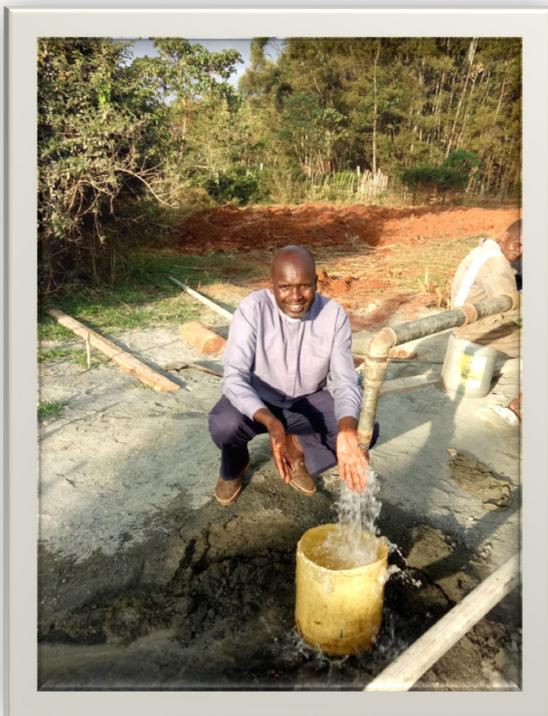
Parish Link – Eldoret

Our link with the people from Bishop Muge Chapel, Eldoret, Kenya continues to grow. A few of us regularly communicate through WhatsApp – an application on our phones. We share events and daily life in our parish's as well as photos and prayer request.

On mission Sunday we shared photos and information about the link at the Sunday service.

We would love if others would like to join the group. It is very rewarding knowing we share in the worldwide communion with our brothers and sisters in Kenya.

Jill B



Photograph: *New water well and storage tank, Eldoret, Kenya.*

Multi-Media Team & Church Website

This year we replaced our wireless microphones. The existing units stopped working and were not repairable. Two new Sennheiser wireless microphones were purchased. The two new units are being regularly used in our services along with the existing wired microphone. Feedback from parishioners with hearing difficulties has been positive.

Some of our parishioners have issues with mobility. It is important to use equipment that allows them to participate and enjoy our services. Feedback again has been positive.

Multi-Media Team is a bit misleading in that the “team” consists of one person. As the Revd. Cassandra has already mentioned in her report, a least one other is required to be trained on the use of our audio visual system.

Peter B



Photograph: *New Senheiser multichannel receiver for the wireless microphones.*

Hall Hire

Our hall continues to be a valuable resource for our church and the wider community. It is one of the few facilities within the district that is truly accessible.

Our regular users include; Sing Australia, The Royal Scottish Dancers, Kindy Dance Time, the Quilters and Bottle Top Hill.

Cleaning of the hall became an issue during the year. The cleaner we have been using for many years advised that they could not continue because of a lack of staff. We appear to have found new cleaners but time will tell.

Peter B

Tennis Report

The court is in a good state of repair. Minimal maintenance was required during the year.

The revenue from the courts has been in decline since 2016. Looking back over the last seven years the income and use of the tennis court peaked in 2016. In that year the court returned a gross income of just over \$5,000. Since then there has been a steady decline in the use of the court and consequently its income. Last financial year our income had declined to just \$1,964.

Court availability can be viewed online at the following link:

<https://www.holycrossmelville.org/tennis-court/>

Peter B

Eco-Ministry

Bottle Top Hill began as a monthly (second Saturday) community event reclaiming plastic drink bottle tops for reprocessing in Western Australia as well as engaging with residents and small businesses on issues of sustainability. Volunteers check public drop offs for contamination and eligibility. These items are collected and made ready for recycling/repurposing.

The first Saturday community event took place in April 2021 and the first anniversary was celebrated at the April event in 2022.

Recycling includes converting plastic bottle tops into products used in concrete constructions, pottery type products at All Saints College and an entry for Sculptures by the Sea.

Repurposing means using a material as is for a different purpose to the original use. Cork bottle tops are made into toys for young and old.

Bottle Top Hill is a volunteer operation with volunteers from Holy Cross Church, the community and the Girl Guides. Bottle Top Hill is a part of Holy Cross Church and makes an important contribution to the community around us.

Bottle Top Hill has established links with CLAW Environmental, who pelletise plastic bottle tops into material to be further processed into building products. A link has also been made with Recycle Right, who encourage residents and businesses in Western Australia to recycle, reduce their waste and live more sustainably.

Eco-Ministry *(continued)*

In the year past, Saturday community events have received the attendance of Lisa O'Malley, MLA for Bicton and Councillor Karen Wheatland representing Melville-Palmyra-Willagee Ward in the City of Melville.

Bottle Top Hill has evolved quickly over the last year to not only dealing with the recycling of inherently damaging plastic products but also informing all of us about environmentally positive practices and making better choices about our future.

Ian Wilson

Bible Studies

The past year, where possible we have undertaken shared bible studies with the Willagee parish. The studies have taken place in both churches at different times. The studies have given us an opportunity to continue to develop our relationship with the folk of Willagee. We have used the studies from Common Grace on modern time social justice issues and how Jesus's teaching still has a strong message for us. We have also used Olive Tree Media – Jesus the game changer. We are currently not holding a fortnightly study. It would be wonderful to get back into the rhythm and increase the numbers who attend these studies.

Volunteers Report

Thank you to all those who volunteer to help keep the wheels of the church turning. Without your commitment and hard work the Parish would not function.

Food Ministry

Our food ministry is small, however we continue to support families in desperate circumstances directly or through the Willagee Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who provides.



Photograph: *Front of the church, 56 McLean Street, Melville*



Photograph: *Rear of the church at 56 McLean Street, Melville*

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